“In this world, some people born are like keys that move the world and exist having no connection to the social hierarchy established by man.”

Founder: Griffisu

Manga Division Leader: Gatsu
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Alright!

Ooh.

Hey, this is bad.

He.

Shit...
SHIT... I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THIS WOULD HAPPEN!

MY SWORD WAS WEAKEN FROM KILLING THOSE ONE HUNDRED SOLDIERS!

WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

IT'S OVER

RAID LEADER!!
SORIYAAHH!!

HERE I COME!
There is no point in struggling!

If you drop your sword, I'll let you live but only as my personal toy!!

You can't move around like that anymore now! Can you!!

If not...

SIS!!

HAAIIIYAAA!!
SHIT...

HEERE!! AND HERE AND HERE AND HERE!!

IF I MOVE AROUND... THE POISON WILL...

DAMMIT GET OUT OF MY WAY!!

SIS!!
YOU HAVE NOWHERE LEFT TO RUN!
SO WHAT WILL IT BE?

DONT THINK ILL LET YOU GO WITHOUT TAKING OFF A FEW LIMBS AND MAKING YOU SUFFER!
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO DID THIS TO MY BEAUTIFUL FACE!!

SO LETS HEAR IT! DO YOU WANT TO BE A PRISONER, OR DIE A PAINFUL DEATH RIGHT HERE?
I GUESS I’LL START WITH YOUR LEGS THEN!

WHAT?!
IT CAN'T BE!

FOR A GOOD FOR NOTHING LOWLIFE THAT IS

YOU WERE PRETTY AMUSING

Huh? Huh?
THE REST ARE SMALL FRY! TAKE THEM OUT!

ALL RIGHT!!

HERE I COME!!
PROTECT THE CHIEF!!

IDIOTS!
THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO!!

GET OUT OF MY WAY!!
I CAN'T BLOCK HIM WITH THIS LITTLE KNIFE...!!

... THIS IS BAD!!

FUCK IT ALL!!
... WHA!?!

TAKE THAT SWORD!!

GA-TTS!!

HUUH!?
DOHR-YAH!!!
戦場の乱れで。

「ジャアア」

敵軍が攻撃を開始した。
GAAH!!
GOVERNOR,
OVER
THERE....!!

HE DEFEATED
THE GENERAL
SAID TO BE
THE
STRONGEST
WARRIOR
IN TUDA!!

YOU FOOLS!!
EVEN IF THE GENERAL
IS DEFEATED OUR
ARMY IS STILL
SUPERIOR!!
WHAT ARE
YOU FALTERING
ABOUT!!

HE KILLED
BOSCONE
THE INVINCIBLE!!

N... NO WAY!?

WHAT!?

THAT USELESS
BOSCONE!!
THE CAPTURING OF DOLDREY (5) - END
WHAT'S THAT...!? 

N... NO WAY...!?
THE CAPTURING OF DOLDOREY (6)
WHAT'S HAPPENED ...!? 

H... HOW CAN THIS BE ...!? 

THAT'S... THE ENEMY FLAG...!?

DON'T YOU GET IT YET, YOU FOOLS!!

WE'VE LOST ...!? 

...LOST ...!? 

YOU HAVE LOST !!!

IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS NOW THAT YOUR GENERAL'S BOUGHT IT AND YOUR FORTRESS HAS FALLEN!!
VICTORY!!

RAISE THE CRY OF VICTORY!!

NO WAY....??
NOW START HUNTING DOWN THE REMAINING ENEMIES!!

LET THEM FLEE!!

BUT EXTERMINATE ANY WHO OPPOSE US!!
KILLED!!

Ki...

AT... THIS RATE, WE'LL BE... WE'RE... DONE FOR!

YOU FOOLS! WHO TOLD YOU TO RETREAT!!

GAH!!

BACK... GET BACK!!

I... I'M THE GENERAL HERE...!!

I'M STILL HERE...!!
HAHA...AH

LONG TIME NO SEE GENON EXCELENCY.

W... WON'T YOU SPARE ME?

MY OLD FRIEND!

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH I'VE SPENT TO...

BUT I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU EVER SINCE THIS DAY WAITING FOR THE DAY WHEN WE WOULD MEET AGAIN LIKE THIS!!

RIGHT NOW UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE MADE US ENEMIES...

O... OUR RELATION...

Edited by Aldamel
WE HAVE A DEEP AFFECTION FOR EACH OTHER NOT LIMITED TO THAT ONE NIGHT!

YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THAT NIGHT, HAVE YOU?

NOT TO HURT YOU NO MATTER WHAT...

EVEN NOW, I'VE ORDERED MY MEN...

IT'S COST ME A LOT, YOU SEE?

WON'T YOU HEAR THE REQUEST OF ONE TO WHOM YOU ONCE ENTRUSTED THAT BODY?

DO YOU HOLD A GRUDGE FOR ME...?

I HOLD NO GRUDGE FOR YOU.
YOU'RE A PEBBLE THAT HAPPENED TO FALL ONTO THE PATH I WALK...

I DO NOT CARE ABOUT YOU ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

THAT...

NO HATE, NO AFFECTION.

YOU JUST HAPPENED TO BE THERE AND I USED YOU.

IS ALL.
YOU BASTARD....!!

IF YOU SPREAD ANY STUPID RUMOURS WITH THAT BIG MOUTH OF YOURS, IT WOULD BE BAD FOR ME.
OOOH, WE REALLY GOT THEM!!

I'D NEVER HAVE THOUGHT IT'D GO THIS WELL!!

THE REST OF THE ENEMIES ARE FALLING TO PIECES!!

LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE TAKEN CARE OF MOST OF THEM!!

YEAH. I'M A BIT BETTER...

YOU OK SIS?

I'M FINE. SO YOU GO CHECK IF THERE ARE ANY ENEMIES LEFT OUTSIDE THE FORTRESS.
Hey.

Good work.

What's the matter?

Oh, this is just a bruise.
LEND ME YOUR SHOULDER?

...IS WHAT I'D WANT TO SAY.
HEY?

...HE'S INCREDIBLE...

Translated by thark
HE SEEMS SOMEHOW DISTANT...

AND UNREACHABLE...

AND IT HURTS.

...IT'S WEIRD.

ACTUALLY

WHEN I SEE GRIFFITH RAISING THE CRY OF VICTORY AFTER THE WAR IS OVER LIKE THAT...

I ALWAYS THINK...
...Huh?

...You're wrong...

No point in just looking at him from over here. Is there?

Hey!

Let's go
to meet up with your general!
HE WILL SOON FALL...

AND THE DESCENT OF THE DEVIL IS CLOSE...

THE CAPTURING OF DOLDOREY (6) - END

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That bastard's just so ambitious! He keeps going on so arrogantly without realizing his standing.

Griffith has been successful over the years since he appeared here in Midland.

Now even this eternal war has ended.

Doldrey has fallen.

Now he will no doubt even get involved in our internal politics!

But he has immense popularity with the people right now!

He is also very well trusted by His Majesty...!

Can we entrust the government to a freshling knight who knows only war?
AND HE'S GOING TO AWARD HIM AND HIS KNIGHTS THE TITLE OF THE "WHITE," THE HIGHEST IN THE MIDLAND ARMY, ALONG WITH THE WHITE TIGERS AND THE WHITE DRAGONS...

ACCORDING TO MY SOURCES, HIS MAJESTY IS GOING TO REWARD THE BAND OF THE HAWK'S ACCOMPLISHMENT IN CAPTURING DOLDOREY BY MAKING HIM A GENERAL...

WHAT...!? 

N...

NO WAY...!?

THEN HE WILL BE SURE TO HAVE GREAT INFLUENCE OVER THE COUNTRY'S POLITICS!

THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE!!

THIS INFORMATION COMES FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE

THEN THIS MEANS...

I... IS THIS TRUE, MINISTER!!?
TO SURVIVE IN THIS CASTLE.

HE HAS LACKED A BIT OF DISCRE-TION

HOW WILL WE...

BUT, FOSS-DONG!

NO WORRY EVEN IF THERE IS A MISTAKE THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN TO BEGIN WITH WE WILL NOT DIRECTLY INTERFERE...

IF BY SOME CHANCE OUR PLAN IS EXPOSED...

B... BUT WILL THIS BE OK?

ANTI-ALIS!

B... BUT...

DON'T WORRY

IT'S AN INSTANT LETHAL POISON. IF WE PUT THIS IN HIS WINE-CUP DURING THE VICTOR CELEBRATION FESTIVITIES...
Even if something like that were to happen.

We shall take care of it discreetly.

This is a promise.

Then...

If Her Highness herself says so then we have nothing to fear!
WE CANNOT LET A LOW-BORN FELLOW LIKE THAT, WHOSE LINEAGE IS UNKNOWN, TRAMPLE OVER THE LONG HISTORY OF OUR MIDLAND!

IT'S ALL FOR THE COUNTRY AND THE JUST CAUSE!

BUT ALSO DOES IT PLUCK THAT LOUSE FROM THE LIONIC BODY OF THIS COUNTRY, BEFORE THE HARM TO OUR GOVERNMENT IS WIDENED.

HEAR THIS. NOT ONLY DOES THIS PLAN DEAL WITH THE TREATHER THAT MAN POSES TO YOUR POSITION.

I WAS CORRECT TO SPREAD THE RUMOUR THAT GRIFFITH HAD PLOTTED JULIUS'S DEATH. TO THINK SHE'D BECOME THE LEADER OF THIS PLOT...

THE INFORMATION I RECEIVED THAT THE QUEEN WAS CHEATING ON HIS MAJESTY WITH GENERAL JULIUS WAS TOP SECRET.

CERTAINLY.

ABOVE ALL, WE ARE PATRIOTS!
Julius...

So he didn't have the time of being with his family as just a man. He had to bear the burden of ruling the kingdom.

His Majesty was a good king but not a good husband.

What everyone desired from me, having married into this country as a political marriage, was not a bride for the king but a queen of Midland, and that was also how my husband saw me.

Just like His Majesty, I too have over these years fulfilled my duties as a public queen.

...No, it might be because of his grief over losing the previous queen, said to be the one woman he ever loved.
THE ROCK WALLS AND MARBLE FLOORS WERE TOO COLD.

TO A WOMAN SEARCHING FOR MEANING ALONE IN A NEW COUNTRY I DID NOT GIVE THAT MAN MY BODY OUT OF LOVE.

IT WAS NOT AS MUCH BY FEELINGS.

AS WITH A BURNING APETITE THAT I GAVE HIM MY BODY.

HOW MUCH MORE THAN ANY FEELING THE WARMTH OF HIS SKIN MEANT TO ME.

BUT NOW THAT I'VE LOST HIM I UNDERSTAND FOR THE FIRST TIME.

WITH HIM I WAS IN LOVE.

I WILL HAVE VENGEANCE ON YOU NOT AS THE QUEEN OF MIDLAND.

BUT AS A SINGLE WOMAN!

I WON'T FORGIVE GRIFFITH.
HAH! UH!

I didn't even know there were this many people in Winnow!

Oooh, incredible!

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SIS, OVER HERE!!
EEEK!!
CASKA-SAMA!!

HEY, HEY!!

I CAN'T STAND THIS ANY LONGER.

THE STRONGEST WARRIOR IN THE BAND OF THE HAWK!!

HE'S THE ONE THAT DEFEATED GENERAL BOSCOGNE!!

RAID LEADER!!

RAID GATTS!!
NOBODY WOULD’VE BELIEVED THIS THREE YEARS AGO.

HOW ABOUT IT, LEADER, WHY DON’T YOU WAVE A HAND? YOU’RE THE HERO OF THE DAY AFTER ALL!

WE’VE NEVER HAD A WELCOMING THIS GREAT AFTER ANY VICTORY!

OOH, THIS IS INCREDIBLE!

THAT’S FOR SURE!

WHAT’S THE MATTER? YOU LOOK OUT OF IT. SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED?

NAAW.

LEADER?

HUH?

I WILL GET MY OWN KINGDOM.

REALLY...

...HE’S INCREDIBLE
IT SUITS YOU WELL!

DOESN'T IT LOOK WEIRD?

HURRY, PRINCESS!

OOC! HERE THEY COME!

IT'S THE FIFTH ONE, PRINCESS!

BUT HOW DARE THEY GET SO CLOSE AND FAMILIAR! OOH!

GRIFITH-SAMA IS SO POPULAR! THE WOMEN ARE SO EXCITED...!

AAAH, HURRY!

PRINCESS, STAND STILL, YOUR DRESS...

HURRY, THEY'RE GOING!

EHH? WAIT UP!

SHE HARDLY ATE OR DRANK AFTER THE BAND OF THE HAWK LEFT...

THE PRINCESS IS SUDDENLY SO CHEERY EEK!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED, IN ALL THAT NOISE... YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE CELEBRATION.
Let us raise a banquet in celebration of his death.

All has gone well. By daybreak...
FOSS-SAMA...
THIS IS FOR YOU

HE WILL DIE ON THE GREATEST DAY OF HIS LIFE AT LEAST THAT IS SOME SYMPATHY

ISN'T IT IRONIC, THAT THE WHITE HAWK OF THE BATTLEFIELD SHALL END HIS DAYS AMONG THE BIRDS OF THE STONE WALLS.

I RECEIVED IT FROM A SERVANT SO I DON'T KNOW EITHER

A LETTER FROM WHO COULD IT BE

THE SENDER IS UNKNOWN

...

THIS....!!
YOU....!!

DAMN YOULU!!!

...WHY!?  

WHAT IS IT, MINISTER FOSS?  

N... NO...

N... NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE.

HAHA.

I'M SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO LEAVE ON A MINOR ERRAND.

LATER THEN

HOW COULD THIS HAVE...!?
[TRIUMPHANT RETURN - END]

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Ooh, look, it's Griffith-sama!

The stars of this victory.

It's the trooper from the band of the hawk.

The guardians of Midland!
Hey! Out with the guest. An actual sword! They'll laugh at us!

Y'know, we've finally reached this far!

But, it's like...

I probably wouldn't have been surrounded by nobles in a castle's grand hall like this even in my dreams.

If I hadn't met the band of the Hawk... hadn't met Griffith...

That's true. For us to be standing somewhere I'd never heard of outside fairytales... it's like a dream.

Yep.

Certainly.
NOT AT ALL, IT'S SO EXCITING!

WILL NOT SAVAGE TALK OF BATTLE BORE YOU LADIES?

GRIFFITH-samaa!!

I HEAR THE BAND OF THE HAWK HAS BEEN ACTIVE AGAIN PLEASE TELL ME!

WELCOME BACK!

WILL YOU DANCE WITH ME LATER?

I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE!

I WORRIED SO!

SHEESH! SEND AT LEAST ONE OVER HERE!

INCREDIBLE!

HE'S USED TO IT.
WOW!

Yeah.

It's you right? The raid leader who defeated General Boscogne with one swing!

You must be strong, right?

Tell us off your battle deeds!

You're the leader of the band of the Hawk, right?

Well, actually, Lululu!

And Boscogne was a hero famous through several countries!

Which one is the strongest in the band of the Hawk?

Yeah!

Unbelievable!

I heard you also killed 100 enemies alone!

Well, I was the one who taught him to fight...

Besides! He's momo.

No fair, gatts!

Ooh! Leave it to us!

Take care of it...

You guys!
HE'S LIVING IT UP...

MAH...

THE PROWESS OF THE BAND OF THE HAWK.

BUT NOW EVEN THE GENERALS WILL HAVE TO ADMIT IT.

SINCE THEY FULFILLED THE WISH OF OUR COUNTRY FOR 100 YEARS SO EASILY.

THEY'RE NOT REALLY CALM...

Indeed.
Now that the war is over, I wish the peace will continue forever, but...

You speak like a certain minister, Lord Owen. That's my line, but he had best guard himself. Raban-Dono has a certain foresight.

However...

In this wide world, for good and bad, even warriors like us who only know how two swing a sword have to learn how to live in this dazzling castle.

That will probably become necessary from now on.

He stands out too much to live peacefully in a castle!

And I'm afraid that goes for the one who brought the peace himself.

The stronger the light, the thicker the shadows fall.
WHAT'S WITH THAT?

...SHEESH, NO KIDDING.

UH!?

COME!!

H... HEY!? WAIT A MINUTE... WHAT NOW!?
ACCOMPANY ME FOR A WHILE.

THEY WERE SO PERSISTENT.

THOSE STUPID NOBLE SONS...

HONESTLY!

JUST BECAUSE I'M A FEMALE WARRIOR THEY TREAT ME LIKE A ZOO ANIMAL OR SOMETHING!
WHAT'S THE MATTER...

I didn't know you were into that stuff.

OHO...

Hey! Come over here!

That's your own fault!

A normal woman wouldn't do that!
Caska the Ogre Sister: Fluttering about in a dress like this!

But what's with this?

I am not an Ogre.

I just dress like a man. Normally because it's easier to move! It's not because I prefer men's clothing or anything!

I agree.

Huh-uh. I can't tell with that, I'd much rather be swinging a sword.

I haven't worn a skirt for years now... and I have muscles like this...

...but I just can't get used to it. With all this bare skin I feel like I'll catch a cold.

Not at all...

You look pretty good.
I'd just step on Griffith's feet.

I've only danced at the village festival as a child...

Yeah you look way better than those noble daughters swarming about Griffith.

Really?

Not me...

I... I can't.

How about it?

Why not go ask him to dance or something?

You've never shown your face at a place like this before.

But what changed your mind?

...I figured I had to see for myself...

...Huh?
IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE I MET YOU GUYS...

WHAT HAVE GRIFFITH AND ME AND YOU DONE SINCE THEN...

HOW MUCH HAS HE OBTAINED NOW...

AND WHAT WILL HE TRY TO OBTAIN HEREAFTER...

I FIGURED I'D SEE THAT FOR MYSELF.

YOU WERE SERIOUS...?

SO...

GATS
ALL HAIL HIS MAJESTY THE KING!!
I'll head over to the rest of the guys.

I'll cool my head here for a bit longer. Don't wanna listen to no long speeches.

Yeah, yeah. Come soon!

Say, you... huh?
GRIFFITH...
AREN'T YOU BEING A LITTLE HARSH?

THERE'S ANOTHER REASON I SHOWED UP HERE TONIGHT.

DON'T HEAR ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT.

IT'S SO SHE AND THE REST OF THE BAND OF THE HAWK...

FIRST, I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE.

AN ENVOY FROM TUDA HAS JUST PROPOSED A CEASE-FIRE.
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST FRIENDS OR RELATIVES IN THIS WAR, THE GRUDGE TOUDA HAS BEEN PASSED OVER THREE GENERATIONS.

AND THERE ARE FEW WHO OBJECT TO THIS TRUCE.

THAT IS TRULY WORTH CELEBRATION.

IT IS TIME WE REBUILD THE COUNTRY THAT HAS BEEN CONSUMED BY WAR.

HEREAFTER WE MUST USE THAT POWER TO MAKE THE COUNTRY PROSPER.

I AM ALSO THANKFUL FROM MY HEART THAT THIS LONG TIME OF TRIALS IS OVER.
WITH THEIR BRAVERY THEY SUCCEEDED IN WHAT HAS FOR 100 YEARS BEEN THOUGHT IMPOSSIBLE, THE CAPTURING OF DOLDO-REY.

A LARGER TERRITORY THAN DURING THE PREVIOUS KING'S REIGN HAS BEEN OUR GREATEST WISH.

AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE ACHIEVEMENTS TOWARDS THIS TRUCE BY THE BAND OF THE HAWK, LED BY COUNT GRIFFITH, ARE ESPECIALLY LARGE.

HE'S TALKING ABOUT US!

I SHALL WITH BESTOW GRIFFITH AND HIS BAND OF THE HAWK

THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, AT THE WAR TRIUMPH DECORATIONS CEREMONY.

SORRY, LET ME THROUGH.

IT MIGHT BE A BIT SOON, BUT ON THIS HAPPY OCCASION I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO REPORT.

WITH THE HIGHEST RANK IN THE MID-LAND ARMY, THE TITLE OF "WHITE".

OOH

THE FEMALE LEADER FROM THE BAND OF THE HAWK.
WHITE PHOENIX GENERAL!!

I also intend to give all the 1000 current members of the Band of the Hawk without exception the title of Knight and Peerage.

WHITE PHOENIX GENERAL GRIFFITH!!

THEIR FORMAL TITLE WILL LIKELY BE...
W... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
W... WE'RE NOBLES...
Hmph. Your life will soon be over.

I... I can hardly believe it!

Oh, incredible!
IT SHOULD BE ABOUT TIME. FOSS-DONO.

YES...

WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU DON'T LOOK TO WELL...

NO... NOT AT ALL.

THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU... COULD IT BE THAT YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR MIND?

PLEASE TAKE CARE.
HERE YOU GO.
THANK YOU.

AND TO THE FUTURE OF MIDLAND!

LET US TOAST TO THE BIRTH OF OUR NEW HEROES—

LET ME THROUGH!
CHEERS!

GRIFF...
CHARLOTTE!

PRINCESS!

DON'T LET ANYONE OUT!

CLOSE OFF THE WALL!!

GUARDS!

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A commoner like me could never even dream of this kind of money!

Hehe... that was easy! Even if I worked for ten years...

Now it's farewell to my job as a cleaner!

Huh? If I ride from the city all night...
WELL DONE.

THIS IS ALL THANKS TO YOU FOGG DONE.

OH NO... IT WAS NOTH-ING.

IT WAS ALMOST TOO EASY.

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD ALL HAVE GONE THIS WELL.

NO... YOU REALLY DID WELL MINISTER FOGG.
YOU LOOK PALE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

IT'S BECAUSE OF THE CANDLELIGHT!
YOUR HIGHNESS MUST BE IMAGINING THINGS...

WELL THEN...
AS FOR THAT...
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.

I'LL GO AND CHECK OUT THE COMOTION.

YOU REALLY CARRIED THIS OFF WELL...
AND HE'S ALREADY REPORTED THAT IT'S BEEN TAKEN CARE OF.

OH! THEN...

YOU'RE A WASTE BEING JUST A MINISTER!

BUT WILL WE BE ALRIGHT? IF THE WAITER BY ANY CHANCE STARTS FLAPPING HIS MOUTH...
WE WOULD BE THE LAUGHING STOCK AMONG THE OTHER COUNTRIES.

I MUST THANK YOU ALL.

YES REALLY.

NOW AT LAST OUR MIDLAND ARMY SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE BACK ITS TRUE STATUS!

UNBELIEVABLE! FOR THEM TO RISE LIKE THAT!

A BUNCH OF COMMONERS BEING APPOINTED THE ORDER OF THE WHITE PHOENIX.

AFTER ALL WE OF NOBLE BLOOD MUST BE THE ONES TO GOVERN OUR COUNTRY.

LET'S NOT LET SUCH A PRECEDENT BE SET!
HM

WE WERE ONLY HERE TO GUARD HER HIGHNESSES BEHIND...

THERE'S NO NEED.

NOW HE CAN FINALLY REST IN PEACE.

WHAT'S THIS SMOKE?!

WHAT...

WH!
NGH!

WHAT?!?

OUT OF THE WAY!

TH... THE DOOR HAS BEEN BARRED FROM OUTSIDE! IT WON'T OPEN!!
WH...

WHAT IS THIS?!

A FIRE!!?

GAHH!!
GRIFFITH...!?
That's the way I arranged it.

Of course it would've been real death if I had taken too large a dose.

This way, I was able to get you all at the same time.

It wasn't poison I swallowed.

That was a secret mixture prepared to temporarily make me appear dead.

The doctors were certain you were dead...!!

Wh... Why...!?
TOO ACCUSTOMED TO MANEUVERING EVERYTHING FROM BEHIND YOUR DESKS.

...IT SEEMS YOU'RE ALL

I JUST AGREED WITH HER MAJESTY AND MINISTER FOSS!!
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING MYSELF!!

SILENCE, FOOL!!

THREE IS WAR.

GRIFFITH

...!!

DAMN YOU

THERE IS NO SPECTATOR SEAT ON A BATTLEFIELD.
I will not permit it!!!

A commoner like you would burn me, the wife of Midland's King!? Y..you would kill me!? Even Yulius' mistress...!!

Death on a battlefield doesn't separate royalty, nobles, and commoners.

Those defeated die.
IT'S OVER.
WHAT'S THE MATTER? A GREAT MAN LIKE YOU SHAKING LIKE THAT.

THIS ISN'T EXACTLY UNUSUAL IN THE COURT, IS IT?

OR BECAUSE YOU ACTUALLY HELPED KILL A QUEEN?

HOW DID YOU LEARN OF OUR PLANS?

TH... THERE IS ONE THING I WONDER.

BECAUSE YOU BETRAYED YOUR PARTNERS?

ARE YOU AFRAID?
You saw my eyes then.

Ever since the morning we left for the front.

That was when I knew you wouldn't tolerate my existence.

I predicted you would become my enemy. But you're another matter, Foss-Dongo.

NO, I DID NOT!

Why did you...? B... But!!

That time...!!

...Ho

HOW!?
For that moment your eyes were muddled with fear!

There are two actions one can take.

People cannot ignore it when looking upon someone they fear.

Or getting rid of the fear by getting rid of that existence.

Bowing down to the source of that fear.
IT'S THIS MAN....!!

BUT I KNEW YOU WOULD TRY TO JOIN WITH THEM.

I KNEW THAT SOME OF THE OLD GUARD AT THE COURT DISLIKED ME BUT I COULDN'T BE SURE WHOM.

HOWEVER...

I NEVER WOULD'VE THOUGHT HER MAJESTY WAS ONE OF THEM.

IT'S BECAUSE HE IS TERRIFYING!!

THE REASON I CAN'T STOP SHAKING ISN'T BECAUSE I BETRAYED MY PARTNERS OR BECAUSE I HELPED KILL HER MAJESTY!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!! JUST BECAUSE OF THAT MOMENT OUR EYES MET?! I HAVE BEEN IN THIS MAN'S HANDS EVER SINCE THEN?!
Let us put these silly grudges behind us.

We each need to think of our futures.

There's no more need of this document I took care of.
TRULY GREAT?

ISN'T FRIENDSHIP

I'LL RETURN WHAT I PROMISED YOU.

EVEN AFTER WHAT HE'S DONE....!

HOW CAN HE LAUGH SO INNOCENTLY?!

....

THIS WAY, MINISTER.
FATHER!!

ELISE!!

HEH... AIN'T THAT A TOUCHING MOMENT.

FAAA-THER!!

ELISE... YOU'RE SAFE!! YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ANYMORE!!
She cried, but we didn't touch a hair on her head.

As promised, the girl is unharmed.

Of course, you were the one that planned it.

Well, it was hard work.

We had to watch that brat for a week and strike when she was unwatched...

We'd like to have a long relationship with you hereafter, sir.

If you need anything else done, just ask!

Ooh...!!

Incredible...!!

Good work. This is the rest of the payment.

Well then, we're off...
SURE WAS A PROFITABLE VENTURE
HE'S WELCOME ANY TIME

WE CAN BLACKMAIL HIM WITH THIS KIDNAPPING!

HELL, EVEN IF HE TRIES TO CUT US OFF,

WHO'RE YOU!? WHO'S THERE!?
IT SEEMS YOU'RE DONE.

YEAH...
I've taken care of it.

But they threw their lives away just for this money.

Well, it's better than a soldier's pay, I guess.

Leave it there.

So even your rank in hell is about money...

They did the work they were supposed to.

So leave the money.

They have a right to it.
I CAN'T BE SURE, BUT PROBABLY...

I THINK HE'S LEARNED HIS LESSON.

IF SOMETHING HAPPENS WE'LL DEAL WITH IT THEN PROBABLY, YOU SAY, HEY.

Yeah.

THE CASTLE WILL BE IN UPROAR OVER THIS TONIGHT, NOW THAT THE QUEEN IS DEAD.

DO YOU THINK IT'S Terrible...

WHAT?

I DOUBT ANYBODY WILL THINK SOMEONE BELIEVED DEAD WOULD DO IT.

BUT THIS WAY NOBODY WILL DARE MENTION YOUR NAME.
I'm a terrible person?

DO YOU THINK...

These filthy methods.

And not even dirtying my hands.

What could someone who's killed a hundred people say!

Idiot!

... You did all the dangerous work...
THE PATH TO YOUR DREAMS, RIGHT?

YOU BELIEVE THAT, DON'T YOU?

...THIS IS

NOW OF ALL TIMES...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING.

THAT'S RIGHT...

......

A CORPSE SHOULDN'T BE WALKING AROUND.

RIGHT, LET'S HEAD BACK.
WE HAVE TO CALM DOWN CASKA AND THE REST.

YOU DON'T KNOW SINCE YOU DIED, RIGHT?

HUH?

CASKA ACTUALLY SHOWED UP AT THE CELEBRATION IN A DRESS!

REALLY?

IT WAS QUITE THE SIGHT...

[FLAMING GRAVE (2) - END]  #Manga-Sketchbook @ DALnet
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GRIFFITH...

?
CASKA, I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORRY ABOUT ME.
Since you fell down, Caska's been so quiet...

...I'm sorry.

You look nice in this dress...
Several days later, a funeral was held for the Queen of Midland.
OR BY THOSE WHO WANTED TO BREAK THE PEACE TREATY BETWEEN CHUDA AND MIDLAND.

THERE'S MUCH GOSSIP WITHIN THE PALACE.

BUT, THERE'S NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONNECT ALL THE MISSING DOTS.

THE NEXT MORNING, A CORPSE WAS FOUND IN WINDAM CASTLE OF THE PERSON WHO WAS THOUGHT TO BE BEHIND ALL THE SCHEMES.

FADES TO THE DARKNESS.
ITS SNOWING?

WHO'S OUT WALKING DOWN THERE THIS LATE AT NIGHT?

AND THAT'S A MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR THAT GIRL...

GATTS ....!?
WHAT A HURRY...

PROBABLY GOING TO THE BATHROOM.

GATTS!

CASKA? WHERE ARE YOU GOING IN YOUR PAJAMAS?

ARE YOU...

GATTS...
already decided...

I've...

wait a minute

wait

really?

are you leaving?

the band of the hawk just made it through a major obstacle. Everything's about to start....

and you are... going to...

although we've quarreled quite a bit, we are war comrades...
I


BUT


BE BURIED IN GRIFFITH'S DREAM


I CAN'T
THAT'D BE NICE...

Huh?

IF YOU AND GRIFFITH COULD BE TOGETHER

CORKUS
JUDEAL

COME WITH US FOR A BIT
GRIFFITH WOULD BE ABLE TO STOP HIM...!
Hey Corkus... just behave today.

What's up guys?

Hey there cute sister.

Well, what's going on? Why are you leaving today?

I've been thinking since before the battle.

It's not a sudden decision.

They part of the band of the hawk.

Look at that...
A mindless mercenary like me would know the word "friend."

It's strange that the band of the Hawk is different from other armies.

That's not something the old Gattis would say.

Hey, what time do you get off?

I've been in a great party this whole time.

I'm not unhappy with anything.

It's been fun these past 3 years.

It's like...

I'm going to pick up some girls. Are there any problems?

I'm Corkus, part of the band of the Hawk....

But... why?

Marie. What's your name?

Shut up!!!

So noisy....

Corkus... calm down....
ON THE STREET GIRLS WOULD CHEER FOR ME...

YOU CAN GET FOOD AND DRINK FOR FREE...

ANY TAVERN OR RESTAURANT IN WINDAM JUST SAY MY NAME....

SOON I'LL BE IN THE PALACE I'LL RESIGN FROM BEING A MERE SOLDIER...

IT'S SOMETHING A COMMONER NEVER SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH... AND PROBABLY WILL HAVE MY OWN CASTLE.

WE HAD TO KILL SO MANY ENEMIES... BUT EVENTUALLY WE ACQUIRED THIS FOR OURSELVES.

BUT WE DID IT!!!
LIKE THROWING AWAY OLD CLOTHS, ARE YOU NUTS?

BUT YOU ARE GOING TO THROW THIS AWAY.... SO EASILY

SH... A PERSON LIKE YOU WHO ONLY KNOW HOW TO SWING A SWORD WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE HIMSELF IN A BALL ROOM AMONGST THOSE ARISTOCRATS

YOU CAN ONLY SWING YOUR SWORD... BUT DON'T KNOW HOW TO TREAT A LADY

SH...

COR KUS....

YOU ARE RIGHT...

I CAN...

ONLY SWING MY SWORD.
The battlefield was the only thing...

I could care less about other things.

Someone turn around and watch over me. Nice to but it'd been.

And that's everything. I kill to survive.

It's only a worthless plea by a young boy.

Those things are useless... once I step onto the battlefield.
I finally found him.

I think he has the ability to take... No... but his ambition to take... He had nothing...
He doesn't want someone who is weak by his side.

He'd take himself to the top.

That's why for him......

In my eyes......

It's strange.

Looking up to see him.

Being in his dream......

I can't stand......

He's even brighter......
I WANT TO

STAND NEXT TO HIM

WITH MY OWN ABILITY

LET HIM LOOK DOWN ON ME...

I WILL NOT
STAND BESIDE HIM

I WANT TO

DO SOMETHING BY MYSELF....

I DON'T WANT HIM TO LOOK DOWN ON ME

IN ORDER TO
You sound like a little kid!!
Don't be insane.

You accidentally became the raider leader.
Especially you, who knows only how to kill...
Everything's because of Griffith.

You want to stand beside Griffith?

He's completely different from us!!
You know he's special.
I don't care about rank or position.

It's something that I want to earn myself.

What!!! That's a childish excuse!!!

If it was that easy, there wouldn't be anyone suffering in this world.
COMMONERS MUST USE THEIR OWN LABOR, POWER AND LUCK TO WIN SOMETHING!!

EVEN IF YOU ARE LUCKY, THERE ARE ONLY FEW WINNERS

I HEAR A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT SAY "IF YOU ONLY HAVE A DREAM THAT IS ENOUGH"

LIVING A IMPOSSIBLE DREAM IS WORSE THAN BEING AN IDIOT

BUT THAT'S STUPID A DREAM IS ONLY A CRUTCH FOR THE WEAK TO STAVE OFF THE TRUTH

AND YOU...
HAD A DREAM?
YOU NEVER

I CAN'T STAND BEING WITH THIS ROCKIE!
JUDEAL, I'M GOING BACK TO SLEEP
SH...

SEEING HIM LIKE THIS, HE USED TO BE A THIEF LEADER, YOU KNOW?

PUT IT ON MY TAB!!!
SIR, MAY I COLLECT THE MONEY FOR YOUR FOOD!!!
He was the leader of small band thieves, they only had 10 members.

Though it was small,

He once wanted to win something for himself.

His band was beaten by the Hawks, so he joined us.

I'm a little better than average with any kind of weapon, no matter it's a knife or a sword.

I'm not showing off, but I can even mix medicine.

I'm a Jack of all trades for me.

But

I have no specialty.
I'D RATHER

SERVE SOMEONE WHO WILL

IF I CAN'T ACHIEVE GREATNESS ...

SO I DECIDED

IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT...

DON'T BE MISUNDERSTOOD...

EVERYONE IN THIS WORLD HAS THEIR OWN GREEDY DREAMS

YOUR DECISION IS RATHER UNUSUAL

I'M QUITE CONTENT WITH MY POSITION NOW
IT'S PRETTY WEIRD

BUT MEN ARE ALL LIKE THAT

TO DO SOMETHING BY ABANDONING RANK AND HONOR

TO GO ON LIVING WITH THOSE FORCES TO GUIDE YOU

WIN AND LOOSE

TO STRUGGLE FOR A DREAM.

YOU MIGHT FIND YOUR PLACE HERE IN THE BAND OF THE HAWK

3 YEARS AGO, I SAID TO YOU:

I WAS WRONG

I GUESS
I'll go see you off.

That thing you mentioned.

It'd be nice... if you can find that thing.

That thing you mentioned?

Eh?

Let me ask you something.

What do you mean?

What's going on between you and Caska?
THAT'S WHY...
WE'VE BEEN THROUGH QUITE A LOT

YOU GUYS SEEM PRETTY CLOSE

AFTER YOU TWO FELL OFF THE CLIFF

HEY, WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
REALLY?

HAVE YOU TRIED ASKING HER?

HUH?

THAT GIRL LOVES GRIFFITH...

IF YOU'VE BEEN WITH THE HAWKS THIS LONG, YOU SHOULD KNOW...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
EH?

FOR CASKAI DOUBT SHE'LL EVER BE WITH...

GRIFFITH...

FOR CASKA

BUT HE WON'T STOP, SINCE WHAT HE WANTS IS TO GET TO THE TOP.

NOW HE'S THE LORD PROTECTOR OF MIDLAND.

LIKE YOU'VE SAID, GRIFFITH CLIMBED UP WITH HIS BARE HANDS.

THERE WON'T BE WAR IN THIS LAND FOR AWHILE.

HE'S STILL JUST A SOLDIER.

THOUGH HE'S A HIGHLY RANKED SOLDIER, WHICH MEANS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO ADVANCE HAS DIMINISHED.

IT'S A MIRACLE A NORMAL PERSON WOULD BE CONTENT WITH THAT.

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

HE MUST DO SOMETHING.

THAT'S WHY HE HAS TO USE HIS LAST CARD.

HE CAN'T BE MORE THAN THAT.

TO PUT HIM OVER THE TOP.
Griffith is a famous general among many countries. He has the stature to marry Princess Charlotte. Especially now that the person she supposed to marry, if he's ensnared her, his dream will be in reached very quickly. The son of Count Yurius, was assassinated. Besides, it's the only way.
Gatto?

YOU...

Nothing...

Further more, the queen and those who had power to pull strings at the palace... were mysteriously burned the night of Griffith's assassination.

Which delays Griffith's anointment ceremony even further.

All right!

Don't talk about this with anyone.

But... the band of the hawk has been through so much with me...

It's not that I don't trust them.
HE PROBABLY WON'T LET THIS PASS WELL THAT PROBABLY WAS HIS INTENTION

THE PRINCESS SEEMS TO BE IN LOVE WITH GRIFFTH

THAT THOSE WHO HATE GRIFFTH ARE ALL DEAD

I WANT THEM TO KNOW ONLY GOOD FEELINGS ABOUT ME

DOING THINGS LIKE THIS, I WANT YOU TO CONTINUE

I WANT THEM TO LEAVE
That's why Caska's willing to give Griffith more than love.

For Caska, Griffith is a special person who took her out of cruel reality and gave her a new life.

It's more like worship...

She can't provide that, but the princess can.

Especially now that there is a person who's able to make his dream come true.

To know that she has to wait for that impossible someone.

Even though it's love...

How happy would she be.

You want to hold them.

If you love someone,
HOW ABOUT YOU?

I DON'T THINK SHE CAN ACCEPT THIS.

THAT CRAZY GIRL

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO HOLD HER?

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT CASKA?

IS FAR BETTER THAN THOSE ARISTOCRAT'S DAUGHTERS WHO KNOW ONLY HOW TO DRESS.
FOR ME SHE'S MORE THAN JUST A WOMAN.

SHE'S MY WAR COMPANION.

BUT

SIDE BY SIDE WITH MEN

IT'S RARE TO SEE A GIRL WHO CAN FIGHT.

SO . . .

NO . . .

...
A person...
Like me...

The person
She's after is Griffith

Have never...
Would never...

Have a chance
REALLY?

FOR NOW...

I THINK YOU TWO DESERVE EACH OTHER.

THIS IS FAR ENOUGH.

MY PERSONAL ISSUES ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH.
Gatts, you are so cruel!

Why are you leaving so quietly?

Why are you leaving the bank of the Hawk?

Rickert...

Why?
Yes, are you leaving?

Mean to leave the band of the Hawk?

Do you really...
I'm sorry.

That's enough, Rickert!

Explain to me why!!!

Just saying your 'sorry' doesn't explain anything.

Why would you want to leave?

The band of the Hawk is your family.
EVERY ONE MUST BE WORRYING

BUT ... BUT ...

LET HIM GO

HE HAS ALREADY DECIDED ...

HE'S AN IMPORTANT PERSON TO THE ARMY

SINCE GATTS' THE RAIDER LEADER ...

THE BAND OF THE HAWK SURVIVED BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL. THE SUCCESS OF OUR ARMY WASN'T JUST BECAUSE OF HIM!!

WELL NOW, I WANT TO TELL YOU

SHUT UP!!!

BUT ...
I have hated you since the first time we met to tell the truth.

When we were in battle, I aimed my arrows at you a few times.

It's because of your face.

The presence of your face annoys me.

Why I hate you so much.

Now I know the reason...
That no one else could know like you are journeying to a horrid place like you are so special.

You act like you are so special.

Don’t be so proud.

I won’t accept you.

You can never be like Griffith.

You have nothing special.
Watch your back if we meet on a battlefield.

Farewell...

Now you are no longer a member of the band of the Hawk.

Gatiss
CASKA...

PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO BE WITH GRIFFITH...

WHY DON'T YOU ASK HER TO GO WITH YOU?

YOU HAVE EVER...

THOUGHT OF HOLDING HER IN YOUR ARMS?
I once said...

You are mine...
AND YOU

WON

I USED THIS

YOUR SWORD AND YOUR DEATH BELONG TO ME

IF YOU WANT TO LEAVE YOU MUST WIN YOUR FREEDOM LIKE THE LAST TIME
GRIFFITH, YOU SHOULD TRY TO PERSUADE HIM TO STAY...!!

STAY BACK, CASKA...
DON'T TRY AND STOP US

HE DESERVES IT

NOW THE TWO MUST FIGHT EACH OTHER

IF YOU TWO ARE REALLY GOING TO FIGHT, THERE WILL DEFINITELY BE INJURIES...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...

FIPPIN WHAT ARE YOU DOING?... RELEASE ME...
CASKA, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE RULES OF THE MERCENARY? A SWORD FOR A SWORD IT'S WHAT WE DID ALL THE TIME IN MIDLAND.

THIS IS STUPID...
YOU MUST STOP THEM...!!

WHAT'S GOING ON EVERYONE?

WE HAVE NO SWORDS, HOW CAN WE HELP?

IT'S THEIR DECISION

MERCENARIES HAVE RULES WE MUST ABIDE BY.

...BUT...

CASKA... SHE HAS CHANGED

YOU KNOW THAT WELL, RIGHT?
Does she know that she's changing ...?

Only for Griffith's wish she'd would have done anything.

If it was the same old Caska, she wouldn't be hesitating in hurting the same team even if she must die.

For her, Griffith's command was like a decree from Heaven.

But ... no.

Perhaps she's still the same ...
I will not be part of anyone's dream... I will find my own dream and live by.

Because I abandoned his trust and his hope...

He stares as if I were his enemy...

But even if you feel betrayed...

I don't blame you for being angry like this.
THAT'S WHY I MUST GO...

I WILL FIGHT WHOEVER TRIES TO BREAK MY DREAM... EVEN IF IT'S MYSELF.

A FRIEND FOR ME IS SOMEONE OF EQUAL STATUS...

BECAUSE OF THIS...

His job was the most dangerous one in the band of the Hawk, but Griffith, though he's a genius in a sword fight.

For the last 3 years, Gatts had been fighting as the raider leader.

That guy deserves to get an arm or two chopped off.

Will it be that simple...?
GATT'S SWORD HAS BEEN SHARPENED BY SO MANY DEATHS.

IT SEEMS THAT GRIFFITH IS MORE SERIOUS THAN USUAL.

THE POWERS OF THE TWO ARE ABOUT TO CLASH.
I'm feeling unusually calm...

It's strange...

Even though my opponent is Griffith...

Who is no pushover...

3 years ago... that day

It was just like this

For you, not bad...

It means I'm still worth shedding blood for...

Begin with a fight and end with a fight

For me, it's better simply leaving here in silence
I can't fathom his ability.

He's much better than 3 years ago...

Gatts' skilled.

Yes...

If it's Griffith...

But...

This is Griffith. He's fighting with...

Everything will go back to how it was."

He can stop Gatts for sure...!!
I'M WISHING......

GATT'S TO STAY...?
NO SIGN OF RUSHING IN LIKE BEFORE... HIS EYES LOOK VERY CALM

THAT MEANS HE'S REALLY DETERMINED...

IT'S NOT THE STARE OF SOMEONE WHO'S CONFUSED EITHER.
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO LEAVE?

YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF MY HANDS?

I WILL NOT LET YOU GO!!!

I’LL NOT PERMIT IT

THERE’S NO WAY!!

THIS BADLY...

NO WAY....
WHAT BUT SHOULD I DO?

THE CHANCE LIEST IN MY FIRST MOVE

IT'LL BE BAD IF I CAN'T MOVE FREELY

HIS SPEED AND POWER ARE NOT THE SAME AS BEFORE

I'M NOT EVEN SURE I CAN TAKE HIS SWING

AND THE GROUND IS COVERED WITH SNOW...

EVEN IF I COULD TAKE ONE OR TWO,

THE THIRD WOULD SURELY BREAK MY SWORD
And I will stab his shoulder in a single move.

His sword will slide down.

It's the only method I can win at this moment. If successful, he'll be badly injured.

The timing and speed must be exact... it's one move that I can't hold back.

No... the force from his sword may sway my swing.

I'd probably kill him!!...
IF I CAN'T KEEP HIM HERE....
IT DOESN'T MATTER!!

!! ALL RIGHT

THAT'S AMAZING!!
ATTACKING FROM THIS DISTANCE...!?
I'M GOING NOW...

GRIF FITH....
GLI...
GATTS
!!!
Gatts left, he didn't even look back.

I don't believe it. That was a fluke...
IS FARTHER THAN THIS... RIGHT?

THE PLACE YOU WANT TO BE.

THAT'S WHY IT'S OK, YOU CAN GET UP...

JUST A TINY PEBBLE IT'S JUST A SMALL PEBBLE IN YOUR PATH

IT'S ALL RIGHT...

AND IMMEDIATELY... CONTINUE ON...

YOUR JOURNEY...

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