

Straight on!

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Prolog: A little Talk

Really, he never wanted to be involved in this kind of conversation. And this was also in a way, Lindows fault. Just because he always had been a womanizer, he didn't had to annoy him with that.

Soma probably would never understand why it was so interesting for the others to talk about a girl's breast or butt if they never would get on them.

As an example: Tsubaki. How was it important she had D-size? No one here would ever touch her or even more.

"No matter how sexy a girl is, she'll never surpass Hibari!"

A groan of everyone in this round.

Kota, Karel, Shun, Tatsumi, Federico and Soma sat at the table in the upper part of the entrance. They were drinking drinks and had some snack when Soma had come back from a mission and was asked to join them.

He knew, since he met Shio something in his mind had changed. Maybe, he thought, it wasn't all too bad to be around the other God Eaters from time to time and have some conversations whit them.

Well, he definitely was wrong.

"C'mon! Hibari's boring!", Kota said directly. "She keeps refusing you anyway!"

"Don't say that. Someday she'll say yes!", Tatsumi replied quickly.

"I remember you said that last year, too.", unlike the rest of the group Karel didn't really seemed to be pleased. "You're just mad because your group only has Gina. And I mean, you can't count her as a girl she's just too flat and boyish. A real tomboy.", better she never would hear that.

"Huh! At least she's helpful!", Karel snored. "Not like Kanon. And you can't call her sexy either. It's immaterial she has a cute face."

"The first Unit is so lucky. They have a really hot russian girl and the most beautiful healer ever.", there was no way anyone could fail to see that Federico had a crush on the last one.

"Damn! Why do you guys get the hot chicks!?"

"But ya know what!?", Kota took himself in again. "Think about Tsubaki! How hot would it be to see her in action?! I mean swinging her body and all!"

Gosh, they all imagined it now. It was somewhat erotic, but also damn intimidating.

Just Soma didn't need to do, so he simply said: "A sacredly cat like you would drop dead of fear."

It took Kota some moments to understand what Somas comment meant. But until then, he tilted his head, before he freaked out. "Woah! What!? That means she's also a God Eater!?", he yelled in surprise.

"She was a member of the first Unit 'till two years ago. A Long-Range gunner and leader for special missions. You had no idea?"

Kotas mouth was still open when he looked at Tatsumi.

"Even I knew that. Did you never looked at the Database?", damn, Kota was almost a year here and he did know less than a newbie?

"She was damn strong, effective and skilled. There are just a few members who could reach her. She worked directly under the former Director and usually didn't do regular missions around the time we joined. That's why we from the Defense Unit never worked with her. After ten years of fighting she was relieved of this duty.", Tatsumi explained this while he nailed the chips for himself before Shun would do it. "But you did work a lot with her, right Soma? And Lindow too."

"Yeah.", Soma answered short. Some guy here should better focus attention on fight instead of women. Honestly.

"Wow!", Kota found his voice again and sprout up. "That means Tsubaki was a real badass? Shooting down Aragami like a berserker and that in e dress even more hot than Alisas or Sakuyas!?", Kota said, brandishing his arms, almost hitting Karel's face. "You moron! Watch where you...."

Kota still was talking, saying that Tsubaki was like an ice could demon in the body of an angel. And body erotic as hell. But Karel and the others got quiet. Tatsumi and Federico looked frighten at each other and then at Kota, which stopped now.

"What? Is something wrong? Is something in my face?", he wondered.

"Just turn around or use your brain once.", Soma said curtly.

Kota now felt a shiver going down his back. Slowly he did as told and then-

"GWAHR!!"

There was Tsubaki who must have came from the elevator right now.

"Fujiki Kota.", her tone of voice was freezing like always and the young Scout hoped she didn't heard anything. It appeared like this.

"Good to see you here. I've got a special task for you. Follow me to the training area. Right now.", Tsubaki ordered and went back to where she came from. "And the others, you better do some preparations instead of arguing over nonsensical stuff." Kota had no choice but to follow. He only looked a moment at the other guys for searching help.

After both were gone, Tatsumi sighed in relief. "She really is an Ice demon."

"Who? Alisa or Tsubaki?", a bright voice sounded through the entrance. When Shun looked up he saw a young man walking straight on to them. Well, actually, he still was half of a child whit his age of only 15.

His hair was blond, short and a little messed up. On his face was a joyful smile.

"Yo guys! Are you hanging back and having a talk without me?", Ajira, the young leader of the First Unit, stood in front of the table and put on an insulted mask.

"If you feel like it you can take over Kota's place. He just had to go on 'special tasks'." Laughing, Ajira sat down next to Shun. "So it was Tsubaki after all." Karel looked at the uninjured corporal and then finished his drink before he asked: "Did you head out alone?"

"Yeah. It was only about a Kongou and some Ogertail.", the asked one said easily.

It was strange. After Nova awakened the number of Aragami had exploded and they were much stronger. That has been a lot work for the God Eater. After a while they

got much rarer and weaker again, so they could take some rest.

Of course, there were still uncounting Aragami and no way to talk about a victory. And Ajira got more problems with them lately again. But he also worked so much he was often tired.

"Only a Kongou and some Ogertail?", Federico repeated. "I think you're pretty tough to handle them alone.", Karel moaned and the others chuckled. "Well, for you it will become normal, too.", Tatsumi affirmed the rookie, which had been only here since three weeks.

"Anyway, he's not really tough. Just skilled.", it wasn't even interesting for Soma to listen to this conversation any longer. He really should stop wasting his time.

"Hey, are you undermining my achievements?", Soma ignored the leaders complaint and stood up. Ajira was sometimes way more laborious than Kota.

"Man, don't ignore me...!", the blond crossed his arms and his eyes followed the older one with an sulky expression. But he was still left ignored and Ajira turned around on his seat.

"Hey Soma. Hibari said something about the mission for the two of us this morning. Please go and ask her today. It will be tomorrow in the morning.", the more serious voice let Soma stop for a moment, but he still left with a short 'got it.'.

After the elevator had closed Ajira turned back again. "So now, what did you talk about? Tsubaki's scariness?", he wondered.

"No, actually we were talking about girls... girls'... sizes, to be exact.",

"Tsubaki is definitely the sexiest of all women. But we somehow came to talk about her career as God Eater." Karel was pretty cool compared to Federico's embracement.

"Oh, you're right. But I think Licca also has some special charm. But did you really talk about that stuff?", Ajira tilted his head and gripped one of the yellow juice cans. After he took a gulp his face twisted.

'Urgh, Iced Curry Drink.....'

"What about it? Only Kanon and Annette are at the Den. They're in the trainings area. No one is listening.", Shun surged carelessly his shoulders.

"... And did you think about Hibari, too?"

There round got silent. They looked at each other before yelling out in unison.

"Shit!"

Ajira snickered and leaned back. "She must think you're idiots. Don't you Hibari?", he called out. "Please take some rest before the mission tomorrow."

Hibari was pretty good at set aside what she didn't feel like answering it.

"Aw... I'll take that as a yes... But anyway, she's right. I really need to eat something and to sleep. If I'm not fit, Soma will nag on me again.", the blonde one smoothed back his bangs. He stood up and left waving. After he had left Karel raised an eyebrow.

"Honestly, I still wonder how the Leader can get along so easily with Soma all the time.", he didn't have much trust in the last one.

Tatsumi tilted his head a little. He had the feeling that Soma got more social after the Aegis project failed. But it was probably just his imagination. After all, he still yelled a lot at Kanon and the others and acted alone.

"Okay guys. We should do our preparations. It shouldn't be hard but we have to be ready for the defense of the outer ghetto when they upgrade the Anti-Aragami Armor."

Hah! This is the prologue, next time comes some action!

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Hah! No censors here! Is 'shit' such a bad word....???

Kapitel 1: Unexpected Aragami

Walling Plains

"Guess that was the last one, huh?", Ajira extracted the core from one of the Gboro-Gboro. Those two and some Zygote had been their targets. But the mission was actually: Keep the Walling Plains clean until the Armor is ready again.

It wasn't too easy but also not really hard. It was okay for now.

"Did you notice, too? The Aragami get stronger again. I just wonder why.", the older one gazed at the disappearing Gobro-Gobro.

After Nova had awakened the Aragami got stronger, then weaker and now they got stronger again. He first thought it was because of the moon phase but actually there was no logical connection.

"They do?", the Leader sounded slight surprised. "I somehow noticed. But I suspect it to be my imagination. Because I worked a lot lately." Maybe he should take of a day once again. Besides missions and his duty as leader he only took the important sleep. And somewhere between he ate.

Sakuya had a lot to do with training the rookies so she hadn't noticed yet.

Man, she would lecture him.

So it had to be Soma telling him to slow down again. He of all people.

"We should talk to Sakkaki about it once. Well, let's see if there are any more Aragami.", Ajira shouldered his Scythe and took a step.

BAM!

The ground moved, Ajira stopped immediately and Soma glanced at him.

"What? Don't look like that. It wasn't me!", the Leader raised his arms in defense and stepped back again.

BAM!

"Really!"

"Be serious, Ajira.", following this order the blonde one let his arms fall. "I bet it's an Ouroboros."

BAM!

"Yep. Ouroboros."

"I agree."

BAM!

Every time you could hear the stamp it got louder. "Damn it! We can't let it go near to the Anti-Aragami armor. It's not ready again." Soma was right. But how did an Aragami like that got here without anyone to notice?

BAM!

"We need to fight it. We should have enough Items left.", Ajira took his weapon down and started to run. There was no other choice.

It took them less than a minute 'till they faced the giant black Aragami. It screamed hoarse and tried to smash them with one of his tentacles.

Soma made a dodge to left while Ajira rolled back, switching to his gun. "Go for it!"

Soma rushed to its feet and slashed these with the heavy Buster Blade of his.

Meanwhile, the Leader fired multiple Bullets at the Ouroboros face. It stared at him with his dozen of eyes. There was still could fear running down his back.

It was insane what they were doing.

The Ouroboros raised its arm and swiped it at Ajira. He quick ducked and rolled twice to the left. The hit missed him only closely. Back on his feet the Leader continued his fire, but a few of the bullets bounced off.

This was one of the most dangerous Aragami.

"Darn it!", Soma cursed. He had to retreat to not get squashed by the Oroboros feet or tail when it turned around.

Ajira already was out of Bullets. He switched back to his blade quick and sprinted right to the Ouroboros. When it lifted its body Soma swept up his shield.

But for Ajira, it was too late when he understood it was about to jump. He only could stop at place but there was no chance to block the shockwave with his heavy shield.

"WOAH!"

But he was lucky that time. The wave lost power before it reached him. The Leader took this chance and continued his sprint. He jumped when he was in front of the Aragami. Three times he slashed its face before he had to let himself fall back again. This time he brought up his shield already in air. The moment he touched the ground one of the Ouroboros tentacle hit him and pushed him back a few yards.

"Kch!", Ajira rushed back and swung his scythe at the Ouroboros tentacles before he jumped to its face to attack there again.

Thank God it was a slow Aragami.

And as long as Ajira attacked its face it didn't notice much of Soma who cut down its tentacles and feet. But Soma had to be damn careful to not get squashed or knocked down when the Aragami moved. And there were a lot of body parts which could do that.

They followed a simple line:

Soma smashed the Ouroboros feet and jumped back when it was about to move or hop a little.

Ajira focused on its face. He attacked, blocked waves and hits and twice he used a stun grenade. He switched to his gun only rarely. He needed a safe chance for that. Since he was just not able of aiming and focus on what happened next to him.

It worked out fine until...

The Ouroboros got enraged.

It screamed even louder and raised three of its tentacle at once. It wanted to crush Ajira finally once and for all. He didn't saw another way to escape than threw himself with his face first into the mud.

The tentacle swept across him and let him feel a 'nice breeze'. Vague he saw that Soma was caught off guard by the tail like thing. It threw him away from the ground, but he cunningly broke the fall with a roll back and was on his feet again. "Damn that monster!"

It must have understood Soma. Because it used his dangerous laser the first time towards him.

Ajira likely was out of riche so he could stand up again. The young Leader saw big trouble coming.

He started to feel exhausted.

"Huh, we better finish that off quick.", he said to himself. But before he attacked again he gave his armllet a short look to check the enemies health points.

And then he was hit by shock.

"Oh hell!", that could not be true.

"Soma!", he yelled out all over the place. They didn't use the mics today.

"That thing hasn't even weakened"

"What!? You can't be serious!", but of course he was.

"*You* can't be serious! I'm not fucking joking here!", Ajira slashed the tentacles again and was on the same time about to get hysterical. Because he felt panic creeping up all his body.

Nevertheless, Ajira jumped once again but in that moment, he did a fatal error. When he moved to hit he let down his guard.

What happened he only realized the moment he felt a sharp pain at his left side. One of the tentacles had caught him and sent him fly straight on to the rock wall.

"Ajira!"

The next was pain across on his back when he crushed against it.

"Urgh!" because the damned wall had a steep gradient he rolled down and could bare protect his head and face whit his arms. Tears were all he could make out.

But at least he saw the sharp rock coming in time and managed to push himself away soon enough.

The next was... to feel how he hit the ground. He still rolled twice until he finally came to stop whit his face in mud again. Still dazed and dizzy the Leader rolled on his back to try to see something. There was the grey sky that looked like rain and... a big black

beam through the middle of it. "Oh, please no...!", Ajira rolled back once more before he would get squashed for real.

Back on feet but still slightly dizzy he heard Soma calling out for him again.
"Sorry! Nothing happened! Ouch! I'm fine!", okay, he wasn't fine but he was *not* Incapacitated!
"Damn! Do you want to be killed here or what!?"
Even if this was a rhetorical question it really was not needed.

Ajira ran out of the Ouroboros reach and switched to the gun. But he paid attention get close enough to Soma so he could back up the blader.
He fired multiple Divine Bullets and this time he got more hits. But it also brought the Aragamis attention from Soma back to him. Again it raised its whole body but this time it did not only a little hop.
Now it jumped all over the place.
"Oh! Oh! Bloody hell!!", that was so absurd! That thing was downright flying!

Really, there was a reason elephants had not been able to jump, for heavens sake!

It was last second, but Ajira managed to switch back and also block the wave. Unlike his companion.
Soma did block as well, but he was far too close. The pressure blew him away and this time the buster balder could not break his fall.
But after a rough landing he got quick back on feet. He cursed a lot. But there didn't seem to be much damage done. Obviously at least.
"Hey! Take care yourself either!"

There was a scream of the Ouroboros again. Now Ajira snored in annoyance.
"We're not done yet. But how 'bout change this?"
Okay, now he was enraged as well.
Hopefully that would help.

Near the Anti-Aragami Armor

"Damn it! What's wrong here!?", Shun yelled in rage when he slashed down on the Ogretail.
Everything had been fine. The Anti-Aragami armor had been off for some hours to be updated. The defense unit was around if something should happen.
But there haven't been much Aragami lately. And only the Walling Plains and the Forgotten Carrier had to be secured since they were closest to this part of the armor. Soma and the Leader took the first, Alisa and Kota the second.
But how the heck did that many Aragami get here?
The Aragami seemed to come only from the Plains.

"Don't curse! Better focus the fight!", Gina relied and shot the hell on the Zygote. Despite their situation she still smiled her intimidating and slightly sadistic smile.

"And they said they won't need Sakuyas backup! What are they doing!?", Karel joined Gina's fire but there were just too many small Aragami.

"Don't worry! We'll manage that! Just like always! So keep fighting to protect your live, kay?", Tatsumis voice was to be heard through the mics. Right. They needed to fight them off, just like in a normal mission.

No need for panic or anything.

Until the moment the trio heard a pained scram. First this and then a murmuring followed.

"Tatsumi!"

Later At the Den

"They're back.", a really down Gina pointed out the moment the elevator opened and Ajira and Soma went in. They had been the last two out.

"What the ** hell did you two do!?", Shun already was up and yelled.

"Uh!", Ajira twitched in both, pain and shock. "Please don't yell.", his head did hurt already enough.

Soma on the other hand gave Shun a cold gaze.

"It was your job to not let any Aragami to us! How could you fail like that!?", he didn't even notice Ajiras request.

Shun had a lot of injuries. Soma as well, tough he didn't seem to be in much pain. Ajira definitely looked the worst.

"Listen, we just..."

"Damn you two! There was a fucking big herd Ogretails and Zygote attacking us!"

"As I see you failed, too. Getting beaten up like that", it was rather wrong that the buster blader said that now.

"Soma... Don't you..."

"Say that again you bastard!", Shun was about to explode and the young Leader had no chance to stop this fight right now.

"If you *both* don't shut up right away I'm gonna call for Tsubaki to deal with you." Ginas irritated voice saved him.

"Tch!", Shun cursed silently and Soma decided to leave via the other elevator without another word.

"Oh, hey, don't just go off like..... ah, forget it.", a little insulted about Soma leaving him in that mess, he turned to Gina.

She sat next to Brendan who hadn't said a word up to now. "So now Leader... what happened? You look pretty bad."

The blond-haired boy sighed in relief. "I'm really sorry. But we had to deal with an Ouroboros right off the bat.", he said when he sat with them.

In that moment, Shuns mouth dropped open. "Impossible! We checked all out yesterday!"

"Please don't yell. And if you don't believe me: You can come with me to bring Dr. Sakaki the core of the Ouroboros.", Ajira said tired. They even got the core. But it was defective.

"What about you? What... did happen?", Gina and Shuns behavior already told him that something really bad had happened.

"We lost two members.", Brendan said plain. "And Tatsumi... He got seriously injured."

"Urgh...", that was like a punch in Ajira's stomach.

"But at least he should be fine. He got multiple ribs broken and a lot of internal bleeding. But he was even on consciousness before."

The Leader relaxed a bit when he heard that. "So he's at the sick bay? I guess also I need to visit Arunja."

Arunja was one of the people taking care of the wounded God Eater. Ajira had the habit to only let her at his wounds. There was no way someone else could ever be allowed this.

Brendan asked him if he needed help when he stood up. But Ajira refused.

"I'll be fine.", he just said and left.

First he would bring the Core to Sakaki, and then he would go and have a shower since he really had too much mud on him. Then He would go to 'visit' Arunja and after that having some dinner, reading a book and then he could go to bed. Though, he maybe should talk to Soma, too. He brought only trouble to himself when he said things like that.

But after Ajira reached the Laboratory, he was sure he had to skip a lot of points. Or he would drop dead.

Kapitel 2: The kind of person Ajira is

VETERANS SECTION

"Man! Do you have any idea how scared Alisa and me had been when we heard about the Ouroboros!? Leader, at least you could have come to tell us you two are fine!"

What. The. Hell?

"I mean.. ya' know Soma would not. Well It's not like I saw him since we headed out yesterday but..."

No, Seriously?

Why was Kota standing at his door and saying that much crap? He didn't even wake Ajira up before he started to talk!

The Leader was just pulled out of sleep when he heard far away someone talking about Ouroboros... attacking... Gina...

"Kota.... Could you *please* lemme sleep a little more?", Ajira lied on his stomach, hugging a large pillow and looking at the young scout in an very dozy annoyance.

"Eh? Pal, it's around 11 a.m.!"

Damn that.

"I'm tired. So go now."

"Hey, don't you think-"

"Leave. *Now.*", Ajira growled.

And that reminded Kota that the first Units Leader was no morning person. So he better left before he got pelted with one of the books scattered in Ajira's room.

Still sleepy the Leader sat up and rubbed his eyes. He felt much better than yesterday but still beaten up.

He only had brought the core to Dr. Sakaki and then took a very short shower before he went to Arunja.

It took Ajira a lot of effort to get his ass out of the bed. But he needed to take a real shower and talk to Dr. Sakaki. But first he had to take care not to fall into his pile of books.

After the shower was done, he felt awake and was in a much better mood.

So he decided to search for Kota first. And there were actually just two places he could be: First, the cafeteria. But since it was too late for breakfast and too early for lunch, it had to be the second one. His room.

And really, when Ajira was in front of the door he already heard the TV and Kotas giggle. He knocked before he entered.

"Well, mornin Kota.", he said cheerfully. "Sorry about before. Uhm... doesn't that get boring...?"

Kota looked up when he noticed someone just came in. But he wasn't surprised to see Ajira. "Oh, it's you Leader. Nah, Bugarally never gets boring! There are still 1348 episodes left!"

This series definitely had too many episodes.

"About the fight... I actually thought Gina would tell you we're fine. You and Alisa have been much luckier, huh?", the Leader cleaned the little table next to Kota a bit so he could sit on it.

Since this room was just one mess.

"Yeah. If I think what happened to ya' two and the defense squad... I also heard about Tatsumi.", it didn't surprised Ajira anymore that the weird and dense Kota could be so serious.

"But dude! Alisa and me were 'bout to freak out when Gina told us 'bout that Ouroboros. You guys are way too self-confident. But I'm glad ya' managed it!"

Ajira could bet that Sakuya at least had listen until Gina could add they're fine before she would have freaked out.

"We're not. But during fighting the Ouroboros we didn't noticed all this small Aragami.", Ajira put his head in on hand and watched the show in the TV.

"Ya know... I guess it's kinda wrong to think that but... I really was glad that it happened far from E26.", Kota said and lowered his view.

"I don't think it's wrong. It's just manlike to think that and honest to spell it out.", Ajira replied.

Sure. It was not nice. It was even cruel to a certain extent. But it was a bit selfish. To wish it would not hit the ones you love. To wish that everything you were proud of would stay alright.

With that Ajira looked at it very sober.

It's not like he never wished someone else would have died in his sisters place, either. But Kota felt guilty for thinking so. That was probably why he had to spell it out.

"Pretty down on earth like always, huh?"

"Call it that. But since you can't protect and love everyone the same you have to choose priorities. And it would be strange if this wasn't you're family. No need to feel guilty about that.", Ajiras gentle smile was very unsuitable for what he said.

Still, it made Kota think. Sure he couldn't protect all at once. But at least he could wish for everyone the same, good things, couldn't he?

"And who did you choose? You told me you don't have any relative left since... your

sis died.”, Kota said that carefully. Because he already felt sick when he just thought about that Nozomi could disappear one day.

“Well, you guys of course. Though, you can protect yourself. So I guess the most important to protect is still Me.”, relied Ajira with a cheeky grin.

Kota opened his mouth in disbelief, and then closed it before he opened it again to cry out.

“How can you say such an egoistic thing? That’s so mean!”

The blonde only laughed. “Don’t take it that seriously, pal.”

Though, Ajira had been serious. But his and Kota’s idea of the true self of humans were far different.

“And what is the serious answer then?”, he asked again. He hadn’t take Ajira seriously from the start.

The scout did believe that in every one was some good part. And that you could get done much more with good emotions than with bad ones. And that love made you stronger.

“As I said it’s you guys. It doesn’t matter that you can fight as well.”

Ajira on the contrary, thought that people were able to feel negative emotions like hate because they had to. And that people positive emotions mostly use to suit their purpose. Because humans are egoistic.

But it wasn’t like he thought there was anything wrong with it. Or that it had to be hypocritical when someone had these feelings for other people.

That was Ajiras idea of humans. He just didn’t show or say it because it would be difficult for him and others. Besides that it was hard to explain without being misunderstood.

He didn’t think people were bad.

He once said something about it to Soma. But the buster blader had only replied: “If you’re serious about that then stop smiling already.” And the topic was closed.

“Well, yeah. We can fight but we need you. You’re almost like Jonny.”, Kota tried to say it serious but his grin destroyed that.

“Who’s that?”, Ajira asked and blinked from the TV to Kota.

“You’re joking!? You just watched it with me! It’s the guy with the cowboy hat!”

“Wait, you compare me with a guy from a TV-show?”, the Leader raised an eyebrow and focused a little more on the series. He was listening to Kota, not to that stuff.

“That’s somewhat insulting. The girl just knocked him out with a pan.”

"No! He actually... oh! Holy.....!! Alisa's gonna kill me!", he screamed and jumped up.

"W-what...!?", Ajira asked after the first shock and watched how Kota bustled through the room.

"I have to go for mission with her and Sakuya! Alisa kills me if I'm too late!", Kota quick grabbed his cap and hurried out of the door. "Sorry! Let's watch the rest later!"

"Uhm...", Ajira watched the door closing and titled his head. "She never blames me when I'm late."

ENTRANCE

"Tsubaki ordered you to take care of one Prithvi Mata in the old City before it's fellows appear as well.", the girl at the mission corner said as she read slowly from her laptop.

"...I think that's wrong.", Brendan said and raised an eyebrow.

"What? Oh! I'm so sorry! You're right, it's for Sakuyas group.", the girl said and started to search in the program for the right mission. It wasn't Hibari like always. It was Licca and she was pretty overwhelmed.

"It's... this one.

A Gobro-Gobro and two fallen Ogretail in the Sunken Gird. Karel will join you, right?" Brendan nodded and gave Licca an encouraging smile before he left. The engineer girl sighed and searched for something in the notes she had done. But she had lost all overview.

How the hell did Hibari do that? Taking care of all these request and all.

"Hibari isn't around? That's unusual." Licca looked up when she heard a low and slight surprised voice.

"Oh, it's you.", Licca said when she recognized Soma.

"Yes, she asked me to do her work for the rest of the day because she felt ill and had to go to the sick bay. Are you here for a mission?" she asked since she knew that Soma had fought an Ouroboros with Ajira yesterday. And the Leader was ordered to take the next three days off. Also, for Sakuyas group where only Alisa and Kota registered "That's what I'm here for."

While Licca tried to find out how to put the missions in order of priority she started to talk again.

"Anyway, could you take a day off soon? It's really about time to have some maintenance done on your God arc once again. I only took a small look at it since it turned white."

Actually Soma didn't have the intention to take a day off soon. Especially, not after what happened yesterday. And since he didn't have any problems with the God Arc

lately there was no need to now.

"What are you trying anyway?", ha asked with slight annoyance after Licca hadn't found a mission.

"I try to sort the missions by priority. But it just wo- hey!", before the engineer girl could finish, Soma already turned the laptop to himself and clicked trough the different open files.

'Huh? He knows how this works?'

"I'm heading out now.", he said curtly as he left.

Licca turned the laptop back and checked the mission Soma has chosen. She raised an eyebrow. "Seriously, this guy is nuts...."

LABORATORY SECTION

"Doc? You wanted to talk to me?", Ajira said when he entered Sakakis Laboratory.

"Yes, that is right. Good to see you're mostly fine."

Sakaki worked on his computers, like always. He didn't even look at Ajira so the leader wondered how he came to say he was okay.

"You see, I can't tell yet where all these Aragami came from yesterday. To me it seems they followed another Aragami, but I'm not done with elaborate the dates so I can't be sure.", the old man explained.

He left his computer to coma and face Ajira.

"If that's the case... what's the reason you called for me then?", the Leader asked since Sakaki usually didn't call for nothing.

"Well, you see, it's almost a year ago since you joined Fenrir. And I already told you it's literally a miracle you did survive."

The moment Ajira heard these words he flinched and glared at Sakaki. "I know that already! But it's not like it is a problem."

"Not yet, you're right. Since the development is quite slow in your case. But how will it be in one or two years?"

Ajira got silence and accurate watched the doctor.

"If you continue like this it will hinder you in fighting.", the doc said and Ajira wondered what he really was saying by. He couldn't stop the development. And there was no way he could tell the others just yet.

"And what are you gonna do now, doc?"

"Isn't that obviously?", before Ajira knew it the doc already bended over him. The leader leaned back but his face twisted this time.

'Ouch, my back!'

"I won't tell them. I'm only worried about you. You see... Soma, he is quite sharp person. And you work a lot with him. He'll find out sooner or later that there is something wrong with you. So wouldn't it be better tell them now?", when Sakaki had finished talking, he moved away again. "Oh, but it's not like I try to urge you to anything."

Ajira rubbed his back and watched the doctor. "I'll tell them. As soon as it starts to hinder me by fighting. No moment earlier.", the blonde Leader relied.

"I see. Well, then just go and take your rest. I'll summon you as soon as I am done with analyzing the dates."

Wordless, Ajira leaved.

He wouldn't tell them. Not yet. Not soon.