WHERE THE HECK AM I RIGHT NOW?

OH, YEAH... I CAN'T USE NEN.

PUT US IN ALREADY DAMNIT.

THE DAY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR: IT'S BACK!

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生きて残るのは誰だ!? 継承戦

相関チャート!!!

カミーラ
自己中心的で、ヒステリックで、国中で不穏の物音を聴く。

ツェリードニヒ
残酷な実力主義者で、国を圧倒的な力で統治する。

オイル王妃
ガラン家の次期国王を自認し、ガラン家の系譜を守る。

ワブル
ガラン家の次期国王を自認し、ガラン家の系譜を守る。

クラピカ
クロガファの子とされるが、実際の親を知らなければならぬ。

モモゼ
母の奥様の死を悲しむ。

マチアーノ
母を敬愛している。

フレンチ
自由を愛する。

タイソン
メイドを雇う。

警告!! B・W号に幻影旅団も乗車!!

幻影旅団が乗車した目的は、ヒソカを殺害すること。
ヒソカの情報を持って、国を圧倒的な力で統治する。

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MIZAISTOM BEMULDERED! WHAT IS THE PRINCE DOING HERE?

THE 11TH PRINCE IS INDEED NOT IN ROOM 1011.

WE'VE CONFIRMED IT.
IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE THAT THE ROYAL ARMY WOULD GIVE ANY FALSE INFORMATION IN REGARDS TO THIS INCIDENT.

WHEREAS WE CAN PROBABLY ASSUME THE PRINCE ACTUALLY DID NOT USE THE CORRIDORS.

THOUGH WE ARE STILL CURRENTLY EXAMINING ALL THE SECURITY FOOTAGE FROM THE INTER-DECK CORRIDORS.

YOU CAME TO ARRIVE HERE AT DECK 3 AND WHAT YOU CAME FOR?

WOULD YOU PLEASE TELL US HOW IT IS...

BUT AS YOU KNOW, OUTSIDE OF THE EVENING BANQUETS, DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN FELLOW PRINCES IS FORBIDDEN.

WE'RE PRESENTLY IN THE MIDDLE OF NEGOTIATIONS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE FIRST DECK...

THE FACT THAT SHE DIDN'T EVEN CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THAT WE COULD SUSPECT HER SISTER OF BEING A CO-CONSPIRATOR SHOWS SHE REALLY IS JUST A CHILD...

I'LL TALK TO 10TH PRINCE KACHO...

WE WANT TO BE OF HELP TO YOU, PRINCE FUKETSU, AND PRINCE KACHO.

OUR POSITION HERE IS NOT TO PROTECT THE SUCCESSION WAR ITSELF...

NOTHING YOU SAY HERE WILL BE LEAKED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE THIS ROOM.

GUESS IT'S NO USE...
PLEASE HOLD JUST A MOMENT.

YES?

YES.

HELLO?

YES...

MELODY, PHONE CALL.

SO WHAT SHOULD I DO...

I HADANTED TO KEEP THIS FROM GETTING OUT TO ANYONE ELSE... IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, AT LEAST UNTIL THE DAY WE CARRY OUT THE PLAN...!

GO ON.

THIS IS BAD... I AS I THOUGHT, PRINCE FUJETSU'S NEW BEAST REALLY DOES HAVE TELEPORTATION ABILITIES!!

I SEE.

IT IS EXTREMELY POSSIBLE THAT THE TWO ARE PLANNING TO ESCAPE USING SOME KIND OF METHOD.

THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY ABNORMALITIES IN THE SPEECH AND CONDUCT OF BOTH PRINCE KACHO AND PRINCE FUJETSU! KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON THEM.

I AM GOING TO RELAY AN IMPORTANT ORDER FROM MI2AISTOM.

IT'S CURRENTLY 13:44.
I'm fine.

No.

Do you need me to repeat anything?

Keeni will be responsible for this mission. You will support him.

In addition to security, use all your power to stop them from escaping.

Understood.
NO CHOICE BUT TO DO IT...!!

EVEN SO... I'VE NO CHOICE...

Two parts of a whole...

...Ka-chin and I truly are...

But the door of return can only be opened by Ka-chin.

Then once I step out, the door of return appears.

I create the door of travel...

Ka-chin was so kind... She always let me have my way and did what I wanted...

It's what we always used to play... and how we always used to play it.

We've arrived at ___-!!

But on the other hand, once the door is closed all the way, the door of return can take us to an entirely different place... that was our world travel game.
UNDERSTOOD. I'LL USE ALL THE REMAINING TIME FOR REHEARSAL.

BUT MEETING WITH PRINCE KACHO WILL, AS I'M SURE YOU KNOW, BE DIFFICULT NOW.

THE SURVEILLANCE WILL BE LIFTED TEMPORARILY BEFORE THE SUNDAY BANQUET.

WE'VE MANAGED TO AVOID PRINCE FUGETSU BEING PLACED IN CONFINEMENT, BUT IN PLACE OF THAT SHE WILL BE UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE FOR 72 HOURS BEGINNING NOW.

I'M SORRY, I WON'T TRY TO RUN AWAY ANYMORE.

CHKA CHKA

[Music notation]
Thank you very much for listening quietly.

I never considered Hyle's requiem having such a... hopeful, upbeat interpretation...

Well... Hm...

I didn't expect to be so entranced by your performance!!

Bravo!! That was incredible!!

For the real thing, I've prepared a more fitting piece for the banquet.

Can I hear this again on Sunday?

No matter what it is, I'll come hear it! Leave the intercom broadcasting to me!!

I suppose you're right about that.

I don't want to stand out just yet.

Thank you... but it might call the attention of the Upper Princes.

We belong to an independent judicial branch... if things go well, you may be able to protect the Prince until landfall...

If I weren't on duty, I may have asked you for an encore.

How about giving this as a suitable reason for you to continue your monitoring.
Then we could continue monitoring the prince on behalf of the organization.

Well then, you could just say the prince is acting strangely.

I don’t think it’s that easy. That would leave behind telephone records.

If anything happens, you can call me any time.

I just learned once more today, that people can be moved with words.

The sound... of his heart... is so strange...

Either way... I feel like I can’t just sit here and do nothing.

Even if it’s only the slightest change, it’s still possible that King Nasubi could change his mind.

And the very least, I want to work and contribute.

Running in opposition to his words is a very faint tuning that does not shake, falter, or show any disturbance for anything.

Even among the types of people that suppress and snuff out their emotions, the sound their hearts play during the course of duty are still beating drums compared to him... The possibility that he could be being controlled by a Nen user exists as well...!
They're coming up with defensive strategies much faster than I'd anticipated! I can't let my guard down for a second!

I've got to do all I can to ensure that no more unexpected situations happen until then...

Just 76 hours left until the banquet...

You know, I've been thinking...

It's appeared...!

And as predicted, his opinion of Prince Sale-Sale is changing....

They say great men have a great fondness for sensual pleasures...

So I suppose someone that really indulges like 8th Prince Sale-Sale is the best, right?

But I just feel like Prince Sale-Sale's character is more suited to being king.

I mean... Of course, First Prince Benjamin is the most kindly candidate...
I've collected all the materials now... I'm ready to activate it!!

As I thought, it requires a greater amount of time proportionate to how great the opinion of a person is towards him to begin with...

So it manifests roughly 70 hours after first inhaling the smoke...

It's a manipulator with a induction-type nen ability that acts via diffusion...!

The target prey is the guardian beast of 8th prince sale-sale.

The clones of the nen beast also release smoke with an effective radius of roughly 2 meters!! That is enough to take action when in close enough proximity to have a one-on-one discussion with someone.

If we consider prince sale-sale's closest associates to be of a max affection level, they took roughly 8 hours!! For his security guards who will we assume were at a baseline level, the clone formed in about 70 hours!!

The effective radius of the smoke is roughly 7 meters, and the greater the targets affection towards prince sale-sale, the shorter the time will be until the clone appears.

As the humans surrounding it continue to inhale the smoke that the nen beast itself spits out, a clone of the nen beast will be formed above their heads!!

It will take time, but once it succeeds, his approval rating will be 100%!! It will be the birth of the world's most firm and resolute royal dictatorship!!

In other words, using a smoke-type aura, prince sale-sale's nen beast can manipulate the affection level of others until finally he has control over the hearts of the entire kingdom!!

Come forth!! Predator!!

But of course, that's only if all his political opponents simple-minded idiots with no counter-strategies or plans of their own!!
Yet so passionate as well.
He's simple and innocent...

Grr rrrk pkkk...
I wish I were like him.

And most importantly, he's a lady-killer.

Err... what was I talking about...?
WILL BE COMPLETELY HELPLESS BEFORE THE MIGHT OF PREDATOR!!

A NEW BEAST CREATED FROM THE HEART OF SOMEONE WHOSE MOTHER TAKES CARE OF EVERYTHING FOR HIM WHILE HE IS FILLED WITH ONLY LUST AND DESIRE...
MISSION COMPLETE ...!!

WHY AM I SO TAKEN WITH PRINCE SALE-SALE? HE'S PRETTY FRICKIN' WEIRD, ISN'T HE?

HUM ...?
I'VE DISPOSED OF THE 8TH PRINCE'S NEN BEAST! REQUESTING TO SWAP SECURITY SHIFTS WITH USHOUHI!!

FOR 48 HOURS AFTER PREDATOR FINISHES TAKING DOWN ITS PREY, I AM UNABLE TO USE ANY NEN ABILITIES WHATSOEVER...

WITH THE CONDITIONS GIVEN BY BEING ON THIS SHIP, TAKING THE LIFE OF A PRINCE WHO HAS LOST HIS GUARDIAN BEAST SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM AT ALL.

OUT OF ALL 14 OF WE PRIVATE SOLDIERS, USHOUHI'S ABILITY IS THE MOST SUITED FOR ASSASSINATION !

ROGER ....!

UNDERSTOOD!! USHOUHI IS HEADED YOUR WAY NOW!! ONCE HE GETS THERE, YOU WILL HEAD TO ROOM 1011!!

C'MON, USHOUHI... IF YOU'RE GOING TO EXPLAIN IT THAT MUCH, THEN MY ABILITY IS PRETTY MUCH USELESS...

BUT THERE IS ALSO THE SLIGHT POSSIBILITY THAT SHE'S SOMEHOW ABLE TO EITHER BECOME INVISIBLE OR OTHERWISE UNDETECTABLE TO OTHERS!! JUST BECAUSE SHE'S A CHILD, DO NOT LET YOUR GUARD DOWN! STAY VIGILANT!

THIS IS USHOUHI REPORTING!! I HAD PREVIOUSLY HYPOTHESIZED THAT 11TH PRINCE FUGETSU'S NEN BEAST'S ABILITY IS TELEPORTATION, BUT AFTER THE REPORT FROM THE ROYAL ARMY A MOMENT AGO, THAT POSSIBILITY IS ALMOST DEFINITE!!
...Perhaps... I should consider myself lucky that none of the other Nen users discovered my needle ball that had been attached to Prince Fugetsu...

But... now her power has been determined to be just a harmless teleportation-type, the assassins will come for her, one after the next.

Looks like Prince Fugetsu just barely escaped death.

"How to get away with murder" will be forcibly released after the target gets further than a 20 meter radius away from me...! Since I was worried about clashing with any other Nen users' abilities from the other residential areas, I was restraining my en, but as a result, I wasn't able to notice the prince escaping.

If I use it on someone that's not a Nen user... then it takes drastically longer until the effects manifest.

If a target discovers my needle ball and it's directly removed from the target, then the ability will never again work on them...!

After all, there could still be one hiding amongst one of the Prince's bodyguards, waiting to strike, like touchy.

There's virtually not a single human alive that wouldn't show some kind of reaction to an insect buzzing in their ear... which means I'm able to use my needle ball as a simple method to determine who his a Nen user.

The bodyguards testifying that I didn't lay a single finger on Prince Fugetsu will instead end up feeding them clues leading to the true nature of my ability... that damned Kurapika opening his big mouth really screwed me over.

More over, now that the existence of Nen abilities has been made official knowledge, my ability is no longer as almighty as it once was.
IT'S SOMETHING I JUST CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF...

ROGER ...

USHOUHI! CHANGE SHIFTS WITH LIHAN. PRINCE SALE-SALE'S NEN BEAST HAS BEEN ELIMINATED!!

I'M ADDICTED TO THAT TIME...

IT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO THE MOMENT MY PREY DIES...

BUT...

ROOM CONFINEMENT HAS BEEN LIFTED! EVERYONE CAN NOW RELAX AND LEAVE THEIR ROOMS....!!

THE ALERT HAS BEEN ENDED!! THE STOWAWAY HAS BEEN CAPTURED!! THE ALERT HAS ENDED!!

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY 8PM
104 HOURS SINCE DEPARTURE
72 HOURS LEFT UNTIL THE BANQUET (8PM SUNDAY)
TO THE KING’S
CHAMBER!

HE GOES
THROUGH THIS
EVERY SINGLE
MORNING.

...HE’S
HERE
AGAIN.

I’LL TAKE
CARE OF
IT FOR
YOU.

YOU’VE
BROUGHT
A LETTER
AGAIN, RIGHT?

GOOD
MORNING,
9TH PRINCE
HALKENBERG.

TODAY,
I’VE COME TO SEND
SOMETHING A LITTLE
DIFFERENT.

THAT’S
RIGHT.

NOT
QUITE...
DON'T MOVE!

AND I'M GOING TO DO IT PERSONALLY!
TO LET THEIR GUARDS DOWN AND STOP HAVING THEIR GUNS AT THE READY.

IT TOOK FOUR DAYS TO GET THE ROYAL ARMY...

HAD TO BECOME VICTIMS OF THIS...!!!

BEFORE ANY OF THE OTHER PRINCES...

BUT I MADE IT IN TIME....!!
FATHER!!

LET'S END THIS...
LET'S END THIS...
FATHER!!
NO, I'VE MADE IT IN TIME.

YOU'RE LATE, HUI.

YOU CONSENTED TO THE CEREMONY, HUI.

ABOUT IT BEING A DEATH-MATCH!!

NO ONE EVER SAID ANYTHING...

WELL THEN, THIS IS MY ANSWER.

I SEE.

IT'S ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF THE PROCESS OF THE SUCCESSION WAR.

THE ABILITY TO ADAPT TO CHANGING SITUATIONS AND NEW FACTS AS YOU LEARN THEM IS ALSO A QUALITY NECESSARY IN A KING.

DECIDE HERE AND NOW...!

WILL YOU PROCLAIM THE SUCCESSION WAR TO BE IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDED, OR WILL YOU BE SHOT BY ME?
THIS SUCCESSION WAR BELONGS TO YOU... ALL OF YOU!

I REFUSE!

THEN YOU CAN JUST TELL EVERYONE TO "STOP."

THERE'S NOTHING MORE I'M ABLE TO DO AT THIS POINT, HUI.

THE SUCCESSION WAR IS Already OUT OF MY HANDS... IT'S PROGRESSING ON ITS OWN NOW.

THERE'S NOTHING MORE DISGRACEFUL THAN A HYPOCRITE WHO IS ALL TALK WITH NOTHING TO BACK IT UP, HUI...

DON'T REly ON OTHERS! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO TAKE ACTION, HALKENBERG...!!

I WILL STOP THIS ROYAL SUCCESSION WAR MYSELF....!!

THROUGH REVOLUTION...

FATHER

...!

FARE-WELL...
I have a duty to fulfill, so until it's finished, I cannot die, Hii.

At this point, I'm a part of this ceremony, Hii.

If you really intend to kill someone, always shoot three times, Hii.

Quite impressive...but...
DON'T WORRY. NEITHER YOU, PRINCE HALKENBERG, NOR YOUR PRIVATE ARMY WILL RECEIVE ANY KIND OF PUNISHMENT OR REPRIMAND FOR THIS.

WE HAD ALREADY MADE PREPARATIONS IN OUR PLANS BEFORE EVER DEPARTING TO HANDLE CASES SUCH AS THIS ONE AS "SECRET TRAINING EXERCISES."

YES, SIR.

SO THEN YOU'RE SAYING ALL OF THIS ... WAS WITHIN YOUR CALCULATIONS?

IN THAT CASE, WHAT ABOUT THIS...?
HAVE YOU AWAKENED, HUI?

IT SEEMS YOUR NEN BEAST IS OF A SIMILAR MINDSET TO MY OWN.
TWO CHOICES?
Huhuhuhuhuhu,
THAT’S NOT LIKE
YOU AT ALL.

WHAT,
YOU’RE TRYING
TO SAY THAT MY
TWO CHOICES ARE
A RAILWAY WITH MY
FELLOW PRINCES ON
IT, OR A RAILWAY
WITH THE PEOPLE
OF THE KINGDOM
ON IT?

DO
YOU KNOW OF
THE “TROLLEY
PROBLEM”?

THE ONLY
QUESTION IS
“WHO” WILL PULL
THE LEVER,
HuII!!

THE COUNTRY
IS WHAT SHOULD
SURVIVE! SO WITH-
OUT QUESTION, IT’S
THE LIVES OF THE
PEOPLE THAT NEED
TO BE CHOSEN,
HuII!!

AND
UNLESS YOU
ARE KING, YOU
CANNOT CHANGE
THE COUNTRY,
HuII....!!

WITHOUT
ACCEPTING AND
SHOULDERING
THE BURDEN OF
KARMA, YOU
CANNOT BE
KING.

THEN
BECOME KING
FIRST, THEN
SAY THAT,
HuII....!!

IF
YOU SAY
WE DON’T
NEED A
KING...
SHI-KAKU!! COME IN!!

THE SEAL... IS GONE! IT MAY HAVE ALREADY DISAPPEARED!

AN ATTACK FROM THE PRINCE'S NEN BEAST....!

THE 9TH PRINCE HAS GONE TO THE KING TO DELIVER HIS PETITION... I WAS RESTING... YES...

REVOLUTION?!

IT CAN'T BE... THE 9TH PRINCE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE OPPOSED TO THE SUCCESSION WAR.

I'M HEADING THERE NOW!!

NOBODY'S HERE...

INDEEHD... IT IS STRANGE... THAT EVEN THOUGH THE 9TH PRINCE HAD GONE OUT... I WAS SLEEPING...

DON'T WORRY, THE KING IS SAFE.

THIS IS SHIKAKU... I'M IN ROOM 1009.

BUT IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, HE WENT THERE TO KILL HIS FATHER, THE KING.

IT WILL PROBABLY ALL BE SWEEPT UNDER THE RUG, BEING CALLED A TRAINING EXCERISE...
AND NOW, HE'S ACCEPTED HIS FATE.

BUT HE FAILED.

ELIMINATING HIM IS OUR TOP PRIORITY...!!

HALKENBERG HAS AWAKENED AND WILL LIKELY TAKE ON THE SUCCESSION WAR WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH.

9TH PRINCE HALKENBERG'S ABILITY...

GET HIS POWER!!
The aura of his subordinates that he governs is transformed into powerful, unmatched armor that protects the Prince and an arrow that pierces his enemy.

T/N: Written the same as the game 'Yugioh' 'King of Games'

He turns his own aura into a bow and infuses his will into the arrow.

Military Might...

Combat is using military might to eradicate the enemy's will itself.

War is the ability to change the will and system of an enemy nation using military might.

AND USE IT...!

Is the resolve to face your own death...
THE ARROW HE RELEASED...

WILL PIERCE THROUGH ANY AND ALL MANNER OF DEFENSE THE ENEMY MAY HAVE AND TAKE THE "WILL" FROM THE ENEMY'S BODY.

I COULDN'T EVEN... TURN IT INTO A CARD....!!!

MY... POWER....!!

WHAT'S GOING ON...

IN OTHER WORDS...

IN EXCHANGE FOR THE BODY OF ONE OF HIS OWN SUBORDINATES.
IN BATTLES AGAINST INDIVIDUALS, IT IS AN ABILITY THAT WILL GUARANTEE CERTAIN VICTORY.

EVERY TIME HE FIRES HIS BOW, THE ARROW WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO INTERCEPT OR DEFEND AGAINST, AND WILL PIERCE ITS TARGET.

...PRINCE...

GIVE ME YOUR COMMAND ...!
That along with a rumbling came a massive swelling of powerful aura.

If that power is in fact coming from a single person, if they come after me, I won't be any match for them.

Right when I thought the silent assassin had settled down, now there's a loud oppressor?

I'd better make note of exactly what date and time it occurred... I've got to get any kind of grasp or understanding on them I can...!!

Damn it...!! Isn't there anything else I can do apart from sitting here on alert...??

If I start feeling powerless, it's only going to have a negative effect on my nen...!

No, everyone's already doing everything they can to account for everything possible!

In this war of attrition, my worst enemy...!!!

WILL BE MYSELF...!!!
8th day of voyage, 8:00 PM.

The banquet begins.
FOR TONIGHT’S ENTERTAINMENT, WE HAVE A MUSIC PERFORMANCE ORGANIZED BY THE ROYAL FAMILY!!! DO LOOK FORWARD TO IT!!

WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, I HEREBY DECLARE THE FIRST SUNDAY EVENING BANQUET TO BE UNDERWAY!!

THE DAY TO TAKE ACTION drawing near.

THAT 8TH PRINCE SABLE-SABLE WHO PROCLAIMED THAT "TONIGHT'S PERFORMANCE WILL CHANGE THE WORLD" WILL NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE DUE TO POOR PHYSICAL HEALTH.

ALTHOUGH I MUST MAKE ONE REGRETFUL ANNOUNCEMENT...

SO PLEASE DO LOOK FORWARD TO THEM AND ENJOY THEM ALL TO THE VERY END!

BUT THERE ARE STILL MANY OTHER THRILLING WONDERFUL PERFORMANCES SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT.

YOSHIHIRO TOGASHI
It’s an honor to be the main event.

The performances from the first half have just changed to opening up the last half is all, right?

As you heard, I do apologize for the slight changes.

The order of performers aren’t changing though, right...?

The first and second princes are nen users, and with them both being absent as well means there’s that much less for us to be anxious about... This is actually quite in our favor...!

Okay then... As long as that’s the case, there’s no problem...!

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Performance Program:
- FreeStyle Rap Battle
- Basho x Ryuji (Hunter Association)
- Dance Performance
- Servant Volunteers
- Rock Music Performance
- Izunav - Juliano (Hunter Association)
- A cappella Chorus
- 6th Prince’s Private Army Volunteers
- Short Intermission
- Talk Show
- Tamazo & Gantai
- Piano Performance
- Keeni (Hunter Association)
- Flute Performance
- Melody (Hunter Association)
- Glass Harp Performance
- 10th Prince & 11th Prince

90 minutes until we carry out our plan...!

It’s an order from the prince.

And why should I have to...?
BUT FOR THAT REASON, IF THE PRINCE OR QUEEN IS REQUESTED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR SOMETHING, THEN WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE HERE.

UNLIKE THE PRINCES AND QUEENS, A SERVANT SUDDENLY ABSENT WOULDN'T RAISE ANY ALARMS OR CAUSE TOO MUCH CONCERN.

SERVANTS THAT GO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PERFORMANCE WON'T BE ABLE TO RETURN HERE ANYMORE, WILL THEY?

I WOULD LIKE TO PASS AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE PEACEFULLY AND WITHOUT ISSUE.

BUT IF EVERYTHING GOES WELL, IT COULD BE POSSIBLE TO STAY CONFINED HERE UNTIL WE REACH THE NEW CONTINENT.

WOULDN'T THAT CAUSE ANY DIFFICULTY IN DEALING WITH THE QUEEN?

YOU'RE THE ONE THAT SAID YOU WANTED TO MAINTAIN THINGS "PEACEFULLY AND WITHOUT ISSUE."

AS LONG AS WE'RE HERE THEN EVERYTHING IS FINE!

SAYING WE'RE DOING ALL THAT FOR SECURITY...

THERE WOULDN'T BE ANYTHING UNNATURAL ABOUT IT... AND IT WOULD TAKE SOME OF THE LOAD OFF OF THE SERVANTS THAT ARE REMAINING HERE... SO LET'S SEND THE HUNTERS ASSIGNED TO 13TH PRINCE MARAYAM OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE.

I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST IF WE COULD LEAVE AT LEAST A FEW MORE PEOPLE HERE IN THE REAL ROOM 1013.

I FULLY AGREE, BUT IN THAT CASE...

IN THAT CASE...

I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT.

THE HAPPY-GO-LUCKY YOUNG PRINCE SEEMS ATTACHED TO ME, TOO.

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!

BISCUIT, WHERE ARE YOUUU?

I'M STAYING HERE. WE NEED A WOMAN'S TOUCH AROUND HERE, RIGHT?

MMMM... BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU...?

SHE SAID SUCH AN WONDERFUL PHRASE SO CARELESSLY....!

"WE NEED A WOMAN'S TOUCH AROUND HERE, RIGHT?"
NOT REALLY.

AREN'T YOU NERVOUS, KAA-CHIN?

WE'RE UP AFTER THE NEXT PERFORMANCE...
AND COMING UP NEXT, WE HAVE A FLUTE PERFORMANCE BY MISS MELODY FROM THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION.

WHAT A MARVELOUS PERFORMANCE!! PLEASE GIVE A GREAT ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR MISTER KEEN!!

MISS MELODY IS A MUSIC HUNTER!! WHICH MEANS SHE HAS MASTERED ALL MANNER OF INSTRUMENTS!!

BUT AMONG THEM ALL, HER GREATEST SPECIALTY IS THE FLUTE!! PLEASE ENJOY!!
WE'RE JUST GOING OVER OUR SONG.

I CAN TRANSPORT THE CONSCIOUSNESS...

IF I PLAY SINCERELY...

TO THE REALM OF SOUND AND MUSIC FOR 3 MINUTES...!!
KEENI WILL LEAD THEM TO THE LAUNCH BAY FOR THE LIFE SUPPORT BOATS.

THIS WAY!!

RUN WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT!!
TWO MINUTES UNTIL YOU BOARD THE LIFE BOAT!! ONCE YOU GET IN THE WATER, HEAD FULL SPEED TO THE WEST!!

LIKE IT? IF YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE CAUGHT BY A PURSUER!!

YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE IT EVEN FROM THE LIFE BOAT!! IF THE DOOR WON'T APPEAR WHEN YOU IMAGINE KAKIN, THEN JUST RETURN TO YOUR BEDROOM ON THE SHIP!!

WE'LL FIND SOME OTHER WAY TO SAVE YOU! WITHOUT A DOUBT!!

THE DOOR ABILITY WILL BE YOUR FINAL TRUMP CARD!! USE IT ONLY IN CASE OF TRUE IMMINENT DANGER!!

BUT PLEASE... LET THOSE GIRLS ESCAPE SAFELY...!!

THANK YOU!!

HURRY!! GO!!

KACHO'S GUARDIAN BEAST NEVER APPEARED EVEN UP TILL THE VERY END...
RUN WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT!!

YOU CAN DO IT... GIVE IT YOUR ALL!!

NOW THEN...

ARE MY WIFE AND DAUGHTER.

IT'S FINE.

NO...!! YOU CAN'T...!!

I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR MY PLACE TO DIE.

EVER SINCE THEN...

!!

THESE...

THEY DIED IN AN ACCIDENT... TWO YEARS AGO...
AND BESIDES, I ALSO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SAVING TWO WONDERFUL GIRLS...

I BELIEVE IN MY HEART THAT I WILL SEE MY WIFE AND DAUGHTER AGAIN?

OTHERWISE, IT WILL CREATE A HUGE OBSTACLE FOR THE ENTIRE HUNTER ASSOCIATION IN THE ACCOMPLISHING OF THEIR MISSION.

THIS IS A PLAN THAT ABSOLUTELY REQUIRE SOMEONE TO TAKE THE FALL, AND AS AN INDIVIDUAL...

LEST I END UP HEARING A HEART SOUNING LIKE THAT...!!

MORE THAN ANYTHING... THERE'S NO WAY I CAN STOP PLAYING NOW...

"LOOK UP THE PHRASES WITH THESE NUMBERS."

SAYING NUMBERS FIRST REFERS TO THE HUNTER CODE.
THE PLAN WORKED!!
WE'RE ALMOST AT THE EXIT!!

WE’LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER!! AS LONG AS WE'VE GOT EACH OTHER, WE'LL BE FINE, NO MATTER WHAT!
OF COURSE, NOT!!
KAA-CHIN!! WE... WON'T EVER HAVE TO BE APART AGAIN, RIGHT?!

HANG TIGHT!!
HERE WE GO!!
I KNOW!!

FULL-CHIN, I...
WHAT
IS THIS...
THIS AWFUL
FEELING
...?!

WHAT
...?!

FUJICHIN!!

THE DOOR!!

IT CAN'T BE...
LEAVING THE SHIP!!

DOESN'T LEAD TO
"ESCAPE"

BUT
"DEATH"

?!
HURRY!!

WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE SHIP!!

SLAM!!
KA-CHIN...

KA-CHIN!

NO... NO, YOU CAN'T...! KA-CHIN!

!!
WE'VE GOTTA LAY LOW FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

BUT...

WE'LL REVISE OUR PLAN AND TRY AGAIN.

NOW, LET'S HEAD BACK TO THE BOAT FOR NOW.

IT'S OKAY, WE MADE IT IN TIME.

KA-CHIN!! I'M SO GLAD!! I WAS SO WORRIED!!

I'M FINE AS LONG AS I'VE GOT YOU, KA-CHIN!!

OKAY!!

THIS CEREMONY IS A LOT MORE TROUBLESOME THAN WE EXPECTED.

THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES IN PLACE FOR TRYING TO LEAVE THE SHIP ON OUR OWN.

WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED?!
Fugetsu's Beast's ability name is "Magical Worm." It's a teleportation ability. Fugetsu controls the departing trip, and Kacho controls the return trip.

Kacho and Fugetsu's Guardian Beasts are both mutual cooperation types. Fugetsu's exists as a wormhole state and Kacho's is formless.

We'll always be together.

Staying by the side of the other and protecting her until death.

Kachou's Beast's ability name is "Without You." If either one of the two dies, it takes the form of the deceased.

Even in death.

The lines of influence and power begin to change... Where is the succession war headed...?
The Army is going to start suspecting this has something to do with the Mafia even more. Is that so? Apparently, she didn't turn up during the second simultaneous search either.

But if we do take that route, our own base would be subjected to the same. Conducting a genuine search of all the likely resting places would definitely be advantageous for us to learn their actions and plans...

Hey, wait a sec!

They say that they would like to work together with us.

These are the Spiders.

Well, I suppose that can't be helped?

I've seen your face somewhere before.

Hrm!

It's just easier and faster if I put it that way.

Bullshit. Explain things properly.

Don't make it sound like we're the ones trying to get all in close with you.

YOSHIHIRO TOGASHI
And apparently the same has gone on with the Xi-Yu family.

Over the past few days, 8 people have gone missing from our ranks.

So then the hitman from the Heih-ly family has these super powers... Is a... What did you call it? Nen User?

I see.

The manpower they've lost exceeds 300. I don't think this is someone acting independently.

According to our reports from our underlings...

Chi-R Family Vice Boss
7th Prince's Private Army Advisor
Tahao

And through some cunning method are still continuing their manhunt. That is what I believe.

The hitman that caused the problems on Deck 3 along with his allies have come down to the lower decks.

If you will allow us to communicate with the Chi-R family on Deck 4...

We are looking for a man named Hisoka. He wasn't on Deck 5.

But what does that have to do with these guys?

We will eliminate that hitman for you.

So we want to search the upper decks.

We need immediate counter-measures in place.
The one that you’ve created, that is.

That hitman’s objective is on the other side of that door...

There is a place that he is bound to come... and that place is here.

I see.

Although he may be an elusive phantom with a teleportation ability, able to pop in and out of places at will...

What the hitman’s after is that direct passageway that leads there.

You came from the upper decks, didn’t you?

Please confirm with Boss Lee as to whether or not Morena of the Heirl-ly is currently on deck one.

Considering Morena has just recently taken over the Heirl-ly, The Fourth Prince may be a little more watchful about her side.

Maybe they’re after your Boss’s life? Who knows?

So why go out of his way to go through ours?

The Heirl-ly should also have their own direct access route connecting to the 4th Prince.

What do you mean?

If Morena is not on an upper deck at this point in time, then pulling out is no longer an option for you guys.

Depending on where Morena is will greatly change the situation.

Understood.
NO QUARTER, NO PEACE TREATIES. NONE OF THAT. A WAR THAT GOES UNTIL ONLY ONE REMAINS.

IT'S GOING TO BE AN ALL-OUT CONFLICT.

AREN'T YOU FOR REAL?

ANY INDEPENDENT ATTACKS INITIATED BY THE FAMILY MEMBERS OR IF GUNS ARE GOING TO BE USED MUST ALL FIRST BE DISCUSSED WITH THEIR BOSS, AND THEN THE BOSSES OF THE FAMILIES WILL HAVE A MEETING.

NONE OF THAT MAKES ANY SENSE.

KAKIN'S MAFIA HAS LAWS IN PLACE FOR ITS FIGHTS.

SORRY, MY YOUNG MEMBER ACTED OF HIS OWN ACCORD WITHOUT CONSULTING ME.

C'MON, LET ME TAKE HIM OUT!!

AHHH... IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

WE'LL SETTLE IT WITH XX.

BOSS!! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!!

...VERY WELL. IF YOU'RE THAT ADAMANT ABOUT IT, THEN GO AHEAD. I'LL SEND WORD TO THE OTHER FAMILY.
"SOMEBEWHERE AWAY FROM HOME TURF," SO IN OTHER WORDS, A HIGH AREA LIKE DECK 1 OR 2...

I SEE.

THE BOSS ON THE VICTIM'S SIDE WILL CONSIDER THE BALANCE WHEN PROPOSING SOMETHING... THIS IS THE PLACE FOR A BOSS TO DISPLAY THEIR TOLERANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY.

THE SETTLEMENT COULD BE MONEY, IT COULD BE A LIFE OR TWO, OR EVEN PART OF A BODY. ALL KINDS OF THINGS.

IF WE WERE SPEAKING ABOUT THIS SHIP, THAT IS...

FOR REPORTS THAT COME IN AFTER THE INCIDENT OCCURS, THE MOST VITAL CONDITION IS THAT AT THE TIME OF ITS OCCURRENCE, "THE BOSS WAS SOMEWHERE AWAY FROM HOME TURF"!!! THAT'S THE ABSOLUTE IRONCLAD LAW OF THE KAKIN MAFIA.

THERE ARE MANY CASES WHERE THE BOSSES COMMUNICATE AND PERMISSION IS GIVEN AFTER THE FACT, BUT IT MUST BE WITHIN 24 HOURS. THIS IS THE RULE OF THE UNDERWORLD.

THE FACT THAT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY WORD COULD MEAN THAT THEIR BOSS IS "AWAY FROM THEIR HOME TURF."

IT'S ALREADY BEEN OVER TWO DAYS SINCE THE FIRST KILLING, BUT NO BIG PROBLEMS HAVE POPPED UP.

EXACTLY.

BUT...

THE BATTLE THAT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ONLY ONE REMAINS WOULD CONTINUE ON.

WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT IF YOU KILL THE HITMAN, THEN YOU'LL ALSO BE AT WAR WITH THE HEIL-LY FAMILY.

IT WOULD BE THE SAME AS IF THEY SHOT A BULLET AT THE OPPOSING FAMILY'S BOSS.

IF THE BOSS WAS ON DECK 3 AND STILL DIDN'T SEND ANY WORD, THEN THAT WOULD MEAN WAR.

BUT THESE TERRIBLY INCONVENIENT BUSINESS PRACTICES ARE HAVING AWFUL INFLUENCE ON YOU GUYS.

WHATEVER, I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT ANY OF THAT.

IT CAN'T BE STOPPED ANYMORE, AFTER THAT.
I CAN LET YOU SPEAK TO THE K-51 ON DECK 4, BUT YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO LOOK FOR THAT HISOKA GLY ALL ON YOUR OWN.

WHICH MEANS YOU WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO USE THE GANGSTERS HERE ON DECK 5 TO COLLECT INFORMATION FOR YOU ANYMORE.

THEY'RE BOUND BY KAKIN MAFIA LAW TO NOT COOPERATE WITH ANY FAMILY IN THE MIDST OF WAR.

IF IT COMES TO WAR, ALL OF THE LOWER LEVEL THUGS AND PUNKS WOULD NOT PROVIDE ANY HELP WHATSOEVER.

MEANWHILE, WE'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS AND HUNT DOWN THAT HITMAN.

HURRY UP AND CONFIRM MORENA'S LOCATION.

AND IF THE 4TH PRINCE AND THIS CURRENT NEW BOSS AREN'T ON GOOD TERMS, THEN HE MIGHT EVEN BE GRATEFUL TO US.

IF THIS NEW BOSS OF THE HEIL-LY ENDS UP BEING A TROUBLE-MAKER ANYWAYS, THEY CAN JUST APPOINT A NEW ONE.

INDEED...

HEY, THIS IS QUITE RISKY, ISN'T IT?
THEIR RESIDENTIAL AREAS ARE ALSO IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS THE UPPER RANKED QUEENS. THEIR LUGGAGE CAPACITY IS ALSO ONLY SECOND TO THE KING.

THE SECOND-LINERS WHO DON'T STAND ON THE FOREFRONT OF THE POLITICAL STAGE RECEIVED THEIR ADEQUATE TREATMENT AND SERVICE FROM THE UNDERWORLD.

THEY ARE BOUND TO THE ABSOLUTE CONDITION OF BEING OBEDIENT TO ROYAL AUTHORITY.

HOWEVER...

CLINGING TO THEIR SERVANTS AND TRYING TO CAMOUFLAGE IN.

THEY'VE PROBABLY BEEN ON THE LOWER DECKS EVER SINCE BOARDING.

YEAH, I WAS BUSY AND HADN'T PAID IT MUCH MIND.

THEY'RE NOT IN THE V(VVIP) AREA.

...YES.
WHEN I'M FREE, I'LL ACT AS WELL.

DO AS YOU PLEASE, I DON'T CARE.

YES, SIR!

HAVE THE PRIVATE SOLDIERS ON THE LOWER DECKS FIND MORENA'S HIDEOUT!

SORRY TO HAVE KEPT YOU WAITING. LET'S CONTINUE.

HMM?
I can't even imagine what kind of ability it might have...!!

He's conjured a specialist Nen beast that he himself has no awareness of...

What a terrifying aura...!!!
A GUARDIAN SPIRIT BEAST...

BIRTHED FROM THE CEREMONY...

AND A NEN BEAST SPLIT FROM HIMSELF...

BORN FROM HIS OWN ABILITIES ....!!

I WOULDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME....!!

IF I WERE TO ASK ABOUT THE CEREMONY...
THE SENSATION THAT YOU HAVE NOTICED JUST NOW...

IS THE SIGN FOR US TO CONTINUE TO THE NEXT STAGE.

VERY IMPRESSIVE.

LET'S MOVE ONTO COMPLEX TECHNIQUES COMBINING MULTIPLE OF THE FOUR MAJOR PRINCIPLES.

WE WILL NOW BEGIN APPLICATION OF THE BASICS.

YOU ARE TRULY INCREDIBLE.

...TO BE HONEST.

AT LA-...

OH.

GAIN A COMPREHENSION OF NEN SO FAST.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN ANYONE...
To racing to unlock and push your potential to its utmost limits.

Starting now, I too have decided to commit myself...

That I had felt compelled to try to slow things down.

In fact, it was so far out of what I had planned for...

Thank you very much.

But I do value and appreciate you, Theta.

Yes.

Well, I suppose everyone's like that in the face of true genius.

Both of these need to be trained on a daily basis in order to increase the power of Hatsu.

Your Highness, you're already training your Ten and Ren at a high level.

The four major principles are Ten, Zetsu, Ren, and Hatsu.

And that is Zetsu.

That to master Zetsu is to master nen abilities.

It would be no exaggeration to say...

Yes.

That's the one that closes off your aura, right?
THEN LET'S START...PICTURE IT...PICTURE IT...

I SEE.

ULTIMATELY, YOU WILL SHUT OFF THE AURA FROM YOUR ENTIRE BODY AND MAINTAIN THAT FOR OVER AN HOUR.

ONCE YOU CAN DO THAT, ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE.

FIRST, WE'LL START WITH SHUTTING OFF PARTS AT A TIME.

THIS TRAINING REALLY IS NECESSARY TO LEARN NEN.

DON'T GET IN THE WAY.

NOW GET OUT OF MY WAY....!!

I'M NOT LYING ABOUT ANYTHING...!
I WANT THIS MAN TO GROW AND DEVELOP.

NOW KEEP IT UP, JUST LIKE THAT.

AS OF NOW... FROM THE VERY BOTTOM OF MY HEART...

LIKE THIS, I CAN STILL DO IT... TOMORROW...!!
ZETSU WITH A HONED SENSE OF HEARING HAS A RATHER HIGH DIFFICULTY LEVEL.

NOW, MAINTAIN YOUR ZETSU WHILE LISTENING TO MY ORDERS AND ANSWERING MY QUESTIONS.

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND FOCUS.

IN THAT CONDITION, 60 MINUTES WILL FEEL LIKE A VERY LONG TIME.

NO MATTER WHAT YOU HEAR OR WHAT QUESTIONS I MAY POSE, DO NOT MOVE IN THE SLIGHTEST. SIMPLY MAINTAIN YOUR ZETSU.
Alright, from the top again.

I mustn't rush it.

Don't let your focus stray on outside sounds.
But if I want to do that, I need to get him to not respond to various sounds and feelings with undoing his Zetsu.

So if I’m going to kill him, I need to do it quickly and with certainty.

The very moment he undoes his “Zetsu”, his guardian beast will appear!

4th Prince Tserriednich has an incredible amount of aura within him.

And at that point, physical attacks will be impossible...

There is the possibility that the guardian beast will be able to remain temporarily with its residual power that still remains. Worst case scenario, I will have to have him maintain Zetsu for over 40 minutes...!!

By using a fully realized Zetsu to completely cut off the aura, that is the source of the guardian beast’s energy, is not enough.

It’s nothing.

Your Highness?!

Please do not interrupt!

The prince is concentrating.
I'm going to get serious about this.

Starting now, you can do anything you want to me.

You need to be able to maintain your Zetsu without getting interrupted by things like them.

Now, let's start over again.

Not even a hair on my neck will budge. So do not worry.

Even if you were writhing in pain and foaming at the mouth...

Anyways, let's just consider their little intrusion part of your training.

Now, the prince's concentration has entered an entirely different level...

Yes, sir.

His switch has been engaged...!
AS A PRESENT, A SURPRISE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE FROM THE ROYAL SPONSORED CONCERT FOR EVERYONE FROM THE HIGH AREA (DECKS 1 AND 2).

DEAR PASSENGERS, WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE SUDDEN ANNOUNCEMENT.
The performance will be given by Miss Melody of the Hunter Association, along with a duet by Lady Kacho and Fugetsu!!

A completely immaculate Zetsu...

This is incredible, your highness...

Please give your undivided attention and listen.

If only he were the kind of person that would use it for the sake of others...

We will first begin with Miss Melody's flute performance with this talent...

At the very least...

...and painlessly with one shot.

I'll finish you swiftly...
WILL BE FOLLOWING ALONG RIGHT AFTER...

AND THEN I....
HAS VANISHED...?! NO... EVEN CRAZIER THAN THAT...

THE PRINCE... WHAT...

THE BLOODSTAINS... ARE GONE...?!

IT Couldn'T BE!! THE PRINCE WAS IN ZETSU...

WHY...?! WAS THIS THE PRINCE'S ABILITY?!

THETA!! DON'T MOVE!!

YOUR HIGHNESS!! WHAT WAS THAT GUNSHOT JUST NOW?!
I didn't even flinch to your gunshot, right?

Well, theta? How was my zetsu?

Impossible...

And his brains were splattered everywhere....!!
There was so much blood!!
He was laying right there....!!

I killed him... I'm sure of it....!!

Your highness... This is all a little bit worrying...

I think you really took it too far, theta....!!
YOU WERE BRACING YOURSELF THAT WHOLE TIME, WEREN'T YOU...

WHY DON'T YOU REST A BIT, THETA?

HEY!

YOU WILL CEASE TO EXIST AS A HUMAN.

THAT, YOU ANSWER THE PRINCE'S QUESTIONS FALSELY...

THE NEXT TIME...

[Panel with character falling down]
But suddenly a beautiful landscape unfolded before our eyes.

We rushed over here the moment that we heard the gunshot...

Yes.

Time flew by...?

The performer was someone from the Hunter Association by the name of Melody.

Yeah.

They originally planned to broadcast 8th Prince Sale-Sale's shitty rap, right?

Most likely, the music performance that was being broadcast was the cause of it.

In that moment, we were unable to move at all.

Depending on if she answers 'yes' or 'no', we can infer things about the situation.

Let's just start by feeling it out.

An "invitation"...? That will be different than an order of summons. They do have the right to refuse it.

Do it under the pretense of an "invitation."

Summon this "Melody" to me at once.
I CAN TRUST YOU, CAN'T I??!

THREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEETAAAÀAAAAAAAAAA!

THAT WAS FAST!

...BUT ENOUGH, THETA.

YOU WEREN'T EVEN ASLEEP 15 MINUTES.

IT'S ALRIGHT.

WHAT TIME IS IT?!
I'll take care of the rest.

I can't just stop at this point...!! And how are you supposed to fill in for me now?

...What are you saying?

You just rest now.

A punishment crueler than death is waiting for you...!

If you go against its warning...

It marks you with a scar for your first lie, next it warns you with words and signs.

Yeah.

This must have been the Prince's Guardian Beast's work...
In order to add to the prince's pawns, I've made them into "something not human." Why does the prince's guardian beast use such methods and allow treacherous people to live? I know... that's why you need to stay calm and think this over carefully.

All you are doing is making things more advantageous for the prince. By continuing on now...

And how exactly are you gonna do that? I'll handle it somehow.

Just leave it to me, and you rest...

Somehow, I figured that's what you'd say. I was hoping you'd figure that out for me while you were resting.

Idiot...!

How do you hold back such extraordinary talent...?!
The cancelled death...!!

I see.

There's no blood traces.

As he lay there, his mouth and fingers were still twitching... and I could hear the croaking from his throat... but...

All the blood that splattered out of the prince's head and all over the floor... that wasn't reality...?!

So then... are you saying...

The conclusion I've come to is that you didn't shoot the prince.

Indeed, the prince was still alive...

So then what I thought I "saw" wasn't reality...!!

Indeed, the prince was still alive...

So then, just how far does the truth go?

But it's a fact that I had a gun and that I did shoot it...

Was an illusion, that the prince was showing me...?!

So then that...

And where did the illusion begin...?!

I'm going to think things over.

Give me... a little bit of time...

Where does the truth end...

Yoshihiro Togashi
GOOD MORNING.

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HERE.

WERE YOU ABLE TO GET ANY SLEEP?

HOW MUCH LONGER UNTIL I CAN GO BACK TO MY BODYGUARD DUTY?

BUT I'VE ALSO BEEN CONSIDERING OTHER POSSIBILITIES...

ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, THE CURRENT CONCLUSION WE'VE ARRIVED AT IS THAT HUNTER KEEN ACTED ALONE TO TRY AND HELP THE TWO PRINCES ESCAPE.

THAT DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH YOU COOPERATE.

WHO KNOWS?

AND THEY WERE DRAWN BACK TO THEIR OWN ROOMS...

MANY OF THE OTHER PRINCES WERE SO "MOVED" BY YOUR PERFORMANCE...
It seems it's true that the Justice Department has made themselves independent from the royalty.

Afterwards, I'll have various questions for you.

First, would you tell me the details of your movements and actions on the day of the incident?

I'm being restrained here in order to protect me from the dangerous princes.

But apart from his will, there's no other evidence that dispels any of the doubts that the two princes actually wanted the escape to happen themselves.

Apparently, the hunter Keeni forced them into this little escape plan of his...

I'm also having them come here in order to question them, as well.

What about Prince Kachō and Fugetsu?

Thank you.

So I'm going to go over all the facts and question you all many times.

But I have a rather persistent personality.

But since we haven't found any proof on the contrary, proving that will be difficult.

I've got to think of what to do next...!

I'm going to use this time...
His pulse is stable.

And there are no irregularities with his brainwaves.

But from a sense perspective, nothing has changed with his body.

Yes.

In other words, Sumidori has been possessed by Shikaku's soul...?

Or perhaps they're resting in the same vessel...?

Or perhaps it's flown off somewhere?

Perhaps it's swapped with him...

Then what has happened to the consciousness of Shikaku, the first prince's private soldier?

Let us test that theory.

Our men

Random?

Sumidori possessed by Shikaku (A)

Attack

Shikaku

Death - Destroyed

What happens to Shikaku's soul?

Snaps places into Sumidori's body

Cohabits Shikaku's body

Moved somewhere else (or to someone else)

There are 4 possibilities.

Someone from among us will have their soul transferred into A and control them.

If that happens, then what happens to A, or Shikaku's will... his soul?

If I shot target A with my bow and arrow...
THEN AT THIS POINT IN TIME, SHIKAKU'S PERSONALITY AND CHARACTERISTICS HAVE PUSHED SUMIDORI OUT, AND HIS CONSCIOUSNESS IS IN A DORMANT STATE.

IF WE TAKE THEORY 3 FOR INSTANCE, AND ASSUME THAT SHIKAKU'S SOUL REMAINS WITHIN THIS BODY...

AS OF THE CURRENT POINT, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT OR DISPROVE ANY OF THESE FOUR THEORIES.

AS FAR AS PROVING 2, IF ANY CHANGES OCCUR WITHIN HIS BRAIN WAVES, THEN WE CAN PROVE THAT "SOMEBODY" HAS ENTERED SUMIDORI'S BODY.

IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO TEST OR PROVE 1 OR 4, BUT...

LET'S TEST THAT....!

IMMEDIATELY AFTER, THIS ABILITY AWOKE WITHIN ME.

AND HAVE STEELED MY RESOLVE.

AFTER SPEAKING WITH FATHER, I'VE ACCEPTED MY FATE...
SO PLEASE, LISTEN CAREFULLY TO MY HYPOTHESIS AND TAKE IT TO HEART.

I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AN ABILITY FOR ME TO SURVIVE AND WIN THIS SUCCESSION WAR WITH...!!!
WE CAN THINK OF IT IN 12 PARTS...

I SEE...

SO IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD GET INFORMATION FROM A NEN SPECIALIST TO BACK MY THEORY.

OF COURSE, THESE ARE MERELY MY INTUITIVE THEORIES WITH NO SOLID KNOWLEDGE ON THE WORKINGS AND MECHANICS OF NEN ABILITIES.

SUMIDORI... CAN YOU DO THIS FOR ME...?

FOR THIS, I WILL ABSOLUTELY REQUIRE THE ABILITY TO CHECK FOR AND CONFIRM NEN ABILITIES.

THANK YOU...!

I'D BE GLAD TO.

YES!
IT'S BACK.

THAT RUMBLING AURA.

WHAT IS?

IT'S COMING FROM NEXT DOOR.

YES... I DON'T KNOW WHAT ABILITY IT IS...

BUT IT'S DEFINITELY BAD NEWS.

IS IT 9TH PRINCE HALKENBURG?

DING~ DOOONG~
WHO'S THERE?

STAY THERE, YOUR HIGHNESS.

ASK HIM WHAT HE WANTS!

I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS.

IT'S 1ST PRINCE BENJAMIN'S PRIVATE ARMY.

STATE YOUR BUSINESS.
PRINCE BENJAMIN!!!

LONG LIVE...

BANG!!
It was probably the first prince's private soldier!

There was a gunshot from the corridor!

What is the matter?!

Shot himself in the head....!

He... just...

What's happened outside?!

Hey, Rhys!!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?

HE RUMBLING HAS STOPPED...

WITHOUT A DOUBT, IT SEEMS TO BE THROUGH SOMEBONE'S ABILITY FROM 9TH PRINCE HALKENBURG'S CAMP.

PRINCE BENJAMIN... SHIKAKU HAS COMMITTED SUICIDE.

HALKENBURG...

AT THE PRESENT MOMENT, HE MAY BE THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN NOW...!

YES.

IT SEEMS HE’S SUDDENLY BECOME A PERSON OF IMPORTANCE.

HAVE HIM RECALL TO US ALL THE DETAILS OF EVERYTHING LEADING UP TO THE EVENT.

SUMMON KANJIDOL BACK FROM ROOM 1007.
WHAT IS YOUR AFFILIATION AND ID NUMBER...?
I think it was around the 9, 7, 55...

It definitely wasn't on the even numbered side.

It wasn't the aura of the 3rd Prince's Guardian Spirit Beast.

Can we exclude 3rd Prince Zhang Lei?

He's definitely very much cautious and on his guard, but is he really that dangerous?

They're just going to have to take him at his word.

As for the people that can't sense nen at all...

The most dangerous thing of all is the fact that these are still unknown...

"Who" is attacking, and "with what kind of ability"...

Passing through a physical obstacle or wall should not be difficult for an emitter's attack.

A massive amount of energy seemingly exploded and then suddenly disappeared... These are phenomena that often occur when an emitter uses their ability.
They're doubting whether they will really be able to learn Nen through this.

Everyone's beginning to have reservations about continuing this same training.

That may be so... but there's only one week left.

Perhaps it's time to begin...

Indeed, he's right...

I plan to move on to the next stage tomorrow.

This shows that my ability is a specialist-type.

...but... is this an ability...?!

The color of the water changed...?! And the leaf is spinning?! Whoa...!
IT DOESN'T MATTER QUITE AS MUCH FOR ME, AS MY TYING IS A SPECIALIST, WHICH DOESN'T GIVE ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHAT MY ABILITY MAY BE.

BUT... YOUR ABILITY'S TYPE IS NORMALLY SOMETHING THAT YOU MUSTN'T EVER, EVER, LET ANYONE ELSE FIND OUT... IT IS TOP SECRET.

BECAUSE OF THAT, WE WILL BE CONDUCTING THIS DIVINATION IN A SEPARATE ROOM SO THAT OTHERS WILL NOT FIND OUT YOUR TYING.

IF YOU'RE IN A SEALED OFF ROOM, THEN THERE'S NO WAY FOR HIM TO KNOW IF YOU'RE REALLY DOING THE DIVINATION OR NOT, RIGHT?

I CAN'T COMPREHEND THAT AT ALL.

ONLY BILL AND ME.

WHO WILL BE THERE WATCHING OVER IT?

HE'S GOOD... BY CHOOSING SOMEONE UNEXPECTED LIKE HER, HE'S ABLE TO APPEAL TO THEM SHOWING THAT NEW, DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST SEX OR BODY TYPE.
Therefore, I will not back down from my requirement that Bill and I are watching over the process.

In order for you to acquire Nen abilities in this super short time of 2 weeks as promised, I will need to support you all with different methods in accordance with your Nen typing.

Then we won't need you watching over at all.

Besides, if you just tell us how exactly the divination works and how to do it...

But there's something I want to make clear.

Well, strictly speaking, you are right.

Therefore, getting information on all of your types as compensation...

I said it didn't matter as much for you all finding out my Nen type, but comparatively speaking, I'm also undertaking a considerable risk.

Therefore, the notion that we would be the ones to inflict or instigate harm against you is complete and utter nonsense!

To put it more clearly, we are in charge of protecting the young 14th Prince Wosle... and thus, we have only one reason that we would be teaching all of you Nen! Information, and raising the fighting ability of the lower ranked princes' security to better match the upper princes... that would bring the situation to a stalemate and draw it out.

Then you can just stop here, that's fine by me.

If you cannot accept this situation...
SHOULD WE SWAP OUT WITH LIHan?

BUT IT RESULTED IN US GAINING THE KNOWLEDGE THAT KURAPIKA IS A SPECIALIST.

I’M SURE HE’S MOSTLY ANTICIPATED ALL OF THIS.

WOW, HE’S REALLY LETTING LOOSE AND SPEAKING HIS MIND...

IT’S RATHER REFRESHING.

HE FINISHED WITH 8TH PRINCE SAIH-SAIH AND HAS NOW BEGUN SURVEILLANCE OF 5TH PRINCE TUBEPPA, RIGHT?

LIHan’S ABILITY SHOULD BE USED TO EXTERMINATE THE PRINCE’S GUARDIAN SPIRIT BEAST.

LOOKING AT THE FACT THAT PRINCE TUBEPPA’S GUARDIAN BEAST’S MOVEMENTS HAVE BEEN SEALED, I’D SAY HE’S BEEN PRETTY BUSY GETTING HIS JOB DONE.

IT SEEMS TUBEPPA’S NATURE HAS BEEN GETTING THE BEST OF HIM, AND HE’S BEING OVERLY CAUTIOUS AND NOT SHOWING HIMSELF AT ALL.

IT’S HOST IS EITHER TOO YOUNG, OR MAYBE IT’S A COUNTER-ATTACK TYPE, OR MAYBE SOME OTHER REASON ALTOGETHER.

WELL, IT HASN’T SHOWN HIMSELF AT ALL, SO THERE’S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT.

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR ANALYSIS OF 14TH PRINCE WOBLE’S GUARDIAN BEAST? HADN’T YOU PLANNED TO GIVE YOUR REPORT YESTERDAY?

THAT JUST SOUNDS LIKE EXCUSES YOU’RE MAKING FOR YOURSELF.

A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF STRATEGIC PATIENCE!

WELL, THIS HAS BEEN VERY EDUCATIONAL.

WE’RE STILL NOT AT THE POINT WHERE WE HAVE TO INSTIGATE ANYTHING.

THERE’S STILL ONE WEEK OF THE VACATION LEFT.
All that’s left now is to increase the speed of my “Zetsu”.

Yes.

He’s learned all this with his own skill?

Then... what should I do...

My goal is to do this as fast as I can blink.

My current state, it could take a bit of time.

He’s only been at this for one week...!!

Once I’m past one second, have a match with me.

Measure how long it takes for me to close and then open my eyes.

Recently, I’ve been surprised at the changes in my own state of mind.

By the way...

I understand.

Trying to buy time against this prince will be considerably difficult...

He’s also intuitively realized that after reaching a certain level, to progress further you require actual battle experience.

I just find two-faced women so cute♡.
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SUPER ZETSU TRAINING?!

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It will be sufficiently difficult to maintain Zetsu while still focusing on your hearing.

But keep your Zetsu up, listen to my instructions, and answer my questions.

Close your eyes and focus.

In that state, 60 minutes should feel like an extremely long time.

No matter what kinds of sounds or questions you may hear though, do not move. Simply continue with your Zetsu.
AND SHUTTING OFF MY ENTIRE BODY ALL AT ONCE IS INDEED QUITE A HIGH LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY...

BUT IF I DON'T SLOWLY CLOSE OFF MY BODY'S AURA, BIT BY BIT FROM THE TIPS FIRST, IT'LL GET UNEVEN...

I'M GETTING THE KNACK OF ZETSU.

-IT'S CLOSED...

-ALL RIGHT...

-HUH?!

SFX: FWSSSSSSSSS

...WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THIS?!

FROM THE TOP.

THERE'S SOMETHING ON YOUR LEFT SHOULDER...!!
FINE, FINE... FOCUS, RIGHT?

AN ENEMY WILL ATTACK YOU MUCH MORE SEVERELY.

HOLD IT... THAT'S NOT EXACTLY FAIR IS IT, THETA?

SFX: FZZZ

WH... WHAT'S GOIN' ON?!

IS THIS A DREAM...?!

MY ZETSU CAME UNDONE, TOO...!!

TCH...

ON YOUR LEFT SHOULDER!

THERE IS SOMETHING...
FROM THE TOP.

ALRIGHT.

WAS THERE ANYTHING DIFFERENT ABOUT HOW I LOOKED JUST NOW...?

THETA...

AN ENEMY WILL ATTACK YOU MUCH MORE SEVERELY.

HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?

THETA'S DIALOGUE... IS EXACTLY LIKE IT WAS IN MY DREAM JUST A MOMENT AGO...!

I'M NOT ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH HER...?!

WHAT?

SO THEN... WAS THAT NOT A DREAM...? I WAS IT... A PREMONITION OF THE FUTURE REALITY TO COME...?!

I CHANGED MY DIALOGUE, BUT THETA JUST IGNORED ME AND SPOKE EXACTLY AS ACCORDING TO MY DREAM...

IF IT REALLY WAS A VISION OF THE FUTURE...

THE DAYDREAM I HAD... WAS ABOUT 10 SECONDS...

IT'S NOTHING... ERR...

THETA... SHE'S BACK.
Then the second noise I hear after about 10 seconds... is the signal that it's over?

If that's a signal that my premonition has been activated...

And activate my Zetsu. That noise sounds out... as soon as I close my eyes.

Focus, right? Should I try it again?

On top of that, if while I'm having my vision, real time is passing by... then does that mean I get rendered defenseless to spend 10 seconds to see 10 seconds into the future? That's ridiculous.

Don't get caught up in what I'm saying. Just focus.

...And what's more... I had the feeling I didn't have free control over my body while I was having that vision... if activating this ability leaves me defenseless, then it's got a huge risk attached to it, right?

I should be able to have my premonition faster than even an instant...!!!

If this is truly my ability, then my vision should be instantaneous...!!
AND KEEP MY ZETSU UP, THEN WILL MY ABILITY CONTINUE ON...?! I CAN'T MOVE... IF I JUST GO THROUGH THESE 10 SECONDS LIKE THIS...

IS THIS THE END OF MY ABILITY...?

...I BET I CAN MOVE MY BODY NOW...I MEANWHILE, REAL TIME IS PROGRESSING.

THAT'S THE SENSATION I GET!

...NO, IT'S STILL GOING ON!

BUT THE THETA IN MY VISION IS THETA FROM 10 SECONDS IN THE FUTURE!

I CAN FEEL HER PRESENCE... THETA IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME... AND THAT'S THE THETA FROM THE REAL PRESENT TIME...

THAT'S GOT TO BE IT!! THE 10 SECONDS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MY ABILITY ACTIVATION IS AN "INSTANTANEOUS 10 SECONDS"!!

ONCE I ACTIVATE IT, I IMMEDIATELY RECEIVE A PREMONITION OF THE 10 SECONDS TO COME. ONCE THAT "INSTANTANEOUS 10 SECONDS" IS OVER, THEN MY VISION CONTINUES IN REAL TIME, BUT 10 SECONDS AHEAD OF THE REAL WORLD....!!

THETA MOVED...!!
THE THETA IN THE REAL WORLD'S TIME WILL MOVE!!

SO THEN IF MY PREMONITION IS RIGHT, THEN IN 10 SECONDS...

THIS VISION IS SHOWING ME 10 SECONDS INTO THE FUTURE!!

EXACTLY 10 SECONDS...! I'VE PROVEN MY HYPOTHESIS.

SHE MOVED....!

QUITE THE SADIST, AREN'T YOU, THETA... THIS IS A NEW DISCOVERY.

A CUP... I SEE.

ACCORDING TO MY THEORY, THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CHANGE MY VISIONS... MY FUTURE... IS ME....!!

NEXT I WANT TO TEST... THETA'S REACTIONS.

IT'S NOTHING.

THE PRINCE IS TRAINING.

THE ME OF 10 SECONDS IN THE FUTURE HAS MY CONCENTRATION BROKEN FROM THE SOUND OF THE SHATTERING CUP, AND THUS MY ZETSU BECOMES UNDONE.

BUT IF I HADN'T UNDONE MY ZETSU, THEN HOW WOULD THETA HAVE REACTED...?

WOULD YOU PLEASE NOT INTERRUPT?

WELL, LET'S JUST CONSIDER THEIR INTRUSION AS PART OF YOUR TRAINING.

THEN HER DIALOGUE SHOULD CHANGE TO SOMETHING COMPLIMENTING ME....!!

NOW... LET'S TAKE IT FROM THE TOP ONE MORE TIME.

IF SHE'S SEEING MY ACTIONS FROM THE FUTURE I'VE CHANGED...
I'm getting serious now.

I can look ahead 10 seconds into the future.

When I close my eyes and "Zetsu"...

...very well.

You can do whatever you want now.

Not even a single hair on my neck will flinch, don't worry.

That can take any action within those 10 seconds ....!!

And I'm the only one...

Even if you writhe around on the floor foaming at the mouth...
OR SHOULD I STAY IN ZETSH, CLOSE MY EYES AGAIN, AND ACTIVATE THE INSTANTANEOUS 10 SECONDS AGAIN...?

SHOULD I TRY OPENING MY EYES AND TALKING TO HER?

MY ZETSH HAVEN'T BROKEN...

SHE THREW AN AURA BALL AT ME.
THIS MUST MEAN THE 10 SECOND OFFSET BETWEEN US HAS BEEN RESET.

THE ME THAT THETA IS LOOKING AT HAS MY EYES CLOSED.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ME?

OH

FWSS SSSSS SSSS

THIS IS SO FUN.

THETA...

KUKUKU.

I SUPPOSE I'LL KEEP THIS UP AND SEE HOW FAR IT GOES...

FANTASTIC! AS LONG AS I CONTINUE MY ZETSU, IT'S POSSIBLE TO REPEATEDLY ACTIVATE THE ABILITY...!!
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING, THETA?

HANG ON!

HRMMM...

BUT AS A PRESENT FOR ALL OF YOU IN THE HIGH AREA (DECKS 1 AND 2), WE HAVE A SURPRISE CONCERT HOSTED AND ORGANIZED BY THE ROYAL MUSIC ASSOCIATION.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M TERRIBLY SORRY FOR THE SUDDEN BROADCAST...
THETA... WHY...?! IF WE MAY HAVE YOUR ATTENTION.

WE WILL BEGIN WITH A FLUTE PERFORMANCE BY MISS MELODY.

...SERIOUSLY?!
WE WILL BEGIN WITH A FLUTE PERFORMANCE BY MISS MELODY.

WHOA ...

IF WE MAY HAVE YOUR ATTENTION.

WHICH MEANS THETA CURRENTLY BELIEVES SHE'S SHOT ME!!

I SEE... THETA IS STILL SEEING ME STANDING RIGHT THERE ....!

IT'S SOOOOOO... FUN!!

KUKUKU... WHAT IS THIS ABILITY?!!
That clearly wasn't my own ability, was it?!

?! What was that just now?!

!?!

It's just... too goddamn fun!!

What is this world of nen?!

Someone else entirely, with a completely different nen ability? Did something to me...?!
THETA!! DON'T MOVE!!

YOUR HIGHNESS! WHAT WAS THAT GUNSHOT JUST NOW?!

THIS IS JUST PART OF MY TRAINING. THERE'S NO PROBLEM.

WELL, OF COURSE SHE'D BE PANICKED... SHE CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO COMPREHEND WHAT HAS HAPPENED.

KUKUKU... SHE'S SO SHOCKED...

YOU'VE BEEN OVER-FOCUSED THIS WHOLE TIME, HAVEN'T YOU...?

EXACTLY WHY IT IS YOU TRIED TO KILL ME.

WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LITTLE BREAK, THETA.

I'LL MAKE SURE TO TAKE MY TIME IN ASKING YOU REAAAAAL PROPERLY...

k...
As soon as we heard the gunshot, we started heading this way... and in that moment...

The performer was a hunter by the name of Melody.

That was originally planned to be a broadcast of 8th Prince Sale-sale's shitty rap, right?

The music performance that was being broadcast was likely the cause of it.

During that time, we were unable to move at all.

Depending on whether she answers yes or no, we can learn things about the situation.

We'll start by seeing how she acts.

An "invitation"? That's different from a direct order... it's possible that she turns it down.

Do it as an "invitation."

Summon her here.
I can advance ahead in that 10 second world...! The "instantaneous 10 seconds"! Continuing in that state after the instant 10 seconds, while I'm having my vision of 10 seconds in the future, I can vicariously experience the actual real-time world of 10 seconds ago with my eyes closed...

The most important thing that needs confirming right now, even more than Theta's situation, is my ability. When I close my eyes and activate Zetsu, a vision plays out.

I was able to confirm that I can use my ability repeatedly... but the problem is how much time it takes to activate Zetsu!! And the skill required to maintain Zetsu!!

Until I'm able to master those two things, I won't be able to truly utilize this ability to its true potential!!
TO CONTROL MY ZETSU FREELY...

BUT... IF I CAN ONLY MANAGE...

THIS SUCCESSION WAR...!!

THEN I WILL DOMINATE...

ONCE ONE SECOND HAS PASSED, LET'S HAVE A CONTEST.

AND... THE WORLD...!!

MEASURE HOW MUCH TIME PASSES FROM WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES UNTIL I OPEN THEM.
But if this situation was specifically what they were after, then we would have fallen right into their plans.

Learning Nen is our top priority.

It couldn't be helped.

Is it really okay to let him have free reign like this?
BEING THAT THIS IS ALSO A MATTER OF SECURITY, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ENTRUST THIS TO ME.

IF WE KEEP SURVEILLANCE TIGHT AND WATCH CAREFULLY, WE WILL KNOW WHETHER OR NOT SOMEONE IS BEING CONTROlLED.

BUT IF ANY MANIPULATION THROUGH NEN IS TRIED, WE WILL STOP IT.

IF WHATEVER THEY'RE PLANNING IS AGAINST US, THEY MIGHT TRY SOMETHING LIKE MANIPULATING YOU OR FORCING YOU TO ACT ACCORDING TO THEIR WILL...

SEEING THAT YOU ARE THE FIRST PRINCE'S ELITE SOLDIERS, I SHALL LEAVE IT TO YOU.

...HRMM... ALTHOUGH I BELIEVE THIS TO BE A BIT OVERKILL AND HEAVY-HANDED...

AFTER WHICH, WE WILL RESTRAIN BILL AND KURAPIKA IMMEDIATELY, JUST AS WE HAD Warned THEM PREVIOUSLY.

OR HE'S JUST TRYING TO COMPLETELY CUT US OFF FROM INFORMATION, INCLUDING ANY HINT AT WHAT HE MIGHT BE DOING.

FROM THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, IT WOULD SeEM THAT HE'S USING SOME ABILITY FROM WITHIN THAT ROOM THAT HE CAN'T LET BE SEEN FOR WHATEVER REASON...

IF I WANT TO FIGURE OUT KURAPIKA AND BILL'S ABILITIES, I CAN'T EXACTLY JUST LET THEM Run FREE AND COMPLETELY UNECHECKED.

THEN WE'LL KNOW HE'S NOT TRYING TO TAKE CONTROL OF US OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...!

BUT IF IN THIS SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, THAT WOMAN LAGIOLAS COMES OUT ACTUALLY BEING ABLE TO USE NEN...

WITH SO MANY SAMPLES TO OBSERVE, I WOULD DEFINITELY NOTICE IF ANY OF THEM WERE BEING MANIPULATED BY KURAPIKA'S AURA....!!

THE ONLY POSSIBILITY WOULD BE A METHOD USING SOME MANIPULATOR-TYPE ABILITY TO SEMI-FORCE THEM OPEN!. BUT IF THAT IS THE CASE, THEN THE USER'S AURA, IN THIS CASE KURAPIKA'S, WOULD BE MIXED IN WITH THEIRS.

ALL THESE PARTICIPANTS STILL LACK ENOUGH TRAINING TO HAVE THEIR 'AURA NODES BE FORCIBLY OPENED WITHOUT INCURRING REAL DAMAGE...
HE’LL HAVE PULLED IT OFF...

IF THAT IS THE CASE, THEN THE ONLY THING WE WOULD HAVE Verified IS THAT KURAPIKA IS IN FACT A SPECIALIST, AND THAT HIS ABILITY’S CONDITION FOR ACTIVATION IS GIVING SOMEONE NEN ABILITIES. HE’S USING THAT TO GIVE US ALL NEN SO THAT HE CAN USE US AS TOOLS TO PROLONG THE LIFE OF THE PRINCE AND QUEEN HE’S DEFENDING...!

BUT KURAPIKA IS A SPECIALIST... IF WE CONSIDER THAT A BYPRODUCT OF HIM ACTIVATING HIS ABILITY IS AWAKENING NEN IN HIS TARGET...

THEN I COULD UNDERSTAND THE BASIS BEHIND KURAPIKA’S SEEMINGLY ROCK SOLID CONFIDENCE IN HIS TIME LIMIT.

AND ALTHOUGH INCREDIBLY UNLIKELY, WE CAN’T IGNORE THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE’S DOING ALL OF THIS TO MISLEAD US FROM THE FACT THAT BILL IS IN FACT THE ONE WITH THE ACTUAL ABILITY.

I AGREE... JUST AS YOU SAID, IF WE RUSH IN, WE’LL JUST BE DIGGING OUR OWN GRAVES... I’VE GOT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS...

WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL AND PROCEED SLOWLY, COLLECTING WHAT INFORMATION WE CAN.

HE’S A FORMIDABLE FOE.

I WANTED TO JUST RE-CONFIRM THE PRINCE’S ORDERS.

YES. THEY ARE THE FIRST PRINCE’S PRIVATE GUARD AND CARRY AUTHORIZATION AS SUCH, BUT BEFORE I ENTRUSTED ANYTHING TO THEM...

YES.
But I don't believe she's being manipulated.

I can't judge based on just one person.

Well?

I can't say anything about it right now. I'm sorry.

Ahh...

How was it...? You did the water divination ceremony, right...?

So I would like for you all to cooperate with me on this matter.

In the event that anyone breaks that request, I reserve the right to end training right then and there.

In order to avoid any bias or preconceived predictions and keep a rigid, fair and impartial judgment, I'm requesting everyone to please not speak about their individual results until after everyone is finished.

If anyone did try to break the rules to interrupt and end the training, even if it were me, the person responsible would be prosecuted.

You probably intend to use the upper-ranked princes' bodyguards to deter any intentional rule breaking, right?

It appears as though the 3rd prince's private soldier, Tenflor, will be the last to be examined.

Maor, you're next.
VERY WELL... BUT IF I FEEL THAT I'M IN DANGER, THEN WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO END ALL OF THIS OURSELVES.

I SEE... SO EVEN IF WE DISCOVER HIS STRATEGY OR THE MEANS BY WHICH HE'S DOING THIS... WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING AGAINST HIM... BOTH YOU AND RONGI MUSTN'T SPEAK ABOUT ANY OF THIS FOR THE DURATION OF THIS TIME PERIOD. IS THAT ALRIGHT?

CONSIDERING YOUR AGE, I REALLY MUST COMMEND THE SPEED AT WHICH YOU MADE YOUR WAY THROUGH THE TRAINING.

NOW THEN, PLEASE STEP INSIDE.

OF COURSE.
STARTING NOW, EVERYTHING I SAY WILL BE THE TRUTH.

OF COURSE, THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE REQUIRED TO BELIEVE ME.

OUR MAIN PRIORITY ABOVE ALL ELSE IS PROTECTING THE LIVES OF THE 14TH PRINCE WOBLE AND 8TH QUEEN OITO....!

IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THAT, WE ARE SHARING NEN ABILITIES AND KNOWLEDGE OF THEM WITH ALL OF YOU.

THE WATER DIVINATION CEREMONY WAS ORIGINALLY A WAY FOR THOSE THAT HAD ACQUIRED NEN TO DISCERN WHAT TYPE OF NEN ABILITY THEY HAD.

SO THEN WHEN YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO CREATE A STEAMEATE IN POWER UNTIL WE MADE LAND, THAT WASN'T A LIE....?

BUT TODAY, WE ARE USING IT AS A MEANS TO PROVE THAT NEN ABILITIES HAVE BEEN AWAKENED IN YOU.

PRE-CELY.

BUT TO BE FRANK, WE'VE NO OTHER OPTION.

INSIDE THIS CUP, THERE IS A PLANT SEED.

WHICH IS WHY WE'RE DOING IT THIS WAY.

NORMAL WE WOULD NEVER PLACE SOMETHING DIFFERENT LIKE THIS IN IT BEFOREHAND.
But the speed at which people pass through the training will be different from individual to individual. Furthermore, it is not something that can be gained overnight.

Just as I outlined over the last week, nen abilities are something that anyone is capable of attaining...

...continue.

"Receiving a nen attack"...!!!

There's an alternative method to forcefully acquire nen...

But I swear that I will not harm you.

Your reservations and cautiousness...

I fully understand...

But actually, this nen "attack" also includes healing abilities and lending abilities.

Being an alternative method, it is frowned upon and quite taboo, so the word "attack" is used as convenience to dissuade against it...

Bill, I see.
By using Hatsu, he is able to stimulate and hasten growth in his target.

Bill is an Enhancer-type Nen User.
NOT QUITE. IF I DID THAT, THE EFFECTS TO THOSE STILL UNTRAINED OR LACKING ENOUGH WOULD BE WEAK, AND WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO DELIVER THE RESULTS PROMISED WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT.

SO THEN YOU'RE SAYING IF YOU HOLD YOUR HANDS OVER ME LIKE YOU DID THAT SEED, YOU CAN AWAKEN ABILITIES WITHIN ME, AS WELL?

BILL IS GOING TO LEND HIS POWERS TO ME, AND THEN I, IN TURN, WILL LEND THEM TO YOU.

BUT WHEN I ACTIVATE IT, IT HAS A SECONDARY EFFECT OF SEMI-FORCING NBN ABILITIES TO AWAKEN IN SOMEONE WITHOUT THEM.

ALTHOUGH I SHOULDN'T BE TELLING YOU THIS, THIS IS AN INDIRECT ATTACK. OFFICIALLY, I AM A SPECIALIST WITH A LENDING-TYPE ABILITY THAT IN AND OF ITSELF IS NOT AN ATTACK ABILITY.

YOU CAN JUST OPEN THAT DOOR, SAY "I'M RESIGNING," AND LEAVE THE ROOM.

I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO KEEP EVERYTHING I TOLD YOU HERE A SECRET, BUT I'M AWARE THAT I CAN'T FORCE YOU TO.

IF YOU DON'T CONSENT TO WHAT I'VE EXPLAINED UNTIL NOW, THEN I WON'T USE MY ABILITY.
WHAT KURAPIKA SAID WAS TRUE.

THERE'S NO WAY THAT HE'S BEING MANIPULATED.

I'M ALMOST COMPLETELY CERTAIN...

BOTH LASIOLAS AND MAOR ARE NOW READY TO USE NEN.

...BUT THAT'S MOST LIKELY ONLY ONE OF MANY ABILITIES HE HAS!!!

THIS CONFIRMS THAT KURAPIKA USED HIS SPECIALIST ABILITY TO CAUSE THEIR NEN AWAKENING!!!

...SO THEN...

IF I ASSUME HIS ABILITIES ARE SPLIT UP INTO 5 JUST LIKE HIS 5 FINGERS, THEN IN TRUTH, WE STILL DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT HIS ABILITIES.

THE INFORMATION HE'S DELIBERATELY GIVING OUT IS THAT HE'S ACTUALLY RESTRAINING US AND KEEPING US FROM ACTING.

BUT IN REGARDS TO ACQUISITION ABILITIES, THE MOST IMPORTANT PART BEGINS NOW... NEN THAT WILL ACT AS THE DETERRENT TO ASSURE OUR MUTUAL GOAL OF STALEMATE.

I BELIEVE A FEW MORE PEOPLE WILL REACH THE WATER DIVINATION CEREMONY.

DEPENDING ON TODAY'S TRAINING....
It's the truth.

That's right.

So then does this mean he wasn't lying about anything he said...?

If your appearance comes off that way, then your opponents will equip themselves with the appropriate defensive powers.

It is essential for a Neen User to have another Neen User believe they are one at first glance.

I can also tell that if it were to run out, then I would be completely out of energy.

How incredible...! I can feel myself overflowing with vitality. I can feel this aura rising up around me like a warmth...

If this is an act, it's not the level one could accomplish through a trick just by manipulating someone... This is absolute top class skill...

From his appearance, there seems nothing out of the ordinary. He seems like someone progressing alongside his training. But looking at the large amount of aura, it just doesn't match up with him...

Perhaps I should imagine myself closing off my pores... and then little by little, begin to let my breath out in a long exhale...

I need to synchronize my breathing with it, and then stop it as if I were holding my breath...

Is Kurapika intending to continue on this course for a second, or third time... or perhaps he's looking for an excuse to stop it?

If a soldier with a high level of combat skill were to have that much aura, I'd be forced to be on my guard. Just as if you realized you were physically outclassed by your opponent.
THE "HALCYON" ABILITY I'VE BEEN LOADED WITH WILL NOW BE TRANSFERRED FROM KURAPKA TO YOU, MISS YUURI!

CURRENTLY YOU AND I ARE LINKED THROUGH KURAPKA'S ABILITY.

THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DO THE SAME THING BILL DID.

IF YOU CONCENTRATE ON "ACTIVATING" IT...

...WAA WAAA AAAH!!

I COULDN'T EXPLAIN ALL OF THE COMPLICATED DETAILS OUT THERE.

BUT NOW YOU HAVE BEEN AWOKEN, SO IF YOU MASTER TEN AND HATSU THROUGH YOUR BREATHING EXERCISES...

...SO THEN WHAT ABOUT ALL YOUR EXPLANATION EARLIER...?

THEN, WITHOUT ANYONE FINDING OUT, YOU CAN DO THE WATER DIVINATION CEREMONY ON YOUR OWN AND DISCOVER YOUR OWN NEN TYPING.

THAT AURA IS BEING LENT TO YOU, SO IT IS NOT YOUR OWN ABILITY.

BESIDES, I WANTED TO KNOW JUST HOW MUCH RESOLVE EVERYONE HAD.
THANK YOU.

YES, SIR...!

I'M PLANNING TO RUN THIS TRAINING A SECOND AND THIRD TIME. IF YOU COULD TELL THAT TO 10TH PRINCE KACHO AND 6TH PRINCE SEIKO, I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT.

IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THAT, I WANT TO SPREAD THIS POWER TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO ENSURE THAT NOT ONE MORE PERSON ON BOARD FALLS VICTIM TO THIS SUCCESSION WAR.

I'VE SEEN THE HONORABLE AND POOR CORRUPTED INTO GREEDY POWER-CRAZED DESPOTS. AFTER ACHIEVING WEALTH, OH SO MANY TIMES... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN FROM HERE ON OUT...!

NO. AT THE PRESENT MOMENT, KURAPIKA'S STRATEGY IS THE BEST, BUT...

IF THE TENSIONS SHOULD BREAK AND GIVE WAY TO THE UNSTOPPABLE SUCCESSION WAR...

MY OWN POWER ISN'T SUITED FOR BATTLE... AND KURAPIKA'S IS MOST LIKELY THE SAME WAY.

ALL THE MORE SO WHEN THEIR INTERESTS ALIGN.

PEOPLE ARE SO EASILY CHANGED BY POWER.

DO YOU HAVE SOME TRUMP CARD UP YOUR SLEEVE...?!

THAT BRINGS TODAY'S CLASSES TO AN END.

THEN, WE MAY END UP BEING CRUSHED BY THE 'POWER THAT WE OURSELVES GRANTED EVERYONE'...!!

STILL, TO QUELL THIS UNPREDICTABLE DILEMMA AND BRING THINGS THIS FAR WITHOUT BOILING OVER IS ALREADY QUITE THE FEAT.

I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO CONFIRM IT... OF COURSE YOU DO, DON'T YOU...?
WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?

BILL...

HUH...

YOU HAVE MY GRATITUDE.

THANK YOU.

WELL, IT WAS FOR OUR STRATEGY... AND YOU TOOK THE INITIATIVE AND REVEALED YOUR OWN ABILITY, SO IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS ABOUT TO NOT REVEAL MINE, RIGHT?

NORMAL, I WOULD HAVE CERTAINLY PREFERRED TO NOT HAVE YOUR POWER FOUND OUT BY THEM!

SINCE MOST OF THEM WOULD CHOOSE TO TAKE IT IN A DIRECTION WHERE THEY COULD INCREASE THEIR BATTLE POWER.

IT'S RARE FOR A MALE TO BE AN ENHANCER WITH A SUPPORT TYPE ABILITY.

...YOU'RE RIGHT.

THERE STILL IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT WE MAY NOT REACH THE GOAL WE'RE TRYING FOR.

...ARE YOU OKAY STILL GOING DOWN THIS PATH?

THE PRINCE WAS JUST A BABY, SO I DIDN'T THINK HE'D GET WRAPPED UP INTO ANY SEVERE BATTLES.

WE CHOSE ROOM 1014 ON OUR OWN.

ALTHOUGH WE BOARDED THIS SHIP UNDER BEYOND'S ORDERS, IN ORDER TO MAKE IT TO THE NEW CONTINENT...
AND THAT'S WHEN VINCENT, THE FIRST PRINCE'S ASSASSIN, ARRIVED.

FROM A PLACE I CHOSE FOR A DISGRACEFUL REASON...

AND THEN I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF TRYING TO ESCAPE...

THEN THE SUCCESSION WAR BEGAN... EVERYTHING DESCENDED INTO CHAOS, AND THOUGH I TALKED AND ACTED STRONG, IN REALITY... I WAS LOST.

COWARDS DON'T MAKE DECISIONS. THEY DON'T RESOLVE THEMSELVES, BILL.

...AFTER ALL, I WAS A COWARD WHO ONLY MADE MY DECISION AFTER ARGUING WITH YOU AND THE QUEEN.

AND EVEN HE COULDN'T STAND ME.

I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF SOMETHING WERE ON THE MOVE TRYING TO TAKE MEASURES INTO THEIR OWN HANDS.

YOUR INSTINCT IS PROBABLY RIGHT... THAT RUMBLING JUST ISN'T NORMAL... EVERYONE THAT CAN USE NEN SHOULD HAVE FELT THE THREAT IN IT...

AFTER ALL, I FEEL IT BEST THAT ONE OF US GETS THEIR POWERS AWAKENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

INSTEAD OF TENPLITORI, I WAS THINKING OF TAKING THEIR PLACE AND GOING FIRST TO DO THE WATER DIVINATION.

TRAINING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF NEN, HUH...?... MY BODYGUARD SHIFT HAS BEEN LENGTHENED SO MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE IT A GO, TOO...?

TO BE HONEST, I DID WANT TO HAVE MY POWER AWAKENED... BUT THERE'S JUST THE CONCERN THAT ALL THIS COULD STILL BE SOME KIND OF TRAP...

THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH AFTER AWAKENING YOU MAY TEMPORARILY BE POWERFUL, MORE POWERFUL THAN EVEN THE OTHERS, YOU'D SHORTLY THEREAFTER BE STRIKEN BY FATIGUE AND EXHAUSTION TO THE POINT THAT YOU WOULDN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO STAND.

BUT, HASHITO... YOU HAVEN'T GONE THROUGH THE TRAINING OF THE FUNDAMENTALS LIKE THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS.
THE NEN ACQUISITION WAS ACTUALLY TRUE... WE HAVE DEFINITIVE PROOF! WHICH MEANS WE SHOULD HAVE EVERYONE ACQUIRE THIS MIGHTY POWER.

IT IS TEMPORARY, AND IT ISN'T THE MOST EQUAL ALLIANCE, SO THERE ARE OPENINGS TO EXPLOIT.

THerefore, at the present moment, the 14th prince and the 3rd prince are bound by a very tight peace treaty, but...

FURTHERMORE, I BELIEVE IF WE CONTINUE WITH A STANCE OF TRUST AND FAITH THAT REGARDING THE TREATY, THEY WILL SYMPATHIZE WITH OUR SENTIMENTS AND IT SHOULD DEVELOP NATURALLY.

YES... THE RISK OF A TRAP IS ALMOST ZERO.

AS FAR AS NEN GOES, YOU ARE TAKING A RATHER PROACTIVE STANCE THAT WE SHOULD LEARN IT.

WELL DONE. AS FOR THE TREATY, NEGOTIATE TO MAINTAIN IT.

YES, SIR!

I'LL LEAVE THE PERSONNEL SELECTION TO YOU.

IF THERE ARE ANY ADDITIONAL CLASSES REQUESTED, WE'LL GIVE OUR CONSENT.

UNDERSTOOD.

Indeed, it is a sound argument... BUT...

For now, restrain yourself. Don't act rashly.

I want to use your ability to slaughter the 9th prince's nen beast with certainty.

Though he's open and honest with his strategy meanings, the prince's nen beast lurking in the back doesn't show itself at all...

5TH PRINCE TUBEPPA'S NEN BEAST STILL HASN'T SHOWN ITSELF, WHICH MEANS IT'S GUARDING ITS SAFETY EVEN MORE THAN 9TH PRINCE HAKENBURG'S... BUT BY THAT RATIONALE, NO MATTER WHERE I AM, THE RISK IS THE SAME.... IF I DON'T FIGURE OUT THE ENEMY'S ABILITY ON MY OWN, THEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO RAISE A "PREDATOR"... IF, WE CONTINUE AVOIDING ALL RISK AND DANGER, THEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO DISPLAY THE TRUE SPECIALTY OF THIS ABILITY!!!
FURTHERMORE, HAVING A CLEAR, PRECISE GOAL OF WANTING TO DEFEND THE PRINCE WILL HAVE A PROFOUND EFFECT UPON THE NATURE OF THEIR NEN ABILITIES...!!

THOUGH HE MAY BE A BEGINNER, DEPENDING ON HIS ABILITY’S NATURE, IT COULD STILL POSE A THREAT AGAINST A TOP CLASS USER. THAT IS THE POWER OF NEN!!

THIS ONLY INCREASES THE RISK OF JUST STANDING BACK AND WATCHING...!! IF I’M GOING TO ACT, THE SOONER THE BETTER.

AN ABILITY THAT DISCOVERS THE ABILITY OF YOUR ENEMY. AN ABILITY THAT CANCELS THE ABILITY OF YOUR ENEMY. AN ABILITY THAT STEALS THE ABILITY OF YOUR ENEMY. IT’S INEVITABLE THAT I’M GOING TO WIND UP FACING NUMEROUS OPPONENTS WITH ABILITIES SIMILAR IN STYLE TO MINE.

“PREDATOR” ACTS ON ITS OWN, ON TOP OF THAT, IT’S ILL-MATCHED AGAINST OPPONENTS WITH MULTIPLE ABILITIES... PARTICULARLY COUNTER-TYPES WHICH IT HAS NO MEANS OF EVADING...!! WHEREAS UP AGAINST AN ENHANCER OR AN EMITTER, THEY THEMSELVES DO BECOME THE TARGET, BUT THEY’RE ABLE TO TURN THE TABLES AROUND A LOT. THEY’RE FAR FROM INVINCIBLE, BUT THEY HAVE A SPRAY AND PRAY METHOD ON THEIR SIDE. THEY CAN JUST KEEP ATTACKING, AND WITH ENOUGH TRIES, EVENTUALLY ONE WILL HIT.

WHAT I REALLY WANT IS TO USE MY “PREDATOR” TO ELIMINATE KURAPIKA, BUT IN ORDER TO DO THAT I WOULD HAVE TO FULFILL THE CONDITION OF FIGURING OUT WHAT ALL FIVE OF THE ABILITIES THAT I’VE HYPOTHEZIZED HE HAS ARE, AND THAT’S JUST NOT REALISTIC.

I HAVE A MASSIVE WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE TO DRAW FROM IN ORDER TO CALCULATING THE RISK AND TIMING...!! WHEN MAKING DECISIONS IN LIFE AND DEATH SITUATIONS, SUDDENLY EVERYONE HAS CONFIDENCE IN WHAT THEY’RE DOING.

I CAN UNDERSTAND THIS COMING FROM A COMMANDER OF AN ARMY, A MAN USING EXPERIENCE GAINED OVER HIS LONG YEARS ON THE BATTLEFIELD TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF HIS ENTIRE UNIT AND GIVE THE MOST PRUDENT ORDER... BUT WHAT’S SO PRUDENT OR CAREFUL ABOUT AN ASSASSIN COMMITTING SUICIDE? WAS THERE A MANIPULATOR SOMEWHERE NEARBY? OR PERHAPS HALKENBERG’S NEN BEAST IS A MANIPULATOR TYPE?

REVEALING AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE ABOUT MYSELF WHILE DISCOVERING THE OPPONENT’S ABILITY...!! IF I CAN MANAGE THAT ON MY OWN THEN PREDATOR WILL GROW STRONG AND POWERFUL.

BUT IF I USE OTHER SOLDIERS TO DO MY WORK WHILE I HIDE IN SAFETY, THE PREDATOR THAT’S BORN WILL BE WEAKENED AND IT WILL RAISE THE RISK THAT IT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE OUT ITS PREY...!!

BESIDES, MY ABILITY REQUIRES 48 HOURS TO RECHARGE. UNLIKE THE AFOREMENTIONED SPRAY AND PRAY, WHICH, IF IT CONNECTS, WILL CERTAINLY KILL.

IF THAT’S SO, THEN I SHOULDN’T BE GOING AFTER 5TH PRINCE TUBEPPA, BUT 9TH PRINCE HALKENBERG...!! EVEN THOUGH THERE’S A RISK INVOLVED, IF HALKENBERG MAKES A MOVE, ROOM 1009 IS AN OPTIMAL LOCATION FOR ME TO LET LOOSE MY ABILITY...
Perhaps your assessment of the enemy’s ability is wrong?! That would taint anything I try to verify afterwards, making it all unreliable...!!

If his aura was so massive that it caused a rumbling like that, then surely if he were to target someone with his ability alone, they would have an exceedingly slim chance of winning. Unless... he gave up his own life in exchange for the guarantee of safety for the 1st prince...?

No, that’s impossible...!! The assassin would know that Sir Benjamin, the 1st prince, despises things like begging for one’s life more than anything else!!

Your ability’s crux is that you can’t ask for advice or counsel...!!

There must be a hint...! If the assassin is a manipulator... then I must be able to find a lead from there!!

The only thing I can think of is some kind of body swap...!!

...but if he wasn’t being manipulated... then does that mean they have an ability that made the assassin choose death by his own will...?!

Yet, he didn’t choose either option... which means, Prince Sale-Sale is dead!!! And then there’s, 1st, Prince Benjamin’s Private Guard, Rotation... This leads us to, one solution: that the assassination was carried out by, Prince Benjamin’s Private Guard... and the next target is me...!!

It’s exceedingly simple... Prince Sale-Sale, consumed as he is with narcissism and the desire to express it, would never miss, out on performing, live, over just a little bad health...!! He’s the kind of man that would gladly broadcast himself, even if he were so ill, that he couldn’t even move. All so he can bask in the role of the tragic main character.

Yes, sir!

Heisen, please deal with this.

If I give this information and mission to those who have had abilities awakened in them, it may grant effects on the ability that they ultimately acquire.

First, I need to find out Prince Sale-Sale’s cause of death. If I can confirm that it was an assassination by means of nen ability, I can pull up a listing of possible abilities that could have done the deed and come up with a countermeasure.
INFORMATION IS BOUND TO GET LEAKED TO CAMILLA... BUT IF I COULD LEARN OF THE CAUSE OF HIS DEATH AND THE SITUATION SURROUNDING IT ALL AT ONCE... I'LL NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH MOTHER MYSELF...

DID MOTHER'S PRIVATE GUARD, THE ONES WATCHING OVER PRINCE SALE-SALE, NOT HEAR ANYTHING REGARDING ROOM 100B...?'

BUT I NEED TO GIVE A GOOD ENOUGH EXCUSE TO ENSURE I DON'T INVITE THE SUSPICION OF THE KINGDOM'S LEGAL OFFICES... I MUST BE CAREFUL.

I WANT TO INVESTIGATE THE SHIFTS OF PRINCE BENJAMIN'S PRIVATE GUARD...

MAOR
STILL ISN'T SEEKING ANY KIND OF DEFENSE AGAINST NEN ABILITIES... BUT SHE WOULD HAVE NEEDED SOME KIND OF PARTNER, NO MATTER WHAT...!! KURAPIKA...!!

THERE'S A LOT OF RISK IN ME MAKING DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE 2ND QUEEN'S FAMILY GUARD...! BUT THERE'S NO WAY THAT MOTHER WOULD HAVE MADE ANY DECISION WITHOUT DISCUSSING IT WITH MY SISTER FIRST... IF SHE'S GIVEN THE OKAY, THEN I SHOULD CONSIDER THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN SISTER'S PLAN AS WELL.

10TH DAY - 11:30 AM

THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THEM IS SHRINKING...?!

QUIETLY PIERCING THROUGH AN OMINOUS RUMBLING...

THE FOURTH RUMBLE...!!
7TH PRINCE LUZURUS HIMSELF, BARATE FROM HIS PRIVATE GUARD, RIDGE AND SASMO FROM THE HUNT ASSOCIATION, AND THE 2ND QUEEN'S SOLDIER FAMILY FOR A TOTAL OF 6 PEOPLE.

LUZURUS WAS SMOKING (LEGAL) DRUGS WHILE WATCHING A MOVIE, AS USUAL.

AT THE TIME SHIKAKU COMMITTED SUICIDE, I WAS IN THE 7TH PRINCE'S SLEEPING CHAMBERS. THERE WERE 6 PEOPLE THERE APART FROM MYSELF.

THE 2ND QUEEN'S SOLDIER WENT TO CHECK ON HIS WINDOW, WHEN SHIKAKU SHOUTED OUT "LONG LIVE 1ST PRINCE BENJAMIN", PRESSED THE MUZZLE OF THE GUN TO HIS TEMPLE, AND FIRED...

UP UNTIL THE GUNSHOT SOUNDED OUT, WE WERE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE RUMBLING, AND SO OUR ATTENTION WAS NOT FOCUSED ON SHIKAKU IN THE ENTRYWAY.

WE CAN DETERMINE THAT THERE IS A CLEAR CONNECTION BETWEEN SOMEONE'S ABILITY IN 9TH PRINCE HALKENBERG'S CAMP AND SHIKAKU'S SUICIDE.

JUDGING FROM THE FACT THAT THE RUMBLING ENDED AT NEARLY THE SAME TIME AS THE SOUND OF THE GUNSHOT...

THE IDEA THAT HE WAS FORCED TO COMMIT SUICIDE AS A CONDITION FOR SOME KIND OF BARGAIN THAT WAS STRUCK IS VERY LIKELY.

SO THEN... LOOKING BACK AT THE SITUATION WHERE WE KNEW HE KILLED HIMSELF RELUCTANTLY...

ANY NON-NEN USER CAUGHT BY IT WOULD BE DEAD ON THE SPOT....!!!

IF WE ASSUME THAT RUMBLING WAS CAUSED BY AN EMITTER, THE KIND OF DESTRUCTIVE POWER THEY WOULD BE CAPABLE OF WOULD BE PRESUMABLY SOMETHING THE LIKES OF A FIREBALL OF 5M IN DIAMETER SURPASSING THE SPEED OF SOUND.

SO THEN, ARE YOU SAYING THAT IN EXCHANGE FOR THE PROVERBIAL GUN THAT WAS POINTED AT MY HEAD TO BE LOWERED...

HE CHOSE DEATH HIMSELF?
WOULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHAT THEY ARE?

THREE...

BUT I HAVE THREE PROBLEMS WITH YOUR THEORY THAT HE WAS FORCED INTO SUICIDE AS A RESULT OF A BARGAIN.

WOULD HE REALLY THINK THAT PRINCE HALKENBURG WAS TRULY READY TO MAKE AN ATTACK...

THE FIRST... ASSUMING THAT SHIKAKU HAD COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION, THAT THE RUMBLEDING WAS CAUSED BY AN EMITTER PREPARING HIS ATTACK...

KANJIDOL... FOR THE MOST PART, I DO AGREE WITH YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE ENEMY'S ATTACK ABILITY...

WE ARE HERE IN THE VVIP AREA, AT THE HEART OF THE CONFINEMENT SURVEILLANCE CENTER... PRINCE HALKENBURG COULDN'T HAVE DISCOVERED THIS BY WAY OF HIS ASSASSIN GIVING WORD THROUGH THE QUEEN... BUT IF HE DID KNOW OUR POSITION, THEN TO ATTACK HERE, HE WOULD HAVE HAD TO BLAST STRAIGHT THROUGH SOME OF THE LOWER PRINCES' QUARTERS THAT WERE IN THE WAY.

BOTH FORCING SOMEONE TO COMMIT SUICIDE AND LETTING LOWER PRINCES GET CAUGHT IN THE ATTACK GREATLY GO AGAINST THE 9TH PRINCE'S PROFILE...!

EVEN IF WE ASSUME HE HAD A SUDDEN CHANGE OF HEART IN DECIDING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUCCESSION WAR, THIS MASSIVE OF A CHANGE THIS SUDDENLY IS FAR TOO UNNATURAL.

... INDEED...
AND THE THIRD.
YOU HAVE A POINT.

CAN FELLOW PRINCES ACTUALLY KILL ONE ANOTHER IN THE FIRST PLACE?

EXCUSE ME...?

IF YOU WERE GOING TO FORCE SHIKAKU TO DO SOMETHING, WOULDN'T ORDERING HIM TO ASSASSINATE ONE OF THE OTHER PRINCES BE MORE BENEFICIAL?

WHY SUICIDE?

THE SECOND.

WE CAN ASSUME THAT THIS IS A RULE BUILT INTO THEIR VERY NATURE.

WHICH MEANS THAT NEN BEASTS CANNOT KILL ONE ANOTHER!! AND THAT A NEN BEAST CANNOT DIRECTLY KILL ANOTHER PRINCE!!

BUT IF EITHER OF THOSE WERE POSSIBLE, THEN THERE'S NO WAY THAT SIR BENJAMIN'S NEN BEAST, WHO HAS INHERITED HIS OWN PERSONALITY AND TRAITS, WOULD HAVE NOT ACTED ON IT BY NOW....!!

IT IS BOTH MY AND 1ST PRINCE SIR BENJAMIN'S OPINIONS THAT IF OUR NEN BEASTS COULD KILL ONE ANOTHER... OR IF OUR NEN BEASTS COULD KILL OTHER PRINCES, THEN THIS WHOLE ORDEAL COULD BE RESOLVED QUITE QUICKLY.

SO IT WOULD ONLY BE NATURAL THAT ALL THE PRINCES' NEN BEASTS ALSO FUNCTION WITH THAT RESTRAINT LODGED INTO THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS.

FURTHERMORE, ALL THE PRINCES HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THE FACT THAT THE ABSOLUTE LAW OF "KILLING A MEMBER OF ROYALTY IS A CAPITAL CRIME" WILL APPLY TO THEM AS WELL! SO FOR A PRINCE, THE KILLING OF ANOTHER PRINCE BEING EXTREMELY TABOO IS EMBODIED DEEPLY IN THEIR MINDS....!!

I SEE...

THERE'S NO WAY A NEN BEAST WOULD ENABLE THE USE OF AN ABILITY THAT COULD LET A PRINCE DIRECTLY KILL ANOTHER PRINCE....!!

WE KNOW THAT BEFORE BOARDING THE SHIP 9TH PRINCE HALKENBURG WAS UNABLE TO USE NEN... WHICH MEANS THAT IF THAT RUMBLING WAS CAUSED BY HIS NEN BEAST AND IT WAS TARGETING THE 1ST PRINCE, IT WOULD BE BREAKING ITS CORE RULE. EVEN IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THE PRINCE'S ABILITIES WERE SOMEHOW AWAKENED THROUGH THE AFD OF HIS NEN BEAST...
BESIDES, SHIKAKU HIMSELF WAS A MANIPULATING Opponent. HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE COUNTER-MEASURES AGAINST A MANIPULATING OPPONENT.

EVEN IF HE WERE, THAT STILL DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHY HE SPECIFICALLY COMMITTED SUICIDE.

SO THEN WAS SHIKAKU BEING CONTROLLED, AFTER ALL...?

I HADN'T REALLY THOUGHT IT THROUGH THAT FAR...

...WELL...

WHEN THE ASSASSIN ACTIVATES HIS ABILITY, HE WOULD FIRST TARGET HIMSELF. THIS WOULD DEPEND AGAINST ANY OPPONENT'S MANIPULATING ATTACKS!

"IN A BATTLE OF MANIPULATORS, THE FIRST TO STRIKE WINS."

IT'S ONE OF THE MOST CORE CONCEPTS FOR MANIPULATORS... THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT.

LIHAN MIGHT NOT HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THIS EITHER... IF SO, THEN I'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP ON THE IDEA OF PLACING HIM ON 9TH PRINCE HALKENBURG'S GUARD.

I HAD NO IDEA ABOUT THAT...

WHY... DID HE DIE IN FRONT OF ROOM 1007?

THE KEY TO THAT MAY LIE WITH THIS ONE OTHER DOUBT I HAVE.

BUT THEN IF ALL THAT'S TRUE... WHY DID SHIKAKU COMMIT SUICIDE...?

REMEMBER THE CONDITIONS AT THE TIME WITH AS MUCH DETAIL AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN!! AND KEEP AN EXTREMELY CLOSE EYE ON THE ACTIONS SURROUNDING ROOM 1007 AS OF NOW. WITH THESE, WE WILL SEARCH FOR THE ANSWER TO "WHY"!!

9TH DAY (MONDAY) 10:00 AM

HIS MISSION SHOULD HAVE BEEN ONE THAT REQUIRED ULTIMATE DISCRETION AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND SECRECY!!
10TH DAY (TUESDAY) 11:30AM

VIKTO!! WHAT'S GOING ON?

THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THEM IS GROWING SHORTER.

WHILE 1ST PRINCE BENJAMIN STILL HAS THE RADIO ON...

THEY'RE FIGHTING ....!

I HEARD SOMETHING CLICK TWICE... IS THERE AN EMERGENCY?

IT'S NOT WORKING AT ALL ....!!

ATTACKS HAVE NO SWSSSH EFFECT... GWAAGHHH... GAAGH!

PRINCE HALKENBURG SWSSSH SWSSSH INVINCIBLE RUMBLE

YOUR HIGNESS....!! IT'S NO USE!!

RUMBLE

-NGHK...

DOOSH...

RUMBLE
It seems Prince Halkenburg is more suited to combat than we expected... On top of that, once he completes preparations for his attack, it's likely to carry enough force that it would be impossible to defend against.

Vikto's tackle shield is both an offensive and defensive ability... even if he were unable to completely overpower Prince Halkenburg, I believe he'd be more than capable of holding his ground while keeping the enemy's movements and actions under check.

And he has resolve firm and fierce enough to give up a life for each and every shot...

It's exactly as you say! His force and efficiency are beyond anything we imagined.

This is far beyond the class of ability that any individual would be able to master in such a short amount of time...

So even if we know it's coming, we can't defend against it, avoid it, or even fight back...?!

We should look at it as a bow formed by the entirety of his private guard....!!
That doesn't sound like a good idea. We know even less about 2nd Prince Camilla's abilities than we do Halkenburg's.

Should I have Musse's owl, which is currently attached to 2nd Prince Camilla, attach to the private guard instead and search there?

I need some kind of lead, but I can't afford to waste any more pieces like this.

And it wasn't through just a simple emitter's attack. There's such mystery.

Vikto is still alive...

Shikaku has died...

But...

Please leave it to me.

But clearly we're in a state of emergency regarding Prince Halkenburg. Do you have some kind of plan?

Besides, even if we're able to see the enemy attacking someone, I still have great doubts that we'd be able to determine what exactly their ability is.

Prince Camilla's ability killed Musse instantly... That alone makes it a viable threat. We need to keep her under surveillance.

Furthermore, my private guard have continued to observe strange behavior surrounding Prince Halkenburg's camp and have sufficient evidence and viable motive to suspect him of premeditated murder.

Due to the serial killings currently occurring across the lower decks, I've had any non-local troops be shuffled and redeployed as a counter-measure.

Then the best strategy is to not allow him to use it.

If the enemy's ability is powerful...

Exactly.

With the personnel chain cut off, split up the remaining troops from the one giving them orders...?
NATIONAL NAVAL REGULATION BOARD
SPECIAL DUTIES - SECTION CHIEF ADVISOR
STEINER
KAKIN JUDICIAL BRANCH
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT - CURRENTLY ASSIGNED

NATIONAL NAVAL REGULATION BOARD
SPECIAL DUTIES
PUICELT
KAKIN JUDICIAL BRANCH
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT - CURRENTLY ASSIGNED

BUT
WITH VIKTO'S CURRENT SAFETY AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN, IT'S EXTREMELY LIKELY THAT HE'LL END UP GETTING ACQUITTED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE AND RELEASED UNDER SURVEILLANCE, JUST LIKE WHAT HAPPENED WITH 2ND PRINCE CAMILLA.

HE HAS BEEN ISOLATED FROM HIS PRIVATE GUARD AND WILL BE FORBIDDEN CONTACT WITH THEM UNTIL THE TRIAL IS OVER.

9TH PRINCE HALKENBURG HAS BEEN RESTRAINED AND CONFINED.

TO GET HIM OUT OF THE WAY FOR GOOD.

THIS MAY BE OUR ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME CHANCE...!

YES.

THE FIRST TRIAL WILL BE WHERE THE BATTLE'S FOUGHT.
I hate that... You should read this too, Izu.

An excess of empathy is dangerous, Julia!

Don’t come at me with your song quotes.

Despite this, I feel like I kind of underestimated 6th Prince Taithon. I need to reflect on that.

Suddenly, I find myself wanting to make Prince Taithon king... but in order to do that, the other princes would have to be...

Ahh, but that would be completely contrary to Prince Taithon’s ideals.

When I consider that, then I realize that these teachings... may be the prince’s last will and testament...
I'm not very confident about that myself.

I can imagine what kind of tragedy will play out afterwards, but with our contract over at that point, can we just say 'good working with you' and leave just like that?

Well, I suppose you could say that.

As far as you're concerned, that's when the real problem starts, right?

As members of the Hunters' Association, our mission is to protect the princes until we reach the 'supposed' new continent.

Alright, see you later!

Happy Birthday!!

JULIANO

Heart Heart

SurPRIII IIIII IIse!!

Happy Birthday to youuu!!

Ohh, you're sooo lucky! You get to eat a cake handmade by the prince!

After all, by this day two months from now, we'll already have said our farewells, right?

I know that. That's why it's a surprise, right?

Err... my birthday still isn't for a long time...

And though the amount of sugar and flour might be off by a bit, I'm also ordering you to say it's delicious <3 got it?

Yes, your highness.

Awww, what are you crying for, Juli? Come on, smile! That's an order!!

I'm so glad we met!

Happy Birthday!!

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Yes, your highness...
It's a waste of time asking. I'm an honest guy so I'll tell you straight out; we're not telling you nothin'.

After all, it wasn't like anyone had gotten shot, and it happened outside the room.

Was there anything out of the ordinary immediately following the gunshot?... not particularly.

But why here at Room 1007? I haven't the faintest clue.

"Long live Prince Benjakin... bang!! Apart from that, nothing else really happened.

And there's no guarantee that whatever information they do have is worth offering in the first place...

As I thought, nobody's gonna go out of their way to offer up their information.

Prince Halkenburg used Queen Duaizul's officer in Room 1007 to do something during the ensuing commotion and chaos of the suicide... but, what was it? If they were going to go through this much effort, for something such a large scale, it wouldn't be worth it unless their objective was assassinating 7th Prince Luzurus; right?!

In that situation, the most likely would be a plan through 2nd Queen Duaizul's officer....

The only thing I can think of is a diversionary plan... get everyone from inside focused on what's happening outside the room, and fulfill the objective within that opening.

If there was some meaning behind Shikaku killing himself in front of Room 1007...

Perhaps Odesa and Gado took advantage of the commotion and did something to one of those two.

In the break room, private guard Macnay and skult from the hunter association were also sleeping...

Immediately following the gunshot, Famul was in my field of view...! Hapietch and Rhys were on guard duty in the living room. Odesa and Gado were asleep in the break room... if someone were going to try something, it would be those two in the break room...!

Hapietch

Famul

At that time, not counting Satobi, there were 5 of Queen Duaizul's family guards in Room 1007...!!
If my theory is right, then it's possible Macnay has been manipulated into assassinating Prince Luzirus...! Which is perfectly fine for us, so we've no reason to interfere.

Keeping a close eye on them while watching over everything else is probably best.

If that's so, then if I were to question the four people that were asleep, they may find out that I've realized that possibility.

I've concluded that all 6 of Queen Duonzul's officers in Room 1007 were not Nen users, but I can't conclude to the same degree that Furykov can... With a certain amount of skill, it would be possible to pose as a non-Nen user and fool me...!!

But it doesn't really look like that's going to happen from my point of view... With the Hunter, Skult, sleeping right nearby, I think it would be hard for anything to be pulled off.

Macnay was assigned to guard Prince Luzirus this afternoon... That would be when he would act if they're trying to finish this quickly...

If it were me, well, I'm the type to pull the trigger now and think up an excuse later.

Man, democracies are strict... I applaud the Prince and Captain for having so much self-restraint to keep up with the formalities...

Unless it's a matter of national danger, the military doesn't interfere with judicial matters... But with the First Prince's authority and influence, depending on his explanation, it's more than possible to get a court mandate in his favor...

But if we're trying to investigate into the actions inside Room 1007, wouldn't it be better to pour all our effort into getting rid of Prince Halkenburg?

If he places himself in the judicial branch's proceedings and starts acting clean and proper, there's no way he's going to end up with a guilty verdict...!!

Macnay and Skult will be placed under surveillance as persons of special interest.

Her standpoint is to not give help to any prince, regardless who asks for it.

Actually, I've considered the possibility of Queen Duonzul's officers planning something. Their shifts are currently being adjusted.

Help me in investigating peoples' behaviors at the time of the incident.

Regardles, someone with that kind of personality wouldn't survive in the succession war anyway...

Queen Duonzul's policy in life is "inaction."

But 7th Prince Luzirus was opposed to that opinion.

If they've been pretending that they were unable to use Nen this whole time, then that means the both of them must be considerably skilled, be on your guard.

It's not like someone's not going to take action right in the face of danger, though.
WITH THAT KIND OF RESOLVE, USING A NEN THAT INCREASES IN STRENGTH AFTER DEATH WOULD HAVE QUITE THE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF POWER, INDEED...! IF I ASSUME COMMITTING SUICIDE IN FRONT OF ROOM #1007 WAS DONE IN EFFORT TO MISLEAD THE INVESTIGATION... THEN PRINCE HALKENBURG WAS FRAMED FOR THE CRIME, AND IN REALITY THEY'RE GOING AFTER THE 2ND, 3RD, OR 4TH PRINCE...

I THINK ALL OF YOU IN PRINCE BENJAMIN'S PRIVATE GUARD ARE BEHIND THIS...! YOU'RE ALL IN ON IT! AN ABILITY THAT SHIKAKU ACTIVATED BY TAKING HIS OWN LIFE...!

WOULD A PRINCE WHO ALREADY HAS A NEN BEAST ATTACHED TO HIM BE ABLE TO BE HAUNTED BY YET ANOTHER ENTITY...? EITHER WAY, FOR NOW MY ONLY OPTION IS TO OBSERVE.

THE MOST POPULAR KIND OF POST-MORTEM NEN IS THE KIND THAT HAUNTS THE TARGET AFTER DEATH, CAUSING ALL MANNER OF HARM AND ILL-FORTUNE TO BEFALL THE HAUNTED. BUT WITH THESE ENTRUSTED CURSE-TYPE ABILITIES, IF ONE LIKE THE GUARDIAN NEN BEASTS WERE INVOKED, YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE IT.

SO IT WOULDN'T BE PECULIAR IN THE LEAST FOR THERE TO BE MANY AMONG THEM WITH POST-MORTEM NEN.

THE STRUCTURE OF HIS ORGANIZATION FEELS NO REMORSE AT USING HIS OFFICERS' LIVES AS AMMO, AFTER ALL...

I WANT TO HURRY UP AND DIE ALREADY....!

NGGGGG GGGH~...
So that we can be bound together in hell...

From the day I learned exactly why I was born... every day, without fail, I've come to see you...

So, that Prince Camilla can become King and prosper!!!

2nd Prince Camilla's private guard
MOSWANA
in charge of 1st Prince Benjamin

I swear... I will curse you... to death...!!

The afterlife companion was reserved for after a prince who was unable to become king had died. To watch over the prince in the afterlife and ensure they would not become a vengeful ghost and haunt the king and country. A member of the opposite sex was selected to be buried and entombed with the prince.

In ancient kingdoms, there were many funeral and entombing traditions which involved people giving up their lives to be buried alongside another. In ancient Kakin, there was a specific tradition in this style known as the 'afterlife companion'.

The afterlife companion is now obsolete and unused, but those born as untouchables are still forever locked into that class and will never be able to take a public office, rise to a higher level official, or join the military.

Though it was supposedly an honor to be the prince's companion, in actuality it was quite the opposite. In a class system where you were born into a class and of that class for your entire life, the companion, forcefully chosen from the lowest tier of the untouchables.
Along with the overwhelming support that these once discriminated people hold for Camilla, amongst her private guard there naturally began calls for the afterlife companion system to be reinstated. This fused with nen powers and transformed into an incredibly potent assassination curse.

But Camilla gave all of these untouchables a chance to join her private guard. They received their own private land in a special ward and granted the same status and rights as fellow soldiers.

5th Prince Tuberpea
4th Prince Tserried-nich
3rd Prince Zhang Lei
2nd Prince's Private Guard
(As a demi-hunter, guarding around the residential areas) Jidal
In charge of Tuberpea's curse
2nd Prince's Private Guard
Hignori
In charge of Tserried-nich's curse
2nd Prince's Private Guard
Backet
In charge of Zhang Lei's curse
2nd Prince's Private Guard
Kako
In charge of Halkenburg's curse
9th Prince Halkenburg
7th Prince Luzurus
6th Prince Taithon
2nd Prince's Private Guard
(Demi-hunter) Risamusetta
In charge of Luzurus' curse
2nd Prince's Private Guard
Burben
In charge of Taithon's curse
2nd Prince's Private Guard
Tallah
In charge of Marayam's curse
13th Prince Marayam
11th Prince Fugetsu
10th Prince Kacho
2nd Prince's Private Guard
(Demi-hunter) Meshushi
In charge of Fugetsu's curse
2nd Prince's Private Guard
(Demi-hunter) Mozube
In charge of Kacho's curse

When the invoker dies, the ability will be activated. Ideally, you should kill yourself in front of your target's eyes.

Stay as close as you can to your target for as long of a period as you possibly can. During this time, the greater your desire it, the stronger the curse will grow.

Carry with you something related to your target, their name, photograph, clothing, or part of their body, and curse your target.
It would not be all that surprising if there were a few among them with circumstances similar to our own.

Prince Halkenburg's private army was made up of people from many countries with mostly unknown birthplaces. But it's possible that he was an entrusted curse type user like us.

It is obvious that Shikaku was not an untouchable of Kakin...

That's right!!

2nd Prince's Private Guard Umanma (Nen Exorcist)

I would happily give my life in order to remove it from her!

If a curse ever came for Prince Camilla...

I mean... we're totally ready and willingness too, it's just...

2nd Prince's Private Guard Kavich
Formerly in charge of 12th Prince Momoze's Curse

2nd Prince's Private Guard Nukuukon
Formerly in charge of 8th Prince Sale-Sale's Curse

2nd Prince's Private Guard Captain Sarahell
In charge of 14th Prince Woble's Curse

Those who are no longer in charge of a curse, go snoop around the enemy's people and figure out if they have a nen exorcist or not.

So then... we really don't have to become afterlife companions?

We, who weren't even considered people were given purpose and will by Camilla.

2nd Prince's Private Guard Captain Sarahell

We will use our lives not for the sake of a dead prince, but for the future of Prince Camilla!

Those haunted by the cursed nen will have their aura stolen. The most powerful curses will force the target into a state of Zetsu and then bring death within a few hours.

Yes, Marim!

Whatever you do, ensure that you do not cause any more trouble for Lady Camilla!

"We who have eaten the food of the dead" have gained the special nen ability of Kakin's untouchables. Carry a small blade together with something connected to your target. And pray for them to be cursed every day without fail. Then burn the object carried, boil the ashes, and drink them. Afterwards, kill yourself with the blade and the curse will be invoked.
WITH STILL SO MUCH UNKNOWN ABOUT THE PRINCESS, GUARDIAN BEASTS' ABILITIES, TO SEND A CURSE AFTER THE UPPER RANKED PRINCES WOULD BE RISKING IT ALL ON A GAMBLE WITH A VERY HIGH CHANCE OF FAILURE... BUT IF IT GOES WELL, THEN WE COULD KILL THE PRINCES WITH A CURSE EVEN IF IT GETS EXORCISED, WE'LL HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LURE THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION'S NEW EXORCIST OUT INTO THE OPEN...

IF YOU WERE TO SEND IT FROM ROOM 1002, MOZUBI WOULD TAKE 10 DAYS... THE OTHER TWO WOULD TAKE ABOUT 2 WEEKS...

OUT OF MOZUBE, MESHLISHI, AND TALLAH, WHO DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST QUALIFIED?

DAMN, THAT WAS FAST... ERR... I WANT TO SEND OUT A CURSE TO ONE OF THE PRINCES TODAY, BUT I WANT TO LEAVE THE CURSED TARGET ALIVE FOR A FEW DAYS TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION HAS A NEW EXORCIST.

IF THEY'RE IN THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, THEN IT WOULD TAKE OVER HALF A YEAR.

IF YOU TRIED TO STEALTHILY SEND A CURSE AT THEM FROM YOUR OWN TERRITORY AS IF THEY WERE SOME CARELESS, HELPLESS COMMONER, IT WOULD SNUFF OUT SUCH AN INSOLVENT ATTACK WITH A SINGLE GLANCE.

CAPTAIN, THE 10TH AND 11TH PRINCES HAVE BOTH BEEN DETAINED IN THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FOR ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, AND ACCORDING TO SOME OF OUR SOURCES, THERE ARE EVEN RUMORS THAT SOMEONE HAS DIED.

IF YOU WERE TO GO FOR THE 10TH OR 11TH PRINCE...? OR MAYBE THE 13TH...? MY PRINCE THE 14TH, HASN'T SPENT LONG ENOUGH BUILDING UP THE CURSE YET...

IF YOU WERE GOING TO SEND THE CURSE FROM THIS ROOM, THEN ALL THREE OF THEM WOULD TAKE ABOUT 3 MONTHS TO KILL WITH THEIR CURSES...

WHAT?

IF THEY DIED THEN THE DOOR WOULD BE SEALED WOULDN'T IT?

CAPTAIN! THE 10TH AND 11TH PRINCES HAVE BOTH BEEN DETAINED IN THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FOR ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, AND ACCORDING TO SOME OF OUR SOURCES, THERE ARE EVEN RUMORS THAT SOMEONE HAS DIED.

BUT YOUR TARGET IS BEING PROTECTED BY A GREAT GUARDIAN BEAST WHO HAS PROTECTED THE GLORY OF THE ROYAL FAMILY THROUGH GENERATIONS AND GENERATIONS.

MY ESTIMATES ARE MADE ASSUMING THAT THE PRINCE IS DEFENSELESS.

PLEASE WAIT.

SO THEN WE'RE LEFT WITH TALLAH IN CHARGE OF THE 15TH PRINCE, TAKING 2 WEEKS...

IF YOU WANT TO SUCCESSFULLY FULLFILL THE KILLING CURSE, YOU'LL NEED THE RESOLVE TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO TOUCH THE PRINCE'S SKIN DIRECTLY, AND TO KILL YOURSELF WHILE THE TARGET STARES FIXEPLY AT YOU.

WE UNTOUCHABLES HAVE NO SUCH METTLER OR DETERMINATION IN ORDER TO COMPETE AGAINST SUCH A POWERFUL GUARDIAN BEAST'S DESIRE TO PROTECT THE Royalty.
THE HUNTER IN ROOM 1014 IS TEACHING NEN WITH THE GOAL OF CAUSING A STALEMATE. IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN THERE SHOULDN'T BE A SECOND ROUND OF CLASSES, TOO... WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'LL BE GOING.

DON'T WORRY. I'M AWAKE NOW. INDEED, I MAY HAVE BEEN PLAYING THE JOKING CLOWN OF A SOLDIER FOR A WHILE THERE...

IF YOU SLIP AND FALL WHILE GOING DOWN THIS HILL, YOU WON'T BE SETTING OFF WITH JUST SCRATCHES.

APAHAHHA! YOU JUST NEVER RUN OUT OF YOUR LITTLE REMINDERS, DO YOU, GRANNY? BUT THEY'RE ALL GUIDING ME TO THE RIGHT PATH.

"LOVING AND HATE," I'LL USE MY LOVE TO SILENCE THE SOUND OF MY HATE.

THAT IS MY SPECIALTY.

IF I CURSE THE 14TH PRINCE FROM RIGHT BESIDE HIM, EVEN WITH THE SHORT TIME PERIOD SPENT INCUBATING IT, IT SHOULD STILL UNLEASH A POWERFUL CURSE... I KNOW THAT PRINCE CAMILLA HATES ASKING FOR ANYTHING OR TAKING HANDOUTS, AND WANTED NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CLASSES, BUT IF IT WILL LEAD TO OUR OBJECTIVE OF KILLING A PRINCE WITH A CURSE, I'M SURE SHE'LL GIVE ME PERMISSION.

BUT I AM UNTOUCHABLE...! EVEN IF I FALL, I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE.

BEING IN CLOSE MEANS THE ENEMY'S FANGS CAN ALSO REACH YOU. BEING TOO OPENLY HOSTILE IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS, AND COULD WIND UP GETTING YOU KILLED.

YOU'RE TELLING ME TO STEEL MYSELF, RIGHT?
PHYSICALLY, I FEEL MYSELF RAPIDLY GROWING STRONGER, AND THE WAY I SEE THE WORLD HAS QUITE LITERALLY CHANGED.

HAVING ACQUIRED IT YOURSELF, HOW DO YOU FEEL?

MMM.

HE WAS ABLE TO CARRY THEM TO THEIR FIRST STEPS IN ACTIVATING THEIR NEN ABILITIES BY THE FINAL DAY.

AND THIS, AS OF TODAY, EVERYONE WHO TOOK THE COURSE HAS HAD THEIR NEN ABILITY AWAKEN.

WHAT IS THIS...?

HERE, TAKE THIS FOR YOUR REWARD.

WELL DONE.

SO THEN CAN YOU SEE MY GUARDIAN BEAST RIGHT NOW?

YOU WILL BE THE FIRST PERSON TO RECEIVE THE "#1" COIN.

IT'S A COIN CREATED BY MY SPIRIT BEAST.

IT'S FAR MORE DIVINE AND GRANDER THAN I EVER IMAGINED.

YES.

THOUGH I'VE GOT THE REAL FIRST #1.

THANK YOU! I'M SO THRILLED...!!

HAS INCREASED ...?!

A STILL YET UNKNOWN ABILITY.

THE NUMBER...
Is this part of 3rd Prince Zhang's beast's ability...?

No... the aura coming from this coin is identical to the one I picked up...!

The number on this used to be 10, but now it's 10...? Did it get swapped for someone else's coin...?

1st Prince Benjamin's private guard Coventoba

It would be too risky for me to test...

Is the guardian beast's mouth... but...

Can you show that to me?

Is it to be exchanged for something of equivalent value...? And how...? The place that springs to mind most...

Does the increasing number on this signify anything...? Does it have some kind of effect...?

Which means, there's probably no point in me holding onto them myself...!

Every single day, the guardian beast drops one coin...

It's the same as the one I picked up...

Has it undergone the same change as mine? Should I keep an eye on it...?
CONSIDERING THE PACE AT WHICH THE COINS ARE PRODUCED, I DON'T THINK I'M SUPPOSED TO KEEP HANDING THEM OUT NONSTOP!!! SO THEY MUST BE FOR SOMETHING LIKE A BADGE OR A REWARD... BUT IF THAT WERE THE CASE ALONE, THEN THEY WOULDN'T REQUIRE NEN...

BUT I HAVE NO MEANS OF DISCOVERING IT APART FROM SITTING AND WAITING...

WITHOUT A DOUBT, MY GUARDIAN BEAST'S POWER ONLY REACHES MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS AFTER I BECOME KING.

UGH... SOMETIMES I HATE THIS PART OF MY PERSONALITY. I HAVEN'T EVEN BECOME KING YET, BUT ALL I DO IS WORRY ABOUT HOW THINGS WILL BE AFTERWARDS.

NOT TO MENTION WE'RE CURRENTLY IN THE MIDST OF THE SUCCESSION WAR. I DON'T SENSE THE SLIGHTEST BIT OF HELPFULNESS FROM THIS ABILITY FOR THIS PURPOSE...

I GET THE SINKING FEELING THIS ABILITY MAY NOT WORK UNTIL IT'S BEEN THOROUGHLY SPREAD ACROSS THE ENTIRE KINGDOM... AND FOR NOW IT'S STILL JUST A TINY WAVE...

MASTERING THE USE OF BOTH THE LIGHT AND DARKNESS... THAT IS A TRUE KING!! AND THE SUCCESSION WAR IS THE PLACE WHERE I SHALL SHOW THE TRUE WORTH OF MY DARKNESS!! WE'RE GOING OUT.

VERY WELL, THEN!! I SHALL SURVIVE THIS SUCCESSION WAR WITH MY WITS ALONE!!

IF I CAN SURVIVE THIS, THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO BECOME A FIRM AND SOLID KING....!!

BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT MEANS...
In that case, I'll guide you there.

To the boss of the Xi-Yu family.

Where are you headed today?

Prince Zhang Lei has arrived at Boss Onioall's room.
I'm just going to live however I want.

My doctor never shuts up about "eat this" and "don't eat that." How's your body's health?

Hello there. It's been a while.

You've got no choice but to do it now.

When my aniki, Nasubi, did it, he was the only survivor among all the participants. I see.

Among some of my young troops, I have heard that there are those that can use strange powers... I'll try asking them.

Hrm. Doesn't sound familiar...

I know that it has something to do with this superpower called nen, but what?

They never let us second liners know anything. Who knows?

The key to it lies in these so-called guardian beasts... Do you know anything about them?
How long will it take?

It's said that "good luck sleeps and waits." My Aniki also survived with that strategy.

It may take some time... there's some resistance going on down below with a lot of deaths that have happened.

You'll have to wait a bit until I'm able to research that incident.

Just sit tight and hang on.

Understood.

Father...

It's in your hands...
Both we and the Cha-R family have had countless of our own underlings killed. Our first priority is crushing the Heil-ly family...

Yes.

They're using their underlings to go killing all around... though I have no idea why...

It's a massacre.

This is a much more serious situation than I thought. The Heil-ly family's new boss is far crazier than we ever expected.

Yes, Sir.

Just like we had originally discussed, we need to find this Hisoka in order to control the Spider.

Hmph... wasn't that just a bunch of BS to get into your base?

I thought our priority was with the Spider... the Phantom Troupe...? What...? They're working with you...?

Alright... then we can give the Spider permission to search Deck 4.

Yes, we turned over every last stone in searching for him.

Is it confirmed that Hisoka was not on Deck 4?

...No. There's still no change.

Will that really be okay? That's...

You look for Hisoka on the deck above.

Kill Morena Brood, the boss of the Heil-ly family...!!

While you're searching for Hisoka on Deck 3...
WAH... I'M GOING TO NEED MORE BLOOD TRANSFUSION BAGS.

AND WE HAVE A NEW OBJECTIVE.

YES, WE ARE GONNA TURN OVER DECK 3.

WE'RE RESTARTING THE INVESTIGATION, RIGHT?

WE'RE GOING TO CRUSH THE HEIL-LY...!!

THE RESISTANCE BEGINS.
I HOPE YOU GUYS CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT SOON. IT'S IN YOUR HANDS.

DECK 3 HAS ALREADY SETTLED DOWN... BUT APPARENTLY THE HEIL-ELY IS STILL GOING AT IT.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. IS THIS ABOUT THE RESISTANCE?

WE'RE GOING UP.


WHO THE HELL DOES HE THINK HE'S TALKING TO?

YES.

WHERE SHOULD WE DO IT? ALTHOUGH IT IS MY OWN ABILITY, EVERY TIME I USE IT, IT REALLY GETS ME DOWN.

THERE'S NOT NEARLY AS MANY PEOPLE COMING AND GOING AS ON DECK 4, SO THIS SHOULD BE SIMPLE.

Yeah.

WE'RE GONNA START OFF WITH THE ROLLER PLAN, RIGHT?
YES, SIR.

GO TELL THE BOSS.

A XI-YU CREW JUST ARRIVED.

LYNCH, ZAKURO... THE MAN AND WOMAN SITTING AT THE BURGER SHOP AT 9 O'CLOCK JUST LOOKED AT US.

THEY MAY BE KEEPING WATCH.

ROGER.

OKAY.

YOU GUYS GO TALK TO THEM, STARTING WITH THE MAN.

HEY, MISTER.
SURE, I DON'T MIND.

...HUH ~?

WE GOT SOME QUESTIONS WE WANNA ASK YOU. WOULD YOU MIND ANSWERING THEM?

WITH YOU, THAT IS.

THAT GUY BEHIND YOU LOOKS LIKE HE HAS SOME BUSINESS, THOUGH...

HUH?
WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF.

IS IT REALLY ALRIGHT TO BE CHASING AFTER A WOMAN’S ASS?
YOUR FRIENDS ARE GONNA DIE.

IF YOU DO THAT, I’LL SPARE YOUR LIFE.
SHUT UP, KEEP WALKING, AND LEAD ME TO YOUR BOSS.

YOU SURE YOU DON’T NEED TO GO BACK TO THEM?
EVEN THE SOLDIERS CAN ONLY PRETEND TO NOT NOTICE THE COMMOTION AT THE FOOD COURT FOR 5 MINUTES AT MOST.

AND IF YOU HARM ONE OF US CIVILIANS WHO WAS JUST KEEPING SURVEILLANCE OF THE PASSENGERS, EVEN THE MILITARY THAT YOUR MAFIA FAMILY IS SO BUDDY-BUDDY WITH WILL BE FORCED TO ARREST YOU.

THAT'S THE BEST PATH OF SURVIVAL FOR YOU COMMON FOLK.

YOU SHOULD RUN WHILE YOU CAN, MR. CAPTAIN.

THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH TURF OR INCOME... THEY JUST WANTED A FIGHT FROM THE VERY START... AN ALL OUT KILLING SPREE...!!

THAT BITCH YOU GOT IN CHARGE AIN'T GONNA GET AWAY WITH BREAKIN' THE RULES...

THese GUYS... AREN'T LISTED AS OFFICIAL MAFIA MEMBERS...?!

JUST WHAT I WANTED, MYSELF! MAKE SURE YOU TELL HER THAT!
BEFORE YOU DO THAT, SHOULDN'T YOU HELP YOUR PARTNER?

NOW THEN.

YOU'RE WITH THE KI-YU, AREN'T YOU?

YOU CAN START BY ANSWERING MY QUESTIONS NOW.

HINH...

NGH...

!?
I still lack enough courage to cut myself on my own.

Thank you.

Zakuro Casturd (Manipulator)
Xi-Yu Family Member
Ability [Bloody Mary]
Able to freely control their own blood. The IV is necessary for practical reasons, and thus limits the use.
YOU'RE BOTH HEIL-ILY FAMILY, AREN'T YOU?

HOW MANY MEMBERS DO YOU HAVE IN ALL?

23 MEMBERS!!

TELL ME ABOUT ALL THEIR ABILITIES.

AND AMONG THEM, HOW MANY NEN USERS?

MY VOICE... CAME OUT OF MY BODY?!

WHAT ...?!
I don't know how many there are!!

The Boss gave us abilities, but there's a restriction on it!!

As we kill people, our level goes up once we reach 2, the ability manifests!!

Get up, dammit!

Weren't you supposed to be a nen user?

How weak.

Hmph!

Lynch Fullbocco (Emitter)

Ability [Body and Soul]: After asking the target a question, by hitting them, the target's soul's voice can answer. People nearby cannot hear it.

Don't even tell me that you've passed out!
I know, but it's on the records. The Justice Department is looking the other way for these guys.

No way! I just asked his body.

What?

Apparently, they're civilians.

Huh?

Ah, we're finished! Let's go home.

Next time we see your faces around, we'll look you up on the spot.

This wasn't justifiable self-defense. But we'll let this one slide. In exchange, don't ever come back to deck 3.

The army has some leeway to be flexible. But if the Justice Department gets involved, then things will get complicated.

We won't do anything that would make you use these.

It's alright.

Go on and take it.

Understood. Sorry to bother you.

We won't be back. Promise.

Just by standing here, we get paid off by all three families!

Hell yeah for the resistance. We'll make a killing off it!

To fight a lawbreaker, you have to break the law yourself.

Since they're not going to, we'll bring up a list of proof they exchanged sake cups and oaths into their family to present to the Justice Department?

Like, waiting on deck 4 for the heil-ly guys to come down to us?

Wait, are we really going back?

It was obviously a joke.
A Sudden Shower of Crimson Begins to Rain Down! The Resistance Intensifies!

Let's Go.

HNRIGH BIGANDUFFNO (CONJURER) ABILITY [BIOHAZARD] Any device or weapon he touches can be changed into a living creature while retaining its original function and manipulated at will.

Ooohh.

Sounds like the guys I made that promise to have died.

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