#### Leon's Date With Destiny

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## Chapter 1: The Duel

A cloaked man walked into the tavern, The rain was still going strong so the man was soaked from head to toe. While I couldn't see who he was, I could see a bat's mouth just hovering outside the cloak as he sat down across from me. "Well, hello~? What do you need?" I asked him, He raised his hand, as if to tell me to be quiet and reached into one of his pockets, Pulling out a letter. The Tavern was completely empty except A tall Dogman that was drinking a glass of ale. So we were basically alone.

The letter had the seal of my Guildmaster, Serbel Cross. It was a Jackal with an X through the middle. So I knew what I was supposed to do. This was my new recruit that I heard about. A new recruit for 2nd squad is always welcome, As long as they can hold their own. The letter was enough to tell me... Yes, Yes he could. To get a letter from Serbel himself to give to me is enough proof. So, I introduced myself and told my story.

"Hello~ My name is Leer Sabrefox. Today I will be telling my story and the story of my friends and allies. I will be telling the story out of order, Leon Charade will be the first~ So... Let's get started." I said happily as I started to tell my story.

Leon Charade is a Shiba Inu and a huge one at that, At 8' 3" and at 532 lbs and all muscle, he is an intimidating one, that's for sure. He is a Warrior and a good one. He

has a bit of a temper, but most of the time he shakes it off. He is nice most of the time otherwise.

Leon is the one of the guards of the city, who was accepted into the guild. The reason why he was accepted was because of how he defended the city from the demon hoard. One night, an army of demons came to take over the city, and Leon defeated most of them. Because of his actions, the city was saved.

Leon got badly injured, and was in a deep sleep for 2 weeks. The guild approached him after he had awoken and offered to have him be the leader of "The Guard" squad of the guild.

If you were wondering where I was, I was unconscious after using Berserk, meaning I couldn't do anything. I, of course, believe that it is my fault for training the day before.

The Guild is a huge place, with tons of rooms. The entire place could be considered a mansion, if it was used for that reason. On the front of the guild's giant building, there was a plaque. "The Gloved Claw" Leon says "Interesting name, now why have I never heard of this place?" Leon has only been living in the outskirts of the city for about 2 months.

Leon walks to the Guild hall, to join the guild officially. The hall was completely empty, the hall was decorated with marble flooring and a giant statue in the middle of the room, there were lots of pews to sit on. Leon looked at the statue "Wow, he is a huge guy, I wonder how he actually looks. Probably a runt. Hahaha~-".

Leon heard someone clear their throat from behind. Leon turned around just to be met by a tall jackal with muscles bigger than Leon's own, he was also taller than Leon. Leon was only as tall as the big jackals huge pecs. "Wha- Wait..." Leon turned around to look at the statue. "Yes, that is me." The jackal spoke, his voice sounds

very deep. "I am sorry if you heard what I said earlier..." Leon apologized quickly.

"No harm, no foul." The jackal said. "Now, who are you? Have you come to join the guild?" The jackal asked, Leon figured out that he was the guildmaster. "Yes, sir-" Leon was cut off "Don't call me sir. Call me, Serbel Cross or Serbel. And you seem to be nervous." Serbel looked at Leon curiously. "No, Not at all!" Leon said trying to hide his trembling. "I know, I am a big guy, but just to let you know, you don't have to be nervous around me." Serbel's words calm Leon down.

"I came to the guild because I was asked to. I am here for the position of The Guard's leader." Leon said proudly. "Oh! You were the one that saved the city, weren't you~! That explains it!" Serbel seems excited. "Yes, I was expecting you. Here." Serbel handed Leon what looked like a piece of paper. Leon looked at it, it is a contract. "Sign it and you will be the leader of Squad 5. Don't worry there is no fine print."

Leon looks at the paper for a bit, looking for anything suspicious before he asks for a pen. "Ok, Where do I sign?" Leon asked. Serbel makes a pen appear out of thin air "Right here, on the left." Leon signs the paper and it disappears in a flash. "Welcome To The Gloved Claw!" Serbel pats Leon on the back. "I will allow you to get your bearings, I will talk to you later about your missions. Explore at your leisure." Serbel says happily before leaving the guildhall. Leon is still standing there, He looks around and wonders where he should go first.

A few weeks pass, Leon has gotten used to the guild's layout. His job is to protect the guild from anything with his team. His team consists of 3 mercenaries and one magician. This magician is my own father, Zex.

While wandering through the guild, Leon heard someone talking "Did you hear? He defeated the Guildmaster." "I know! How did someone that small take out the very best in the guild?" "Some say that he is stronger than he looks." "Isn't he the girly guy, that surprises me even more?" The rumors continue, Leon listening in. (Huh? A girly guy took out that big guy that runs the guild? No way!) Leon thought. "Isn't he named The Pursuer?" "Yeah, he was promoted to the leader of squad 2 after the

Leon heard the name Leer and stopped listening "So... You are here, huh? I only know one person named Leer. My friend, I hope that you recognize me... I look completely different than before. But of course it has been 15 years."

Leon Looked through the guild to find Me, He was eating dinner in the food hall. That is when he saw my body, Leon stared at me for a long time before coming over to talk. (He got fatter, a lot fatter than before, His butt is literally hanging off the chair he is sitting on. I have to stop staring and ask him where he was.)

Leon sat down beside me. Duster sitting beside me looked worried. "Where were you on that night? Why didn't you come?" Leon asked. "I couldn't, I was unconscious... If I could have been there, I would have!" I yelled. "Why were you knocked out? Did you eat too much, Haha~" Leon said jokingly, poking my thighs. "No, I was knocked out because of one of my spells." I said calmly ."Did it Ricochet off the wall?" Leon asked concerned. "Nonono, The spell puts a massive strain on my body. I was training it." I explained.

"If it packs such a punch, why train it?" Leon said, questioning my logic. "It is my trump card. I use it when the enemy is too strong for me to take on." I explained. "I don't need a trump card, I am strong enough as it is. Stronger than you anyway~" Leon said jokingly I stood up from the table and said "Really? You think that you are stronger than me? Hehe~ you silly doggo~" I flaunt my hand. "What did you say!?" Leon jumped up from the table and picked Me up by my Mage robe. I smirked "You really think that you scare me, big boy~, I can defeat bigger demons with a flick of my finger~" "I like to see you try..." Leon growled.

"Fine. I will see you at the training ground in one hour. You better be there, I'd hate to have you miss out on our date~" I joked. Leon lets me go "Fine, I will see you at our "Date"." Leon growled, clenching his fist. "Hehe~ you called it a date~ <3" I joked, as I sat down. "Shut it! I am just repeating what you said!" Leon storms off.

Duster, who was watching this, spoke up "Uh... Leer can you take on someone that big? I... I'm worried." "It's ok, hun~ I will take it easy on him." I joked "But Leer... What if he is right?" Duster seems worried. Duster loves Me. And Hates to see Me get hurt. "If he is right, I lose, nothing changes." I said confidently. "Then you have my vote of confidence Leer~" Duster happily says.

Leon leaves the food hall (Leer... You didn't recognize me? Well It has been 15 years. Those 15 years were good for me, and it looks like the 15 years were good to you. Your legs were huge, I bet those are strong as hell. I have to take him seriously. And you called it a date?) Leon blushed at the thought. (No no no! Don't think like that.)

1 hour passes, Leon and I meet at the training ground.

"Ready for our date~ <3? I hope you brought flowers~" I said jokingly. "No I didn't bring flowers..." Leon grumbled, blushing. "I was joking~ Silly boy~" I said. "Ahem, Of course you were!" Leon yelled, embarrassed. "So, no weapons. You draw one, you lose." Leer said, pointing at Leon's sword. "Fine" Leon throws the sword away "I don't need it to kick your fat ass." "Hey look it is starting to rain. Can we hold off this fight?" I asked, concerned that the rain would make it an unfair fight, do to My magic. (He still shows concern for his opponents???) Leon thought.

Leon dashes forward fist raised "No! We do this Now!" I dodged Quickly "Fine, have it your way." I said Leon is dumbfounded on how fast I dodged his attack "How are you over there!" Leon yelled, confused. Leon dashes towards Me about to kick "No more magic Mage!" I dodge above him and I jump off of Leon's head "It isn't magic silly~"

Leon is confused "How can a lardball like you move that fast? How!? Tell me!?" Leon yells. I moved behind him and I tapped him on the back "Training. Lot's of training." "Ok then, Gotcha!" Leon tries to grab Me, but misses. Leon is blushing "Ok, I am

starting to understand why you were so confident earlier." Leon said calmly. Leon charges again "I will hit you this time" Leon jumps into the air and comes down and hits the ground, causing the ground to split, Knocking Me off balance. "I have you now!" Leon lands a punch, punching Me in the gut knocking the wind out of me.

"Hehe~ You didn't dodge that one" Leon winds up for another punch, but is stopped by a large pain in his gut. "What is going on? You didn't hit me once." Leon asked. "Hehe~ I already hit you 7 times, want more?" I said, Wheezing. Leon felt his body grow weak "How did you hit me without me noticing?" Leon asked, confused.

"I kicked you 2 times when I dodged the first time, I punched you 3 times when you tried to grab me and Just now I hit you twice. I am a pretty fast fox~ You gotta keep up with me." I explained. "Well those hits were Weak!" Leon charges Me one last time. I uppercut Leon so hard that it knocks him up in the air. Knocking him out when He hits the ground. "Oh my! Are you ok! I didn't mean to hit you that hard! Leon? Leon?!" I yelled, worried that I went too far.

Leon wakes up in the 4th squad medical bay. Myself sitting beside him, I was worried. "I am sorry..." Leer said. "No, I am, I picked that fight." Leon admitted. "I remember the guild members talking about The Pursuer. Are you him" Leon asked. "Because he was the one that defeated Serbel Cross the guildmaster." "Yes, my name is Leer Sabrefox, I am the leader of 2nd squad, The Pursuers." I said, proudly.

"That explains why I got my ass kicked. Haha~ Shows me to not judge a book by it's cover." Leon joked. "Do you feel ok?" I asked. "Yep, I think I am." Leon moves his arms and sits up in the bed. "About that date~" I joked. "It wasn't a Date!" Leon yelled, blushing. "Hehe~ You still thought it was~?" I laughed. "No, I didn't-... I wasn't-... Oh Whatever!" Leon yelled, blushing. "Hehe~ Don't worry about that. That is just me being me." I said playfully.

"You know, I have never fought anyone as strong as you Leon." I opened my mage robe to reveal a huge bruise. "Oh shit! I did that!" Leon yelled. "Yep, You are the first to land one in a long time. Be proud. You hit lightning." I joked. "How could you go

for a long time without being hit? What are you??" Leon asked, confused. "I am just a fox silly boy~ I just trained a lot to get where I am." I joked.

"I am swallowing my honor here... \*Gulp\*" Leon jumps out of the bed and bows to Me. "Could You Train me To be as fast as you are Leer?!" Leon yells. "Stand up. My friends shouldn't bow to me." I said. "Does that mean that you will?" Leon stood up looking happy. "Yes~ It does~ Training starts tomorrow~." I said, leaving the room. "Then it is a Date!" Leon yells. "Hehe~ You called it a date again~ sweetie~ <3" I laugh.

After I left the room and got out of sight, I collapsed against the wall (He hit me really hard, man. I can barely walk... He is stronger than me, that is for certain. It is going to be fun training him. Wait...) Leer puts his hand up to his head (Do I know him? My head hurts. I feel like I should know him. I will ask him later about that.) I get up and walk down the corridor.

Leon tries to get out of bed, but fails (Leer... You still cared about me. You held back to not hurt me. You are still a wonderful and lovely fox. Good, I thought that you changed. It makes me feel better to know that my friend is still just as nice as before.) He starts to think about Leer (Your body is also a lovely thing as well. Wait! Don't think about that. He must have a lover already, right?) Leon chuckles to himself as he lays down to take a nap.

I decided to train him the same way my Master taught me. So I took him to the forest where he taught me about 6 years ago, The forest renown for its massive mountain in the middle of the dense forest. The reason why it was renown was because, for some unknown reason, the peak attracted lightning, even on a clear day. The training was this: Climb the mountain, and reach the platform near the top, Where Talus taught me... And dodge the lightning before it hits you. My training wasn't as difficult since I could absorb lightning, but Leon... Did much better than I expected.

I thought that he would hate me after the first few days, but he never lost enthusiasm, Which is one of the many things I really like about him. He was

Confident, Strong and Persistent through and through. But... Something is extremely familiar about him, My head pounds when I try to recall something.

After 2 months of training, he had learned how to use the Light Step. We had become very close after those two months, We shared many likes and dislikes, And I love my conversations with him. He told me that he learned how to hunt from his Dad and that he had passed away somehow, he never divulged more than that...

I was successful in training Leon to be as fast as myself. I could throw the same quick punches and kicks at him and they would miss. He learned very quickly for the short amount of time we have spent together. I do catch him staring at me for long periods of time. He is cute when he does that, because as soon as I spot him doing it, he looks away and I can see him blushing.

"Hey, Dude. Could you teach me magic?" Leon asked out of nowhere. He had seen me use magic on the last mission that we went on for the guild, but this is the first time he has shown interest. I gave him an odd look and cocked my head "I have to test you first, hun~. And that is not an easy task." Leon jumps up from the rock he had been sitting on, with a curious look on his face"'Not an easy task', Come on, dude, I am up for anything to use magic like yours." Leon says, with a smile.

"Let me see~... Do you know your element?" I asked, fully knowing what the answer would be. "Yeah!" Leon said proudly, shocking me, I was expecting him to not know. "My Element is Ice!" Leon said excitedly. "How do you know that? Who told you what your element was?" I asked, genuinely curious. "A mage told me a few months back, I think his name was, Bishop." Leon said, rubbing his chin. "Bishop!?" I exclaimed, then I calmed myself down "Take everything with a grain of salt with him, hun. He is nothing but bad news."

"However, he could be right. Now, can I touch your ears?" I said, Leon blushing as soon as I said it. "Uh, Why?" Leon asked. "It is to test for your element, sweety~. I have to touch where your magic is located." I explained. Leon nodded and sat down and leaned forward so I could reach his ears. I put my hands on both of his ears, they

were very soft. A dull white light started to glow from his ears "Odd?..." I said outloud. "Um??? Whats odd?!" Leon exclaimed, almost headbutting me. "Calm down, hun~. This is a good Odd. If that makes sense?" I let go of Leon's ears.

"So... My element is Ice, right?" Leon said confidently. "No. It isn't Ice. Bishop must have lied to you." I said. "Oh, He lied, huh?!" Leon gets up "That Sonofabitch! I gave him my money to tell me my element.". "Calm down, sweetie~. I will get the money back. It takes no energy, whatsoever to test someone's element. But your element-...." I trailed off, this is a rare one, how did a big guy like this get this element??? "And my element is?" Leon said playfully, "Come on, I can take it if it is some weak one-". "Leon! This element is anything but weak!" I yelled. "I... I am sorry, Leer." Leon apologized "How good is this element?" Leon asked.

"It is called the Time Element, an element that hasn't been seen in 180 years." I said, with a look of excitement on my face. "The time element, huh? That sounds powerful. I Like It!" Leon said, his tail wagging. "I have some bad news... About this ability, hun. Gaining the ability to use this, is not as easy as learning to be as fast as me." I said, feeling like he would take it the wrong way. "Then I will try to do it." Leon said, punching the air and bringing his fist down making a pose "If you don't try, how do you know it won't work!" Leon said proudly and confidently. "Ok then, then let us begin your test, sweetie~" I flirted, knowing he could complete the test, if we could find the thing we needed.

## Chapter 2: Leon's Confession

We started walking through the woods, away from where I was training Leon. "So... What are we looking for, for my test I mean." Leon asked curiously. "We are looking for a cave, hun~, then we have to hope it has a resident." I explained, Leon nodded, his tail continuing to wag. "Oooh~ My guess is.... We have to kill a Wyvern that controls time?" Leon asked, cocking his head. "Yep, right on the nail hun~. Now keep close and listen for the sound of a ticking clock." I explained, A ticking clock is the closest that my Father ever told me to what it sounded like, so I listened closely...

Nothing... Not a good sign. "Ok, it is fine to talk now Leon... Leon~... Leon???" I looked all around me and he was nowhere to be seen. (Now, where did he go?) I thought (Maybe... He heard something I didn't?) I put my finger up to my chin. Leon comes running from behind "I found it~! I FOUND IT-" Leon shouts playfully, while I raise a finger to his mouth. "Good~, but remember this, Time wyverns are dangerous. I don't want to fight them in the woods and so don't you. Now, take me to the cave, hun~." I said playfully, Leon nodded in responce as he took me to the cave.

Tick tick tick... The sound of a ticking clock, my Father told me the truth, but why would he lie, really? "What's the plan?" Leon whispered to me. "We wake it up. Then you have to fight it in that meadow over there... Wait..." I stopped, noticing a problem. "Oh... Well our plan is doomed." Leon said, staring at not one, not two, not three but 5 gosh dang Time Wyverns. I put my hand to my hip and sighed "Well... This plan worked out good. For the wyverns..." Leon chuckled, he always found my jokes funny, it seems. "Well, let's go back to camp." Leon whispered "The wyvern in the cave will be there tomorrow. Do you have a spell that can mark this place for-".

Before he could finish talking I already casted the spell. "Wayfinder" I said quietly. My hand was glowing a very light shade of purple and I touched the side of the cave. The part of the cave that I touch was engraved with my name 'Leer Sabrefox' under it I drew the magical word for dragon and cave. "Done, we can come back in the morning-" I almost started laughing when I saw Leon's face, he was absolutely agape about the spell I just used. "Yes, you can use that too, when you kill that wyvern, hun~." After saying that, Leon is practically bouncing with joy.

We made it back to camp, nothing happened like usual. "Now. What does that spell do? Come on tell me~!" Leon is bouncing again while saying that. "It tells the user where something is at all times, big boy~." I explained happily. "And those symbols?" Leon asked. "They give me the ability to tell if that wyvern left or not. As long as the wyvern is nearby the cave, I can tell that they are there." I explain. "That... Is SO COOOL~, You have to teach me that, it would make hunting a breeze." Leon looks jubilant, he is already daydreaming about all the meat he could eat. "I will teach you anything you want~, Big Boy~."

"Since, we got time on our hands and we want to preserve our strength for the morning~, Let's chat for a bit, Hun~." I said playfully. "Ok, I want to know this, in fact I have wanted to know this since I heard about you. Why are your legs so fat?" Leon asked, looking down at my huge wide thighs. "Uh, if I was anyone else, that would be considered rude. But because it is me, I am flattered~." I chuckle and continue "My species is a special one. I am both a fennician and a tanuki-" I stop. "I know..." Leon said, with concern in his eyes "I know that the tanuki's were wiped out. I didn't know that you were-". "The last one, as far as I know. Look, Don't worry about it." I pat him on the shoulder "It was 19 years ago, I barely remember the night it happened."

"Anyway~!" I said, changing the subject "Tanuki's are a renown for having huge legs. But they aren't just fat, there is a lot of muscle under here" I pat my thigh, making it wiggle and slosh like it was filled with water. "Leon?" I said, noticing that Leon is staring with his tongue out. Leon shook his head and blushed "So, uhhh, they are mostly muscle, huh?". "Yes, they are. I can jump extremely high with these things. And, the fat doesn't feel heavy, so I can walk around like a normal person." I

explained, Leon is amazed at the fact that they don't feel heavy to me, when they do weigh at least 290 lbs each.

"That is... AMAZING~! No wonder your legs are so strong! You are basically doing weight training with... your... gorgeous... hips and legs..." Leon trails off again. "Leon? Focus... I know that you like me that way, but I have a boyfriend." I say, blushing. "Leer, I... I... Know that! I wasn't gonna do anything!" Leon yells, embarrassed. "I know, I know!" I said, raising my hands in the air "Don't worry, I was aware you weren't going to do anything. But you did stare for a long time~ Cutie~. Hehe~" I said playfully. "I am sorry that I stare sometimes... You are just..." Leon trails off. "Just~? Come on~ Tell me~ Big Boy~." I said playfully, knowing fully well what he was going to say. "So damn cute and lovely that I would date you if you were single." Leon said, blushing to the point his muzzle turned red.

That... I was not expecting.

#### Chapter 3:

#### The Test of Time and Space

4 hours later, in my tent, I can't sleep. I have been thinking about Leon, and why did he say that out of nowhere? (Leon... I do like you a lot, you are very kind to me, but Duster is my boyfriend and I don't want to break his heart. But...) I thought (I do really enjoy your company, it reminds me of someone...) I raise my hand to my head, it started to hurt (But Why?). After a little while, I decided that I couldn't sleep at all, so I decided to leave my tent, Leon was sitting on the rock from earlier, looking at the moon.

I sat down next to him, my thigh rubbing against his legs, causing him to blush. "Hey, Leer." Leon said "The moon is looking nice tonight, isn't it?" Leon had a smile on his face. "Yeah, It does." I said, looking at the moon. "I have been wondering. Why did you say yes, 2 months ago?" Leon looked at me. "No one has ever asked me to train them. I wanted to see if I could." I said, now looking at Leon. Leon nods his head "That's good to know. Um... Leer?" Leon looks down. "Yes, hun~?" I flirted.

"I want to let you know, that during our duel 2 months ago..." Leon hesitated. "Yes?" I said, wondering what he would say. "You know what, nevermind. It's in the past." Leon said, hiding something. "You don't have to tell me. I know~." I said. "Oh crud! You Know?! How?!" He yelled, panicking. "I know, I have had this feeling. I think I know you, but for some reason I can't remember." I admitted. "I... Was going to bring that up at the time, but..." Leon looks at me "Something seemed off about my friend from years ago."

"I was your friend?" My head started hurting, I raised my hand to my head "Why can't I remember?...". Suddenly, the world turned dark as I fainted. "Leer!? WHAT HAPPENED BUDDY?! Are you ok!?..." Leon was yelling, as his yelling faded, I started

to dream.

In this dream, I was young. I was in my hometown hanging out with a friend. "Keep up with me, thunderthighs!" My friend yelled out, he was a blur, I couldn't tell who he was. "You know, you could hurt yourself if you lost your balance." I said, still wondering who the blur was. "I am fine! I don't need your Concern for me!" The friend spoke again, the thing he was standing on, was a cliff overlooking the ocean. "I would be more concerned if you fell, \*\*\*n." I said back, for some reason I couldn't hear myself saying his name. "I am Fine, Butterball! Perfectly fine-!" My friend started to wobble, I ran forward to catch his hand before he fell. "Not so fine, huh?" I joked, catching his hand.

"Thanks, Leer. I am sorry for saying those mean things." My friend was sitting next to me, it was later on that day, the blur started to clear a bit. "Don't worry, I get it all the time." I said to my friend, the blur cleared completely, Revealing my friend. "Leon. Why don't we get something to eat, I'm starving." I joked. The young Leon said "No wonder you are a tubster, all you think about is food." His stomach growled "Actually, I am hungry too." "Let's go get some donuts and ice cream." I said happily.

My dream ended there, no not a dream, a memory. A memory of a friend that I had forgotten, but why? I have a great memory, but Leon slipped through the cracks somehow. I don't think it was me that forgot, someone must have made me forget. (There are spells that make the person forget someone exists. Who casted it on me and why?) I thought to myself.

I woke up in my tent, I sat up, wiped the tears from my eyes. (Had I been crying?) I thought. I look over to my left and Leon was sleeping in my chair where I read my books. He must have stayed up all night worrying about me. "Hey Leon." I said softly. Leon woke up and yawned "Thank goodness, I thought something went wrong." Leon looked at me "What caused that? Were you so tired that you passed out? Haha~" Leon joked. "Hehe~ Not really~. I remembered." I said, looking at Leon and smiling.

"You remember? Well that's great! What do you remember?" Leon jumps up, tail wagging. "I remember that I saved you from falling off the cliff." I said. "Yep, you sure did! What else?" Leon asked, cocking his head to the left. "I am sorry, but that is it. I can't remember anything else." I said, Leon still looked happy. "It's ok bud. You will remember me in time." Leon said confidently.

"I think someone casted a spell on me to forget you. I have no clue why or who, but I am mad at them." I said, my hand clenched into a fist. "A spell to forget people, Huh? Don't worry, if you remembered that, you can remember me in time. I will wait patiently." Leon said, still looking happy. "By the way... Do you... Remember anything from last night, after you passed out that is?" Leon asked, blushing. "No, nothing at all.... Why are you asking?" I looked at him curiously. "Oh nothing! Nothing at all!" Leon looked away from me, he looked like he was blushing again. (Good, he doesn't know that... If he knew I played with his thighs for a bit... I would feel bad.) Leon thought, still blushing. "Leon! Where are my shorts?" I said, wondering where they went. "They are over there! I didn't do anything!" Leon yelled, panicking. "I don't care if you did something, just give me my shorts, silly~."

An hour passed, it was time to fight the Time Wyvern, time for Leon's trial. "Ok, so, the Time Wyvern will stop time for anyone inside of the barrier?" Leon asked, as we walked through the forest. "Yep, don't stay inside of it for too long, or I will have to save you. Since you have the Time Element, you should be able to move within the barrier." I explained. "So, you are not allowed to help me or the trial is failed, right?" Leon asked. "Yes, if I help, you don't get magic from this Wyvern and we will have to find another. I am only helping you if you need it." I said. "How dangerous are these ones, should I try something other than attacking it with my claymore?" Leon asked. "Just fight like normal. The Time Wyvern will use its breath on you. It is a combination of Fire, Ice and Lightning. I would not guard against it." I explained, as we reached our destination.

Only one Time Wyvern today. "We are in luck, Leon. Only one." I said quietly. "I am going in!" Leon Yells, running towards the Wyvern, blade and shield drawn. "Good luck, Hun~!" I yelled.

Leon jumps towards the wyvern, blade in hand striking it downwards into the wing of the wyvern, only to have it pass through. "What?!" Leon shouted, as the wyvern turned its long scaly neck and looked at Leon. The wyvern swiped at Leon with its tail, hitting him. "Ooof!" Leon rolls on the ground after being knocked into the air by its tail. Leon stands up and tries to attack again, only to miss again. "Why can't I hit him!? Leer?!" Leon yells. "Just keep on hitting it, it has a limit, Trust me!"I yelled back, reassuring that I know.

"If you say **so!**" Leon said, trying to hit again and again, missing constantly. The wyvern starts to breath in. "Oh shit!" Leon gets ready to dodge. The wyvern blows its breath towards Leon, the breath had fire with electricity shooting off of it, but it felt cold. Leon, almost dodges it completely, but gets hit by the electricity. "Leon!" I shouted, controlling the urge to run in and save him.

Leon was kneeling, he felt his body starting to slow down. The wyvern starts to breath in again. (I can't dodge it in time!) Leon thought, as he leapt into the air. The wyvern breathed its mixed breath once again, hitting Leon directly. "Leon" I yelled, as I started to run towards him. Leon started to feel like he can't move, his body is frozen on one side, slightly burned on the other. "I... Guess... This is it." Leon said, acknowledging his own fate.

(No, It Isn't!) Leon thought as he stood up. "I will defeat you, you dumb dragon!" Leon yelled as he tried to hit the wyvern once more, hitting the wyvern on it's wing. The beast roared in pain, as it breathed in one last time. (Oh shit! Why can't I move?) Leon thought, the time stopping effect had happened at the worst time. "Leon!" I was almost at where Leon was.

Then, Leon started to glow a dull white light, as he started to move again. "You Can't Stop Me! I will end this!" Leon yells as he jumps towards the wyvern's neck, cutting it through. The wyvern's head falls to the ground as the barrier lowers. Leon puts away his sword and shield, raising one hand in victory "Leon: 1, Dragon: Zilch!" Leon said victoriously. "You did it! Now, I can teach you time magic. Are you ready, hun~?"

Leon nods his head, as we head back to camp.

## Chapter 4: The Feast

Leon decided to bring back a slab of meat from the wyvern. "Can you really eat all of that~?" I ask. "Yeah. Of Course I can." Leon replied. The slab of wyvern meat was as big as the two of us combined, yet, Leon was carrying it above his head as if it weighed nothing. "You make that look light~ I bet it is heavier than you make it look, hun~" I tease. "This thing isn't light, trust me. Haha~ I bet it weighs more than you do thunderthighs~" Leon said jokingly.

We arrived back at camp, it was in the middle of the afternoon. The sun reflected off of the lake and the trees gave off a nice scent. When we arrived for Leon's training, 2 months ago, It was at the end of winter. It was cold and the lake was frozen over. Now, you can hardly tell that was how it looked. As I was enjoying the view, I heard a giant Thump from behind. Leon was putting the entire huge slab of wyvern meat on a pike and letting it roast. (I hope I get some of that, it looks delightful~) I thought as My focus returned to the view.

While I was sitting there, I was thinking about what Leon said last night ("If you were single, I would take you out on a date" Leon... You really like me that much? He also called me lovely~ Not many people call me that.) A small smile appeared on my face, a small tear runs down my cheek. (Oop, don't cry silly~) I think while wiping the tear away (I should tell him how to use his magic.).

I went inside of my tent, I opened my bag, which is no ordinary bag. It is a special bag, this thing can hold anything I want or can fit. It is called a Dimensional Rift Bag, but I just call it my bag. I can put anything inside of it and it will be stored back at home, in my storage room. I can also use it to send and receive messages from Duster. The limit of the bag is limited to how much space is left in the room. If I want something specific, like the magic tome I want now, I just have to say the name of

the book and the bag will allow me to grab it and pull it out.

"It's done! Come on sit down and let's eat our fill." Leon says excitedly waving me over. "What is that huge book for? Oh~ I know, it is for teaching magic, isn't it?" Leon says looking at the book. "You're right~ It is a book on how to teach people time magic." I say. "Well, sit down and tell me about what spells I can learn~" Leon's tail starts to wag.

We started to eat the meat as we talked. "Time Break, huh? Sounds cool!" Leon said excitedly, mouth full of food. "I think you can use it to the full ability~ Hun~" I teased, Myself eating slower than Leon. "You bet I can~!" Leon said. "This is Delicious~" I said, amazed at how wonderful the meat tasted. "I know, it is great! I don't feel full either." Leon said, patting his slightly bigger gut. "I don't get full very easily~" I said, patting my belly and making it wobble. "I can tell~ Haha~ Your butt tells it all~" Leon said teasingly. "Hehe~ Stop it, you are making me blush~" I say, As I sit closer to Leon.

We continued to eat the meat for a long time, After awhile I started to notice that the

meat was not getting smaller. "Hey, Leon?-" I look over at Leon, his belly was huge, the muscle had mostly disappeared behind fat, his legs started to become soft as they started to strain the fabric of his pants. "Yeah, bud? \*Munch\* \*Chew\*" Leon said, as he continued to eat the returning meat, his body growing still as he consumes the fattening meat. "I don't think we can finish this. The meat seems to be regenerating as we eat it." I say, as I look down, my body has fattened as well, my belly would be down to my knee caps and my butt and thighs have expanded by a lot, to the point that my butt is now touching the ground. "I feel a bit heavier as well, well the meat has to end at some point, right?" Leon jests, laughing, his body jiggling when he does.

An hour has past since we started to eat the wyvern meat, The meat is now gone, eaten by the two of us. "Ooof~ I am stuuuufffed~" Leon's voice sounded deeper, as I looked over at him, his body was a lot fatter than before, his pecs from before turned into huge moobs that flowed around his belly, which was now big enough to touch the ground, if it wasn't for his thighs, which were the size of 4 tree trunks put together and his butt could rival my own, at my normal weight. His face had chubby cheeks and a look of relaxation in his eyes. "Leon, you're Huge~!" I exclaimed, as I tried to move over to him, but couldn't.

My body expanded quite a bit, my moobs flowed off of my belly, which would be laying on the ground if it wasn't for my giant thighs, which were so big and heavy, that when I tried to move my thighs jiggled like they were full of water and made a sloshing noise. My butt was massive, 3 times bigger than before and my speedo was showing. My cheeks were chubby. I try to stand up to move over to Leon, it takes some effort but I make it.

"Who you calling huge? You are a lot bigger than I am, you know?" He says this as he is kneading his belly and thighs. "Do you have a weight loss spell, Leer? This amount of weight would make my job harder." Leon said, still playing with his fat. "Yeah~ I do~ But let's have fun with this~ I know you want to~<3" I teased, touching Leon's fat belly, soft to the touch. Leon nods his head and blushes as he squishes his thighs and belly. I push my butt against him, his fat side moving around my huge ass.

Leon stops and notices how my body fattened so much, he laid his hands on my giant ass and started to caress it and jiggle it. He hugged the side of my ass that was facing him, kissing it and squeezing the soft mass that was my thigh and butt cheek. I leaned over and gave him a hug, my fat leaning into his. "Leer... I..." Leon said blushing. "I know what you are going to say. Don't worry about that now." I said. "I would like to return to my normal shape. I don't want to take this too far, we might make Duster sad, and I don't want that." Leon said, holding my cheek in his hand, into my eyes. "...I understand." I said as I looked into his eyes "You are still very cute~ But I do love Duster. So, I understand."

I snap my fingers and say "Reduction!" our bodies slowly shrink down as we start to lose weight rapidly. Until we are both at our normal weight. "Wow! That spell kicks ass!" Leon said excitedly, looking down at his skinnier form. "Yeah... It does..." I said blushing. "Ok, Let's go to bed, we need to return to the guild in the morning." Leon reminded me. "Oh~! Right! Let's go to bed." I said blushing.

Later on that night, I dreamt of my memories once more...

#### Chapter 5:

### Lost Memories

In my dream, I woke up in the middle of night, to the smell of smoke. I thought that my mother was cooking something for later, so I got up and went out to check, only to find the room had a red glow to it from the light outside. I checked the clock "2:23 AM, It is too early for the sun to come up." I said to myself, as I walked to my parent's room.

The room was big, my mom's things and her favorite magic tome sat on the table, like normal. My dad's things were nowhere to be seen, which is very odd for this time of night... Wait... Where are my parents? Where are they? Why are they gone? "They never leave me home alone. I am only 13." That's when I realized that something was wrong. (Why am I dreaming this? Why can't I remember what happens nex-) That is when I remembered everything I forgot, for better or worse.

The dream continued- Or should I say, I started to remember what happened next. I put on my shorts and my jacket and ran outside... My fear was confirmed, Rooktown was on fire. "Mom! Dad!",I yelled as I looked around "Where are you!?" Only to be met with silence and the crackling of the flames. I ran towards the town, hoping to find my Mom or Dad or Anyone.

I arrived at the village, the buildings were burned and burning, not a person in sight. "Where is everyone!" I shouted, but there was no reply. "I hope this is just a nightmare... Please please be a... Nightmare" I muttered as I started to sob. A voice from behind scared me "There is one left, what should we do wit 'em?" His accent was thick. I turned around to find a large Rat Beastman staring at me, he looked like he had seen more than a few battles, he had an eyepatch and a good amount of scars on his face. "Kill 'em, Like all the rest!" The Silhouette behind him ordered.

(Kill em!?! He is going to kill me!?! I have to run!) Is what I thought, but my legs wouldn't move. "Will do, Boss! Come 'ere You pest!" The rat said as he walked closer. I fell over on my butt, I was so scared that I couldn't move. He picked me up by my arm, I struggle but he is too strong for me. "Don't worry, it will all be over soon ya pest." He said, still holding me by my arm. (This is it, this is the end for me. Mom... Dad... Help me.) I thought, as he readied his blade to kill me.

"STOP RIGHT THERE YOU PIECE OF SHIT!" A familiar voice ringed out. "THAT IS MY FRIEND THAT YOU ARE HOLDING!" The voice yelled again. I see my friend Leon running towards the giant ratman, Charging directly into his stomach, freeing his grip on my arm. I fell to the floor with a thud, butt first. I watch as my friend starts to attack the ratman, and he was winning. Leon knocks the ratman to the ground with a powerful blow to his gut, knocking him out.

Leon was out of breath, as he walked over to me. "I got him... \*Huff\* Are you ok?" Leon asked, worried. I got up "Yeah, I am ok... But the village... My mom... My Dad..." I started to cry again. "I know... They got mine too... I saw it happen... Horrifying... It just isn't right..." Leon dropped to his knees and pounded the ground with his hands, I could tell he was crying "I will make... Those Bastards Pay! I hate them! Why my parents!? Why the town!? Why the Villagers!? Why my Friends!? Why did they all die!? Why did they all... Die..." Leon started to cry fully.

I walked over to him, Kneeled down and hugged him. "We... Need to get back at them... Leon. Sitting here and crying will not..." I almost start to cry, but I hold back my sobs "Will not bring our families back... We need to get revenge on the people that did this. We both need to do this, together." I said, still holding back my sobs as I looked Leon in his watery eyes.

He got up and rubbed his eyes "You're right \*Sniff\*, we need to get back at them!" Leon yelled. "I know how to dodge, but that is about it." I admitted. "Don't worry, Leave these assholes to me. I am 4 years older than you so I can take them on just fine. Just stay with me and we will get back at them!" Leon says proudly. "Ok, Leon, I

will leave them to you, I will still try to do something, though." I said. We walk towards the main district of the town, the fire hadn't reached there yet, so there was a chance that my parents were there, hopefully.

We arrived at the main district, There was no one here either... "Sorry... Leer..." Leon hung his head, he was the one that said that they would be here. "It's... It's ok Leon, they might be somewhere els-" I went silent as I saw... My mother's mage robe hanging in the tree, covered in blood... "No... No no no..." I fell on my knees and cried again "Mom...? Why...? Why my mom...?" I said quietly, sobbing into my hands. "Leer..." Leon crouched down "I... Will find out who did this and kick his ass..." He said quietly to calm me down.

We decided to look everywhere for my Dad, hoping that the same fate wouldn't happen to him, as my mother... "This is for my Wife!" I heard my Dad's voice! We followed his yelling and the clanging of metal to where my Dad was! He was fighting five of the bandits at once, one charged at him and he leaned down and flipped him over his shoulder! Then two attacked him with swords and he disarmed them with a single swipe of his sword! One of the last two ran at him and he dodged with lightning speed and knocked them out with the handle of his sword. The last bandit ran away, as my Zex pulled out his magic pistol and shot him with a bolt of lightning, the bandit fell down after being electrocuted. That was when Dad saw my friend and I.

"Son! Why are you not at the house?!" Dad looked mad. "I was worried! You weren't home so I went to town to look." I explained. "It's Ok... I understand... I know you have a lot of questions, but now is not the time. We need to go back to the house and grab your mother's..." Dad paused, he hung his head and shook it "Magic Tome. We need a spell to put out the fire." Dad explained.

We went back to my house, which was on the outskirts of the village, we encountered some more bandits, but my Dad made quick work of them. We went in and locked the door and closed the shutters. "Ok, where did you see the tome last Leer?" Dad asked, in the light I could tell he had been crying. "On the table, in the bedroom." I explained. Dad went into the bedroom and came back with the massive

tome "Here we are, now I need the spell for water." He said as he opened the book. "What happened to Mom?" I asked teary eyed, as he stopped turning the pages of the tome. "She is... She's... Gone Leer... I am so sorry... I couldn't... I couldn't protect her." He started to cry as he said it, as did I. "What... What happened...?" I asked, in between sobs. "I don't know... I turn my back on her for one second and... She was gone... Missing, all that was left was her mage robe in the tree... Other than that, I have nothing to go off of..." Dad was still crying as he resumed turning the pages of the tome.

I was in shock. (My Mom... Gone? What does he mean by... Gone? Does he... Mean...) My thoughts wandered on the possibility that he means that she is dead, which made me sob. "Here it is! Vapor is the spell. Ok, Let's go and put out the fire and kick some ass." Dad Exclaimed, rushing out the door and we followed. While we were running towards town Dad asked Leon "Hey... About your parents... Are they...?". Leon answered "No... They are gone. Killed in front of me...".Dad seemed infuriated when he heard that "Those Bastards! I will make them pay for your parents! I promise!" He yells as we continue to run to the village.

Dad starts to say the magic word as we arrive into town "Vapor" as his hands conjure water balls around them. He starts to use the magic spell to put out the fire, moving building to building to put it out. Shooting water from his hands to put out the fire. "Hey you!" A muscular bandit dogman walks up to my Dad and punches him, which my Dad responded with a punch knocking the dogman straight into the air, knocking him out as he hits the ground. Soon the fire slows down and slowly stops.

"That should be the last one." Dad said as he puts out the last fire. The air was filled with evil laughter as the silhouette from before steps forward from behind one of the buildings. "Aww... All of my hard work is undone~. Now, I have to start a new fire~." The man said, his voice was deep and ominous, yet sounded unhinged and mad, his face was covered by the hood of his mage robe. "So you are the bastar-" My dad was cut off by the man in the mage robe grabbing his throat and lifting him up, he moved so fast I couldn't see him. "Why~, Yes~. Yes, I am the one who wanted to remove this town from the map~." He said playfully. "Yo...u... Bastard..." Dad tried to talk, but the hooded man's grip was too tight. "Shoosh~ You will need every ounce

of oxygen to stay alive~ We need you alive to finish our plans~. So, don't die on me." He said playfully again.

The hooded man drops my Dad on the ground, there seems to be a symbol carved into the rock he was sitting on. "Let's see if you can~-" He was cut off by Leon charging into him, elbow first. "I WAS TALKING~!" He yelled as he threw my friend into the river with one hand. I ran over to my friend who caught onto a branch in the river, the river flowed until it went into a waterfall, which goes off of the floating Isle of Gaia and into the ocean 3 miles below. "Leon Grab My Hand!" I yelled as I reached out to him. "I am trying! I am trying!" Leon let's go with one hand to reach for mine. "My hand! Is slipping Leer!" Leon yelled, as his fingers start to slip completely. "No, they are not!" I yelled, still reaching out "I am not losing my only friend tonight! I don't want to be alone again! You were the only one who cared!" My eyes started to water. "What about those kids... The kids that you used to hang out with..." He moved his hand back on the limb to lift himself back up as he said that.

"They weren't hanging out with me... I was... Trying to hang out with them... I was lonely, so I decided to try to hang out with the others... They... Hated me. They kept on calling me a liar and said that I had demon blood in my veins... I don't. I don't have demon blood in my veins... Right?" I was still on the verge of crying as I explained. "Those guys are jerks! Don't Listen To 'Em! You are one of the nicest people I have ever met, And that is the truth!" Leon Yelled Proudly. I was crying at this point as I held out my hand to save my friend I say "Thank you...". My friend releases his grip on the limb and tries to grab my hand "You're welcome Bud-" As he says that, the limb breaks off, with him on it!

I watch in slow motion as my friend falls off completely into the river, I almost jump in after him. I watch helplessly as my friend screams as he gets pulled down the river at high speed and falls off the waterfall... "Leon... Leon! Leooon! Nooo!..." I yell into the water... "You Bastard! You threw my son's friend into the water and now..." Dad pauses hanging his head "I will make you pay for what you did!" Dad stands up, still standing on the symbol. "Nuh un uh~ You will stay right there~ Or else. Your son might be able to see his mother again~" The hooded man said evilly. "You do anything to my son... And I will kill you personally." Dad said angrily, but his voice sounded odd, more... Demonic.

"Now~ Keep that thing in Check~ We don't need the world to know your dark~... Little... Secret~ do we~?" The robed man said evilly, taking a step closer to me with each word he said. I... Was in shock. I lost my mother and my friend in the same night. I couldn't move, all I could do is listen as the robed man walked towards me. "Leer is it~? Right~?" He guessed. "How in the hell did you know his name!? Who the hell are-... Wait... That voice..." Dad stopped as he tried to think of who it was behind the hood. "I heard his name quite a few times at the guild~ Silly~ You should know me quite well~! How you used to say how proud of him you were~! How he had not developed something for this long is amazing~?" The hooded man said playfully, my Dad knew him. "BISHOP! Why!? Why did you kill my wife!? Why!?" Dad yelled again, his voice sounded deeper than normal.

"Now Now Now~ Don't lose your cool before I tell your son what he has within him~. What a Dirty Little Secret you have been hiding from him~ Haha~." He said evilly, My mind was racing, what did he mean? "Oh~ Leer~ Your father is not of this world~. He is~... A demon king. And you are his prince~!" Bishop revealed to me, (So... I did have demon blood, no... nono...), I started to cry again. Dad sat there in disbelief (He told my son... That... I... didn't want you to know Leer, I wanted to keep that a secret from you, to keep you safe.), Dad thought to himself.

"Hahahahaa~ Yep~ That was his dirty secret he was keeping from you~! Now, Time to end your life, before you become a problem later on~!" As Bishop draws his sword from the sheath, he hears ripping noises "Oh... No..." Bishop turns around to check on my Dad.

"Bishop...! I will NOT Let you do that to my son!" Dad yelled, he seemed to be getting more muscular and his fangs were lengthening, his clothes were ripping as he grew and his voice got deeper the bigger he got. "I will Crush You Under my Foot! Bishop!" Dad yelled, As my Dad continued to grow taller and more massive, he started to sprout 2 horns on the top of his forehead as he slowly stopped growing. My Dad was 230 pounds and 6'7" and kind of fat looking before, now he looked 14' tall and looked like he weighed a ton and all muscle. He opened his eyes and looked at me, his Scarlet eyes still remained the same. "I... Am Sorry that you had to see me like this Leer..." His voice still sounded like my father's and he still looked like him in

many ways, but he was different sounding than normal, his light tone is now deep and menacing.

"You can't break my barrier anyway~! I would like to see you try~!" Bishop mocked my Dad. My Dad roared so loud I had to cover my ears, the roar was that of a lion's not a fox, the loud piercing sound made the barrier activate. He continued to roar as the barrier started to crack, the ground beneath my father started to cave in, as if there was a great pressure from his yell alone, Then finally the barrier shattered.

"You Naughty Boy~! I said you could not break it~!" Bishop said, his hood dropping from the gust of wind from my Dad's roar. I could finally see his face, he was a white Wolfman with red tipped ears and a scar across his right eye and he had huge fangs on the bottom of his mouth, making him a Sabrewulf. "I am Going to Kick Your Ass! Bishooop!" My Dad yelled as he lunged towards Bishop. Dad punched him good in the stomach knocking the wind out of him, then he headbutted him when he went down to clutch his stomach, then kicked him, sending him flying towards me. "Ow... That... Hurt..." Bishop was laying next to me, beaten and defeated as my Dad walked over to us, his footfalls were loud and deep and left impressions in the hard ground.

He started to return to normal, Slowly returning to his way smaller frame, his clothes still in tatters. He walks over to me and kneels down "I am sorry I didn't tell you..." He said as he kneaded my hair "I meant to tell you later on in life, but... I got scared. You know how people treat demons in this world. I couldn't let you suffer that at such a young age." He said as he got up. "Now!" He picks up Bishop with one hand "Why!? Why did you Attack my Town!? Tell me!" He shakes Bishop.

"I am Sorry! I am Sorry! It wasn't my fault! I couldn't control my actions! Believe me!" Bishop seemed like he was telling the truth. "Someone was mind controlling you? Who was it!? Do You Remember!?" My Dad looked like he believed him. "No! No I don't! I don't remember, Honest!" Bishop was let down by my Dad and he released his grip on him. "Damn whoever did this! I knew my friend wouldn't do this to m-" My Dad was cut off, by Bishops chanting "Forget~ Forget Forget the month~ Forget~ Forget the month that has passed~ Listen to my voice and know it to be true, that this month never happened~ So it be True~!" I felt my memories of

the last month vanish, one by one, myself meeting Leon for the first time, me saving him, everything that happened the month before vanished.

"Hmm? Bishop, why are you here? Have you met my son? His name is Leer he is the one I told you abou-" My Dad's words fade as I wake up from my dream. I woke up, Panicking as my Dad knows nothing about Bishop "That Bastard's going to pay! For my Mom! For my Village! For Wiping my MEMORIES OF MY FRIEND!" I yell, waking up Leon who is sleeping next to me, for some reason.

"What!?" Leon's reaction to me explaining what I could remember about Bishop. "Leer! That bastard's going down! I am taking him down Personally! Bastard nearly killed me and you and destroyed our village! And killed my parents and your mother..." Leon was looking down and looked like he was furious. "Yeah! We should hurry back as soon as possible! But first... How did you...?" I asked. "Survive the fall off of Gaia?" Leon answered instantly. "Yeah. How did you?" I asked. "Well... I did hit the ocean. Broke my right arm and my foot. But luckily, there are people that don't live on Gaia, the unlucky people that they are." Leon explained, showing his arm and leg as he explained. "That's... Amazing. You survived a fall like that?!" I exclaimed, my mouth agape. "Yep! Survived! I am here aren't I, Buddy~!" He jumped up and hugged me.

"I am happy that you survived~" I hug him back "But we should hurry back to the guild, before Bishop does anything else!" I say as I checked the time.

"7:23 in the morning, Good time to leave~. Get your Stuff ready Leon, We have a long journey home." We finish packing and hurry home to the guild. Little did I know, we were almost too late...

### Chapter 6: Leon's Secret

We were running through the forest, the morning dew dripping off of the grass as it was still morning, We made it to a clearing and I decided that we should take a breather. I sat down on a log that was pushed over by... Something. The claw mark was huge! Whatever knocked this tree over was really strong.

Leon was looking down for a bit, staring at the ground silently for a while. Then he spoke up "Leer... I am sorry." I looked at him curiously, wondering what he was sorry for. "Sorry?" I asked. "Leer... I have been... Dishonest to you and the guild. I have no clue why." Leon said, A somber sound to his voice. I got up and sat next to him "What is it? You can tell me. You can tell me anything, I won't judge you." I said, patting his leg, as I did he got up and walked away a bit.

"Leer... What species do you think I am. I want to know if you figured it out by now." Leon said, he sounds nervous. "I think you are a Dog Crystarian, am I right?" I guess. "So you don't know. Well, that makes this harder..." He scratches the back of his head and turns his head to me, his eyes glaring at me. "Leer, have you heard of a 'beastman'?" He said, still glaring at me. "Yes. Yes I have. Wait... You are..." I said, my words hanging as Leon came back and sat down again. "Yes. I am. In the guild, they don't allow beastmen to join because of their short tempers and one other thing...." He said as He brushed his hand on the claw mark.

"It is a form is called 'The True Beast'. I... Was the one who knocked this tree over, Leer. I can't control myself in the form... I lose consciousness and I wake up later on." Leon looked sad as he said this. "I have heard of that form. It takes years of practice to remain in control of it, I have read. But..." I place my hand on Leon's shoulder "Don't worry, it is ok. I don't care if you are a beastman or a crystarian,

You... Are my friend~ Ok?" I smile as I say that, Leon looking at me, his sad expression turning into a happy one. "Thanks, buddy. I needed to know that." Leon said as he started to stand up.

("You are a demon prince! You are hiding that from him! How long until he finds out?") I looked down as my thoughts ran wild. "Leer? What's wrong?" Leon asked, turning around and kneeling. "Leon... When we fight Bishop. Don't be scared of what you see." I said, staring at the ground as I stood up. "I am not going to be scared of Bishop, what are you talking abou-" I cut him off "I am not talking about Bishop..." I say as we leave the clearing. "What are you talking about, then?" Leon heads me off before I could enter the woods "Are you... Keeping a secret from me? Was it from your memories? You can tell me bud, I am all ears." Leon looked worried as he said this.

The guild... Has a priority of hunting down demons and destroying them. Me, being part demon, would probably get me in trouble or worse. (All of my friends would hate me. The hunter would become the hunted as the entire guild hunted me down, friends included. They... Wouldn't do that, right? They know me pretty well, don't they? Should I tell him? Damn it! I can't do it!) My mind raced as I tried to come up with a lie. "Leer, really it is ok." Leon kneeled down in front of me so he can see me Eye to Eye "You can tell me. Please, If it is bad I won't tell anyone. I swear." Leon said, he looked honest as he stared at me.

"Ok... Remember when I said that I had an ability that I was training 2 months ago?" I asked. "Yep, I do. Wasn't it called Berserk? Sounds awesome!" Leon's tail was wagging as he said this. "Yeah. I call it Berserk. It makes me really powerful for a short amount of time, and I don't want you to be scared of it, ok." I stare at Leon as I say the words. "I won't be. Don't worry, I will be more excited to see this spell of yours than scared, bud." He stood up "And besides, How could you be scary? Haha~ Right?" He laughed.

"Yeah, you are right~ Let's get back to our journey and hurry home~" I said. "Hold on! Now, Since I can stop hiding what I am from you." Leon gives me his bag and sword and shield "Now we can go a lot faster!" Leon said proudly as he stretches. I

cock my head as I look at him. Leon, all of a sudden, leans down and puts his hands on the ground. "Ok, I haven't done this in awhile... Hope it works." Leon said, still hunched over. He starts to growl and huff like a wolf as his body starts to grow a little, His legs and his arms turning digitigrade and his body turning more and more animal like. His snout narrows and his body finishes it's transformation. "It's a huge dog. No, it is Leon. A dog with Leon's armor?" I am trying to figure out what I am seeing, then I remember what I read in a book once (Beastmen can transform willingly into a animal form, it takes years of practice to transform perfectly. When transformed they keep all senses they had when they were in their normal form, but with the inability to speak.) I walk up to the animal form of Leon and rub his ear, his tail wags in response. "You want me to ride on you? Are you sure? I am pretty heavy, big boy~" I say, rubbing his head.

Leon nods his head. "Ok~ Who's a good boy~?" Leon snarls at me, I guess he doesn't like that. I crawl up on his back, I swear I hear whimpering from him "Are you ok~?" I ask. Leon was sweating, but he starts to run anyway, howling as he starts to run.

# Chapter 7: My Secret Past

As I rode through the forest on top of my now more beast like friend, I started to wonder if I should have just told him that (I was part demon, but not only that, but a demon prince...). I have decided, I will keep it a secret from him till I can't any longer. I don't know how he will react and that is what... Scares me.

As we rode through the forest, I heard the sounds of birds chirping away and the sounds of the ground being crushed by my big friend here. Even though Leon had turned into a beast, he was still big as he was and as heavy, so even though he was changed, he still had his strength. Which was comforting, to say the least. After a little while, I started to hear singing. Singing a song I haven't heard for a while now. Such a long time...

We exited the Forest, after riding for a while. Then I decided to speak up "Leon?" Leon's ears perked up and he slowed down to a walk. "Let's check out that singing. I think I have heard that voice before." I said to Leon, He turned his head to me and nodded as we started to ride towards the singing.

It took us quite a while to reach where the singing was coming from. We ended up reaching a massive gorge, a big canyon that reached pretty high up. I looked and noticed the buildings built on the walls of the canyon. They were built pretty well, with a massive gate blocking the entrance to the canyon town. There was only one town that I know of on Gaia that was built into a canyon, Bladetown, the village of thieves.

I pat on Leon's back, he nods and heads over to the nearest group of trees and lets me off. My body shakes and wobbles as I jump off of Leon, my hip brushes against Leon and it makes him blush and look away. I crouch down next to the tree and I pull my binoculars from my bag and start to peer around. A sound of Leon transforming back reached my ears, as I see Leon start to develop plantigrade legs as his body reverts back to normal. Leon walks over to me and crouches down "So, why are we at Bladetown? The singing?" As Leon whispered this, The singing started again, that... Voice... I haven't heard that voice in years. And there is no denying it, that voice belongs to someone I know well.

A female voice, singing a familiar song she sung when she was younger. "Leon... I can't believe it. She is here..." I whispered back, nearly in tears. "Who? Who is here? Who do you know from Bladetown?" Leon said, sounding like he was very curious. "Now... The only question is if you are being held captive or... Oh... Nonono..." I stopped, thinking that if she is working with thieves, I can't bring her back with me to the guild. "Leer, who is it? Tell me. Please." Leon begged. "How about this, you get to meet her in person, And I will tell you who it is then. Ok?" I said to Leon, Leon looked back at me and said "Whatever you want. If you want me to meet her first then learn about her later, I will listen to you."

"Wait... I hear..." I stand up and run towards the gate, Leon quickly standing and giving chase! "HALT! Move closer and we will shoot! Who are you!? And why are you here!?" The Mouse with a crossbow aimed at me, Yelled out. "You Know Who I am!" I yell back. "No, I don't know any- Wait!? Delita!?" The mouse quickly lowered his crossbow and ran and opened the gate. "Wait!? WHAT!? Delita!? Leer... What are you not telling me? You can't be..." Leon said and trailed off, deep in thought.

"I will take you to the master as soon as possible... Master Delita." The mouse said while leading me into the town, Leon following at a distance, looking at me like I was the most untrustworthy person on the planet, as he had come to the conclusion that I was a... Thief.

#### Chapter 8:

#### The Grand Thief, Delita

Leon followed behind us, keeping his distance and watching me with disbelief. (So, He is Delita!? The legendary thief that stole all of the Crystals off of the Battle Airship and caused it to crash into the ocean? My friend was who that was? No way...) Leon thought to himself. "Leon... I... Am sorry I didn't tell you... But, I didn't know how you would react if you found out your friend was... An ex-thief." I apologized and explained to Leon. "And A Famous one too! You forgot that. Jerk." Leon sounded mad at me, I wouldn't blame him. "Leon... Is it ok if I explain myself?" I asked.

"Yeah... I... I actually want to know why you are- Were a thief... What happened?" Leon didn't sound angry, more curious now. "When I was younger, I showed up in the city of Crystalis. The guild you and I know, didn't exist. It was an... Infamous Assassins guild known as The Claw." I explained. "I didn't know that... Good thing they aren't that way anymore, right, Leer." Leon joked. "Yeah, good thing. Anyway, one day after I bought my apartment and moved in, I was knocked unconscious and dragged away... I woke up here, In a cage, too small for myself to be in. Then... I heard a familiar voice speak up. It said "Good to see you Alive, Leer." The voice was... Someone you are about to meet. Very soon in fact." I said as we reached the small house at the end of the canyon, we opened the door and walked in.

"A sight for sore eyes... Traitor." A voice said in the darkness. "What makes me a traitor? Hmm? What did I d-" I was cut off. "YOU BROKE OUR TENANT! "Thou Shalt Not Tell Secrets of The Thieves Guild To Anyone Outside of The Thieves Guild." YOU BROKE THIS RULE! So you Were Banished! Do You Not Remember Anything! Traitor!" The voice was Yelling and loud.

"I am... Sorry... Brother. I should have not have told him-" I was cut off by my

brother who lit a candle on the table, revealing his gruff but feminine face. "You shouldn't have told him Shit! Because of YOU! We had to move our base to somewhere no one could find us. This is your fault Brother! Save your damn apologies and get out of my... sight!" My brother hesitated, sounding like he was going to start... Crying. "I am not leaving. If you want me to leave then make me! Call your guard! He'll take me out! That's what you want, huh? Well, I am not here for you, Tally! I am here for a certain "Female Cat" that you have." I yelled and explained, As long as I got Her out, That is all I wanted.

"Delita... I am sorry..." Tally started to cry "I... Didn't mean to yell at you like that... I just... Missed my big brother that's all. So... I got mad... It... It wasn't about the guild, at all... I just... Missed you, man..." Tally walked over to me and hugged me, I held him close as he bawled into my shoulder, hugging me tight. "There, there..." I pat his back and rub his shoulder "Come on, I am here now, that is what matters right, cheer up." I say quietly into my brother's ear as he slowly stops crying. "I knew that you wouldn't really be mad about me talking to someone on the outside. So I knew it was just my young bro making up things to make sure I didn't see him do this." I said this and I released my hug and lifted his chin with my hand. "Boop." I poke his nose with my thumb, like I used to do, he chuckled a bit. "Stop that. I am not 12 anymore, I am 24 now." He said, brushing my finger away, as he revealed... A scar over his left eye...

"OH MY GODS! How the hell did this happen!? Tally? You poor thing..." I yelled with worry as I held his hair up. "I pissed off someone. I got this because of that. I own it, it was my fault. People have started calling me "Tally Mark" Because of it." He laughed it off. "Well, Ok then. How is your eye, though?" I asked. "It is fine, it just hurts to open, but I can see just fine out of it, don't worry bro." He said patting my shoulder as he started to walk out the door. "Come on, you wanted to see a "Female Cat" Eh~? She's been singing all night in her room." As he said this, My heart sunk, She was working as a thief for the guild, meaning I might not be able to bring her home with me...

Leon silently watched and listened to us as we walked to Her room. He seemed... Happy, his tail certainly was showing that, wagging to and fro. "So, Leer? How long were you a thief?" Leon tries to continue the conversation from earlier. "About 2

years. My brother was the reason why I joined. I left... Because my father found out and I decided that it was the best to join the reformed Gloved Claw guild." I explained. "What did you usually do? I am just curious." Leon looked at me with his head cocked slightly.

"I used to be hired to steal from the evil people and give to the good people. I was hired hundreds upon hundreds of times to do just that. And one such thing Led to the Battlecruiser crashing into the ocean below Gaia. The job was to steal the crystals from the Airship and make it crash, my brother helped me with that. And the plan went off without a hitch and I started to use the name "The Grand Thief Delita" as my Alias." I explained. "After my Dad asked me to quit, I decided it was for the best and I joined the Gloved claw and climbed the ranks quickly." I finished explaining. "And here I was thinking that thieves were vile creatures that prey on the weak... But... I couldn't be more wrong in this case. I am sorry I doubted you, Bud." Leon said.

"It's ok." I said as we reached her door, the singing was fully audible now, clear as day and beautiful. We opened the door. The Massive fat cat stood up from the bed, her belly jiggled and rolled as she stood up, her butt bounced as she stood up and stared at me and Leon. "Who are you and don't you know how to knock? I swear, some people." The Pink Haired cat spoke, clearly not recognizing me. "Wait... Do I... Know you?" She scratched her head and walked over to me, her body jiggling constantly as she did. "Hmm???" She stared at me for a while, I just smiled and let her figure it out if she could "Those fangs...? And that beautiful sky blue eye...? And those door hinge destroying hips...? Hmm????? OH MY GODS, LEER~!" She jumped with joy, hugging me and holding me close as she started to say "I found you" Over and over again.

I hug her back and say "Yes, it is me. Aura."

## Chapter 9: Aura's Magic Eye

Aura was still hugging me, she had grown a lot since the last time I saw her. In more ways than one, her body was a lot fatter than I remembered, her belly hung down below her shirt and poked out at the bottom, her butt was massive, even bigger than my own! I could feel her soft body pushing against me and squeezing my belly against her's. Her hair was a pink color, which if I remember right... "Aura, your hair is pink now~?" I asked, teasing her a bit as she still held me close. "Oh? I wanted to change it for... Personal reasons. Do ya like it~?" She asked, then she noticed my hair "Hey~! You changed your's as well! I remember that it was a light blue color. Why did you change yours?" Aura asked as she put a finger up to her mouth and cocked her head, looking at me curiously.

"I... Have my reasons for that. Not that I want to say those reasons~, mind you~" I teased her. "Oh, come on~! It has to be a good reason~. And I bet it is a wonderful story as well~. Just like the ones you used to tell me, Remember?" Aura asked, holding my cheeks in her hands, staring deep into my eyes. "I used to tell you all of my stories~ Didn't I~? And you loved every one of them~." I said, remembering how I used to do just that.

About 4 years ago, I saved Aura from a pack of wolves. Now, when I say pack of wolves, you instantly think that they were actual wolves, don't ya? Well they weren't. They were a gang that lived outside of Rooktown. They kidnapped her and I came to save her. And after I did, she started living with me. She admires me a lot, she still sees me as her savior and her best friend in the whole world. Every day, I would tell her stories of my adventures and she would listen to them. Some tales were made up, but she knew that. But the majority of the tales were true.

"I missed you, Aura~. I am so happy to have found you~!" As I said that I hugged her and held her close, she smelled of blueberries, her perfume that she used to wear. "I am sorry that I left. I wanted to find 'You' though~. But now~! I have~! Hehe~." Aura said happily.

Leon came up and hugged us both "Aww~ You guys are so cute~ So, who is she, Leer? Just wondering?" Leon asked, as he let go and I stopped hugging Aura and walked over to her bed. I sat down and her bed creaked and folded as my weight sank into the bed, then Aura came over and sat down, which was almost enough to break the bed. I explained what happened to her, how I know her and everything I could explain.

"Ahhh, Ok, So Leer saved you. Then you became his friend out of respect. That... Is so cool, Leer." Leon said. I giggled, I noticed that Aura was staring at Leon, she was... Blushing. "Aura?" I asked, and she looked at me. "Who... Is that hunk~?" She asked, nervously. I explained very quickly about mine and Leon's past, and what we did recently. "Oh~ So he is your Friend and your pupil that you are teaching~? That... Is really, really..." Aura was interrupted by Leon "Awesome! Cool! Great! Amazing! I know right?!" Leon exclaimed. "Cute~! Hehe~ It is those, too~ You cutie~" She was blushing again, as she giggled. Leon smiled and blushed as he looked away, as he brushed the back of his head with his hand "You really think I am cute? Haha~" Leon laughed.

"Oh right!" I stood up quickly and rushed to the door. "Aura? Will you go with us to the guild?" I asked. She stood up "Wait! Let me get my things! I need my staff and my potions and my tome, before I go~" Aura said as she rushed to get her bag, her staff and her magic tome, that had emblazoned on the front 'MENDING MAGIC', Which was a tome of healing spells. "Hey~? You know how to use healing magic~?" I asked teasingly. "Yeah~! I am a master at them~ And If you guys get banged up, I~ will patch you up~" Aura said proudly as she looked ready to leave with us. "Let's go Leon~! We have to find Bishop and soon!"

"Wait! Leer! Take this!" Tally came running with a katana in a sheath in his hands, it was... My Father's! "Ah~ You still have it?!" I exclaimed, Surprised he didn't lose it. "Yep, bro, and still in the condition you left it with me in. I tried to repair it." He pulled out the katana to show that the sword was still broke in half, I could see some mending paste on the end of the broken sword. "You tried to fix it?" I asked, still checking the blade. "Yeah, I tried everything. But it just..." Tally trailed off. "Come on~ What did it do? Did it fall apart? Or wha-" I was cut off "Every time I tried to mend it with any method, even reforging it, it would 'Pop' off at the part that is broken. Pretty forcefully as well, almost killed one of my friends with the blade piece. But he is fine now, if you were wondering." Tally said as he handed me a bundle of cloth, I opened it to see the other half of the blade within. "The reason why you couldn't reforge or fix it is because it is enchanted with Ice. You need to have an element with ice magic to fix this, or else... It will keep popping off. Probably a good Idea to give this to me." I explained "I will be using this. The enchantment doesn't work, but the sword is still a sword. Thanks Tally~" I say as I hug him "I will make sure to use it during one of the fights." I said to him, Still hugging him close.

"Ok, Let's get going! We have to find Bishop." I said as we ran towards the forest we came from, with Aura in tow, As we got a little deeper into the forest, Leon explained the fact that he was a beastman to Aura "That is so Cute~!" Aura exclaimed. Leon transformed into his beastform, wagging his tail. I got on him first, Leon whines a little from me getting on, Sweating a little "Are you ok, Big Boy~?". Leon looked at me, as if to say 'Yeah! I am fine!' then he looked at Aura and whined louder than before. "Don't worry~" Aura said happily "I am not riding you yet, I need to fix something first."

Aura moved her hair away from her hidden eye, showing that it has a skull tattoo on her eyelid. She opens it and looks at Leon "Now, big boy~ Do you want to be bigger or smaller~?" She says as Leon transforms back quickly. "What are you talking about? Bigger or smaller? I always want to be bigger." Leon said happily, his tail wagging. "Ok~ That's what you want, here you go~" Her eye starts to glow and Leon's muscular body starts to glow as well. "I feel... So warm right now, so... Comfortable." Leon muttered, as his eyes started to slowly close. "That is a side effect of her magic eye, she makes you as comfortable as possible before she controls your body shape, size and weight. But don't worry, You will enjoy this." I explained, as I walk over to Aura and whisper into her ear "Make him big. He will

Aura's eye started to glow brighter as Leon's body stopped glowing, as she says "Muscle" As she says it once, Leon's muscles started to bulge and pulse. Then they started to grow outward, slowly but surely they started to bloom from the muscular dog. "This... Feels wonderfulll~" Leon's biceps double in size as he continues to grow, his abs grow bigger and tougher as they swell, his pecs look a lot bigger as they start to push his head up, his back muscles are now visible from the front as they also continue to grow. His legs grew the most, quadrupling in size as his thighs looked massive and rippled as he moved them. "Stop" Aura said suddenly, which made Leon's growth subside, leaving him in his new more massive shape.

Leon flexes his arms and looks at his legs and feels his muscles "Wow! This is really cool! Look at how strong I am!" Leon exclaimed looking at his new massive form. "Leer! How does my butt look?" He turned around and showed his now bigger, more muscular butt. "It looks, wonderful~ Cutie~" I said looking at everything he had that had grown. "The one problem is... This is not permanent. I can only make you this big for about 30 minutes, after that you will go down to normal size. But I can return you to this size or~ Bigger~ if you want me to~?" Aura explained and teased. "Thirty minutes? You can do a lot in thirty minutes. And I don't mind that it is temporary, as long as I get these~!" Leon said as he flexes his massive legs and massive arms "I am ok with that!"

"Do you want to see the other powers of my eye~? Cutie~" Aura teased. "Yeah! I want to see what else you can do." Leon said, now playing with his pecs. "First I have to reduce you back to normal, is that ok?" Aura asked. "Yeah, That's ok. As long as I can return to this size, you can do anything you want." Leon said. "Ok~ Here we go~ Normal~" Aura's eye glows again and Leon reduces back down to his normal muscular self. "Ok, Now do fat~ He will like it and I know you will like it~" I whispered in her ear again, She nods, with a smile on her face. "Fatty" Aura's eye glows again and so does Leon's body, but this time it was a purple color, instead of pink.

"Ooo~ My body is feeling... Good again." Leon muttered as his belly started to look

more soft, as his abs started to disappear... No. They weren't disappearing, they were being covered in flab, Leon moved his hand to his developing gut and pushed against it and felt how soft it was. "Wow... This is so soft, so... Wonderful." As Leon said this his body started to bloat faster with pounds on top of pounds of fat. His belly was as big as mine, drooping down and jiggling constantly, his butt blimped and so did his thighs and legs jiggling inertly as his hands wandered to them to feel them. His moobs bounced and jumped as they grew, his arms were so fat that you couldn't tell he had muscle under there. His body didn't stop there, his body still increased in weight as his body swelled forward until he was double the size of me if I was as tall as him. Leon, now unable to reach his belly because of arm fat and his now burgeoning moobs, was trying to wiggle his body back and forth to make it shake, which it did, His body shook like it was filled with water and didn't stop after he stopped shaking for a little while. His body started to pick up the pace and started to bloat outward much faster, his belly rests fully on the forest floor and his ass has started to graze the floor. He noticed his multitude of chins under his mouth, and he felt them and jiggled them with his hand as he continued to fatten.

"Stop" Aura said suddenly again. I walk over to him and give him a big hug, my body sinking into his massive belly. "Wow, Leon~ You look cute when you are fat~" I say as I sink my hands into his belly, feeling the softness, it was like hugging a giant marshmallow, but even softer than that. "Oooo~ This feels good. I mean, I am massive, aren't I Leer." He says, His chins jiggling as he speaks. His hands wander around his body, looking for something to grab and jiggle. He decided on his butt, as he grabs it and makes it jiggle by slapping it, his butt making a loud slapping noise as his cheeks collide "Haha~ Did you hear that Leer? It sounded wonderful! It is like the sound your legs make when you jump." Leon laughed and slapped it again. "Yeah, it does sound like that~ Hehe~<3" I laughed as well.

"Ok, Normal~" Aura's eye glows again, as Leon's body reduces back to his normal shape, his clothes reforming and repairing themselves as if it never happened. "Ok! What else can that eye do?" Leon looks very excited. "I can make you bigger~! I can make you grow taller and shrink as well." Aura explained. "Oh! Cool! Let's save that one for later! Let's go and kick the shit out of Bishop, first!" Leon said as he turned into his beast form again.

"Ok~ But I can also affect my own body as well~" Aura decided to shake her butt a little to make it wobble, I look over at Leon and he is staring and drooling at the sight of it. "Thinner" Aura's eye glows as her body starts to glow as well. Her body starts to reduce in fat, her massive fat belly disappears as it jiggles the whole time it is shrinking, her butt and her body follows suit. Soon, she is at her reduced weight standing there with her breasts being the only thing that stayed the same size.

"I forgot how cute you were when you were skinny~ Hehe~" I said happily. "Hehe~ Thanks~" Aura said happily back, her body seemed to fatten slightly. "Whoops... When I get happy when I am skinny, my body tries to return to it's normal shape. So, I might start fattening on you~ Leon~<3" Aura teased, her body fattening a little bit more. Leon's eyes are now hearts as he drools more, as he stares at her and whines happily. I walk over to him and whisper in his ear "She really likes you doesn't she~?" I tease, Leon responds by looking at me, smiling and blushing.

"Ok, Let's go Leon and Aura~! We have an ass to kick~!" I jump onto Leon, he whines a little and Aura jumps on behind me. "Wow, your ass is massive~ Leer~" She says as she slaps my ass, making it jiggle. "Hehe~ It really is~ I hope you don't mind me~ Cutie~" I teased, knowing fully that my body takes up 65% of Leon's back. "Of course I don't, Silly~!" Aura hugs my butt "It will make a good pillow as we ride through the forest~ Hehe~<3" She said teasingly, at least, I think she is teasing.

"Ok, Onwards to the guild!" I yell as we go through the forest back to the city of Crystalis.

### Chapter 10: Back to the Guild

A couple of hours pass as we reach the guild. Leon transformed back to normal while no one was looking and we walked in. Aura was checking out the guild as we walked through it. "Pretty nice isn't it~?" I asked. "Yeah~. It looks... Amazing~, Ooo~ What is that statue in the main hall of? He looks cool~!" Aura said looking at the statue of Serbel Cross. "He is our guild master, if we can, we should meet him and tell him about Bishop." I said, knowing fully well that Serbel would listen to me. "So, Where would Bishop be at 7 pm, Leer?" Leon asked. "He should be... In one of the training rooms, I think? We will find him." I reassured Leon. "Where would Serbel be as well?" Leon asked again. "He should be having dinner in his room, we should be able to talk to him in private."

Then I remembered to go get Duster and headed to his room first. I opened his door and he wasn't there, which is odd. I scratched my head "Where is he? He is never outside of his room at this hour." I said as I looked around. "Maybe he had to talk to someone? Or maybe he is having a late dinner?" Leon speculated, but I knew he was wrong, I had a bad feeling. "Let's go talk to Serbel first then, maybe... He will be back later." I said, then we hurried to Serbel's room.

We walked through the open door to see the Jackal reading a book "We are back, Sir." I said. "Oh, Very nice, I have been wanting to speak with you." Serbel said. "Oh, Ok." I said as I sat down. "So, Leer? Hold on. You, the cute cat, Lock the door for me, this room is soundproofed and I want to make sure no one else hears." Serbel said quickly. He stood up, his earrings jingling as he did "Leer... I know the truth about your father." He said without skipping a beat "Is it ok for them to hear this?" Serbel asked, I was worried but I nodded my head, knowing the truth was going to be

revealed sooner or later to them.

"Your father told me, about his past, his children, his poor, poor wife, and he told me about the fact..." He hesitated, then he turned around "That... He was a demon king. Now, I am not mad that he hid this from me, from everyone, even you his own flesh and blood. But now that I know that he is a Demon... Now, I too, Have a secret to keep about him and you." Serbel paused to look at me, he smiled. "Your secret is good with me. No one will know except your friends and me about this. Now." He sat back down "Leon, you have a blank stare on your face. What's wrong? Young miss, you too?" When Serbel said this, I looked at Leon, he was staring at me, shaking.

The silence was deafening, the only thing that could be heard was the fireplace crackling. Leon stared at me for a long time, then he drew his sword and pointed it at my throat! "Leon-" I was cut off by him "Leer... Is one of those DAMN MONSTERS?! HOW MUCH OF WHAT YOU SAID WAS A LIE!? DID YOU ACTUALLY ENJOY BEING AROUND ME!? OR WAS THAT A LIE?!" Leon yelled at me, his eyes were watering. "Leon! I loved being around you! You made me feel!... Wanted..." I yelled back as I started to cry. "Leon..." I sniffled, as Leon put down his sword slowly "I never... Lied to you ever... I only lied in the forest about myself remembering that I was part demon, Alright?... I didn't know how you would reac-" I was cut off by Leon hugging me, he had dropped his sword and he was crying, I could tell by the tears hitting my shoulder. "You... Idiot! Why would you assume!? That I wouldn't trust you? Even when..." Leon sobbed slightly "Even when I yelled that... I knew that you were telling the truth. I... Just got scared." Leon said, still holding me. "Hey. That is how I would've reacted. I would've been scared too. But..." I lifted Leon's face with my hand on his chin, his eyes were still watery and he looked really sad. I smiled and said "I am still me, the fact that I am part demon doesn't change one thing that makes me, me. 0k~?"

Leon let go and stood up, Aura came over and gave me a hug as well "That's what I was about to say~, but you beat me to the punch didn't you~? Leer~?" Aura said holding me tight, brushing my hair as she held me. "Hehe~ I am glad I have friends like you~" I laughed. "Same here!" Leon exclaimed, Laughing a little afterwards. "Ok, Now that your friends know about your father, what other reasons did you come to see me?" Serbel spoke up.

"Is it about... Bishop?" Serbel said without skipping a beat, which shocked me. "Yeah! How did you know?!" I asked, standing up quickly. "He isn't here, I don't think he is coming back either- ooo..." He stopped suddenly and leaned over, revealing that he had been... Cut with a sword recently, he was still bleeding and the bandages were fresh. "Are you ok!?" I asked, knowing fully well who did this. "Yeah... I am fine..." He sat back up in his chair, wincing at the pain, holding his side "He did this to me, the bastard cut me while I wasn't looking, The Coward. But the good news is, it didn't hit anything vital, so I am fine." Serbel explained.

"Where is he?" I asked, my voice sounded angry. "He ran away right after slicing me, my scouts said he ran off into the forest with..." Serbel trailed off. "With? With who?" I asked, afraid of the answer. "I... Am sorry Leer. Duster was..." Before he could finish I ran out the door as fast as I could! (BISHOP! YOU HARM HIM AND I WILL MAKE YOU PAY!) I thought angrily as I ran through the halls up the tower and into my room. I flipped over my bed to find the secret compartment and I opened it quickly, revealing my gauntlets, The Fox Claws, which Duster had named for me. I ran out of the room putting on my gauntlets as fast as I could, as a small slip of paper fell out of the gauntlet. I picked it up, it was a note from Duster, It read "The Galabrand is repaired and it is in full working order, I will talk to you later when you come back~ - Love, Duster". I headed towards the airship dock as fast as I could, knowing that Bishop would be pretty far away by now, even with Duster in tow. I board my airship and run to the pilot's cabin and sit down in my chair. Little did I know that Leon and Aura were following me the whole time, I was so angry that I didn't notice them getting on the airship.

"Leer! Calm down!" Leon yelled, running to me. "I can't be calm! He has!... He has Duster! That bastard is going down! If he does anything to Duster! I will! I will-" I was interrupted by a slap across my face from Aura, who had tears in her eyes. "Listen to me! This is how my Dad died! He got mad that my Mother was Kidnapped and he ran in with a hot head and Died trying to save her! He wasn't thinking clearly and ran in without a plan and he paid the price for it! Do You Want to do the same?!" Aura yelled at me, she was crying. I calmed down and stood up from the chair "You are right, Aura. I have to keep my cool. And think things out like normal. Duster will be fine, I will save him." I said calmly.

"Ok~" Aura said while nodding her head "Let's go get him." I nodded at her as I started the airship and we lifted off, the sky looked like it was going to storm all night, as we started to fly towards the forest.

#### Chapter 11:

#### The Lantern that Manipulates the rain.

The rain started to come down as we headed to the forest, the airship's propellers buzzing and the bell ringing, Duster always enjoyed the sounds of the ship, that's why he loved repairing it. He got to listen to the sounds he enjoyed and he got to work on a ship such as this. (Oh, Buddy... Please, please be safe...) I thought to myself (I want to hear you talk about the ship again, I want to hear you say what you invented today. Just to hear that again would make me so happy. But, I am on my way to save you. So don't you worry.)

The storm seemed to be getting worser and worser the closer we got to the forest, then I remembered (This forest always gets rain, I wonder why. It is getting a bit too thick for the Galabrand to fly correctly. I am not taking a risk of losing it. We covered a lot of ground, I can run the rest of the way.) I thought, As I landed the ship and stepped out of my cabin and into the cold hard rain. I was instantly drenched, it was coming down so hard, Lightning and thunder filled the sky as I stepped off of the ship, my friends following me.

I looked around and all I could see was forest with no sign that Bishop was here. "Wow, this rain is coming down really hard! We should wait until it passes!" Leon yelled, covering his eyes from the rain. Aura was frozen in place "I hate lightning... I have to admit it scares me... I can't move my legs right now." Aura said, her body shaking. "Here." Leon walked over to her and held out his hands "I can carry you where we need to go, so don't be afraid, alright?" Leon said to calm her down. She nodded and took his hand and he lifted her and carried her in his arms. "Your eyes... Are... So beautiful, Leon~" Aura said, staring deep into Leon's eyes. Leon blushed "Aww, They are pretty, aren't they?" Leon said, still blushing. "A beautiful Purple

color~" Aura whispered to Leon in his ear, making him giggle and blush.

Leon looked around for a little bit and saw something, A light flickering in and out in the center of the forest "Leer! Look over here." Leon said. I saw the light and signaled Leon to follow. We tried to go as fast as we could through the forest, following the light as we went deeper and deeper in. Then we reached it. "Woah..." Leon uttered.

There was no rain in this part of the forest, just a round hole where the clouds should be, and a clear sky in it. There was a solitary tree in the center of the clearing, it was an autumn orange, even though it was the beginning of summer. On one of the branches there was a small lantern hanging there, with a note. I went up to it and grabbed the note, it read "If you are reading this and the Lantern is here then I am gone. The lantern is a special one, you take care of it, ok. - Sincerely D-----" The rest of his name is illegible. "I wonder what the letter means by 'Special'?" I question as I pull the lantern off of the tree. "Leer! Look! The clouds moved when you took it!" He yelled as I looked up and I started to move the lantern back and forward to check, he was right. The clouds were moving with the lantern, protecting the holder from the rain.

"This lantern is Priceless. And I know what it is. This is the same as my gauntlet, a lost magic item that was thought to be lost to time. But... Why is it here? Sitting on this tree? Hmmm???" I wondered. "Well now that we have this, the only thing we have to worry about is lightning and finding Bishop." I said as we headed away from the clearing, lantern in hand.

Wandering through the forest we found another clearing, this time it was much bigger. "Wait... This is..." I said as I walked forward into an invisible wall, smacking my nose. "Are you ok?" Leon worried. "Yeah, I am ok. This is an illusion. I just need to find... Aha!" I exclaimed as I found a crystal and yanked it out, making the illusion disappear and reveal a massive guild hall.

"What the hell?! Which guild hall is this!? I have never seen it before!?" Leon

questioned. "This... Is... Leon Look at the guild symbol." I pointed at it, it was a claw just like our guilds but without a glove. And it was a wolf instead of a fox for the symbol, which means one thing.

"This... Is the Assassins guild!" I yelled, horrified to see it.

# Chapter 12: The Secret Guild

After looking at the symbol for a long time, I turned around to talk to Aura and Leon, which both looked worried. "What do you mean the Assassins guild!?" Leon questioned "I thought that it was burned down!? But Here it is, Perfectly Fine!? Why!?" Leon yelled. "I don't know. I know that the guild was burned down, but... Here it is. Bishop is definitely here, let's go in-" I was caught off by a gunshot and sounds of swords clashing. I start to push on the huge doors, they were insanely heavy, A normal person would never be able to open them. I push them open with the help of Leon and walk in, the clanging of metal was louder and the room was almost completely dark.

As soon as we walk in, the door slams behind me and the lights turn on! It was a large foyer with a staircase in the middle of the room that lead to the 2nd floor, there were doors that were shut on both sides of the room and a giant painting was hanging at the top of the stairs. The painting was of Bishop and his father when he was younger. "The sounds are coming from the left side. Let's go!" I yell as we run to the left side of the room towards the door.

We opened the door to find a long hallway with doors along the right side, the clanging and gunshots were louder and were echoing down the hallway, we quickly ran towards the sound to the end of the hallway, where I heard yelling. "Bishop! I will make you pay for what you have done!" A familiar voice yelled, it was my father. I opened the door quickly to find that he wasn't just fighting Bishop, but almost the entire assassins guild, he looked... Battered and worn down, like he had been fighting for hours.

Two big muscular bears blocked the entrance to the room, if I wanted to get in I would have to fight them. They both quickly turned around and saw me and one charged towards me "I gotcha, ya little-" Before he could reach me, Leon jumped in front of me and punched the bear's stomach hard, knocking the wind out of him! Then he followed up with an uppercut, knocking the bear upwards, banging against the ceiling and crashing onto the ground. He got back up and drew his giant axe that he had on his back "Who the hell are you!?" He yelled pointing at Leon. He came swinging his massive axe at Leon's head and Leon caught it by the handle "You really think you can beat me with this toy!?" Leon yells as he crushes the handle in his hand, snapping it like a twig. "What!?" The bear yells as Leon throws a punch hard into his face, knocking him back at least 10 meters, knocking him out.

"THAT'S What you get for attacking my friend, you Asshole!" Leon yelled as the other bear jumps at me with a giant sword in hand. I jump at him, which surprised him, and I kicked him hard with my knee, electricity surrounded my leg as the kick connected and he dropped his sword to the ground. Then while he was flying upward I kicked him back down with a front flip kick, he left a deep imprint in the ground as he lyed there unconscious. Leon was staring at me "That... Was amazing! That Guy Didn't know what hit him!" Leon laughed.

"Leon, I can take care of myself, But Thanks anyway." I said to him, he just smiled and nodded his head. I walk into the room where ten more assassins blocked the way, they all charged me at once. "Bad idea! Zephyr's Fire!" I held up two fingers towards the group and my fingers started to make zapping noises, followed by electricity to start arcing from finger to finger! "Bolt!" I shot off the electricity stored in my fingers and it shot a massive bolt of lightning that hit the first enemy then it arced to the others shocking them and knocking them out instantly!

"Wow! That was Cool!" Leon excitedly yelled from behind me as we continued towards my father as one more assassin charged me, it was a massive rhino beastman! "Out of the way!" I yelled as jumped and kicked his head from the side so hard that I knocked him through the wall!

"Leer! What are you doing here!? I told Serbel to tell you to stay at the guild and

leave it to me!" My father yelled as he knocked out another assassin. "I had to come! They have Duster!" I yelled. "I know that! That's why I came to save him!" My father yelled back. "Well, I am going to help." I said confidently. "I knew you would." he said as he knocked out the last of the assassins "Here, take this key!" He threw the key at me. "What's it for?" I asked, worried about the answer. "It is the key to Duster's... Cage..." He said looking down. "It's down the hallway behind me... I am sorry Leer..."

I walked past my father, and walked down the hallway behind him. "Leer. Let's go get Duster." Leon said. As I walked down the hallway Leon noticed how furious I was and decided to let me get ahead. He was right to do so, I was so mad at the fact that they had Duster, My Duster, In a cage! What did they do to him? I have to get there and let him out as soon as possible! Bishop is going to pay for what he has done!

We make it to the end of the hallway and I open the door quickly, and... I saw him... Duster, was lying with his back against the cage... I could... Hear him crying... As I got closer to the cage, I noticed to my horror that his arm had been broken... "... Leer!" Duster noticed me as I walked up to the cage "Leer, you came! Bishop was the one who locked me up in here." Duster explained. "I know that, hun. But, do you know where he is? I want to speak with him." I said. "He is on the second floor. I am sure that you don't just want to talk to him, I know you." Duster said. "I have to make him pay for a lot of things, hun. I am not going to just talk to him. I am sorry." I explained to Duster. "What did he do, other than stealing me away?" Duster asked worriedly. "He stabbed the guildmaster in the chest. And he took my Mother away from me. Remember how I told you about Leon. How I felt like I knew him? Well, Bishop took my memories away about Leon and my Mother." I explained to Duster. Duster looked less worried and more mad "That is terrible!" He yelled.

"He also killed Leon's parents." I looked over at Leon, who looked sad. "And I trusted 'him'! When you said that he was bad news, I didn't listen! But know that I know this!" Duster yelled, crying again "Now I understand why!". I opened the cage with the key and Duster hugged me with his left arm, I hugged him back, holding him close to me. "Go kick his ass." Duster said in my ear. "I was planning on it." I said back.

"Aura can you heal Duster's arm?" I asked. "Of course! His arm doesn't look too bad. It will take me about 3 minutes to heal completely." Aura explained as she walked over and examined his arm. "I am sorry, but this is going to hurt." Aura warned Duster. "It's ok. I broke my arm many times before." Duster reassured her. Aura lifted his arm up, which caused Duster to wince and gasp, "Mend" She said as she did. His arm started to glow "So, Aura? I have heard... About you from Leer. He was looking for you." Duster explained as she healed his arm. "I know. But he found me. I missed him so much." Aura said back as she healed his arm.

"Almost done. Just need a few more seconds and his arm will be fixed." Aura said as she finished up Duster's arm. "How does it feel?" I asked. "Wonderful! Now, do you still have my bag, hun?" He said pointing at the magic bag. "Yeah, Here." I hand him the bag. He held his hand over the bag and said "Hammer, Laser Gun and Magic Crystals" He first pulled out his massive hammer, then his laser gun that has a slot for crystals and a small jar of crystals, marked 'FATTENIUM'. "Ok, Ready when you are!" He said happily.

I nodded my head as we ran back to the foyer and up the stairs to a big door up at the top.

#### Chapter 13:

## The Story of Leer's Parents

We stopped before the huge door, this door was massive, not as big as the front door but it was still much bigger than normal. "I wonder why this door is so big?" Leon pondered to himself. "I have a feeling there is a reason." I said. "Actually I know why these doors are this big, Leer." Duster said "Do you know the average size of a Demon?" He asked. "24 feet tall, I know all about that... Wait... Is Bishop-" I tried to open the door as fast as I could. Leon helped me with the door and said "I have a feeling that this door being this big is bad." I then spoke up while pushing the door "Yes! This is really bad! He is trying to open a portal and summon demons here!" "What?! You can summon them?!" Leon sounded shocked as he pushed harder. "Yes! Many have, it is how my father was summoned to this world. I am not going to say why. Now, Why Won't This Door Open!~"

"Leer, you can tell them why I was summoned. They know about me and you. Why lie now?" My father's voice came from behind "Also, I am sad to say but... That door won't open as Long as Bishop lives." I turned around and stopped pushing on the door "Ok, I will tell them why you were summoned... He has changed a lot since then. He was summoned... To destroy Crystaria and all life on the planet..." I said looking down and away from my father who was sad looking. "He was... Sent to destroy the world? Why?" Leon asked my Dad. "The person that summoned me here wanted me to destroy the planet because he hated the world and everyone that lived here." My Dad explained, walking down the stairs and we followed him. "He... Told me that he had a terrible life. He told me why the world should be destroyed and I had no choice but to listen. He was the one that summoned me, I couldn't do anything other than what he told me to do."

"That's terrible!" Aura spoke up "So you had no choice? That is so sad..." My father continued "The person that summoned me told me to destroy the town where my Son grew up in, Rooktown. Thats.... When I met Leer's mother. I..." My Dad stopped, sounding like he was very sad. "I will take over, you told me the whole story before."

I interrupted, my Dad nodded and let me finish the story.

27 years ago, my father arrived in the village of Rooktown, with the goal of destroying it. My mother confronted him, she stood between the massive demon that was my father and the town. He said "My quarrel is not with you, miss. Get out of the way or I will make you." My Mother responded with "By attacking Rooktown, you made it my problem! I won't let you destroy it!" she yelled.

"I have no choice, I have to destroy the town because my master ordered it. And I cannot disobey him." My father said in his booming voice. My mother looked at him with pity and said "You can't disobey him? I can't let you destroy the village, but... I do have another idea." My father Zex looked at my my mother Fey and cocked his head "What did you have in mind? What could you do to stop me from destroying your village?" He asked. "I could do something about your master, I could make it so you serve me instead of him." She explained. Zex looked dumbfounded "You could be my master? Impossible. There is no such spell." Zex said. "Yes there is~, You just have to let me talk to your master for a little while~" She teased.

"Ok, Here is the deal. If you can defeat me, I will take you to my master. But I am not going to hold back." He said pulling back his fist. "I was counting on that, sugar~" She said as her hands started to glow.

She rushed at him, from both of her hands shot lightning towards Zex, but he dodged at the last second! Zex threw a punch at her and she dodged it, and casted another lightning bolt spell. This time her hands started to spark as she jumped at him again. "You Know That Technique?!" Zex yelled as he tried to punch again, but she dodged it and headed right for Zex's chest, She hit him directly, shocking him. "You've had enough?! I am just getting started!" As she charged again and hit him again and again with electrical blows, sparks flying everywhere as she attacked Zex. "Wow..." Zex said as he fell over, dazed and woozy from all of the electricity. "And-!" She yelled and almost charged again, but was stopped by Zex's hand, "I surrender! I have never fought someone like that before. Wait... Are you...?"

"Yes! My name is Fey Sabrefox! I am one of the Six Guardians of the Crystal!" She yelled proudly. "Ah, That makes sense why you are so strong! You are the lightning guardian? Right?" Zex asked, Amazed at how easily he lost. "Yes! My Element is Lightning. You lost! Now take me to your master so we don't have to fight again..." She said. Zex hauls himself up "Yes. A promise is a promise, And I always keep mine." Zex said proudly, rubbing the back of his head. "So, do I." She said proudly back.

Zex lead them back to an old building, abandoned for a long time by the looks of it. "This is where he lives. So how are you-" Before Zex could finish she ran in. Fey ran through the halls of the large building, looking for the summoner. Then she found him, inside of one of the foyers in this huge building. He was a small wolf, only 5' 2" tall and he was really fat, about 500 pounds overweight. Fey looked at him as he stared in the opposite direction, wiggling his massive rump as he looked through his books on the floor.

"Hello~! I am sorry to intrude, but I was wondering if-" As she spoke she noticed he didn't hear her. "Now let's see here." The fat wolf was still reading a book, talking to himself. Deciding to just leave him to read his book, she waited until he turned around. "Why, Hello there~ Why is such a nice looking tanuki in a place like this~?" He said calmly. "I am here for..." She hesitated "A summoner. I need him to give his control over to me." She said calmly back to him, preparing for a fight. "Calm yourself, Here." He threw her the tome used to summon Zex "I decided that I didn't want to destroy the world after all. I am sorry for all the damage that Zex might've caused in my anger." He said calmly, which made Fey calm down and lower her hands.

"What made you-" She was cut off. "Want the world destroyed? I... Honestly don't remember, I was drunk when I casted the spell. So It was a complete accident, sorry. Did Zex do any damage?" He asked. "A windmill was destroyed and one of our ships-" She was cut off again by his soft voice. "Consider them replaced, I will pay for them. I am so sorry." He said, sounding sad. Fey felt sorry for him "What happened really?" She walked over to him, and placed a hand on his fat back. "My wife... She left me for another man... This... Made me drink and wish the world was destroyed... I am sorry..." He said tearing up. "Aww... I am sorry to hear that. And

thank you for paying for the repairs. What's your name, by the way?" She asked.

"Tesla, Tesla Wolf." He said. "Tesla Wolf? I have heard of that name before... Holy Crap! You are...?" She stopped. "A king. Yes, I know, but just call me Tesla. My kingdom was taken over by a wolf named Altier Wolfsbane and his son Bishop Wolfsbane." He said sounding a little sad, as he lead her out of the building.

They made it outside and she casted the spell to change the owner to herself. Tesla was kinda winded as they walked out. "Zex. I am sorry that I gave that order. Sadly you couldn't refuse." He said. "You gave the order and I had to obey it. Even if you didn't mean it. You still did." Zex said with his booming voice. "Yes... I did. And I will pay for anything you broke. I will even turn myself in." He said as he waddled off. "Wait!" Fey yelled "You don't have to turn yourself in." She explained as he turned around. "Thankfully, I was there to defend the town. Other than the buildings and the ship, no one was harmed. Like he... Was... Wait..." Fey trailed off as she looked at Zex. "Yes... I was avoiding that... If I harmed someone or killed someone, I would have nightmares... So I avoided where people were, hoping that someone would stop me. And you did. And... I thank you, Fey." He said, Fey, was looking in shock at him. It was unheard of that a demon would care for a crystarian's life, why did he care, what makes Zex Different?

"Why? Why did you-" Fey was cut off by Zex. "I... Enjoy the people on this planet... They make and create beautiful things... I enjoy these things that they create and I like how they make me feel. I have lived on this planet for a long time in secret." He explained, Fey was looking at him, but not as she once looked at him in anger, but now she saw him in a good light. "Now~ My plan has changed~" Fey said happily "I was going to just send you back Zex~ But, Now I want to get to know you better~" She said blushing. "What? You want to get to know me better? Well, I didn't expect that."

After this, Zex made it so he had a Crystarian form and my parents started dating and then they fell in love and got married. Then Myself and then Tally were born.

"Wow, you remembered the whole story Leer." My father said. "I like the story~ I just had to retell it~" I said happily. "That story... Was so CUTE~!" Aura blurted out. Leon smiled "That story was pretty nice." He said. Duster Interrupted "Wait! Did you say Tesla Wolf?! I thought he was dead!" He yelled. "He said that he wanted to fake his death to keep assassins from finding him." Zex explained. "Oh~ That makes sense."

"Ok, Now that we know about my father and how he was summoned, Since Bishop wants to take over the world... That means..." I trailed off, knowing that we needed to stop Bishop as soon as possible. "He... Is going to summon the Devil himself to take over the world!" Zex yelled out. "What!? Ok, we need to knock those doors down now!" Duster yelled.

We make it to the door and we start pushing all at once. "Open, damn you!" Leon yells. "It's no use." Duster said as he stepped back from the door. "Actually..." I said "I do have a plan B for a situation like this~" I explained. "Oh, Coool~ Are you going to use Berzerk on the door?" Leon asked. "No. Cause I don't know what is going on behind that door and I don't want to be useless after Berzerk wears off." I explained. "Berzerk works like this, basically it pushes Leer's body too far and makes it so he can't move for a day. But in return he gets a massive power boost." Duster explained. "Leer... I have been wanting to admit this for a while, but now that everyone knows about it, I have known about your Demon blood for a long time." Duster explained, looking at me with sad eyes. "How long did you know?" I asked. "When you last went into Berzerk, I decided to run some tests to see the effects of berzerk and how I could counter it... Then I found out that you were part demon. Which answered a lot of questions that I had." Duster explained, Still looking at me. "I am sorry that I didn't say it outright, hun. But I didn't know how you would react-" I explained, but was cut off by Duster. "I am ok with it! You are the person I enjoy being around! It didn't change a thing!" Duster yelled as he ran to me and I hugged him close "I don't care... You are still my big lovely fox, hun~..." He said as he started to tear up. "And you are my cute lovely rabbit∼" I said back, hugging him closer.

"Aww~ That's so cute~" Aura said, tearing up. Leon smiles and walks over to Aura "It really is." Leon said. Aura looked at him, and smiled, noticing at how handsome he was in this light, she blushed and looked away. "Aura, After this is over, I want

to..." Leon hesitated and looked away blushing "Take you on a date. If you want to, that is-" He was cut off by Aura. "Yes! Yes, yes yes~ I would love to~ You big handsome lug~" She said happily, bouncing up and down in place.

"Now that, that doubt is out of my mind, my plan B doesn't have anything to do with Berzerk. I have another couple of tricks up my sleeve~" I said happily. "Oh, What is it? I have never seen you use it, hun~" Duster said, Cocking his head. "Well, first" I point at my fangs "Do you think that these are real~?" I asked. "Yeah, I always have thought they were. Wait... They..." Duster stopped. "Yes, they are Fake~, My last name is Sabrefox, just like my mother's~" I explained to them, My father laughing behind me as they look at me dumbfounded. "You... Are... Not a Sabrefox? Then what are you?" Leon asked, breaking the silence. "I am Fox with Tanuki and Demon blood~ The fangs were always fake~ I made them myself~ Hehe~" I explained happily. "Why? Why pretend to be a Sabrefox?" Leon asked. "They might be fake, but they do have a purpose~" I teased. "Ooooo~ What is it? Tell me." Leon said wagging his tail and smiling.

"They are Limiters~ I wear them at all times to keep myself from being too strong~ If I take them out my strength multiplies~ One fang is 5 times when removed and 2 fangs is 15 times more powerful~" I explained. "That's incredible! Wow! You have had that all this time?! Good thing you had your fangs in when you were fighting me, or I would have been doomed!" Leon yelled, Laughing afterwards. "The guild doesn't know about this, so don't tell anyone~ Ok~" I explained as I held my finger to my mouth. "Will do!" Leon exclaimed.

"Leon. Have you ever wondered how I defeated Serbel?" I asked Leon. "Yeah. Wait... You..." Leon drifted off. "Don't worry, He knew about this before the Duel~" I explained. "I won, because I removed one of my fangs, if I didn't... I wouldn't be standing here talking to you." I said.

Leon stood there with his tail wagging as my friends were still dumbstruck. Next I wanted to tell them the story of how I won that fight against the mighty Serbel Cross. So I did~

## Chapter 14: Serbel's Challenge

I was walking down the one of hallways in the guild, looking for the library. I was looking for a special tome for... 'Personal Uses'. Then I found the library and looked for the book. The Library was massive, WAY, WAY Bigger than any I have been in. The bookcases reached the ceiling, which was a good 20 meters high and they sprawled a good distance back as well. (Damn, this Place is HUGE! It is going to take a while to find that book...if they have it...) I thought to myself as I scratched my ear, wondering where to start.

After a few hours, by chance, I found the book! "Wooo! I found it $\sim$  I am going to have fun with this one $\sim$  Hehehe $\sim$ " I put the book away to-

"HOLD on a sec Leer! What was that book!?" Aura interrupted me telling my story to ask. "Uhhh.... I can't remember~ Sorry... I must have bumped my head or something-" I tried to explain but was cut off by Aura "You know exactly what the book was called! Please, tell me. Ok~" She smiled as she said that. I blush and turn around "Well... Haha, Lets just say that the book teaches 'Special Spells'" I explained coyly. "What kind of special... Wait. Umm..." Aura is blushing as she figures it out. "What is it! Tell me Leer!" Leon asked me, I motioned him to bend down so I can whisper in his ear. "It is about... Lewd parts." I whisper in his ear, his tail started to wag and I noticed he had hearts in his eyes. "W-which 'L-lewd Parts?" He asked, he was panting. "Um... It is about..." I blush as I say as fast as I can "Making Ones Balls and Dong Grow Temporarily!" Leon laughs, blushing. "D-do you s-still have it?" Leon asked. "Yes He does! I saw it in his study! Hahaha~" Duster says loudly.

"A-a-anyway... Now we know how much of a p-pervert I am and we know about the book, can w-we please move on with my story..." Leon was still laughing, as My face

was red hot.

Back to the story. After I found my... Ahem... Special Tome. I was going to head back to my room, but I noticed... Serbel Cross had been reading a book behind me. "Leer. Do you love books?" Serbel asked. "Yes, Sir! I love em! I read them all the time." I exclaimed. "That's wonderful~ I love books as well. When I was younger, Books didn't interest me much, But when I got older, I fell in love with them." Serbel explained, still looking at the book as he talked to me. He closes the book and sets it down on the table behind him with a thud. "You mind if we talk for a bit." Serbel asked, his voice was kind and strong. "Yes sir-" I was about to say something but Serbel interrupted "You don't have to call me sir. Now, sit, and I will explain why." Serbel said, pointing at a chair made for one of the giant crystarians.

I sit down in the massive chair, as I sat, the chair let out a squeak. My butt filled the seat as I felt my massive ass squeeze against the backrest. "Comfy?" Serbel asked, staring my thighs. "Yes, This chair is very cosy, Hehe~" I smile as I say that. "That's good. Now, onto the reason why I don't want you to call me 'Sir'... I heard from squad Zero that you were very strong. Rivaling my own strength even." He explained and looked at me. "Strength that rivals you? Haha~ I doubt that I am as strong as you." I explained.

"That's what I thought at first, I laughed at the thought of someone so small and... Rotund as yourself, I hope you don't mind me saying that." He said, looking at me. "No, most people call me big, fat, huge, etc... I don't mind it." I blush and smile. "Then Zero Squad showed me a video. Of you taking down a Wayfarer by yourself without any help. Taking down a Wayfarer is no easy task, any person would have to have help to take one of those out..." He stands up and walks over to me, his footfalls boom as he walks over, he gets down on one knee and says "But not you. You took out what would take at least 5 men to take out... All by yourself. Now... Explain to me... How are you so powerful, Leer?" He looked at me in a way that he never showed me before, he was... Smiling as he asked that question. I have never seen him smile before that day. So it was a real shock.

"Well, I might not look like much, but I am actually very strong." I explain. "How so? I

want to know. If you don't mind." He was still smiling as he asked, this made me smile and feel more relaxed. "Well these~" I slap my legs, they wobble like jello "Are actually quite powerful~" As I say that, Serbel reaches a hand over. "Can I see?" He asked nicely, I nodded. He pushed his big hands into my massive soft legs, my fat legs wobbled as he pushed in, then he stopped "Wow, I didn't believe you, but now I am feeling... Muscle, a massive leg muscle hidden beneath your massive fatty exterior, you are quite well built! I am surprised!" He is blushing as he exclaims that. "Um, Sorry!" He exclaims as he pulls his hands away, my leg jiggles as it comes to a rest. "No wonder you had no trouble with that Wayfarer, that demon stood no chance against that! For sure." He said, he was still blushing. "Really~? I have always been this strong~ I do work out as well, but I didn't expect that I was that strong~ Hehe~" I blush as I smile.

"So, How many?" Serbel asked, I knew he was talking about the amount of Wayfarers I have killed. "12, most of them I did by myself with no trouble." I say that with my eyes closed, smiling as I open my eyes, Serbel is staring at me, dumbfounded. "So... You dispatched 11 Wayfarers? Most by yourself!? So many! Hahaha~ If I knew that, I would have came to talk to you ages ago!" He pats me on the back, Still laughing. "So, How long have you been in 3rd squad?" He asked me, still smiling. "3 years. I have been a Demon Buster for 3 years, Sir." I explain as I cover my mouth "Sorry, I mean Serbel." I correct myself. "It can't be helped, you can call me whatever catches your fancy. Because... I see you as my Equal. You should have the choice to call me sir, not me." He explains, as I look at him with a surprised look on my face. "Yes, I consider you my equal, Leer D. Sabrefox. It is an honor to be working alongside you, My friend." My eyes widened as he said friend, I smiled and I felt my eyes water. "Oh!?" Serbel was surprised by me crying a little. "Sorry, Sir." I wipe the tears from my eyes "It made me really happy when you said that. Haha~" I laughed as I explained that.

"That is good to know, my friend. Haha~ Now, for the reason why you are here before me now." He said as He pulled up a chair and sat next to me, we sat eye to eye as he asked me "How do you feel about a Promotion?" "A-a-a Promotion???" I asked, my voice was shaking. "Yes, I will give you a promotion to 2nd Squad captain, the highest rank I can give you. I will even allow you to pick who gets to be in that Squad. No matter who it is or what rank they are." He explains still smiling, I was so excited that my hands were shaking! "On one condition Leer." I looked at him, I

heard the rumors, to get to 2nd squad, you have to defeat the strongest in the guild. "I have to beat you in a duel, is that right?" I ask. "Correct." His smile faded to how he normally looked as he said that and stood up. "Meet me in the training room in 2 days, the biggest one. I expect greatness from you My Friend, don't disappoint me." He said as he left the library shutting the doors behind him, leaving me in the room alone again, with my book.

#### Chapter 15:

## Leer's Overwhelming Power

I walk into the training hall. 2 days have past. Serbel was nowhere to be seen. (Hmm, Maybe I am a bit early?) I thought to myself. I sat down on one of the benches that lined the training hall, the bench creaked and bent as I sat down. (What should I do to pass the time?) I asked myself. (Train? Nah, I would be exhausted for the fight. Hmm, should I ask Serbel if it is alright to fight 'Him'? No, he will turn me down...) I thought to myself, thinking as I passed the time till Serbel arrived.

10 minutes pass, then 15, then 30... "Where is he?" I asked, worried. I jumped up and I had a panicked look on my face "DID I GET THE WRONG ROOM!?" I asked myself, my voice echoing off the walls. I went outside the room to check the number, (No, I was right \*Whew\*) I walked back in and sat down again. Just as soon as I did, Serbel was sitting on the bench next to me. "No, you didn't get the wrong room." Serbel said calmly. "What!? How did you?... How do you move without being seen? I have been wanting to ask." I asked him, still surprised. "Hahaha~ Maybe I will tell you if you win." Serbel laughed.

I stood up, I had my favorite tank top on and my shorts as well. Serbel stood up as well, he was wearing something I never saw him wear before, A jacket with torn sleeves and pants, with what looked like a t-shirt under the jacket, The pants and the Jacket hugged his massive muscles, you could see them through the fabric, I looked down to notice... His massive... Serbel saw me looking at what he was wearing "It is my casual wear, I decided to fight you in clothes that were less restrictive." He explained. "You don't like what you normally wear?" I asked. "I don't mind wearing my Guildmaster Attire, but it is very constricting, I prefer these. You don't seem to mind." He noticed me staring again, I blushed and looked away quickly. "Y-y-yeah I don't mind, you l-look awesome~ Hehe~" I blush harder.

"Ok, The first person that can't move, loses." Serbel explained, His voice sounded

serious, more serious than normal. "Ok, But first..." I said. "Yes?" Serbel asked, A puzzled look on his face. "I want to... Test the strength of one of my spells first on you, if you don't mind?" I asked, Smiling, hoping that he would say yes. "Sure." He said quickly, I was surprised by this.

"Ok." I stepped into the middle of the room, I crossed my arms above my head and said "Zhura, I Call Upon Thee! May The God Of Chaos Be Brought Into Our Dimension! COME ZHURA!" I snap my fingers as Air rushed all around me, As the ground slowly opened up, a bright light shined through as a massive white furred hand reached out! Soon, Both arms were out and the massive musclebound fox pulled himself out of the portal, till he was completely free of the portal. "Master? You summoned me? Do you need assistance?" His voice boomed through the room as his earrings rattled and electricity bounced through the air! "Zhura, my old friend, How have you been~?" I asked nicely. "Ah, This is why you summoned me? I have been great. I see you have been eating well, Haha~" Zhura laughed, as Serbel looked in awe. The fox was slightly taller than him and his muscles were even bigger, his muscles were massive and rippled with power with every little movement.

"Who is this big dude?" Zhura asked looking at Serbel. "He is my 'Boss'~ I am about to duel him one on one, but I wanted to test your powers on him. Is that Ok Zhura~?" I asked kindly, Smiling. "Test? My powers? Hahahaha~" His laugh echoes for seconds after he finishes "You just had to ask! So, You want me to fight him first?" Zhura asked. "Yep, But I want you to defend yourself and nothing else~ Got it~?" I asked. He looked at me for a moment "I understand, You want to still have your duel. Sounds Fantastic~, Hey, Big guy!" He says from across the room "Come at me! And Don't Hold Back!" He challenges Serbel.

"Very well. No holding back." Serbel removes his jacket and throws it to the side, his muscles bulk up slightly afterwards, like the jacket had a spell to weaken him. "Here I Come!" Serbel yells as he runs at Zhura! He moves so fast that it seems like he warps to in front of Zhura and he throws a extremely powerful punch! Only to have his hand caught by Zhura. "How could you!? That was so fast! I can't... Move My Arm...!" Serbel struggles to move his arm, but it is caught in Zhura's hand, and he shows no signs of movement, Like a statue. "I am trying my hardest and I can't free myself! Damn! You are one strong Fox!" Serbel says, Smiling. "Thank you." Zhura

let's go "That was only 20 percent of my power, If you want to try again I will let you, Masters orders~" Zhura sounds like he is playing with him.

"2-20 P-percent? Holy shit... That was... 20 percent?" Serbel is dumbfounded, he found someone that not only was stronger than him, but was at a level he would never reach. He reached out his hand as a form of a handshake, Zhura met his and shook. "So strong. And that boy is your master?" Serbel asked, Releasing his handshake. "That boy, is my master, I would have no other." Zhura said proudly. "You have tons of respect for Leer it seems. But... How did it come to that?" Serbel asked. "That is a long story. I can't tell you that story, But Leer will." Zhura said. "Time for me to go, Just remember Leer. Summon me, I will be there for you always. By my honor to you, I will be there." As he says this, the portal on the ground appears and he jumps down into it, sealing the portal instantly!

"The God of Chaos Zhura, Himself. I can't believe it..." Serbel was staring at me, Probably wondering how could 'The' God Of Chaos could respect me so much. "So, You can summon Zhura at will. At what cost?" Serbel walked over and kneeled so he could talk to me eye to eye. "It uses magic constantly if he does something, but since he didn't do anything but block your hit, the magic used was a small amount. Otherwise, the summoning itself costs a lot of magic." I say as I point at my ears, which the tips have turned white and blue, at least half of the blue is gone.

"Wow, It uses a lot. But to summon someone like that, Someone who could overpower me in a second, for that amount, Is amazing Leer!" Serbel smiles once again as he stands up. "Summoning him shows that you are indeed stronger than me. Leer, Whether you win or lose this duel with me doesn't matter anymore." Serbel explained, Looking back at me smiling wide. "Serbel!? You mean even if I lose I get promoted!? Why thank you, Sir~!" I exclaimed. "That was my plan from the beginning... Leer, I have already judged your strength to be greater than my own. However, I still want to test how strong you really are, Do you understand?" Serbel asked, as he turned around to face me. "Yes, sir!" I exclaimed, as I readied myself for a difficult fight.

"No magic or weapons are allowed, Just hand to hand combat. I know how strong

you are Leer, Now Prove It To Me!" Serbel says loudly. "I will allow you to give the first attack, then the fight will start. Come at m-" I cut off him with a hard kick to the left side of his neck, To my surprise he flinched but didn't move. "That was a very powerful attack... But, You are holding back." Serbel said as he threw a punch, I dodged it jumping as far away as I could, Only for Serbel to give chase. He disappeared in front of my eyes, only to reappear behind me. (How did he do that!? He was charging at me! Is he... That fast?) I thought as I kicked him hard once more, in his gut, but once again, Serbel seemed unfazed and grabbed my foot and threw me against the wall. I reacted and kicked myself off the wall and towards him again, "I have a similar trick!" I yelled as I kicked him hard again in the neck "Arg!..." I heard him whince.

"Oh, You Do Huh!?" Serbel threw a punch at me, Straight down, Planning to slam me against the floor! But before he hit, I vanished from his sight. "Ah... You do know the same technique. Don't you Leer?..." Serbel said calmly as he looked around for me, finally looking behind him to see me readying another kick, which hit him straight in the jaw, knocking him back a bit. "Yes, I do! I was taught this technique by my master, Talus Ara!" When I said Talus' name, Serbel looked at me and said "I was the one that taught him that." Serbel explained.

(I have hit him with some of my most powerful kicks, Why don't they seem to be hurting him?!) I think as I jump into the air and come downwards with my heel crashing down onto Serbel's head, Knocking his head downwards. "Why don't you use your hands!?" Serbel said as he almost grabs me, but I move to the ground in a flash. "My arms are not as strong as my legs. Besides, My legs are 13 times stronger than my arms!" I say as I jump off the wall and slam into his chest with both of my feet "Mmph!..." Serbel felt that one, And he was sent reeling and he fell down with a humongous crash.

He stands up "Now that is the strength I was Waiting for! Now Fight For Real, LEER SABREFOX!!!" He Yells as he sweeps my legs, I jump over them and kick him in the thigh, Yet again, Serbel growls in pain. "Sure, HAVE ONE MORE!" I yell as I kick him in the chest once again, then another and another! Soon my kicks are moving so fast that it looks like I am kicking with many legs, All hitting their mark and causing Serbel to yell out in pain! "Urrrg!!! How... Could you move that fast?!" Serbel yells

while I land in front of him. "I am a very fast fox~ Sir~" I explained. "Your weight... Should hinder you! Even I can't move that fast! I didn't know which ones to block! So many kicks!" Serbel yells, pointing at me, Looking as if he wanted me to explain.

"So, You finally saw them, Huh~? Nothing has changed since we started. I have been throwing that many kicks at you everytime I hit!" I explained. "What! And I just now noticed... You have been hitting me that many times?! Every Time you land one hit, how many are you actually landing!?" Serbel Exclaimed, He looked worried. "24 is the maximum I have gotten against you. Most enemies faint or get launched by 3." I explained, Serbel was looking at me like I was lying.

"There is no way! No way that you could have landed 24 kicks! PROVE IT!" Serbel jumps at me, Clutching both hands above his head, trying to slam me. I dodge and kick him in the side (I can... See it now. He is indeed kicking me faster than I can see... 1.. 2... 3... No... 12. 12 kicks that I would count as one in a half a second. He is serious, He isn't holding back.) Serbel thought to himself as he gets kicked into the wall by me. "I hit you 12 times there. Want to see it again?" I asked. "Ahahahahahahahaha~" Serbels laugh was deafening as it echoed through the room. "Ahahahaha~ I am so glad to have you as captain of 2nd Squad my boy~ But, This is where the fun ends and the fight truly begins~" Serbel says as he disappears from sight, his voice fading into an echo.

Before I could react, Serbel was in front of me again, He threw a punch so fast that I couldn't react to it in time, It hit me square in the chest and I flew across the room, Then I hit the wall hard "Aaaaah!!!" I fell to the ground feet first and I tried to keep my footing as I almost fell over from the pain. (What happened... Urg... He was... Holding back...? Where is he!?) I panicked as I looked around the room, Only to see a light grey blur rushing quickly at me, He kicked me upwards with a huge amount of force, So much that I hit the ceiling, I could feel my vision fading as I fell downwards head first. "So.... strong...." I say as I bounce off the floor. "Urf.... Ouch... That... Hurt so bad. I have to stand up... Stand up... STAND UP!" I yell as I stand up straight, Looking around for a similar blur. I wiped the sweat from my forehead, when I looked at my hand it was covered in blood... Was he trying to kill me? As soon as I turn around, Serbel was there and he kicked me against the wall on the other side the room, One of my fangs broke off and flew in another direction, I landed on the

floor face down.

I laid there for a little while, thinking to myself (Wow... When Serbel fights seriously, He is no joke. I have to get up.) I stand up quickly, preparing to be hit again. Serbel Appears once more and kicks me hard from the right!... But I caught his foot in my hand "Gotcha!" I yelled, Serbel looked surprised! With one hand I threw him up into the air by his foot, As he came down head first, I kicked him hard into his chest "Ahhhhh!!!!!" He yells out in pain as he launches into the wall into the other training room, Where people were training!

"Wow, I am powerful today... WAIT! Shit! My fang! Where did it go!" I scrambled and looked for it, found it and put it back in, And quickly ran into the other room. I looked inside to see people trying to wake Serbel up, I knocked him so hard I knocked him out! "Hell... yeah..." I say as My vision fades as I pass out from the pain.

I wake up in the infirmary 2 days later, Serbel was sitting in a chair across from my bed. "Leer! You're awake!" He rushed over to the bed and kneeled down. "I am so sorry, I got a bit carried away during our duel!" Serbel explained, looking a bit sad. "Are you ok?" I asked, still weary. "Hahaha~ Yep, You broke a few bones though. You broke two of my ribs and my arm with that kick. Such Strength! Not to mention, I got knocked out by the shear power! I knew you were holding back. I kinda wish ya did. Haha~" Serbel laughed as he put his hand on my shoulder. "Well, Actually, I wasn't holding back sir." I explained to him, He looked at me curiously. "So... How did you get so powerful in such a short time?" Serbel looked at me curiously again as he asked this.

"Well, I forgot to mention a long time ago, something that I keep a secret from everyone that knows me. You see, these fangs?" I asked, Serbel nodded. "These are" I detach both of them and hold them in my hand "Fake~" I said happily, Serbel laughed. "I was thinking those were real, but I guess not. Are they... Special?" Serbel asked. "Yes... They control my power output. One Fang reduces my power by 5 times and the other reduces it by 15, making me 20 times more powerful when they are both removed..." I explained and looked away, Serbel looked at me and smiled. "So, I can guess what happened, I knocked out the 15 one. And you easily beat me

because of tha-" I cut Serbel's explanation off "You knocked out the 5." Serbel's eyes widened.

"That... Was... 5 times?... That was Five Times? That's... So strong. You're so strong Leer!" Serbel said, smiling. "No... I am a monster. Without these fangs, I can't control my strengt-" I was cut off by Serbel "DON'T CALL YOURSELF THAT! YOU ARE NO MONSTER! You have a ton of physical strength! Don't hate yourself for it! Be Proud of It!" Serbel snapped. My eyes start to tear up "Thank you, Sir~ I needed to hear that." I said, Smiling. "Don't ever call yourself a monster Leer. What you are is a gift to this world. Not a monster. You remind me of another fox. He was as sweet and naive as you. Actually... You are not in the least naive, Quite aware actually." Serbel trailed off.

"Who was he?" I asked. "He was very important to me. He called himself a monster more than a few times. He is gone now. Taken from me." Serbel sounded sad. "Don't ever call yourself a monster. That is what I used to say to him, Except..." Serbel looked away "He never listened to me. 'You don't know me that well!' He would yell at me and rush off." Serbel sounded like he was... Crying. "I'm sorry. He sounded really cool." I said as I laid my hand on Serbels arm. "He was. He was, Leer..."

"Ok, I am going to let you recover. I hope you recover quickly. So that you can be the 2nd Squad Captain." Serbel stood up and walked to the door. "Oh and Leer." He said "Thank you for the duel!" He walked out of the room and shut the door quietly. "Wow, I am the 2nd Squad Captain now... Awesome~"

"So it was an accident? But... DAMN!" Leon shouts "YOU LAUNCHED SERBEL THROUGH A GODDAMN WALL!!!!???" Leon Looked excited. "Yep~ Haha~" I said, Smiling. "And you threw Serbel, You Threw Serbel! That's not bullshit is it?!" Leon looked excited as his tail wagged. "Yeah~! I was amazed that I could throw him~ Hehe~" I laughed. "Hahahaha~ Damn! Remind me not to get in a fight with you." Leon laughed.

Duster and Aura looked at me in awe. "I can't believe it. That's how he won? Hehe~

That's Leer for ya~" Duster said happily. Aura walked over and gave me a hug "You won against such a huge guy. He was hitting you pretty hard, But you hit him 7 times harder~ Leer, You are so powerful~ but... If that fang didn't get knocked out... You said you wouldn't be here..." Aura sounded worried as she held me closer. "Yeah... But Aura..." I lift her chin with my hand "I am here... That's what matters." I say as I smile, she smiles in turn.

"Now... Let's open this door!" I exclaimed. "Is it time Duster!?" I asked. "Yes, Two minutes until we can open the door get ready... Leer... Isn't your dad being really... Quiet?" Duster looked behind me as I turn around, I can hear a evil laugh coming from my Dad. "Thank you Leer~ Daddy's happy you shared that info~ Hahahahahaha~" His voice was not my Dad's, but someone elses...

It was Bishop's!

# Chapter 16: The Search for Bishop

Bishop's laugh rang out through the hall, echoing as he stopped. "Leer, It's been awhile~ Good to know you got fatter while you were gone, somehow, You lardass~" Bishop said mockingly. "And good to know that you are still a prick, Bishop." I said through gritted teeth. "Hey! That's no way to talk to your superior, Lowborn." As Bishop said that, I was holding myself back, My anger towards him increased with every word He Said. "Bishop!" Leon shouted out angrily "I know Now That You Are The One! The One That Killed My Parents BISHOP!!" Leon was so mad that it shocked me.

"Now now~ Don't fight me now, or do you really want to kill Leer's daddy~?" Bishop said condescendingly, Leon gritted his teeth and grunted in response. "Besides, I didn't come here to fight~ I came here to let the fatass know something~" Bishop teased. "Out with it Bishop! Tell me!" My anger was pretty high, I was about to jump at him and knock the shit out of him, but I stopped myself and let him talk, I don't want to harm my father. "I wanted to let you know, That~" He paused on that for a while, As if to tease me "You are too late. The ritual is done." He spoke as if he was a god. "That's it!? Nothing Else!?" I yelled at him. "No, I wanted to also let you know~ That your mother is here." He said that quietly, but I heard him. "No way. That was a lie. I was told by the person you are possessing that he found her body. We had the funeral... I was... So sad..." I said while looking down. "But she is Leer. Your sweet mommy survived the fall and told your dear daddy to not tell a soul, before falling off of Gaia." Bishop continued to say it as if it was true, and I believed him.

"If that is true, Let my father tell me that!" I yelled, Bishop was shocked that I asked that. "N-no, He wouldn't know, He would lie to you again, You see, Blubberball~" Bishop sounded worried, I caught him in a lie. "So, She isn't here. So I was right. But

Bishop-" I walked over to Bishop as fast as I could, and grabbed my Bishop possessed father by the neck and lifted him "Did You Really Think I Would Forgive You!?!? You still beat my mother and left her to die! You think saying 'She is alive' would save you!?! No, I am still going to get to you and kick your ass! Ya Got Me!? BISHOP!?" I yelled at him as loud as I could, yet... He was still smiling away. "Hahahahahaha~" Bishop laughed as I let go, Remembering that he is just trying to make me angry, he succeeded, but I don't want to harm my father.

"Fight me in your actual body, coward. Then we will see who will laugh." I said angrily as I walked back to the others. "Get out of my head, Bishop!" My father's voice rang out "Don't tell my son lies for your own sick pleasure! Now Get LOST!" Zex's voice became demonic as he said it, For a moment I saw my Dad's demon form again as I saw something flying off of the back of his head.

"What is this?" I asked as I bent down, It was... A piece of paper with Bishop's name written on it! Under it it had a magic spell that I recognized from a forbidden tome, this magic is taboo to wizards and All the spells are kept within. "What did Bishop mean by 'Ritual'?" I asked myself. "Leer." I heard my father behind me "Thank you. You saved me. If you didn't do that, I would still be possessed." He sounded relieved. "To think, Possessed by the person I hate the most. But I shouldn't dwell on this. We should open the door and traverse to Bishop." My father sounded like he was angry but yet hiding it.

Leon ran to me "Let's go! The sooner we kick his ass the better!" Leon still sounded angry, but he tried to calm down around me. "Right! Let's go kick some wolf ass!" I shouted as we ran towards the door. We pushed against it and it opened, effortlessly. "That was easier than I thought-" Duster stopped as he saw what could be seen as a long staircase, Seemingly leading far into the sky. "What?" I asked, not knowing what the stairs lead to. "Great. He opened a Gate to another dimension. This staircase leads somewhere. I know, I have seen this before." Aura explained. "I have seen Gates, But one that leads to a set of stairs is a new one in my book." I explained. "It should be safe, He wants us to go." Aura explained. "How do you know that? Aura?" Leon asked, Cocking his head to the side. "Just like Leer, I have my own secrets, but this is not the time or place." Aura explained again, I looked at her, Wondering what kind of secrets she would have.

We started to go up the stairs, The door slammed shut behind us. "Shit." Leon said under his breath "I guess the only way is up and up." He sounded positive, but I could tell he was annoyed. We continued to climb the stairs, they seemed endless, the top was nowhere to be seen, but we persevered and continued to climb, Up and Up more and more. After a long time, About 20 minutes we saw that we were nearing the end of the long as hell staircase. "I see it! We have almost made it." Duster yelled happily. We made it to the top and looked down... Just to see that the door was right behind us.

"What... What??? We just climbed so far and yet... The door is right here? You gotta be shitting me?!" Leon said, Looking at the door in disbelief. "I know... It hasn't moved since we been going up, I guess that is how this portal works." I explained "Hey now we don't have to go far to leave~ Haha~" I laughed, Leon laughed as well. "Could have been closer." Duster said "But we are here and that's what counts!" As Duster said that, I steeled myself and opened the door at the top of the staircase... To find a room, it was dark, There was a lightswitch, I flipped it but It didn't work.

"Let me help!" Duster shouted happily as he pulled out a device from his bag. It looked like a lantern, but it wasn't. "Just turn the knob and it will turn on all lights nearby, powered, candle lit, anything really" Duster said proudly with a big smile on his face, Leon's tail was wagging. "Holy shit that is so cool! It can turn 'anything' on, even a campfire???" Leon looked excited "Yep! If it produces light it will work." Duster said proudly again. "That's cool~! Can I try it?" Leon asked, And Duster gave him the Lantern like Device and he turned the knob causing all the lights in the dark room to turn on, Revealing... A very big room, with red drapes over the windows and a... Giant picture frame with a picture of Bishop and his Father in the middle, The room was massive, books lined the shelf, organized perfectly. A fireplace burned quietly at one side of the room with a chair and a shelf with a single book.

"Hmm, What is this?" I asked as I picked the book up, it weighed a lot, it was much, much heavier than it looked. I looked down and read what the title of the tomb was... It... Was the tome people were forbidden to read, the one with the possession spell in it! "Well well, I guess he was done with the book after he possessed my father. Where did he go after our exchange?" I looked over at Leon who was one step

ahead of me "Leon, look for a false book or a candle that looks odd. He must have had an escape route." I told Leon, He nodded and continued to look. "Wait... One of the candles in the chandelier didn't light, All things that did burn will be reignited by the device." Duster said. "Yeah, why would he light all but one of the candles?" Leon asked "Or have someone else do that? It makes no sense!"

"That is the candle we are looking for. Leon can you reach?" I asked him. "Sure, I might." He said as he reached upwards, just reaching the bottom of the chandelier. "Lift me." Aura said, Leon started to blush as he heard that. "Happily~!" Leon said with hearts in his eyes. He lifted her up and she pulled out the candle and one of the walls went 'Click' and opened slightly. I opened the passage fully and noticed the lack of dust, he went through here.

"Let's go, he shouldn't be far." I said as I walked into the passage. The passage had torches that lit as I walked by them, they glow with a green flame and they went out as my friends passed them. We made it to the end of the passage, Another door sat in front of us. I tried the door, it was locked. "Hmm, It's been a while. Does anyone have hairpins? Or a lockpick? I can open this really quick." I asked everyone, Aura said "Here~" She gave me a set of lockpicks that she probably got from the thieves guild. "Thanks~" I said as I started on the lock, soon enough the door was unlocked and I opened it.

When I opened the door, The hall we were in was filled with light as the next room over was bright. It took my eyes a while to adjust... I recognized the room... It was...

My room, back in Rooktown.

#### Chapter 17:

### Aura's True Identity Is Revealed

"Where are we?" Leon asked, I stood there, dumbfounded as for some reason, We have traveled to the other side of Gaia. "This... Is my room. My old room back in Rooktown. But... This place burned down. Why is it here?" I looked confused as I shook. "This was your room? Such a small place." Leon said. There was a bunk bed with 2 beds on one side of the room next to a window. One bed was for me and the other was for Tally, There was a massive dent in the wall from when Tally disagreed with my Dad and he kicked it, he made the entire building shake. My favorite toy sword and bow laid on the ground where I left them that night as well. And my game consoles were still hooked up to my old TV. "It might be small, but this was Mine and Tally's room. Why is it here now?" I asked.

"I have no clue Leer. If you say it burned down, it really shouldn't exist right now." Duster explained. "Let's leave." Leon said quickly. I nodded my head and opened the door, that would lead to the hallway that would lead to my parents bedrooms and outside.

I opened the door, and it looked like we were back inside of the guild. "Odd? Wait..." I looked back and the room had changed to the burned remains that the room had become back home. "Creepy." Leon uttered. "That was an illusion. I know because that is what they do." Aura said calmly "First they show the person who opened the door what they would call home. Then it shows what happened to the home. Good thing we left." Aura pointed out. "You mean!? We were... Going to experience the fire again?!" Leon yelled. "Yes. If we didn't leave just then, we would have to get out the hard way. The report on Bishop that someone gave me was not incorrect, He loves watching people suffer." What surprised me was how serious Aura was.

"'Report'? What do you mean? Wait!?" I knew it. Aura... Why didn't you tell me...

That you were a part of the Guild? "You are... From Zero Squad, aren't you Aura?" She flinched as I said that. "Y-... Yes. I am the 3rd member of Zero Squad. I was sent to investigate the Thieves Guild in Bladetown, to see if they were as nice as the reports said, and I found out that they... Were. I was shocked." Aura explained who she was, the group was dumbfounded as we all looked at her. "W-what does the 3rd member do exactly?" Leon asked. "Oh~ I'm sorry~ The name is Aura Heart, I am the Spymaster~" She sounded like she normally did, laughing a bit after she said that. "Holy... Crap that is hot." Leon said under his breath, hearts in his eyes again. "So, You were asking all those questions about the guild but you already knew." Duster said. "I'm so sorry. It's my job." She apologized quickly. "I already know." Zex said. "Yep~ I have known Zex for a few years." Aura said proudly.

"Really?!" My Friends and I shouted at the same time. "Y-yes, Haha~" Zex laughed as he brushed the back of his head. "Aura, What exactly made you a member of Zero Squad?" I asked. "That will be a story for another time Leer. I promise I will tell it~" Aura sounded happy as she bounced, her fat legs bouncing and jiggling as she did. "That's a promise." I said back, smiling.

We continued to search for Bishop, going from room to room with no luck. Then we came across a room that was odd. It was filled with...

Ice...

#### Chapter 18:

#### The Room Filled with Ice

I slowly opened the door, The ice made it hard to open so I started to hit the door to make it move. The ice cracked and snapped as the door finally opened. Once again, the room was completely dark. Duster used his device again, and the lights turned on. Inside of the room was an entire room, covered in sheets on top of sheets of ice, like the room was below zero for a very long time. "Wow~ What caused this?" I asked out loud. "This feels like magic to me." Duster said. I looked around the room, but other than the ice, there were bookshelves covered in ice, but other than that, the room was quite bare. "For being covered with ice, it is quite a bit... Empty." I said.

At that moment, we heard someone having a conversation. One of the voices was... Bishop! "So, Did you do as I asked~?" I heard Bishop talking through the ice, Muffled but I could still make it out. "Yes, master. All is done." The second voice rang out, It was deep and gruff. "Good~ Good~! Now! Take care of the imbeciles who have invaded my guild~! If you would be so kind~?" Bishop shouted the orders at the mysterious person. "Right away, My lordship." The voice sounded clearer, but I didn't know who it was.

As soon as the conversation ended, A flash covered the room we were in with light, Blinding us! While I couldn't see, A hand shot out of the light and grabbed me by the throat! "So, you are my prey? So small and insignificant, Why would my Master send me for you?" His voice sounded unemotional, but deep and gruff, However I still couldn't see. "I will take care of you now." He raised his hand, I heard a crackle, indicating... Ice magic! "So I can ask my Lordship later." He raised his other hand up to my head... Wait, why can't I... Move! My body was paralysed by the light!

As I had this thought, Suddenly the giant man got knocked away, dropping me! "Are

you ok!?" The light slowly faded as Aura held her hand out to me. "A-aura? Did you?" I looked at her, Stunned that she could knock such a large person away with a punch. "I am stronger than I look~" She winked as she said that. I looked over at the man who held me by my neck, I could finally see the giant owl crystarian in front of me laying on the ground. He was muscular but he had a big fat gut, he looked about as tall as... Zhura? "Who are you!?" I asked the Man laying on the ground as he stood up. "Horus, The name is Horus." As he said his name my hands started to shake. "So, Bishop has decided to summon Gods to help him destroy the world?" Leon said, Standing close to me. "So, That is what you call us? Gods? Not Devils?" He Asked. "I have never heard of god's calling themselves 'Devils' before. I should know, I am a very good friend with one." I said as I stood up. "Well, that is what we call ourselves. The Devil's that will bring about the end of time itself." He said proudly. "The end of time itself? Not if I have a say in it!" I yelled.

So, that was Bishop's plan, to end time itself. I remember someone told me of a spell that could do such a thing. They also told me to 'Never Learn the spell' because the world would truly end. I stepped forward, but I was stopped by Aura. "Leave the icebird to me!" Aura yelled out as she stepped in front of me, her hands lit up as something appeared in her hand... A revolver! "This shoots magic bullets, the staff was just something to hide my cover, whatever element is loaded will be fired." She loads six red shells in "Also, Since my element is fire, I will have a better time cooking this bird." She said proudly as she closed the chamber with a click, the magic symbols lit up.

Fire elementals were not rare in this world, but I have a feeling this is the reason she is a member of Zero Squad. "Go kick his ass. Aura." I said confidently. She nodded as the giant owlman stared at us. "So, you are going to cook me? You can't cook ice." Horus said. "You say that, but you haven't fought me." Aura said, readying herself to charge towards him.

She ran at him as he started to use his ice magic to try to freeze her legs, but she jumped! "First Shot!" She yelled as she pulled the trigger, An inferno of fire hit the giant owl right in the face and continue for a while. "Is that the best you can do? I have seen" He grabbed her leg "Much, Much Better!" He swung her downwards by her leg! She kicks his arm hard as his grip loosened and she broke free, and jumped

off the floor backwards! "Clever." He said quietly as he rushed her. She jumped at him again "Second and Third shot!" She yelled as she pulled the trigger twice, the inferno of fire that shot out of the revolver was blinding! He staggered a bit as he was hit by it. "And I am not done! Inferno!" She snapped her fingers as her arm engulfed with fire, She swung it and the fire around her hand surrounded Horus and formed a small twister of fire! "Arrrrggh!" Horus yelled out in pain. The ice around them started to melt very quickly as horus fell down with a large thud, his belly jiggling as he landed. "Dinners ready~!" Aura said comically.

"Aura!" Leon ran over to her "That was... Really damn cool!" He picked her up and hugged her "How did you do that!? Who taught you to use the spell?! Please, tell me!" His tail wagged as he smiled. "Awww~ I will be happy to teach you after we get done here~" Aura said happily, blushing. "Aura..." I interrupted them "Where did you learn that spell?" I asked as my body shook in fear... "Leer, Are you ok? I learned it on my own, from a spellbook. W-why are you shaking?" She asked, concerned. "That spell... Is very dangerous!" I yelled "I learned it when I was younger! And because of the man who taught me it... My village was no more." I stood there, still shaking as I remembered that night...

The night when Rooktown burned down. Bishop casted the spell 'Inferno' to make quick work of burning the entire place to the ground. My brother told me about how he saw a hooded man use the spell and he ran away from the village. There was only one hooded man that I knew that was there that night... Bishop...

I explained all of that to Aura and the rest... She looked down and looked sad. "I'm very sorry... But." She looked at me "If I didn't use the spell! We wouldn't have won!" Aura yelled, as she looked at me. "True. But... Warn me next time, ok?" I said, Still shaking. Without me noticing she came up to me and hugged me, her soft belly pushing against my own as she held me close. "I will." Aura said quietly "If I had known, I would have used another spell. But, What is done is done." She reassured me as I raised my hands to hug her back. "No, it's alright Aura. You did what you had to do. And you did a great job of it~" I said, Smiling.

"Ok, Let's get going, We still have to stop Bishop." I said, letting go of Aura, as she

followed us. "Horus, Huh?" Duster questioned "I wonder if he summoned any others?" He asked as we walked through the door into another hallway. "Did you notice? He said 'Devils' meaning there is more than just him." Leon explained. "Let's just hope the others are just as easy." Duster said, Looking at me, he noticed my hand was still shaking, So he hurried and walked next to me. "So, Bishop... Did he really teach you that spell?" Duster asked. "Sadly, Yes... He came for a visit with my father for a short while, He insisted that I would learn it. Knowing him, it was to use me... As a scapegoat for the village burning down..." I explained. "Ok! That's it, I am knocking the shit outta Bishop when we find him!" Leon yelled, gritting his teeth.

We walked quietly down the hallway, until we reached yet another door. "Hmm... And another door. I wonder what is behind it?" I reached for the doorknob, only to notice it was gone, in fact... There no doorknob at all. "Wait? What!?" Leon asked "How do we open it then?" As he tried to push it open, it was solid. "Hmm, It is time for another of my amazing inventions~" Duster pulled out his bag and rummaged around in it for a little while before his face lit up, And he pulled out a massive hammer! "Make way!" Duster Yelled as he charged towards the door, the thrusters on the back lit up so we could see it in its entirety. It was a massive hammer, made of metal and other parts with thrusters on the back of it, making it easier to swing hard and fast. He slams the door with the hammer, Causing it to dent and as the thrusters kicked in, it slowly but surely broke down the door! "Hah!" Duster laughed "Who needs keys? Hahaha~" Duster laughed again.

"That is... So cool!" Leon shouted again, walking through the doorway into a fully lit room. This room was very empty as well, a bookshelf on the far wall and two chairs sat on the right side of the room, The two chairs were very wide and spacious, I could sit in them and still have room for more. But, Unlike the last room, I could only hear the creaking of the massive castle as we walked through the room.

"This room would work better if it had more furniture." Duster said. We made it to the door on the other side of the room, I tried to open the door, but once again no handle. "Duster, Another one~" I said happily as he bounced over. "I will get this open in no time!" He raised the hammer and hit the door at full force, Breaking the door down quickly this time! "I love doing that~ Haha~" Duster said as he laughed. "Why do the doors have no handles?" I asked, wondering if it meant something bad.

"What!? It's the same!?" Leon shouted as he looked through the door to see the same room, perfectly replicated. I looked back "Damn it..." I said under my breath as I saw that the hallway was gone and what it was replaced with was another version of this room.

"Is this a spell Aura?" Leon asked her. "I don't recognize it, but I bet it is." She said. "Let's keep going for a bit, if that doesn't work, We will find a way." My father, who has been very quiet this whole time, Said. "Yeah, Let's go." I said as we walked from one room to the next, the doors were already smashed open, like we were on a loop.

After the 5th time, We stopped. "There has to be another way." Duster said. I looked over at the chairs, and they looked... Different. "Don't those look wider to you?" I asked. "Yeah." Leon said as he walked over to them. "What is making them wider?" Leon asked. That's when I noticed, his belly was poking out slightly from his tank top and he seemed fatter overall. I looked over at Duster and he looked much, Much fatter than he was, his fat gut sagged even lower than before brushing against his massive hips and legs as he walked into the next room mindlessly. Aura was no better off, her hips had expanded greatly as she sweated and as she walked to the next room also mindlessly, her belly was the biggest, brushing against the ground as she walked jiggling constantly. I looked down and my body... Was also affected greatly, my hips doubled in size, wobbling as I look down at them, my moobs have become massive and my belly sagged and was even bigger than normal.

How did no one notice this? Am I the only one? If they keep going, they will all be huge massive blobs and we won't be able to stop Bishop! I looked back at my father, he had also been walking, but... His weight seemed unaltered. "Dad, What is happening?" I asked. "I know this spell, Demons created it for their own reasons." He explained "Your friends, sadly will keep walking into the next room mindlessly, gaining weight constantly till they can't move or get stuck. We have to find the source of it." Zex explained, as I looked at him with hearts in my eyes. "Can we keep letting them go for a while~? Hehe~ I want to see how big they get~" I laughed and smiled. "Um, S-sure." Zex said. "So this room has magic that causes the person to get fatter as they traverse the same room over and over? Thats... Awesome~" Leon said, that's when I noticed... Leon? Why are you not mindlessly walking from room to room? "Leon? Are you feeling ok?" I asked, a concerned look on my face. "Never

Better!" Leon shouted before laughing "Haha~ Why do you ask?" He asked back.

I looked at Leon for a while and back at my father, before I bring him to one side of the room so Leon couldn't hear us. "Does the spell not affect demons only?" I asked quietly. "Y-yes. But... He is not a demon. I know this." Zex said, As he looked at Leon, Who has cocked his head in curiosity. "What is wrong guys?" Leon asked. "Oh nothing, Is it ok if we ask something?" I asked him. "Yeah, Go ahead!" Leon said happily. "The spell doesn't affect people with demon blood for very long. But yet you broke the hypnosis. How?" I asked Leon, As he turned away. "I have no clue, Suddenly I was aware after you said something." Leon said as he turned his head in thought.

"It doesn't matter. He broke the hypnosis, so now we have three people to find the item causing the room to loop." Zex explained. "Their body weights will increase in 20% intervals, as long as we find the item, We can still let them grow. If you want Leer." Zex explained. "What about the chairs? They seem to be getting wider. But no, now that I look, the bookshelf is also wider. So... Hmm..." I stopped and thought for a while, before shouting "Right! Let's look for something that isn't getting bigger or wider as we go through the rooms~!" I said happily, as my Father and Leon nodded.

We looked for a little while, until we found an apple hidden behind the bookcase, which was normal sized and was definitely the source of the magic. "Makes sense, To Be Honest. Makes people wider and fatter, it would have to be food." I said as I looked at Aura, Which she was on her seventh trip through and she was even bigger, I was amazed that she was still walking. Duster followed her, his hips got jammed in the doorframe as he wobbled forward with his continually expanding hips and legs, his belly was dragging on the floor, Soon he broke free and continued to walk, sweating and wheezing the whole way.

I held the apple in my hand, watching my friends walk through the doorways another ten times as I watched with hearts in my eyes as they got bigger and bigger but didn't stop walking. The doorframe has gotten wider and wider since they started. Aura huffed and the ground shook as she walked through for the 17th time, her body bloomed into this new blobby form, her belly resting on the ground

wobbling and massive in front of her as she waddled with her massive legs pushing against one another, her face had massively puffy cheeks and her fat chins sagged down to her breasts, which were even bigger than my whole body now, wiggling and jiggling as she continued her mindless wandering to the next room.

I heard another set of massive footsteps as Duster got stuck again in the doorframe as his belly flowed in front of him, massive and wiggling as his massive hips get through the massively wide door, making his giant blobby ass wobble like a plate of jello. (How are they still walking?) I asked myself. Duster sweat and moaned as he waddled through the room, that's when I saw his massively fat filled legs, as they bounced off of each other as he walked more and more, his hip and ass was even bigger than my own if I got that big. His chins were massive and flowing down to his moobs, which were not as big as Aura's, but close.

Finally after the 23rd trip, Aura's body cannot move anymore. She is so compact with fat, it is impossible. Her ass is so massive that it jiggles as she breathes and is almost 13 times bigger than normal, then her belly is almost big enough to fill a quarter of the now massive room, her arms are so packed with fat you could mistake them for small cars, her moobs splay outwards in front of her and jiggle as she huffs, almost 6 times as big as before. And then I finally saw her fattened face, her cheeks were so huge she wouldn't be able to see, her chins were massive and multiple, and jiggled as she huffed. From behind I could tell she was still trying to walk, her massive blobish legs were wobbling like jello, even though she wasn't moving.

Then right behind her was Duster, who was just as bloated with fat, but more focused on his blobby derriere. However, unlike Aura, He was still moving, just... Extremely slowly. You could hear him huffing and panting as he still struggled to move forward, sweat poured from his massive body. His belly was resting on the back of Aura's massive butt, wobbling and jiggling as the fat blobby belly squished against Aura's massive ass. His moobs were as big as Aura's if not bigger and his face looked the same, tired and fattened. His hips and legs were massively bloated and fattened, jiggling as he lifts his legs slightly to shuffle to the next room, which is impossible due to the cat blob blocking the way.

I went over to Duster and hugged his massive form, I sunk into his massively fat hips and belly as I wished he saw himself. He would love it~ And then I went over to Aura and hugged her massive belly, squishing it and playing with it in my hands, as I prepared to remove the spell. "Now, you need to eat the apple to make the effect end and revert." Zex said. "Easy~" I said happily, as I ate the apple the room slowly started to shrink around us and my friends started to lose weight rapidly, till the room was back to normal. My friends return to normal size and wake up from their daze.

"What happened?" They asked, Aura Looking at me, Duster looking around the room. "You were under a spell ~ I fixed it ~" I said happily. "What did the spell do?" Aura asked. "It made you both really, really fat ~" I said happily. "Sadly I don't remember that... But the room stopped looping." Aura said as she pointed at the doorway, which had stairs leading up.

"Cool $\sim$  Let's keep going! I will tell you both about it later $\sim$ " I said happily as we headed up the stairs.

#### Chapter 19:

### The Duel with the Mysterious Man

I was still curious as we rushed down the hallway, (Why didn't Leon get hypnotized? That's odd, My father could tell if he was a demon, but he isn't. That spell, only affects normal people. But he was fine, he gained a little weight, but was completely aware. Leon? What are you hiding from me?) I thought to myself as we rushed down the hallway, there were windows on both sides of us as we ran, we couldn't see what was outside of them.

We finally reached the end of the hallway, into what looked like... A giant room with pews on both sides, with a lectern at the end of the rows with a giant stained glass window that has seen better days, so dirty I couldn't see what it was. It was still storming outside, as lightning struck, my heart sunk in my chest as I fell to my knees. "What's wrong?!" Leon asked still staring at the stained glass. "It's... It's... A picture of my Mother..." The picture had two Characters, one that looked like Bishop holding a bloodied knife, and the other... Was my mother, Fey being laid down... I was... So confused. So Angry that I couldn't help but shake.

"So, You have arrived, have you, Leer~? What do you think of this masterpiece~?" Bishop was speaking from somewhere I couldn't see. "SHOW YOURSELF!" I yelled, with tears in my eyes. "Not yet." Bishop spoke like he normally did, calm and respectful, Which was a first tonight. "I will show myself only if you answer my question. What Do You Think Of This Masterpiece~?!"

I went quiet, as I said the only thing I could think of "It's Horrible." I growled. "Ah good, You love it~ Made it... Just for you~" Bishop's voice rang out and echoed as a cloaked figure came down from the scaffolds, the figure was too big for Bishop's body, So who is it? "I know that isn't you Bishop! Stop playing games! Come and fight me!-" I shouted, only to be cut off by a snarky voice within the cloak "Blubberbuns, Master doesn't want to face you. However, I can face you if you

want?" The voice was cool, but sarcastic. "No. I have come here for Bishop. Not you." I said back, I sounded serious. "Ah, But the Master will be leaving soon, And I am here to make sure you" He points his finger at me ", Lardball, Doesn't catch him." He called me a name again, This made me laugh. "Haha~ Fine, But I am not fighting you. Leon can." Leon's ears perked up as he looked at me. "Yep, you can count on me." Leon's voice boomed and echoed through the room as he stepped towards the small opponent.

"Can I ask your name?" Leon asked while drawing his greatsword. "I cannot divulge that information big guy~ But if you win I 'might' give it~" The mysterious cloaked man dashed at Leon when he said it. "Fine!" Leon prepared himself, readying his blade in both hands, "I will win! And you will tell me!". The cloaked man jumped into the air, The cloak seemed to grow outwards as We heard strange gurgling noises, Leon blocked instinctively as the man slammed both of his arms downward, hitting the sword and causing the ground beneath Leon to Quake and Crack! "Urrrrgh, You're stronger than you look... But I AM STRONGER!" Leon Yells as he swings his blade, Taking a bit of cloth off of the cloak causing his opponent to jump away!

"Wow! You're very quick. Woof Woof~ Big Boy~" The man says while swaying his hand "Your size tells me you would be a bit slow, but I judged poorly, Didn't I?" The man asked. "YES! You DID!" Leon Jumps at the man, Sword in the air as he brings it down, The man jumped out of the way but the floor splits down the middle, far longer than the sword! "You can cut with the wind current from your swing!?!? That's Awesome Leon!" I said happily, before calming myself down. "Why yes I can! Hahaha~" He swings the sword again at the man, Swinging it sideways this time, The man jumped and dodged it, The pillar behind the man was crushed from the sheer power of Leon's swing!

"Holy Shit. I have to take you seriously. Rebuff!" As the man said it, the cloak seemed to get tighter and tighter around his figure as he became almost as tall as Leon, He was changing his muscle mass on the fly! "Ooo~ Can you teach me how to do that?" Leon asked his tail wagging. "Only, If you win~" His voice sounded deeper but kept that sarcastic flare to it. "Then I Will!" Leon swings his sword towards the man again, this time broadsiding him with the side of the blade... But he didn't flinch. "Huh?" Leon asked as his head was grabbed. "So... Strong." Leon muttered as the

cloaked man grappled him and slammed him into the floor, breaking the ground around him. "Arrrrgh..." Leon punched at the mans torso to no avail, his grip was too much even for Leon, He lifted Leon again and pounded him into the ground again, and again. "Give up yet?" The man said ominously, As if he would continue even if Leon said yes. "Of... Course Not!" Leon kicked the man hard, causing him to stagger and let go!

Leon's head was bleeding from the back, but he didn't seemed too damaged to continue, He stood there as he grabbed his sword off the ground and charged the man again. "This again? You know you cannot" He dodges Leon's blows as he taunts him "Hit me." As he said that, Leon hits him hard with the blade, cutting the fabric again, but... It felt like he hit steel. The blade was vibrating like mad, "What are ya, Purely Metal?!" Leon joked. The man lunged at him and punched Leon square in the stomach, knocking the wind out of him "Oooof..." launching him backwards quickly into the wall.

Leon, Slowly got off the wall and stood there, sword still in hand ready to fight, but his legs shook. "You're strong... But there is only one person that I allow to be stronger than me... And that is that man there." He pointed at me "Anyone else who says that they are the strongest are lying in my mind. Because there is no beating my Master!" Leon yells as he charges again, Throwing down the sword as he ran and slammed into the cloaked man, "Urrrrrrrrrrgh" The man grimaced in pain as he was knocked back. "I will not let you or anyone else tell me otherwise, you hear me!" Leon shouted as he punched the man in the gut hard, sending him flying into the wall behind him. He still stood there after hitting the wall, landing on his feet, before he fell with a massive thud and shrunk down to the size he was before.

"Holy shit. Way to go Leon~!" I shouted happily. He looked back and smiled at me as he walked back to us. "What was that about me being stronger than you~?" I teased, Leon's face lit up as he blushed. "Well, You are! I felt that if I yelled something that made me feel good, I would win." Leon said proudly, his cheeks still red. "Aww~ Hehe~" I laughed. We looked over where the cloaked man was and... He was gone!

"Where did he go!" I yelled as the group noticed. "He couldn't have gotten far, I still

have to ask him how he uses that magic! And his name!" Leon shouted. "Good job~ Good~ Good~ Job~" Bishop interrupted us, it sounded like he was applauding. "We did what you wanted! Now Show Yourself, BISHOP!!" I yelled, I sounded even angrier than before. "No no, You still have to meet another person~ You will find that she is to 'Die' for~" Bishop joked and laughed.

Another cloaked figure came down, this time they were about my size. "Little Missy~ Could you introduce yourself~?" He said in a satirical way. "Why would I have to introduce myself, Why don't I just do this?" She threw off the cloak, revealing to me and the group who she was... My legs... Unconsciously ran towards her, tears in my eyes as I couldn't believe who it was... It was... My Mother, Fey Sabrefox.

I made it to her arms and I gave her a massive hug, As she hugged me back. "I... I... I missed you so much..." I was bawling into her chest, I was smiling, So happy to feel her holding me. "As I missed you, My sweet boy." She said as she caressed my hair. "I thought you were dead...?" I asked, As she didn't answer, As I heard a faint yelling from behind me. "Oh, I was. But I am here for you. My sweet baby boy." The voice was deeper and sounded less and less like my mother, that is when I recognized my mistake.

Before I could react, She punched a hole through my chest, She pulled it back as I felt my consciousness fade and I fell, Seeing my friends run to me, yelling and in tears as my vision fades......

## Chapter 20: Leon's Father

"Since I was unconscious, Leon will be the one who tells this part of the story. Leon, Come Here!" I yelled to the back of the tavern as the big dog stood up and came to the table. "Whatcha need, Leer?" He asked as he sat down, the chair creaked as he sat. "I need you to tell our friend here, what happened after I got a hole in my chest." I explained. "Ah, Ok! I suck at storytelling, but I will try my best!" Leon yells proudly as he starts telling us what happened after I fell unconscious.

"Leer!" I yelled as I crouched to his side and lifted him up. "You fool!" I shouted with tears in my eyes. "Ooo~ Death by a doppelganger~ An old favorite of mine~" Bishop said tauntingly "'Oh, Mother, You are still alive after all these years~' And WAM! Dead! Hahahahaa~" Bishop laughed as I slowly let Leer's body down. I stared at where the voice was coming from, I was shaking from pure anger. "What? You want to take me on now~? Take out the doppelganger then we can 'talk'" As he Said that, The doppelganger took the form of my Father. The giant wolfman stood there, Just as big as Myself. "So, Son, It's time for us to fight again, huh?" His voice was deep as I remembered it. "Don't call me Son, you won't trick me like you did Leer." I said as I stared into his eyes. "Yes, I know that." He readied himself "While I might be a double, My Strength is that of your father's, Lazarus Charade!" He shouted as Zex behind me was taken aback by the name.

"Lazarus! I can't believe that the God of Armaments had a child!" Zex yelled, I looked back at him. "G-g-g-god of A-A-armaments???! Wait!? I AM A CHILD OF A GOD!?" I shouted, causing the walls to shake. "Yes, now it makes sense. You couldn't be hypnotized, because you had a God's blood running through your veins. It didn't matter if you were a Demon or not, the magic would not affect you." Zex laughed as he explained. "So... What does this mean??? If I am... A Demigod, that makes me... Not that different from Leer!" My tail started to wag as I said this.

"Kill 'em~ Please~" Bishop interrupted us. "Yes Master!" As he shouted this he charged at me, I punched him hard as he came into range "I will make you pay for what you did to Leer!" I slugged him in the gut as I yelled that, Knocking the wind outta him. "You are nothing but a pale imitation of my Father! Weak as all hell! But yet you changed your form to match him! That is a disgrace to such a Awesome man!" I slug him to the left and to the right quickly, finishing up with an uppercut as I send him through the stained glass window, Shattering it!

"Leon... Your body is glowing... It must have been from the anger for Leer that caused you to unlock something hidden within." As Zex explained it, I looked at my hands, they were glowing as Leer described it. I walked over to my friend who laid dying on the floor, still breathing but barely, Aura was trying to heal him, crying as she does. "Come on! Come ON! Don't die on me Leer, come on! I just found you! I was so happy... To finally find you, Please... Please don't... Die..." Aura was frantically trying to heal Leer, yelling in between sobs, as Duster tried to help as well, he was also crying.

"Leer..." I said as I kneeled down to him "Please stay alive, So you can see your mother's murderer put in his place. Please..." I held back tears "Don't Die!" I shouted, but to no avail, my shouts echoed off the walls, but Leer still laid there. "Bravo~! Bravo~! Leon~" Bishop was applauding again as he shows up on the other side of the room.

I rushed him, I was so angry that my legs moved on their own, as I reached him I slammed my whole fist into his wolf face! Only... To not do anything to him. "Hmm~ What~? Is that it~? Ooo~ I thought you were stronger than that~ What was that, A Tickle?" Bishop made fun of me as I tried to hit him again and again, but to no avail, he wouldn't budge. "What happened to your godly power~? Oh~ You are using it? I don't feel it, At All!" Bishop yelled as he punched me hard, launching me backwards faster than I could tell. "Oops~ I accidently used 40%~ My bad~ Hahahahaaaa~" Bishop laughed as I sat on the floor on the other side of the massive room.

"What... The hell was that?" I asked. "I have no clue, If he can knock you back like that, And did he say, 40%!?" Duster explained quickly. "Yes, 40% of my new power~ The ritual was a success~ I am now... A Demon King, Just Like Zex~ Hahahaha~" As he laughed I heard the sounds of an airship. "I guess this is goodbye~ My ride is here~" He says as he walks towards the window.

"B-... B-... BISHOP! I will not Let you Escape!" I heard a familiar voice as I saw Leer crawling towards Bishop!

## Chapter 21: Leer's Final Assault

"And now I will take over from Here." I said calmly as Leon shook his head. "I love this part." Leon said. "Also, You were wonderful at telling the story~" I said happily. "Aww, Really?" Leon smiles and blushes, his tail hitting the back of the chair as it wags.

"Wait! Leer you are badly hurt, Sit Still so I can Heal you!" Aura said as she chased me. "A-Aura, I'm f-fine... Don't worry a-about me." I said gasping for air as I continued to crawl. "No, you're not! Just sit still." Aura said again as she still was crying. "Wow~, Even when he is injured, He still persists~ How... Annoying..." Bishop said with a sour look on his face, this made me crawl faster, I had to get him, I had to get my revenge for what he had done. "Bi..-BISHOP! I will get to you, And I w-will make you Pay!" I yelled as I continued to crawl on my stomach, but Bishop... Didn't get on the airship sitting outside the broken window. He was waiting for me.

"What a Pest." Bishop said angrily, As he appeared before me. "Stay down!" He yells, before stomping at my wound, But I was quick and stood up before he could. "You can s-still stand??? Anyone else would be dead, you know?" This was the first time I heard him in fear, I Scared Him. "If I died here, Who would stop you? No. I won't let you get the satisfaction of offing me." I said, Wheezing as I raised my arms in front of me. "Hahahaha~ As I thought~, you are so weak right now that you can barely lift your arms~ Hahaha~ I was scared of nothing~!" Bishop yelled as he slammed his fist into the left side of my chest, only to bounce off "What!?" He yelled in surprise as my hands started to glow a light purple color, my wound was closing up and healing, he finally noticed... My fangs were gone!

"Now, Where were we?!" I yelled as my hands burned with a purple flame that became more intense as time went by, the wound healed completely, not even

leaving a scar. "Time for you to see my demon form, Bishop!" I yelled as horns appeared on my forehead, growing as flames appeared on my eartips, my body seemed to get bigger, as the muscle increased under my fat body. "With this power! I will win, BISHOP!" I shouted as Bishop seemed to turn white as a sheet.

"You're b-b-bluffing~, T-t-t-there is no way that you are s-s-stronger than I~" Bishop voice shook in pure fear as I stepped closer to him, the building seemed to shake with my footfalls. "Tis No bluff~" I said as I cracked my knuckles "Tonight. Is the night I will avenge her." My voice seems deeper than normal, this must be how I sound normally, Huh? "No!" Bishop yelled as punched me, Nothing happened, his fist just bounced back. "Aha! I got it, INFERNO!" Bishop snapped his fingers, surrounding me in flames. "AHAHA~! You couldn't Take the heat~! You Lose~! Ahaha-... Oh..." His celebration ended as he saw me walking towards him again, I started to run.

"Zephyr's Fire!" Lightning launched from his fingertips, but he seems to forget I absorb lightning! "Cage of Ice!" He yells, As a box of ice forms around me, I kick it and it shatters instantly! I jump at him "You will forget~ Forget the las-" As he started to sing, I kicked him hard from the side, Launching him quickly into the wall "ARRRRRGGG!" Bishop yells as he flies through the wall into a room with a belltower! I move faster than I have ever moved before and got beneath him and the bell and I kicked him hard upwards "Oooooof!" He flew upwards quickly! Then He hit! The bell rang as he flew upwards, past the bell and through the roof!

(Wait, If he is a Demon king, He could survive that! Shit!) Without thinking I jumped after him, little did I know, the gems on my gauntlets started to glow, electricity sparking off of them as I felt... Bigger? I noticed as I flew through the air and touched the gem on my left hand, Then I remembered something, (If my Dad grows huge when he is in demon form, Why not me? What is the secret?) Is this it, is this the secret? Electricity?!

I forced more electricity through the gem as I flew upwards, And I started to... Grow bigger and bigger! 10 feet became 20, 50 became 100 as I quickly outgrew Bishop! I quickly kicked Bishop higher, He flew even quicker, Till we made it outside the

atmosphere! My body grew and grew until I was the size of the planet itself! I readied my leg to kick Bishop farther than anything else I have ever kicked! "BISHOP! YOU LOSE!" As I kicked I felt myself shrinking, I put all of my strength into it, And yelled the first thing that came to mind "DEMONIC REVOLVER!" And I kicked Bishop massive and hard, He tried to defend against it, but his arms broke when he attempted it! He launched into deep space, Faster than anything I have ever seen!

"T-take that..." I said as my strength faded and my body rapidly shrunk, My demon form faded and I fell back to Crystaria, I felt really warm before passing out.

# Chapter 22: Serbel's Confession

"Leon? Would you tell us what happened afterwards?" I asked Leon, Still intently listening to my story. "Sure! I have to admit, When you grew, My jaw dropped through the floor, Haha~. I bet everyone in the world saw your ass that night! Haha~" Leon laughed, As I blushed and laughed back. "You fell from outer space, So your clothes caught fire, I ran to find you in a massive crater, completely naked, except your mother's mage robe. Then you were unconscious for 11 days, I was... Scared. I was afraid that I lost my friend. But then you came to! And..." Leon was tearing up, smiling a wide smile as his tail wagged "I was so happy!" Leon said happily. "So, Let's finish up this story~ After I woke up-" I started to tell my story again.

I woke up 11 days after the fight, I was in the infirmary again. Leon, Aura, Duster and my Father were sleeping in the corner, they must have been worried sick. I decided to get up, Just to realize that I had clothes on. "Who dressed me?" I asked myself, trying to be quiet as I walk out of the room and shut the door behind me. I walk down the hallway back to my room, my bed was back in place and my gauntlets were back where they were. "Ah, Duster~ Thanks for that~" I said to myself, as I walked over to my desk and pulled an old pocket watch that was sitting on it.

I opened it, it had a picture of Mom, Dad, Tally and Me, The clock wasn't working before, but... I could hear it ticking? Did Duster fix it up? I stared at my mother in the picture as I started to cry "I... I Did it... Mom. You can rest in peace..." as I say that, A teardrop lands on the photo "I... Did it. I won." I said between sobs. I remembered, When I was young, the other kids would call me a freak... A monster. My Mother, would tell me that wasn't true and to not listen to them. That I was her little Angel.

"But she was wrong... I am a monster-" I was cut off by Serbel, who was standing behind me "You are not! You saved the world, you are a hero! Your mother used to tell me about Her sons, She always called you both Angels! She knew about the Half Demon part, but She cared about you deeply! Never Call Yourself a Monster!" Serbels voice boomed through the room, as... I started to cry more, Smiling. "She was right. I am not a monster. I am someone that the world needs." I said, still sobbing. "Now now." Serbel said as he walked over to me, his booming footfalls making my desk shake, as he made it to me... He hugged me. "She would be so proud of you Leer. Bishop is gone. She is avenged." He sounded happy, as I felt something wet hit my head... He was... Crying?! "Serbel, Are you ok~? Haha~" I laughed, wiping the tears away. "Um! Yes!" He said, quickly letting go, turning around and wiping his eyes "You did a great job." He said blushing.

"Oh, Right. Why didn't you wake your friends up? They were worried, constantly asking Vel about your condition." He said calmly "Getting the 4th squads captain worried is a new feat as well. Velena was super worried about you. She is usually quite calm. But of course... You did fall from Space. Hahaha~" Serbel Laughed. "I... I did? Holy shit. How am I?... Alive?" I asked looking down at my body. "Leon found you, in a crater right next to the guild. Other than your clothes being burned, you were only lightly burned from the reentry. Which... Amazes me!" Serbel turned around smiling, the biggest smile I have ever seen "You are so strong Leer. Having you be Captain of 2nd Squad fills me with joy!" His smile slowly faded as he turned around "However... We have a new problem... There was a traitor in the guild. Someone who joined Bishop in his escape..." He turns around to face me, his face looked scared, second time I have ever seen it "It was... The Captain of Zero Squad!" Serbel said abruptly.

I stared at him in disbelief "The Captain of Zero Squad???" I asked, A puzzled look on my face, I have never met them, but I knew they were close to Serbel. "Yes, She was a Fox, Her name was Origin, which was her codename. Her real name... I have no clue. I told Aura, She was shocked by the news. She denied it instantly. I like to believe she does believe me, but I still want the other members to keep a close eye on her. She was a close friend of Origin. But that might've been an act." Serbel explained, his hands shaking. "We didn't meet a Woman named Origin at the castle. So she left before we got there." I explained to Serbel.

"On top of that, we found... Papers inside of Bishop's room. He was planning on betraying the guild for Years!" Serbel clenched his fists in anger "One of the papers was one that caught my eye. And It had this Crest!" He handed me a piece of paper, On the piece of paper was a crow, with spread wings carrying... A Chimera! I didn't know what the Symbol, but I knew it was bad. "That... Is the Crest of a Guild that I thought was gone for centuries. They are called 'The Cataclysm' By some. But they are more known by another name. 'The Vile Ones' have returned from the dead to try to end the world, Yet again!" Serbel shouted as he turned around to face me, he had a grimace on his face. "So, Bishop was a member of this guild?" I asked. "Yes. We suspect that, he had papers on a ritual that allows one to become immortal. Allows one to become a Demon King, just like your father. But... He needed the blood of an immortal to conduct it." Serbel said as he shuts the door and snaps his fingers "Hush" he said quietly, The room was protected so no noise could leave it.

"Now, What I will tell you will not Leave this room." Serbel looked at me. "Yes, Serbel, I won't tell anyone. So, the blood of an immortal, you were saying?" I asked, Knowing where he was going with this. "My real name is Seth. I was the God of the Dead, but I gave up my powers to save another. He was the man that I told you of before. The one that called himself a 'monster'... His name was Jack, He was a fox." Serbel explained, I was shocked that my guildmaster was The God of the Dead. "He was once a small fox, but I was fascinated by him, he would pick fights people twice his size and lose, but..." Serbel stopped, looked at me and smiled "He wouldn't let that get him down, he could fight the same guy ten times and still lose every time, and still challenge him to another fight. Haha~ He was persistent and confident, And that is what made me fall for him. But... Then..." Serbel looked down "He fought someone that he would never win against, and he almost died due to it. I went against all I was for and revived him. Gave him the same powers as me, So he could win against anyone. Due to how that works, his body became larger and muscular, basically he looked like a smaller version of Leon, but his legs were bigger than Leon's." He looked back at me and smiled "He won. And I met him for the first time. At first he hated me... He hated the fact that I made him cheat. But then he found out... That I saved his life, and he fell in love with me." Serbel finished explaining to me, I was smiling, knowing that he was a cool guy.

"The reason why I Contained that knowledge in this room, is because no one knows

that I was a God. And I want to keep it that way. Bishop and Origin found out. And now The Vile Ones know this as well." Serbel sounded serious. "I understand, Serbel. Jack sounded cool!" I said happily. "He is. Haha~" Serbel laughed. "Ok, Now, We will talk later about The Vile Ones, with your friends. But for now, I would suggest waking them and letting them know you are alright." Serbel said as I laid my Moms pocket watch on the desk, I turned around, I was not surprised to see he was gone.

I rushed down the hallway to the infirmary to tell my friends I was ok.

### Chapter 23:

### Another Secret

When I made it back to the room, they were still asleep, So I quietly closed the door and tapped Leon on the shoulder. "...Mm..." Leon slowly woke up, seeing me standing in front of him "Leer!" He jumps up and shouts and gives me a tight hug "I was so worried dude!" With that the rest woke up quickly. "Leer." Aura said before also hugging me followed by Duster. They let go "Sorry for making you worry..." I looked down as I said that, when I looked back up they were all smiling. "Nothing to be sorry about, Leer. You are ok and that's what matters." Leon said happily, his tail wagging.

"So, What happened to Bishop?" Leon asked excitedly. "Well, he is either dead or orbiting a far off planet by now." I said. "Hahaha~! I knew it!" Leon said patting me on my back, my ass wobbled in response "I would have kicked his ass and took him in, but you sent him flying where he cannot come back! Wow, Leer. You are... So strong dude." Leon looked at me, a smile on his face that could make anyone smile. "But... You fell from space. How are you...? Still moving?" Leon asked, tilting his head. "It's the demon blood." My father stood up and explained "When we are in our demon forms, we cannot be harmed by fire. We are immune to it."

"But, fire works against Wayfarers, though?" Leon said. "Wayfarers and Demon kings are not the same. For some reason we are immune to it in demon form. Even I have no clue why." Dad explained why, as he looked at me. "Now..." He walked over to me and put his hand on my shoulder, before giving me the first hug that I have had from him in a long time. "Leer... You. You are stronger than I am." He looked at me, He smiles "Not physically, but you are braver than I am. If I was you, I would have arrested Bishop. Even though he..." He trailed off and looked away "Killed my lover, I would have taken him in, regardless." He looked sad. "Why?" I asked. "It's my job. No. I felt that I knew Bishop long enough to slightly believe that it wasn't him that killed her. But..." He looked down, I could tell he was crying "After... What happened and what he said. No! I would have took him down without thinking

about it. My wife did not deserve to die! Your Mother did not Deserve that!" He yelled as he looked back at me, he was crying, tears still flowing from his eyes. He hugged me close and said "Thank you for doing what I could not!" he said before finally breaking down in tears, myself crying as well.

He let go and went out of the room, waving to me as he went to go do something. I sat down on the bed, the bed creaked from the pressure of my massive ass laying on it. Then Duster sat down on the bed, the creaking worsened and then Aura and finally Leon before the bed finally bent and broke. "So, I finally avenged my Mother." I said happily. "Yeah. Was that a life goal, to find her killer and deal with them? So, What now?" Leon asked, putting a hand on my shoulder. "Nah... It's a silly dream." I said blushing. "No, Tell me. We want to know." Leon said. "No~ Hehe~" I said happily. "Please?" Leon asked, his tail wagging as he smiled. "Ok~ My dream is to... Learn all the magic in the world~!" I said happily and proudly. "Cool! And I will be here to help!" Leon shouted as he stood up, raising his arms in the air.

Aura got up and opened a bag. "Here~" She pulls out my Mage robe from the bag, and gives it to me. "Thank you Aura~" I said as I unfolded it, the mage robe wasn't ripped or worn, or burned but... There was a massive hole where the Doppelganger punched through me. "Wow, Nothing has ruined this robe before. They hit me hard." I looked at the robe in disbelief, the hole was perfect, Like someone used a hole punch. "I didn't know... That you could heal in your demon form? Is that new?" Duster asked, finally speaking up. "Yes. That was new, just like... Whatever happened to make me grow. I guess..." I trailed off "Bishop made me so mad, that I guess I healed without noticing, otherwise..." I looked at Leon and the rest "That... Was... My final attack. The final thing I was going to do before dying. I was going to take him with me." I explained to them. "No... Way... Y-You didn't know you were healed? You... Were going to sacrifice yourself???" Leon stood up and glared at me "Don't do that. I knew you were driven by revenge and I let you do it. But..." Leon looked angry "If you sacrificed yourself, I would have lost my friend that I have been searching for for 10 long years. And I would have regretted my decision to let you get revenge. You got me?" Leon seems to have calmed himself down.

"I-I'm sorry..." I said, while looking at him "I was so focused on revenge, that I forgot for a moment what my life meant to the others of my group. My friends. But Bishop

is gone! I beat him! And I healed! That is what happened. But... If I was thinking clearly, I would have let Bishop leave, and let Aura heal me." I trailed off before snapping my fingers "Hush~" as the room was soundproofed by my magic. "Why did you do that?" Leon asked. "I want to... Reveal something to you three only. Not even my Father or my Brother know this." I explained. "Ok, Tell us." Leon looked at me curiously, wondering how important it was to keep secret about it. "Ever since I was really young, I have always known beforehand if something was going to go bad or good." I explained. "Like... You are psychic?" Aura asked, her eyes lit up as she grew more curious. "Yeah! I could also tell if something was going to happen before it happened. Well... What if I told you, I knew I would be alright after that final attack? And that is why I did what I did?" I explained, Leon's face turned from the slightly angry look to a smile. "That's... So Cool! So, you knew that your final attack wouldn't kill ya?! That's why you took that risk?! Ok, I'm sorry for being mad dude! But... Why did you...? Make it so no one could hear us?" Leon asked.

"The reason? Um, I just don't like letting people know about my abilities that's all..." I explained. "Really!?" Leon yelled as he grabbed my shoulders and shook me "You had me damn worried man! I thought you saw someone betray our guild again or something!? But really!? Hahaha~" Leon laughed followed by the rest of us. "Just remember, I can't control it. It happens randomly." I explained as the rest nodded.

"Good, You are all here." Serbel walked through the door. "Leer. I wanted to talk to you about this, but it is better for you all to hear." Serbel cleared his throat. "Do you know who Bishop's father is?" Serbel asked looking at me. "Yes. He is the king of this kingdom. Altier Wolfsbane. Oh..." I started to sweat, I forgot Bishop was the king's son somehow. "Don't worry." Serbel said calmly "You don't have to worry about sending the king's son into space, Leer. Because..." Serbel paused before turning around "Altier was found dead 11 days ago." As he said this I was shocked.

### Chapter 24:

## Back to Present Day

Serbel repeated himself "Yes, The king is dead. Bishop assassinated him in his sleep." Serbel said looking down. "What?!" Leon asked suddenly. "Bishop had plans to use a scapegoat... And he was going to use... Leer as his scapegoat." Serbel explained, as I stood up, a angry look appeared on my face. "What!? Why?! Just to make sure I don't do anything to him!? How was he going to do it?!" I asked angrily, not at Serbel, But at Bishop. "Don't worry. He had it written down in his notes in his room. He had not followed through with the complete plan yet. So you are fine." Serbel explained. "Whew..." I was slightly relieved, but what about Bishop? "If you are wondering if you are in trouble for Basically ending Bishop. That is a... No. His father supposedly disowned him years ago. And then 11 days ago, He committed treason. Which the punishment is... Well... Death. So, Don't worry about a thing, Haha∼ We have enough proof to say he did it and we hunted him down and punished him for it." Serbel turned back around and was smiling slightly. "However... The king is now gone and the kingdom needs a new one. There is no royal family left in the kingdom, but I heard that the king had an Heir. But that is as far as we know." Serbel explained.

"But, now for the reason why I am here, Leer? Could you stand next to me for a second." I walked over to him and stood close to him, he held me with one of his massive arms. "Now... Bishop had a plan. This plan was going to end the world eventually if you didn't stop it. And the captain's seat is free in Zero Squad." My face lit up as he said that, So did my friends. "2 promotions in close succession, huh? But it is up to you if you want to become a member of it. Do you want to, Leer?" Serbel asked me, Looking at me with a big smile. "Can my friends become members too? Or is it limited to only me?" I asked. "Sadly, it is limited to only you." Serbel said sadly, My face turned down as my smile faded, as I gave the answer that I should give. "I don't think I can. Can you give the seat to my father instead?" I asked him, Serbel smiled and nodded. "Just remember" Serbel explained "The position is always open to you. Just ask." Serbel explained as he gave me a pat on the back.

"Also Serbel?" I asked "Can we make... Leon a member of 2nd squad?" Leon's face lit up as I asked. "Yes, but he has to beat me first. That's the rule. And Leon..." He looked at Leon "I know about your father. And I know you can win against me." Serbel explained, Smiling. "You bet!" Leon shouted happily, as Serbel walked to the door. "Ok, I will talk to you all later. I have to go find Zex and give him the seat before he changes his mind." Serbel said as he left through the door.

"You... Turned him down? And... You allowed me to become a member of your squad?..." Leon asked, as he jumped up and hugged me. "Thank you..." Leon said, quietly sobbing into my shoulder. "I had to. You were awesome. If you weren't there... The Doppelganger Would have gotten me... So no, Thank you." I said back. "I wouldn't have minded if you became the Captain of Zero Squad. Why did you turn that down?" Leon asked, letting go. "The Captain of Zero Squad... There is a reason why no one knows who they are, they cut ties with the ones they know and become anonymous." I explained, Leon looked at me and then Looked at Aura and she nodded her head. "That's why. Thank you again, bud." Leon said as he wagged his tail, as he smiled. "No problem~" I said back "I could never give up my friends~" I said happily.

"So. Hahaha~ How about a rematch? Huh?" Leon asked. "You're on~ Big Boy~"

"Today is 4 months since that happened, He is my 2nd in command and my close friend~" I pat Leon on the back as I finish my story. "That was a wonderful story~!" The listener spoke up, he was quiet throughout the story, never speaking once other than looking sad or happy when something happened. "B-But tell me, Leer. W-why did you tell me this?" The cloaked man asked me. "Well, you wanted to become a member of 2nd squad didn't you? So I decided to fill you in with all of what happened." I explained. "A-ah, That makes sense, I did ask Serbel if I could and that I should ask you, Blubberhips." As he said that he ripped off the cloak and revealed himself, he was a bat at average height, about 5'8", He was heavily overweight, about 483 pounds and he looked at me with Violet eyes. "My name is Yuko Alucard, N-nice to meet you." He shook my hand as he introduced himself.

Little did I know, of all the havoc that he would cause. At the time I shook his hand, but a vision popped into my head. Which made me instantly doubt him. He was...

Going to betray us one day...

# The Chronicles of Crystaria P1 Leon's Date With Destiny