三浦建太郎 KENTARO MIURA
Dreams of being the “ultimate swordsman,” but his actual talent, not up to snuff, repeatedly endangers him. Nevertheless, the boy endeavors toward his dream. He is currently equipped with a fetish granted the protection of fire elementals.
Serpico
Attendant of Farnese, and actually her brother. However, she is not aware of the blood relationship. He is skilled in fighting, and currently clad in a fetish granted the protection of wind elementals.

Schierke
Disciple of Flora, witch of the spirit tree mansion. She supports Guts and the others through her use of magic; however, among her spells are some beyond her mastery, which occasionally place her in great peril as she tries to aid her allies. She has a stilted side to her personality.

Griffith
Through the eclipse of the crimson beheilit, he was reborn as Femto of the Godhand. Later he was incarnated in the imitation eclipse catalyzed by the egg-shaped apostle, thus returning to the physical world, in which he became the “absolute,” without equal. He leads the reborn Band of the Hawk.

Roderick
A naval ship captain and third in line to the royal throne of lith, a maritime power within the domain of the Holy See. He is a friend of Farnese’s brother, and has become her fiancé.
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WHAT A STENCH.

THEY'VE GATHERED AGAIN. THERE'S NO END TO THE DAMN THINGS.

WAIT!!

ANYWAY, WE'RE SET ONCE WE BOARD THE BARGE. THEY WON'T FOLLOW US OUT TO SEA.

?!?

I WAS CARELESS. I WAS SO PREOCCUPIED WITH BATTLE THAT I CEASED SENSING OD.

THE HARBOR IS SWIRLING WITH AN ENORMOUS MASS OF WICKEDNESS.

BROILING BAY
HOW'D THEY BRING IN THIS MANY MONSTERS...

TOO FLICKER!
CHECK THAT OUT...

...HOLD ON...

...AND SUCH.

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...AND SUCH.
FX: CHONNK

FX: ZHA

KREEEE
WHAT NOW, CAPTAIN?

SO MUCH FOR BOARDIN' THE BARGE.

THAT'S A HELL OF A THING TO SLIP IN THROUGH THIS FOG.

*FX: GCHAK*

OH, NO--TH- THEY'RE BEHIND US, TOO...

LISTEN.

WHATEVER HAPPENS, DON'T SHOW YOURSELVES.
You must never....!

They'll notice us if you shout!

Guts...

Y-you mustn't!

Not that....!

It's all we've got.

Dear, get hurt.

P-please, do not say that so lightly!

Hell, just wait for the right moment, then bring me back to my senses.

Yes, but...

You know that if we jump into this many of them, somebody'll get hurt.
YOU MUSTN'T JUST--

THIS IS YOUR OWN BODY AT STAKE.

ANOTHER FLOOD?!

LEAVE THIS TO ME.

PLEASE...

THEY'LL COME IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING...

H-HEY!

YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

BUT, SCHIERKE, YOU CAN HARDLY HEAR THE SPIRITS' VOICES HERE.

BE THE WORKINGS OF THEIR POWERS GREAT OR SMALL, NO PLACE EXISTS WHERE THERE ARE NO SPIRITS WHATSOEVER.

NO, I AM SURE THERE IS A WAY.

UNLIKE IN FORESTS AND MOUNTAINS, THE SPIRIT PRESENCE IN THIS CITY'S REALLY WEAK, SO BIG SPELLS AND SUCH ARE HARD TO CAST.

WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
THERE'S A POWER WORKING STRONGLY BECAUSE IT'S IN THIS PLACE...

...IT IS A TERRIBLY DANGEROUS POWER...

BUT...
PLEASE GUARD ME FOR A BIT.

...PERFORM THE RITUAL.

I WILL NOW...

THEY'RE HERE!

I'LL TAKE THE HARBOR.

BUT...GUTS...

YOU GUYS TAKE THOSE IT'S TOO NARROW FOR ME.

W-WILL THIS WORK?

...BUT DO YOU GUYS SERIOUSLY THINK THAT GIRL CAN HANDLE A GROUP THAT LARGE ON HER OWN?

I KNOW MAGIC IS INCREDIBLE...

...JUST HOP YOU DON'T GET CAUGHT UP IN IT TOO.

SHE MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT SHE'S A MAJOR WEAPON OF MASS INSTRUCTION.

NOW THEY'VE SEEN US TOO!
I won't push it too far.

I'm just buyin' time.
SCORCHED EARTH.

BLAZING...

FLAME

BURNING FIERCELY.

A SHEET OF IT.
They were set by human hands to burn away enemies, the city, people...

Hell fire.

It's like purgatory itself...

What a spectacle.

...I'm being engulfed...
NO, NO/ I FON'T TOUCH HER/

THAT WAS Alose CALL...

IS SHE ALL RIGHT...?!
NO! NO! DON'T TOUCH HER!
MY EXPERIENCE IN ENOCH VILLAGE PAID OFF...
That's what... Guts said, that time...

Never again will I allow...

I'll protect my own...

...our.

That's what...

...there it is.
I WANT TO GO HOME...

THEIR STUPIDITY IS A SMALL BLESSING. THEY JOSTLE AND JAM UP.

WOW, DO THEY EVER SWARM... I THINK THERE'RE LESS RATS IN THIS HARBOR.

AGHHH! MAAAN! THIS NEVER ENDS!

SUCH IS THE WAY OF ANCIENT SUPER TECHNIQUES.

HER CRAZY SKILLS'RE CRAZY POWERFUL...

DON'T GET DISTRACTED OR THEY'LL GET YOU!!

...BUT IT SUCKS, HOW LONG THEY TAKE TO USE.
GUTS...
GUTS
....!!
AGHHH, I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME ALONG!

WE CAN'T HOLD THEM OFF ANY LONGER!

THIS'S GETTING BAD!

INCH INCH...
I am called the Wheel of Flame.

I am kin to the scorching blaze that drives hell fire and burns away the battlefield.
SUPPLICATION OF THIS FRAIL SOUL.

HERE DO I GRANT THE...

...HER ENEMIES EMBERS BENEATH A CRIMSON RUT.

AS MY OFFERING TO HER, I SHALL RENDER...

*FX WAAAVE

*FX SHHHHHH
SET between THE STOREHOUSES...

WE'LL BE CINDERS TOO IF WE STAY HERE!

A WH-WHEEL OF FLAME...?!

QUIT TWIRLIN' AROUND! THIS AIN'T GONNA WORK IF YOU GET BURNED TOO!

NOW SHE'S A HUMAN DISASTER AREA.

SCHERKE!

HEY, LIZARDS!

YOU TRYIN' TO DEFY ME?!
DON'TCHA SEE THIS?!

UH-OH.

SHIT!!

*FX, BRMMBLE

*SSSSS

*LUNGE
WOW INDEED--SCORCHED EARTH...

WOW.

SCHIERKE!

IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?!

HEY.

"FX. PAT PAT"

SCHIERKE!

HN...
WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS...

GUTS...

WE'RE ALL SAFE.
JUST A LITTLE SINGER.

YOU DID A GOOD JOB.
NOW LET'S SAY GOODBYE TO THIS BURNED FIELD AND HAVE OURSELVES A LUXURY CRUISE!

YEAH!

DON'T PUSH TOO HARD.

C'MON.

Yeah, I'm fine.

Can the two of you move?

*FX, STAGGER

Ah...

B0...
All the boats around here're burnt to a crisp. Well, forget this. Ah, you hardly weigh more than a bird.

I'm sorry, you're unsteady yourself, guts...

I don't care how many days I'll be seasick if it'll get me out of this hell...

For all we know, more monsters're coming ashore. We'd better hurry and find a barge.

You guys, get back!!
AS SOON AS HE SAID IT....!
How the hell many of these monsters do the Kushan have?!

From one crisis to the next... I mean, our situation keeps gettin' worse and worse!!

Schierke: What? We're really in trouble, huh?

I can't use another spell...

No...

Get down...

Guts...
Hey? What's goin' on? Don't...

In my current state, I can't call him back...!
There it is. When he's like that, he really ain't human no more.

He's like a beast!!

He killed that giant beast in one blow...!! What the hell's going on with him?!

He's sure damn strong, but if we aren't careful, he won't know us from the monsters!

Hey! Can't you do somethin', with your...!

Teach'er...!

Don't shake her!

I'd say she's most likely...

Scherke's not here now.

What's up?! She hit her head?!

You can't wake her now!
WHERE AM I...?
WAS I DRAWN IN?! ONLY WITHIN GUTS.

AND THEN...?!

...WITHIN THE ARMOR...

IT COULD ONLY BE...

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?!

I WAS CLINGING TO GUTS...

"OHHHHN..."
...GUTS' PERCEPTION WHILE CLAD IN THE BERSERKER ARMOR...!!

THIS IS...
IF WE PUT TO SEA NOW, WE'D JUST BE CAPSIZED.

WILD!! A BLOODY SPRAY FROM A BLOODY SEA!

THAT'S HOW GUTS IS WHEN THIS HAPPENS.

Yeah, but he won't stop 'til he deals with all of 'em.

...his blade will turn to face...

...and when he's defeated all his enemies...
NO NEED TO FEAR.

GLITS ...!!

WHOA, LOOK ...!!

WHAT, A FESTIVAL FLOAT?

THEY NEVER CEASE TO AMAZE!

IT'S A KUSHAN GALLEASS!

NOW THAT'S SOMETHING...

SEE?
What’s more, what managed to kill them was no large host, but just a lone swordsman?

One Makara, the chief of Pishaca, can sink ten warships, yet they were all slaughtered with ease...
I can't just call you a swordsman, eh?

Well, I'll be damned!

You wrap yourself in the Prana of Durga?!

How now!!

I suppose...

HM...
THIS SYSTEM OF MAGIC DIFFERS FROM OURS.

THEN THERE WAS THAT WHEEL OF FLAME THAT MOWED DOWN THE DAKA.

UTTERLY INTRIGUING, THAT IS.

HE'S A MAGIC USER!!

I'M SURE OF IT NOW...

...SUBMIT MY OWN SPELLS FOR THE SAKE OF ASCERTAINING WHAT INCANTATIONS YOU SAVAGES CAN PERFORM.

I, PARAMARISHA SEN'AN'I DAIBA, KUSHAN PISHACA GANA LEADER...
OH NO!

IF HE ATTACKS A WIZARD RECKLESSLY...

*SPLING

*TUNK

*OM
HE HARDLY EVEN CHANTED A SPELL...

WATERSPOUT?!

WHAT POWER...
...this Eastern Wizard has!

Oh no!! If he falls from this height, not even water will save him...!!!
IF I TRY NOW, WHILE I'M ABSORBED INTO THE ARMOR...

...THIS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE!!
HEAR ME, GUTS' PERCEPTION, DISTORTED THROUGH THE TURBULENCE OF ENMITY...

LOOK...

OPEN YOUR EYES.
YOUNGLINGS THESE DAYS...
ALL TOO EASY.

...ARE SUCH A JOKE.
Even so, it must have been a rough landing. He used his sword to harness wind pressure and direct his fall.
WAS IT BERSERKER INSTINCT...

...OR SOMETHING ELSE...

THAT'S NOT SOMETHING AN OLD MAN COULD DO.

SO, YOUR TENACITY IS YOUR FORTUNE.

HOHO...

HOW ABOUT THIS?

SO...
CRAP! EVEN IF A WATERSPOUT DOESN'T GET HIM...

...JUST FALLIN' IN THE WATER WITH THE ARMOR ON'LL FINISH HIM OFF!

THESE'RE SOME ROUGH SEAS!
TIME OUUUT!
GUTS!!

"STRAIN"

"FX BLEED"

"FX BLASH"
HE ALSO JUST PROTECTED US ALL...

WELL, GREAT, WE'LL HAVE HIM PROP UP THE MASTS DURING STORMS.

A MAIN MAST TAKES DOZENS OF PEOPLE USING A CRANE JUST TO LIFT.

KNOCK IT OFF! RIGHT NOW GUTS'S--

I'M COMPLETELY FLOORED!

HEY, MAN! YOU'RE SOMETHING ELSE!
...EVERY MUSCLE I'VE GOT IS GONNA ACHIE.
YOU'RE YOURSELF AGAIN?!

GUTS!
GETTING HIT WITH THAT STICK REALLY WOKE ME UP.

IT'S THE PROVIDENCE OF OUR LITTLE WITCH THERE.

...ONE HELL OF A SPELLCASTER.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

WHEN YOU'RE IN THIS STATE...

BUT, GUTS...

SHE'S REALLY...
...Can you still contend with Para-Marisha Sen'an'î Daiba?

But without the power of madness...

Have you come back to your senses?

You protected your allies in the midst of battle.
KILL HIM

IN THAT CASE...

TH... THANK YOU.

I COULD
NEVER LET
MY CREW
SEE ME LIKE
THIS.

GET THE
HELL
OUT
OF
HERE.

SHudder

I'M NOT
FLAP

...THIS
SIZZLIN' FEELIN' ON THE BACK OF MY NECK.

THERE'S NO
MISTAKIN'...

...OR A FREAK DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THEM.

HE'S EITHER AN APOSTLE...

...I'LL KILL HIM MYSELF...
OUCH!...?

GUTS!!

OUCH!

GYAU!

GUTS...?
STAY CENTERED!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

...THE ARMOR WILL POSSESS YOU--ITS WEARER!

IF YOUR MIND IS SEIZED WITH HATRED...

Yeah...

IF THAT HAPPENS AGAIN...

"FX: GRRR"

...I KNOW.
FLYIN' AROUND'S SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR SPECIALTY.

SERFICO.

DON'T HANG BACK HERE.

I UNDERSTAND.

...NO.

NO FAIR! LET ME GO, TOO!

CUT THAT OUT! YOU'LL JUST END UP DROWNING!

IF YOU DON'T COME, I'LL JUST WASH YOU AWAY WITH A TIDAL WAVE.

*FX: OOOOOOSH

/how long must I wait?

HE IS SAYING SOMETHING...

I GUESS OLD PEOPLE GET IMPATIENT.
THEY DRAW OUT THE ARMOR'S POWER.

ANGER... FURY...

...YOU MUST NEVER YIELD EVERYTHING TO THEM.

BUT...

MAKE YOUR VOLITION...!

...YOUR PIVOT OF POWER.
YOU CUT MY WATER-SPOUT...?!
...USES THE WIND?! THIS ONE...

FX WWSSSS

FX FWSSS
YOU IMPUDENT...!
THAT TIME I FELT A BIT SHAKEN.

WHO KNEW I WOULD MEET SUCH STRONG ENEMIES IN THIS REMOTE WEST?

KSHATRIYAS OF BOTH DURGA AND VAYU?

WHAT A THING TO BEHOLD!

HYO-HYO, YOU LIVE AND YOU LEARN.

ANYHOW, I WORSHIP THEM MORNING AND EVENING.

...IF HE HAS THE GODS' PROTECTION, THE OLD WILL NOT LOSE TO THE YOUNG.
GUHAH!

....!

"FX SWAYYY"
"ZHAA"

I'M THE STAR HERE, PAL!!

"BLOOOSH"

THAT WASN'T VERY POWERFUL, THOUGH. DID THE POWDER GET WET?
HUM PATHA...

OM AMRITI...

KUNDALINI.
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COME
BACK, IT'S
DANGEROUS!

TH-THERE'S
SUCH A
THING AS
TOO BIG!!!
...THE KUNDALINI; THE STRONGEST OF MY PISHACA GANA.

I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE TO CALL ON...

...WITHOUT CHANTING SPELLS!!

AHA! IT WAS THE POWER OF THIS MAGIC BEAST THAT LET HIM CONTROL SO MANY WATER-SPOUTS...

...THEN ALL THE MORE SO.

BE CAREFUL!! THIS IS IN A DIFFERENT LEAGUE THAN THE PREVIOUS FAMILIARS!!
WATER
?!
BURSTING
FLAME

BERSERK
I PONT'T THE WANNA (SHIP'S IN TWO AT SEA. PIECES...!!
IF THAT POWER IS BUNDLED TO A POINT, LIKE A NEEDLE...

WATER CAN BISECT EVEN DIAMOND.

THE BREAKING WAVE IS SAID TO CRUSH STONE.
...WATER CAN'T BE CUT.

AND...

KH...
That is on a different level than the enemies we have fought!

Be careful!

That one is of the same family as the kelpie water creature...

A familiar is not merely a simple proxy!

But its power may just be on a level fitting for it to be called a god, from a polytheistic standpoint!

Look, please.

So, it has more than size going for it.

You too, Serpico.
That is its true body.

It is subduing undines through its power of enchantment to create that huge form and the waterspouts.

Can you see the figure swimming inside it?

Around the magic beast's chest.

Chest...?

*note. undines are water elementals

And this storm is going on...

The birth of that magic beast is that of a river. You have to hit a target swimming around within it...

So what we need to do is take that out.

I think that will be difficult.

But boatin' around here's not gonna get us anywhere.

Let's do this!
You're a nimble one.
AH, SHIT!!

GUTS, EYES FRONT...

TCH!

HE'S FALLEN!
FOOL.
THE WATER IS THE SAME AS THE KUNDALINI'S BODY.

NOW STAY DOWN THERE AND BECOME FISH FOOD.
No luck here, either...

Yeah, there's no pain thanks to the armor, whether that's good or bad.
...No blade can injure this coiling kundalini.

Should I require, the secrets of yoga allow me to stop breathing for a short time underwater.

...And offer yourselves willingly as sacrifices to the kundalini.

Stop wasting all this time...

That is reckless!

It will just end the same way as before!

If I could borrow the power of an even higher-order water spirit, like at Enoch Village, I could take that control away...

But you can't?

So you escaped.

But now you've realized...

Looks like I've gotta plunge into that snake...

Ugh, creepy!

Wh-what?! A voice in my head...?!?

It's called thought transference. Which means that old guy's a magic user, all right!

Right now, all the water in this harbor is under that magic beast's control.
...IN THIS CITY,
WHERE THE
POWER OF
THE SPIRITS
IS HARD TO
REACH...

UNFORTUNATELY...

THE IDEA OF
SUMMONING,
IN MY CURRENT
STATE, A SPIRIT
SUPERIOR TO A
MAGIC BEAST...

EVEN THOUGH IT
IS BEING
GRANTED
PHYSICAL
EMBODI-
MENT...

...THAT CAN
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IF I
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AGAIN...

BESIDES,
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IT CERTAINLY
IS STRONG,
BUT WHILE
ITS ENEMY
IS OVER
THE SEA,
IT CANNOT
SUFFICIENTLY
EXHIBIT ITS
POWER.

WHAT
ABOUT
THAT
WHEEL
OF
FIRE?

THAT WAS
A "GOD OF
WOE"--A
SPIRIT OF
FIRE THAT
DWELLS IN
BATTLE-
FIELDS.

.......

THERE'S
NO
NEED TO
LEAVE.

... WHA?
WELL?

I THINK I CAN DO IT.

BUT... IT IS SO RASH...

BUT...!! IF I DID THAT, YOU WOULD BE-- ONE FALSE MOVE AND WE'RE DONE FOR ANYWAY!!

IS THIS ANY TIME TO DWELL ON IT?!
WE'RE ONE AND THE SAME.
WE'RE IN THE SAME BOAT HERE.

YOU AND I...

I HAVE FAITH.

BECAUSE I HAVE FAITH.

THE DICE'S FIFTY-FIFTY FOR BOTH OF US.

THEY'RE NOT.
I understand.

...but relatively speaking, it sounds just right for us.

Let's go!!

...I hear you.

Serpico...

We've got one chance.

It's all or nothing.

Resignation is life's first lesson.
HERE AND NOW, ANSWER OUR CALL.

COME HITHER, WHEEL OF FLAME WHO TRAMPLES.

DWELL IN US, AND IN THIS SWORD.

WE OFFER OUR ENEMIES AS A SACRED SACRIFICE.

WITH YOUR FIERCE HELL FIRE, BURN AWAY YOUR ENEMY.
GUTS!
TEACHER
....!!

IT...

IT'S ON
FIRE?!!
Y-you've just shortened your life!!
HERE'S A SOUVENIR FROM HELL!

YEAH, SURE, WHATEVER!
BERSERK
HE REALLY PULLED IT OFF...!!

IT... IT BLEW UP?!

G--

OH--

GA-RUDA!!

OH H!!

MORE LIKE HUMAN TORCH ATTACK!!

AWESOME! FIREBALL ATTACK!!
GUTS....!

*FX: FWOAP

THE LINDINES ARE NO LONGER BEING CONTROLLED!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, GUTS?!

THIS'S JUST RIGHT, FOR COOLIN' DOWN.

THAT WAS A PRETTY GOOD COMBINATION.

YOU NEVER CEASE TO AMAZE...
WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER MESS ON OUR HANDS WHEN THAT ARMOR COMES OFF...

I'LL SAY.

SPEAKIN' OF WHICH, ARE YOU OKAY?

GUTS, WE MUST HURRY AND TEND TO YOU...!!

THERE YOU GO AGAIN...!

DON'T WORRY. I'M USED TO BEIN' BURNED IN THIS ARMOR. I MEAN, THE FACT THAT I'M ALIVE'S PROOF OF THAT.

SO EVEN IF I AM MENTALLY EXHAUSTED, MY BODY TAKES NO DAMAGE FROM THEIR POWER. YOU, HOWEVER, BECAME AN INTERMEDIARY FOR THE SPELL...

DURING SPELLS, I IDENTIFY WITH THE SPIRITS...
...A SPELL THIS DANGEROUS AGAIN...!!

I NEVER WISH TO USE...

ALL RIGHT...

DON'T SHOUT IN MY EAR LIKE THAT. IN MY HEAD, RATHER.

I NEVER EXPECTED THE USE OF A SPELL THAT PUT HIM IN SUCH DANGER...

HE WAS A CHALLENGE. AT LEAST THE SNAKE IS DEALT WITH.

THAT OLD BASTARD SURE IS TOUGH.

I SO WISH TO ESTABLISH A GREAT MAGIC EMPIRE ON THIS EARTH!!

RRR! WHAT A FAILURE THAT WAS FOR ME.

THAT WISH ISN'T GOING TO COLLAPSE HERE...!
YOU’VE BLUNDERED, DAIBA.

FX: FWSSS

FX: RORRRR

WHERE’S THE ENEMY?! REPORT!

A GIANT...

WE CAN’T SEE THROUGH THE FOG AND SMOKE!

HEY, LOOK...
NOT ONLY DID YOU LOSE MOST OF THE MAKARA, BUT EVEN THE KUNDALINI WAS SLAUGHTERED.
SURELY, WE HAVE SUFFERED A HARD BLOW...

W-WAIT, PLEASE!

BUT THE PISHACA GANA HAS NOT BEEN WIPED OUT!

IF WE MASS OUR REMAINING FORCES...

SURELY, YOU JEST.

NOW, FALL BACK.
ARE YOU A FOLLOWER OF MY ARCH-ENEMY, THE HAWK?

BUT YE ARE NOT MERE WARRIORS.

FIRST, I MUST SAY I'M IMPRESSED.

I NEVER THOUGHT A MERE TWO KSHATRIYAS COULD STRIKE DOWN THIS MANY OF MY PISHACA GANA.

HUHUH... WAR IS NOT A THING TO TAKE LIGHTLY.

ESPECIALLY YOU, VIRAVADANA KSHATRIYA. YOU BEAR THE SCENT OF SOME CONNECTION TO US OF THE SPIRIT WORLD.
WHAT THE HELL?

GLUTS...

ARCH-ENEMY...?

THEN I WILL SEE...

...TO YOUR DEMISE PERSONALLY.

"ZZZAT" "ZZZT"

SERPICO ...!!

OH, NO!!
That was somewhat too quick an end for warriors who defeated an army.

I feel numb...!

Had the sylph sword and hood not carved out a hollow, death would have been instantaneous!

That was a close call!
SCATTER!

YOU WITHSTOOD IT.

VERY WELL...

AIN'T ON'THIN6...

HOHH...

...END UP BEING A BIG PROBLEM.

THIS MIGHT...

IF IT AIN'T ONE THING...!
NO HUMAN...
NO, NOTHING
CAN MOVE
FASTER THAN
LIGHTNING!

YOU
CAN'T
GET
AWAY!

OH,
CRAP...

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GiX Amy.

NO HUMAN...

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ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

*FX. SPASM

TEACHER!!

*FX. HHHHH

H-HOW'S GLITS...?!
YOU'VE SUFFERED MY LIGHTNING TWICE, YET STILL BREATHE...!

...AND GO TO THEIR DEATHS.

WHAT...?!

BUT THOSE WHO SUFFER MY POWER...

YOUR LIFE FORCE IS ADMIRABLE!

YOU'VE SUFFERED MY LIGHTNING TWICE, YET STILL BREATHE...!

ALL OF THEM FALL PROSTRATE...
ATTACK OF THE DEMON ARMY

BERSERK
Looks like it's true.

He got through it!!

Guts...!!

Lightning does strike high places.
YOU CAN'T BE A MERE HUMAN.

MY LIGHTNING NIGH INCINERATES REINCARNATED APOSTLES, YET YOU SURVIVE AFTER RECEIVING THIS MUCH OF IT...

ARE YOU, AS I THOUGHT...

...ONE OF THE HAWK'S CAPTAINS ?!

...CAPTAIN.
In terms of timing, anyway...

That's the worst joke I've ever heard.

Screw you.

Don't mistake me for one of you freaks.

I'm purebred human, right down to the bone.

Interesting.

So, that's it.
ONE OF THE BRANDED.

SO THEN...

YOU'RE...

WELL, IT'S A MARK THAT BRINGS DEATH, SWALLOWING LIKE CATS TO CATS.

WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?

...!

WHAT...!

TO THINK, A SACRIFICE CONTINUES TO LIVE.

NOW THAT IS A THING OF WONDER.

I HAVE A PROPOSAL FOR YOU.
...BECOME A FOLLOWER OF MINE?

WOULDEST THOU...


I THINK THINGS JUST MANAGED TO GET EVEN MORE BEARRE.
NEARLY EVERY APOSTLE IN THIS WORLD HAS NOW GATHERED BENEATH THE HAWK'S FLAG.

NATURALLY, INCLUDED AMONGST THEM MUST BE...

...THE ONE WHO CARVED THE BRAND INTO THEE.

...TERROR AND DESPAIR, AS WELL AS HATRED BORN OF LIVING IN SPIRITUAL DARKNESS.

THE ONE WHO GAVE THEE INESCAPABLE...

YOUR MALEVOLENCE, YOUR MADNESS, IS INDEED APPROPRIATE TO THIS BLOODSTAINED WORLD OF MAN.

I FIND YOU AGREEABLE.
THOSE WHO WOULD LAY HANDS ON MY BELOVED CORRUPTION...

THEY BE AS GODS. THEY DEFILE, VIORATE, AND RAVAGE IT.

POUR IT INTO MY MILITARY RULE...

AND SINK THE HAWK AND THE INSECTS THAT SWARM TO HIS LIGHT INTO A MURKY SEA OF BLOOD.

...GOES ON BEATING FOR THAT PURPOSE AND THAT ALONE.

TAKE THY BLOOD, IMBUED WITH MALEVOLENCE.

I AM SUPREME RULER OF THE CRUCIBLE OF CHAOS.

YOUR HEART...
SO IN THE END, YOU'RE A MAD DOG WHO BITES HIS MASTER.

NOW THIS IS A SURPRISE...

I CAN'T SAY I DON'T APPRECIATE THAT.
SORRY TO TURN YOU DOWN.

BUT Y'KNOW...

I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT SOME FEUD BETWEEN MONSTERS.

GO ASK SOMEBODY ELSE.

I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME.

GLUTS...

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT. AFTER ALL, WE'VE GOT A CUTE AND LOVELY MAGICAL GIRL.

THAT WEIRD GUY AND THE OLD MAN WOULDN'T BE MUCH OF A TRADEOFF.
THUNDER MAN.

IF YOU'RE GONNA FLASH YOUR LIGHTS, DO IT SOMEPLACE ELSE.

BE SUPREME RULER OR WHATEVER YOU WANNA BE.

THAT'S RIGHT. YOU TELL HIM!

LISTEN TO HIM.

WHY'S HE PROVOKING HIM...?!

*FLASH

IGH...

WHAT A WAY TO SPEAK TO HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR...
...FOR THE LIVES OF MY BEASTS WITH YOUR OWN LIFE.

SO BE IT.

THEN YOU SHALL COMPENSATE ME...

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HE'S FRIGGIN' PISSED!

BELLY BUTTON CONNED.

I-I TOLD YOU SO!

GUTS !

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*note This is a reference to the folk belief that oir are prone to ripping off a person's navel. The god of thunderstorms looks like an oir, hence the connection Puck makes here with Ganishka.
THE INSECTS THAT SWARM...

...TO THE HAWK OF LIGHT HAVE COME.
IT SEEMS I HAVEN'T THE TIME TO BE OCCUPIED WITH YOU ALONE.

WHAT THE --?!
SO, FALL WITHIN MY SCORCHING FIRE.

YOU ARE HAUGHTY.

...YOU WEAKLINGS WHO CROWD AROUND THE FIRE.

HOW CUNNING ARE...
WHAT NOW, WHAT'S ON HERE? THE MONSTERS' RE FIGHTING EACH OTHER...!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? THE MONSTERS' RE FIGHTING EACH OTHER...!

WHAT NOW, A BIG SWARMA' FLYIN' MONSTERS?!
I'll do somethin' about this myself!!

Guts...

FX BOOM

Keep away!

Go back!!

As long as this stands, I'm okay! I'll be able to move once I rest a bit!

It ain't like you to not think straight! Not even you could carry me and still hop around!

But...

...All right...

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Be careful.
EASIER SAID THAN DONE.

...I MIGHT END UP BURIED UNDER A HUNK OF CHARRED MEAT.

IF I STICK AROUND HERE...
THAT'S THE ONE....!!

THAT APPEARED AT ALBION....!!

THAT--
HE WENT THROUGH HIM!!

FX. FWOOOSH
NO ONE IS CAPABLE OF WOUNDING HIS IMPERIAL PERSON. YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME.
ALL THAT LIGHTNIN’ NOT SLOWIN’ HIM DOWN!

WOW! ONE-HORN WONDER!

HE’S TRYIN’ TO WIPE HIM OUT.

*FX WOOOSH*
STRUGGLE ALL YOU LIKE.

YOU'RE STILL IN THE PALM OF MY HAND.
STOP
This is the back of the book!

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