



PROJECT SCARD: “TWIN WINGS OF THE MOON SHADOW”

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CHAPTER 2: "HERO OF AKATSUKI"

Most mornings, Karasue Jin enjoyed the fragrant smell coming from the kitchen and screamed. But yesterday he was late and was fine to get some more sleep, right? Despite that, he began to struggle with hunger.

It means, he would sleep through the night if there was nothing. When he woke up on his day off, it could be pretty dark outside. At that point, he gave up and went back to sleep.

He rubbed his eyes as she thought about it.

Oh, he had fallen asleep on the couch.

"Because here?"

Yawning and waking up, he made his way to the kitchen, which smelled good.

"Why did I sleep on the couch?"

"You know? You watched anime late anyway."

Ran came out of the kitchen.

He took off his usual jacket and was wearing an apron. He placed the plate of food he was carrying in both hands on the table.

"Ah, ah. That's it. I was watching it yesterday, so I thought I'd see it feeling fluffy, so I was watching it on the couch. I fell asleep. I feel like I had a dream. It was comfortable. The daily stress is has purified. You understand this feeling, right?"

"I don't know. If it's stress, it's about to add up. Get ready soon."

He pointed to the watch and took off his apron.

Still, the time was the same as always and he had plenty of time to go to work.

"I'll wait forty minutes from now. Got it?"

"Isn't that a short time? I'd like to complain, but it's a scenario that can be prepared reasonably well."

Anyway, he headed to breakfast.

Toasts, egg salad with ham, tomato and lettuce, pumpkin soup. Milk, yogurt with fruit for dessert.

After waking up his throat with milk, he bit into the toast and took a bite of the egg salad. Exquisite combination.

"What about breakfast, Ran?"

"I did it while you were sleeping. I know you can't get to the last minute. It's a waste of time to wait."

"I'm the type to rest well."

"Then go to bed early."

"If you have an anime that you want to watch, you won't be able to watch it if you're sleeping. Also, rest is not necessary unless the mental fatigue is more than the physical fatigue. What are you talking about?"

He had a very disgusting face.

"You really won't wake up unless I'm going to wake you up..."

"I know you will come to wake me up, so I can sleep well without worrying about what time I wake up."

The pumpkin soup was smooth and rich.

"Actually, the breakfast you make is always delicious, but today it's really delicious. Is it a reward for working hard every day?"

"You're skipping work. Is your brain still asleep? There are two reasons. One is that twin wing work continues and fatigue is building up. The other is that today's schedule doesn't allow us to make time for lunch. That's why I made you a nutritious breakfast."

"You are kind of meticulous. I think you're good at this kind of thing."

"Don't speak from above. Get up. Don't watch anime until late at night."

"Work is work. Private is private. I am separating my private life from work appropriately."

"Thinking normally, the private is for the coordination of the work."

"At this point, you can feel the diversity of 'Artemis Finance'."

Ran sighed deeply. That was common.

"Well, today will be difficult. I'll let you if you don't get out on time."

"Yeah, yeah." He saw Ran leave the room first and put some tomatoes in his mouth.

The fresh tomatoes had a sweet taste.

He still had a little time left, so he was going to savor it slowly and go down at the last minute.

"Well, I hope the twin wings work is finished quickly today."

He said something like a prayer.

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"You can't put up a flag, right?"

It was blurry in the dark.

"What are you talking about? Don't you know that people who can't work want to line up horizontal letters like slang?"

"Flag is not a commercial term. Flag of death or something."

"Oh, geez."

Ran gave a big sigh as usual.

After normal work, Ran and Jin were on time for Twin Wings work.

It was built in an uncrowded office there, one of the companies of the "Artemis Finance" group. Of course, the company had already been contacted in advance.

The reason why everyone had vacated the office at night, returned home and turned off the lights, was because the information department, of which "Artemis Finance" was proud, had obtained very precise information that this area would be attacked.

It seemed difficult to control the raiders beforehand, so he was glad that the strategy of ambushing and depleting a net seemed like a waste.

It was already after 2 am. A nightly anime will air and end.

"When it comes to information, I felt like I was attacking after work, but what time do you think it is now? It's been more than five hours since I finished work. What are you skipping over? Are you motivated?"

"If they tell you that you are skipping the shooting, you will have problems there."

That meant that he was used to fighting, so after the guards returned, they would be fully prepared to face them as Twin Wings.

"Time flees away without delay. Do you understand?"

Ran said that and Jin replied.

"Time flees away without delay. In Japanese, it's like a light headed arrow."

"Correct answer. Having similar words abroad means that time is precious, that it is universal. It is superfluous in business."

"Everyone is money. Or rather, the race is quite frustrating."

"It was frustrating for you to play games on your smartphone all the time."

"I wonder what you're bringing work to this place about."

On a nearby desk was a laptop where Ran was pressing on the keyboard.

He kept working incessantly and said, "Damn... I have no more work to do." He was confused, because he didn't want to waste time. He was hungry for that motivation to work.

Anyway, time is wasted. Unlike other areas in the special zone, it was a lively financial street at night, but outside it was getting quieter.

"Shall we stay here again? Shall we watch it together?"

Jin reached for the television in the office, but Ran hit him on the head.

"Waaaaaah..."

"Is there power harassment from opponents? I'm working first. This is a legitimate warning."

"I'll do my job while I watch it live."

"Shut up."

With a disgusted face, Ran opened a can of energy drink, "You're weird."

"Occasionally."

Ran was like the so-called slaves of the company, self-management and scheduling were solid. First, because the company didn't allow overtime work, he didn't see many people buying energy drinks.

However, they had been working too much as Twin Wings these days. Unsurprisingly, Ran couldn't hide his exhaustion.

Ran took a sip of the energy drink and put it on the floor silently.

The air moved just a little.

Jin was holding an iron fan in both hands, an ice blade formed on the handle of the sword Ran was holding.

They heard footsteps. It was a deliberate sound from someone who clearly knew they were there.

"Smells like cold killer air..."

It was at the same time that Ran got ready that he appeared in the office and opened his mouth.

Ran's cut swung to the side, closing the distance in one go.

It was a very fast hit with no waste at the shortest distance without worrying about the environment where obstacles like desks and chairs lined up. Furthermore, the ice sheet was difficult for the enemy to see. Especially in that dark.

Ran fired an inevitable blow of ice.

But it does not work.

He didn't snap away and dodge it, but he was able to dodge the ice blade, which shouldn't be visible, with a single sheet of paper, but with a natural movement without danger.

There were two pistols in the man's hands. He accurately captured a short distance run.

"You can't put it down."

When he evaded Ran's slash, Jin was throwing an unfolded iron fan in front of the man. The edge of the dancing iron fan was a blade. It was a cut that flew and twirled.

This time he couldn't help it lightly.

The man backed away far, and in that space Ran and Jin repositioned their weapons and faced him.

The smell of cigarettes reached the office and Ran distorted his face.

They knew a man who smoked with two pistols in his hand.

Rather, a person in the special zone at night would know who he was, even if he had never met him. On the back of his hand was a tattoo of a fierce demon dog.

"What do you think you are doing? Arashiba Eiji."

Ran clicked his tongue.

"Is it overtime?" Twin wings of Artemis."

The man responded with cigarette smoke and lowered the pistol.

It was Arashiba Eiji.

A Scard with a tattoo of the underworld watchdog "Cerberus" in mythology, but his existence had a greater meaning than that.

A man who led the "Helios" team in the "Akatsuki conflict" and fought to protect the city and end the conflict.

That's why people in the special zone called him "Hero of Akatsuki".

From Jin and Ran's point of view, he was a troublesome guy who sometimes clashed because he was territorializing a part of the special zone without permission.

Without "Helios", "Artemis" would cover a wider area, organize the city and send a security department. No, they knew that there were people who would not like that.

"Hmm?"

Arashiba Eiji touched his cheek. There was a faint trace of blood.

"Did you miss the iron fan? Don't."

While he was saying nonchalant things, the fan stuck in the wall fell backwards.

"Karasue Jin. Your tattoo is still interesting. I definitely got away... but this is it."

He made a happy face as he wiped off the blood.

"Good, but I threw it away in order to wonder if you could die."

When he tried that gesture like slitting his throat, Arashiba Eiji tilted his lips more and more happily.

"I was lucky. Would you like to continue?"

"Ok."

It was Ran who answered with white teeth.

"Whenever we interact, I want to continue until you crawl in agony."

The temperature in the office had dropped. Ran's ice sword cracked and froze the surroundings.

"I don't think so, and I don't want to keep up with that."

While he complained, Jin also had a flame in the iron fan of both hands because he couldn't help it.

The icy air began to spray a white mist into the office, illuminated by the light from the flames.

Between Arashiba Eiji with two pistols and Ran Washimine with an ice sword, the tensions against his facial expressions were strained.

He opened his mouth because it was annoying.

"Arashiba Eiji. Do you know?"

"What?"

"This office is non-smoking."

Eiji blinked.

"What about the smoking booths?"

"Unfortunately, the company is completely non-smoking."

"It's always the same case with you and this group company. Damn."

He tossed the cigarette into a portable ashtray while he smiled. Surprisingly clever.

Eiji lowered the gun to drop the cigarette, so since he was that kind of person they naturally lowered their weapons.

"Tell Azusa to think about smokers."

"Call her Azusa-san."

"I am not a business partner."

"If so, it is not necessary for her to respond to your request."

"Even if you are not a business partner, it is common sense to put the honorific in a person's name when called, Arashiba Eiji."

"Why don't they put the honorific on my name then?"

"Never mind."

Ran kept scolding him.

"In any case, it is a violation. Do you understand, Arashiba?"

"Did you increase the security of the group companies and those jobs? It is difficult to work for a company."

"It's not the base of the ship. You did something boring."

Ran ignored Eiji Arashiba and left the office, Jin followed him.

Arashiba Eiji had come without concern.

When he left the building, he could see the quiet night city. "Finance Street", where the office buildings were lined, was lit with street lamps and building lights even at that time.

The men were filming at the entrance to the group's business, which was well-maintained at night.

"I'm wearing a suit, but I have a weapon, there is no attack where you can see if I have a weapon or hide it."

The raiders that Jin and Ran were waiting for were defeated by Arashiba Eiji there.

"It's weird that you guys were chasing them too."

"I've been waiting for these people to come."

"I just caught up with them. Just tried spraying them with troublesome motions."

"I think you didn't come because you were chasing them after all."

"This is 'Finance Street'. This is not the 'Helios' curtain."

He wasn't claiming it as "Helios" territory. He didn't like them going into "Finance Street" and doing whatever they wanted, so he just cooperated and let them take care of them in the territory there.

"I don't wear a collar. Outside criminals have entered the city. They are planning an attack. That's why I bite."

"If you go back to the store, I'll crush you."

The home of "Helios" is "Titan", a bookstore-café.

In reality, they often collided with "Helios".

Sometimes they would leave "Finance Street" to work as Twin Wings, and only a guy like this could enter "Finance Street" without worrying about a thing, hunting prey like that time.

"You are really annoying, "Hero of Akatsuki"."

"You said something nice, Jin."

The hero was lighting a new cigarette without worrying about it.

However, "Finance Street" was basically non-smoking.

Ran often got angry when they smoked, but he didn't think it was appropriate to do so either.

Arashiba Eiji was not suitable for office worker. He certainly was the type of person who did not wear a necklace.

But... neither Jin nor Ran noticed that Arashiba Eiji was fighting against so many armed people. There was no evidence of using a weapon.

It means that he kicked the armed opponent without killing him while he was fighting.

Arashiba Eiji only suffered scratches in collaboration with Jin and Ran.

They knew that the man called "Hero of Akatsuki" had the ability to be called a hero.

"Oh, yeah. Guys. I forgot one."

While he was smoking, Eiji looked at the office buildings.

"I have another."

It was the middle floor of a building a bit far from the building they were in, he points to one of the office buildings at the end of a smoking cigarette so the other wouldn't notice.

"I don't think you're saying it correctly."

"It smells. Run away, but make sure you catch it."

"What is your dog saying?"

"If can claim 'Cerberus' instead of the owner, there's also credibility."

"I'm not keeping him weak."

He showed the demon dog "Cerberus" tattoo on the back of his hand.

The demon dog gives the Scard the power to kill. Arashiba Eiji said it appeared to be murder.

Because of that, he read the attack's killer instinct and trajectory, evaded the inevitable slash, and avoided the iron fan that couldn't be seen through.

"Is he the leader of those who are defeated?"

"Whether he is a leader or not, he is in charge of visualizing the situation from the upper floors and giving instructions."

"It seems like a persistent dog is in trouble, because that guy's companions were defeated."

"Oh. When you get back, Arashiba, do you want to pick up the other boys or run away alone? You're waiting with that kind of calculation."

The killing instinct Arashiba Eiji felt was, "I wonder if this guy won't go home easily.", or something like that.

"He's okay to shoot with friends, but what will you do? I'll do it."

"I'm saying it's not the 'Helios' curtain."

Leaving Arashiba Eiji in place, Ran headed for the building.

He went to see him, he smoked carefree.

Anyway, Ran and Jin were impatient and slowly approached the building. At that moment, the brand that had escaped should be trying to move in a hurry.

"Isn't that a big change like the first episode of action stuff when stepping in?"

"I don't know; the analogy doesn't make sense. And I know. It gets in the way of night shifts."

The middle floor where he was stalking the target was still lit up.

"It's an industry I have to deal with at night. It's annoying to miss my show, and work."

"Don't say anything by your standards. The reason he chose a building that is operational and sneak in is that it is disguised, stranded, and restricted. Hostages are possible in an emergency."

"In a common company, even outsiders can enter unexpectedly easy if they follow the procedure. What if you don't force it?"

"It's decided. Jin, do it."

"Yes."

He waves an open iron fan.

A flame was generated from the tattoo that emerged and burned the iron fan.

The flames lit up the city at night. He released a fire that swelled as he turned around.

The blow jumped to the middle floor of the building and stained the interior red.

After a while, a man stumbled out of the building's main entrance. He had the same unique appearance as the people Arashiba Eiji had defeated.

"Do you want to do this?"

He groaned and collapsed.

"There were other people in this building besides me. Are you sane?"

"What are you talking about?"

As he walked towards the fallen man, Ran touched the ground with the tip of an ice sword. The ice that spread from there held the man's limbs like handcuffs. Nothing more ecological.

When Ran looked at the office building, the man who was being held was also following his eyes.

"Stupid..."

The office building looked the same as it when he first saw it. The window the flames leaped through was not broken and there were no signs of burning. He was sleepy and saw an employee drinking coffee, so he said "Thank you for his hard work" in his heart.

"This is the power of my tattoo. The god that inhabits is "Shiva" in Indian mythology. He governs destruction and rebirth. The attribute is fire. In other words, after being destroyed by fire, everything, including you, was regenerated. That is why I am not injured."

"Don't lie fluently. What is the attribute of fire?"

The man was confused by the interaction with Ran, but he couldn't help but lie.

Ran's "Fresweg" had the power to freeze things, create ice, and manipulate it.

On the other hand, the great bird of Jin, the real name of his tattoo was "Morrigan", the god of Celtic mythology. The power of his tattoo was to create an illusion.

His flames were all illusions of heat and light. He focused on the target person's brain and made him feel and see what he wanted.

In other words, the flame that was thrown into the building was seen only by them and the target. He also showed it to Arashiba Eiji.

It is always thought to be true if you do not know that it is an illusion. That is unavoidable.

Speaking of which, the evil predecessor "Morrigan" said, "Don't say your real name. It's so interesting.", so he thought that was right to avoid getting into trouble.

In other words, he did not destroy an office building or disturb the night employees.

The moon that had begun to disappear floated next to the building that he looked at.

The smell of tobacco lingered.

Arashiba Eiji arrived calmly as if he was taking a walk.

He had been interacting with him several times, but he didn't want to fight honestly because even if he showed him an illusion, he would avoid him like the iron fan mentioned above.

"Is it okay to leave the rest to you, even the ones hanging around there?"

"Stray dog. You rushed in without permission."

"In other words, I will hand it over to you, so make sure you act correctly."

"I want to face those teeth when they tell me to."

"It seems that a dog needs a bear."

"It's strange that you can't be tied down."

The air grew cold. Ran was interested in that.

Ran fought whenever he met Arashiba Eiji. It wasn't Jin's business, so he didn't get involved.

However, if Arashiba Eiji represented "Helios" as a team, the Twin Wings would also be a symbol of "Artemis". Azusa used to go out, but it wasn't her role to fight.

Therefore, it was important that Ran try to be superior to Arashiba Eiji as a Twin Wing. Well... he knew that half the reason they fought was because Ran wanted to show his strength.

And the wings cannot fly unless they move from left to right. It was a nuisance, but that's what the Twin Wings were like.

Ran lifted the ice sword from the ground and got into the attack position.

Arashiba Eiji had not drawn his weapon, but both hands were ready to move. He maybe was thinking of doing a quick shot like in the old west.

He was annoyed that a man who was still immobilized on the ground could be involved. It was a state of affairs, but not his business either, so he would leave it as he was.

He would only act as Twin Wings.

"It's a beautiful moonlit night. Would you like to go that far?"

He put my gun down at that voice.

Azusa appeared in the moonlight. She turned to them casually as if she was taking a detour on her way home from work, and stopped in front of Arashiba Eiji.

"It's been a while since then, Arashiba Eiji. I heard you came to us with Public Security Bureau the other day."

"At that point, I was forced to get used to the two of them, and my shoulders were stiff."

"You also annoyed my Twin Wings. Let's say goodbye. I saw a picture of you in a suit."

Both Ran and Arashiba had a bitter face, it was interesting. In particular, he wondered if Ran remembered various things, he was holding his stomach with a tug between his eyebrows.

Not long ago, there was a little incident with Arashiba Eiji. At the time, he was also with the troublesome old man from Public Security Bureau, so he was bothered by that too and had been thinking about it.

"Well, we used you, but you couldn't beat the one you were chasing."

"It is only a WIN-WIN."

"The guy who says WIN-WIN trusts everything, and after that case, Kagami told me."

He was joking, but Arashiba Eiji looked at Azusa as if he was going to shoot.

"Yuki Azusa. It's rare for you to come to the scene."

"Call her Azusa-san."

"It's Azusa-san."

Arashiba Eiji blew out cigarette smoke with a bitter smile. He stopped because the smoke was heading towards Azusa.

"It's rare for you to appear on the scene, Azusa-san."

"I feel uncomfortable being called that by you."

"They told me to honor the name."

It wasn't necessary, but he didn't know. Ran entered the point of annoyance.

Azusa kept talking without warning.

"I always want to see the Twin Wings work, but due to my position as CEO, I am quite busy."

Azusa cut her words off and saw the men who were defeated by Arashiba Eiji and the men who remained detained there.

Ran and Jin took control.

"Other than my personal wishes, I have a reason for coming here now. I wanted to get confirmation."

It was the same for Ran and Jin. They had come to a conclusion with that raid.

"In other words, there are enemies who have a clear objective in 'Artemis'."

"Arashiba Eiji. As if you are chasing another enemy now."

In the previous case with Arashiba Eiji, they were conducting a transaction to share a part of the information as a company.

The enemies that have "Artemis" and "Helios" were separate, but related in some way.

"The enemy is clearly targeting "Artemis", including the attack when you and Public Security Bureau were involved. There is no Scard this time, but it is too complicated for a simple attack. So you can conclude that the enemy that designed it is "Trivia"."

Azusa said that.

"Azusa-san. Why do you let this guy listen so much?"

"I do not mind."

It made sense for Azusa to give Arashiba Eiji information.

Understanding that, Ran understood Azusa's words, but he still had a disgusting face for Arashiba Eiji.

"Simply put, "Trivia" is a mob outside the special zone."

"But they pose a threat to you."

"Yes. Several Scards belong to "Trivia". And the Scard who runs "Trivia" has the "Hecate" tattoo."

"Uh, "Hecate" is a violent tattoo."

At Ran's words, Arashiba Eiji waved his cigarette. It was an alert reaction for him.

"It's the same as "Artemis"."

Azusa said calmly.

That meant that "Hecate", like "Artemis", had the power to draw a line with their Divine tattoos.

Naturally, they also demanded a high price.

"Arashiba Eiji. I'll tell you first."

Azusa declared before the Twin Wings.

"There is a connection to "Trivia". Therefore, it will be we, "Artemis", who will fight them. I will not allow you to touch it."

Azusa loosened her mouth a little, telling him that with a frozen expression.

"And you have enemies to fight. We promise to give you information for that."

"It's a business.", Azusa narrowed her eyes.

"In other words, can we get more information from here?"

"I'm quick to talk to stray dogs. Give me more details now. I'll also pass on the necessary information from here."

Arashiba Eiji looked around at Azusa, Ran, and Jin, and then turned his back on them.

"If you want."

A man named "The Hero of Akatsuki" waved his hand and went beyond the darkness of the night.

"I don't think those words work in business."

When Ran said something very simple and laughed, he was seen as Jin.

That was good, because Azusa was laughing.

