



**PROJECT SCARD: “TWIN WINGS OF THE MOON SHADOW”**

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## **CHAPTER 7: GODDESS AND TWIN WINGS**

Ran remembered that his "Fresweg" couldn't avoid "Hecate's" attack, and Azusa was cut off when she came out to protect them.

Immediately after regaining consciousness, he forcibly gathered the thoughts that took up the conference and reached that point.

"Ugh..."

Ran was in the back seat of his car.

He realized that the time had passed from the gloom of the car.

His entire body ached. He had many bruises and abrasions. However, there were no fatal injuries that could result in the loss or limitation of his physical function. There was also a simple treatment.

Next to him was Azusa. Her silver hair fell to her cheeks and her eyes were closed.

"Azusa-san..."

He was about to get angry and he bear it.

He certainly could hear the sounds of slow breathing.

In the first place, unlike him, there was no trauma. She was unharmed in that situation.

However, he could see the bad complexion even in the dark. Despite a certain time of the moon, she was much more exhausted than noon.

He wasn't mortally wounded because he was protected by Azusa.

He remembered the power that Azusa showed to her opponent "Hecate". Normally, it was only on the night of the full moon that she wielded such power.

Azusa drew the power of "Artemis" with exhaustion determination that was incomparable to when the moon was full.

"Forgive me."

Such words were not enough.

However, there was no point in apologizing to Azusa who slept all the time. If he had that time, he will serve as a wing.

When he got out of the car, the sun had set. It wasn't completely dark yet, but night was drawing near.

Fortunately, it wasn't long after the battle with "Trivia", if he confirmed the exact time.

The car was close to the shoulder, but there were still traces of the battle with them on the main road. The furious traces of "Hecate" were similar to the scars from the "Akatsuki Conflict" in a corner of the special area. Asphalt cracked, ripped, and streetlights shattered and fell onto the sidewalk.

"Good morning, Ran. You shouldn't fall asleep."

Jin, who was looking around the city outside the car, said that nonchalantly.

First aid, but the blood pooled on the bandages.

Was it Jin who healed his wounds?

"Explain the situation."

"I was working during Ran's break, so why should I?"

"It's work. Do it as a matter of course."

Jin shrugged and sighed, but Ran ignored him.

"In response to Azusa-san's counterattack, "Trivia" retreated. I have the intelligence department tracking them down. We have already contacted the head office and the security department will be here soon."

"If it's our security department, don't be late at the station."

"If it's the police, they're here."

A boy who was more ignoring Jin's playful lines approached.

"No, don't ignore it."

He tried to click his tongue, but he couldn't.

"Public Safety. Is he still around here?"

Unfortunately, the member of "Public Security Bureau", Tatsuma Kouga, was also safe.

He was only slightly injured after eating "Hecate's" attack.

They knew that he could get rid of damage well, but "Fafnir's" defense was still awkward.

"Hey, let's talk about that in the future."

"Is awesome."

"Really. But... I have to deal with him today. Huh."

"You look really bad right now."

He was also aware that he had known the most incredible thing these days. The second was Arashiba Eiji.

"I'll do it briefly."

"Yes. That's right. First of all, as a premise, please think that you know the relationship between "Artemis" and "Trivia".

He used the word "Artemis" as a force, not "Artemis Finance". He knew it from his origin.

"Public Safety, you're doing a better job than I thought."

"The top is solid. Well, it's a relationship you can understand with a little research."

"Please praise your own research. It's fine."

Kouga deliberately turned his gaze away from him.

The destroyed cityscape seemed to show the power of "Hecate", who easily broke "Fresweg's" ice shield.

"As I see, the battle just before was proceeding with the predominance of "Trivia". Do you have any objections?"

"Just tell me the result."

"You were helplessly impressed, wow."

"I was fighting alone. To be honest, we would have won if Itsuki-kun was there."

"Do you need this story?"

Kouga's face was really impressive. He stopped talking about it.

"Wow, please wait!"

When he tried to turn his back,

"Anyway, "Trivia" retreated with Iku-chan, the Scard of "Hecate". The question is why did you retreat despite your mastery? One of the reasons is... I was there!"

"Do you need this story?"

"Stop it."

"No, that's true!"

It was a pain, but he couldn't have thought in his sleep.

"Trivia" was already in charge of "Public Security Bureau" outside the special zone. He didn't want to further provoke "Public Safety" with a decent number of Scards.

Of course, as long as the area in charge and the project in charge are different within the special affairs, one person will not be moved together.

"Well, let's keep talking."

"If you don't deal with a persistent complainer, it will hinder your original work."

"Which claimant?"

"It's a waste of time, I'll tell you. They didn't expect Azusa-san's counterattack. It's too sweet."

"I can tell I was optimistic about the risks."

"I thought that Yuki Azusa's "Artemis" could hardly use power at this age..."

"The facts are still out."

He doesn't know what he was looking for.

"There were two unexpected risks, so "Trivia" avoided a long fight. That's all."

"So what do you mean?"

"Hahaha. No, it's not good to wander around when you become an old man."

He said that with eyes that weren't laughing.

"That's right. It's important for "Trivia" to retreat, preventing further battles. So you don't have to worry about their attacks for a while and you don't have to chase after them."

"That's right, are you telling us to go after "Trivia"?"

"As expected, the managing director of "Artemis Finance" rushes to speak. To put it in more detail, I say that I will start working on defeating "Trivia". It is a crime that you always go bang bang on your own. I don't feel like a company should govern itself."

He summed it up as "What are you planning?"

"I often say it. Anyway, if you were injured for a special duty outside the special zone, you are in a hurry. So, do you want to crush "Trivia" as a special duty?"

"He is not mature. There is no choice but to obey him."

"I think it's too much trouble... no, it's justice, justice."

He was a star.

"But it's also for you."

"There really are people who say that kind of grace."



"The line "It's good for you" is not a phrase you can trust in business. Jin. Ignore it."

"Hears!"

As he grimaced in concern, the eyes looking back at him were clearly seeing the reaction.

"Because, in the current situation, you are overwhelmingly at a disadvantage. Apparently, you and the two dual swords, you are almost equal. But over there, "Hecate", who cannot be matched in anything, is awakening. Yuki Azusa who intervened is not perfect. She fainted after the battle."

"She's only here, but in fact, Azusa-san, she was going to retire until morning and didn't get enough sleep."

"You're not saying the right thing."

"Haha. Well, I'm sure you're at a disadvantage. But fortunately, "Trivia" is in a situation where it's difficult to set up a special zone. This "Trivia" is more cautious than four years ago, isn't it?"

"Sure, a lot of work has been done so far. They were working behind the scenes with an outside organization and it settled in."

"It's annoying. Also, I would have wanted to reduce my strength. I didn't become an opponent."

"As expected, "Artemis Finance". It's excellent. Well, not only that, but I'm sure me and Itsuki-kun's strongest couple and the guard dog-like stray dog were wary as well."

As he spoke he took out a canned coffee.

"Ah, the can was dented in the previous battle!"

He opened the dented can and put it over his mouth.

"Well, that's right. You can't beat "Trivia". You won't attack right away. Then leave it to "Public Security Bureau"."

"I have no reason to drink your suggestion."

"You have to make a rational decision. It's a business, right?"

"Huh?"

"How rude. I said too much."

He had a face that he had never pondered.

"So, I'm sorry. I'm inundated with calls from above and Itsuki-kun."

"Since I'm alone, it's a cautionary call."

"Hahaha.", He left with the coffee in one hand.

"Haha, he's not. After all, he is a star."

"That person is always moving on their own."

Tatsuma Kouga was gone, but they had no intention of firing him.

Jin and Ran stood without saying anything.

What would they do?

The idea was not resolved.

It would be some time before the "Public Security Bureau" arrived. Azusa was sleeping in the car.

Should they immediately follow "Trivia"? Or should they carefully identify the opportunity?

What could they do in the first place?

What was correct as Twin Wings of "Artemis"?

Ikuya.

"What the "Public Security Bureau" member said is correct just this once, isn't it?"

Jin said, looking at the place where Kouga had left the dragon performance.

"What's the story? Make a list on the agenda so you can understand it."

"Don't you? We talked about "Trivia" at a disadvantage. It seems like I'm thinking a lot, but it's not a good idea to chase after them right now."

"It is "Artemis" that interacts with "Trivia". It is also the role of the Twin Wings."

"I'm also a Twin Wing, so I won't deny it. What I'm saying is when to fight "Trivia". It's hard to capture "Hecate" without Azusa-san's "Artemis". As Tatsuma Kouga said, it's very little likely to attack us from the "Trivia" side right away."

Jin looked at the Tsukuyo bridge, which led to the outside of the special area.

"With this attack, the intelligence department was able to catch the trend of "Trivia". It's only two weeks until the full moon when Azusa-san can show her best. So the counterattack is fine. Even if "Public Security Bureau" moves first, I don't think it's easy to get rid of "Hecate". It's a government office job, so it's slow to move in the first place."

Jin hit his shoulder.

"You know. If you're prepared, we'll have a head start. This is the chance Ikuya gave us. Ikuya has escaped, so we were able to meet the awakening of "Hecate" at that time."

Originally, "Trivia" would have launched a surprise attack after an awakened "Hecate" had taken lives and was in perfect condition. According to the battle record, except for the irregular situation, such as the attack on Tamabbit Garden four years ago, such a move was taken.

"That's why, Ran. You don't have to get lost. As you explore the trends of "Trivia", rebuild your posture. The decisive battle is the next full moon."

"No."

"Why?"

Jin quietly returned. That guy expected Ran to refuse. So, as he remembered, he was ordering the facts that were clearest.

"You're right, but... you should know what "Trivia" will do next."

"Oh, it's true."

Without denying it, Jin looks at him. The usual fluttering expression was gone.

It was that boy's face when he was calmly analyzing everything with no feelings.

"It is an urgent task for the defeat of "Trivia" to stabilize the hungry "Hecate". By doing so, "Hecate" can recover its original power and will not imitate the allies. Then, "Trivia" will give "Hecate" the expenses maintenance already prepared."

That means letting "Hecate" kill a lot of humans.

"Trivia" is connected to traffic organizations. It is the organization that Arashiba Eiji persecutes. Buy people from there for a living."

It was the organization information that was shared with Arashiba Eiji. Those who were going to lead any personnel, including combat personnel, also participated in the "Trivia" attack in the special zone.

"Trivia" was definitely buying humans.

"Jin. You know. Ikuya isn't someone who can tolerate "Hecate" on him, killing in front of his eyes."

"It is true."

Jin said with a clear face.

"Ikuya is kind. He calls me a leader because I can protect my friends by going forward. I can take responsibility for falling on other people. Pushing the backs of my lost friends. Ikuya himself didn't say that, but we know."

He counts it calmly like another person.



"Ikuya is excellent, but that's the best he has. That's why if he, who is more concerned about others than himself, he can't help it and kills an innocent person... It's not good."

"Yes. The containers of the successive "Hecate" have been broken."

"It would be nice if you could choose someone who likes murder from the start, but what I haven't said before is that "Hecate" itself may be enjoying seeing a gentle human being crumble. The idea of a God, we don't know that."

"Ikuya will also break."

"I agree. Away from the full moon day, I think it is doubtful that he will last several days. He is kind enough to jump into a fire to help a child."

Jin took control and looked at him.

"But what about that?"

He had cold eyes.

"What?"

"The role of us, Twin Wings, is not to help Ikuya. To protect "Artemis" like Wings and Azusa. No matter what happens to Ikuya."

"It's not just Ikuya. Now, if you leave "Hecate" alone, dozens of people will die."

"If I can stop it, I'll move right away even if I work overtime. But it's useless to chase "Hecate" in the current state. It can't be helped."

"Shut up!"

Ran grabbed Jin's chest at the same time.

Jin continued without resistance. Keeping his eyes steady.

"Ikuya is a friend, but we have things to prioritize above all else. If he works out, we'll prioritize him. Ran's decision is wrong as "Twin Wings of Artemis"."

Ran was reflected in those eyes where his emotions did not tremble at all.

"Ran, now you move with emotions."

"...!"

Jin pushed the hand that was holding his chest.

An iron fan was struck.

"Like wings, I will stop it. What should I do?"

What was he to do?

"That's right. You're right as a Twin Wing."

There was a loud crack and the ice broke and danced.

Jin was stopping the ice sword surprise attack with an iron fan.

"I'm leaving... I can kill Ikuya twice!"

An ice sword and an iron fan spread sparks in the city where night fell.

A scream was heard and a blood-soaked iron fan rolled across the cracked asphalt.

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It was a bit after the confrontation between Washimine Ran and Karasue Jin.

There was a warehouse district outside the special zone, outside the entertainment district and the commercial district of Yanhua City. Many of the warehouses lined up were used by ordinary businesses. Many workers came and went during the day, but at night the numbers disappeared. It was a common sight as a warehouse district.

3:07.

In the warehouse district at night, only company warehouses such as some carriers that required night support were illuminated. The darkness of the night was notorious in that place with few street lights.

Light filtered faintly from the large warehouse where the shutter opened. Since there are several parked vehicles, it seemed that some kind of night work was being carried out.

But the facts were different.

There was nothing in the warehouse apart from the pillars of the structure. The vague light filled the empty space.

Among them, the deep black color was inspiring.

It was the darkness of "Hecate".

"Wow!"

There was a dull sound.

The swirling, raging darkness shook those around them.

"Tell me! Kaisei, are you safe?"

"Hahaha! It hurts too! Yukinari. You're skinny, so take care of yourself!"

"Shut up. I'm safe too."

The "Trivia Double Sword" stood up in a defensive position.

Although he had no weapons, both Kaisei and Yukinari looked at the darkness in front of them with caution like when facing the Twin Wings or even more.

Their bodies had wounds that they didn't have when they fought the Twin Wings. They weren't deep, but they weren't the kind of injury a Scard easily sustains either.

"Really, "Hecate" is rude."

"Don't say that. It's four years of hunger. He is desperate not to eat for four years, right?"

"I would die normally. I may not be able to for four days."

"That's what I'm doing because I'm skipping breakfast! Eat your rice right!"

"I have no appetite in the morning."

At the end of the double sword's gaze, there was the figure of Mikage Ikuya in the depths of darkness that was painted over and over again.

"Damn! This guy has a tattoo, but he doesn't even react to his will."

Ikuya was not tied.

However, if he tried to get out of the darkness, the darkness of "Hecate" would turn around and push him back.

He was caught up in a black man who emerged from his feet and from the shadows of the surrounding pillars. A sheep-shaped tattoo glowed dark on his chest.

"Waste is the same for us."

"Oh, "Hecate" is different from other tattoos. Don't even think of it as listening to what we say. That's what a God really is."

"I want to stay with Ikuya, who has the qualities of a container to hold him. That's all. It's easier to give up early and stop thinking about anything."

"In my experience of seeing some containers, I think so."

"Shit!"

"Hecate" gently pushed Ikuya, who was resisting, so that he could even relax. It was a move that hinted at not hurting or disobeying the vessel called Scard.

Kaisei watched Ikuya's footsteps and the darkness that didn't even laugh for a while.

"It's all a waste. Don't suffer, young man."

A deep sigh escaped.

As the two wings and swords "Artemis" and "Hecate" took control while surviving the battle of the Tamabbit Garden attack, the face of the man who was alone on the battlefield and supported "Trivia" suffered a great deal of pain.

"Waste is the same for us."

"Hecate" did not kill or eat even if he struck the double-edged blade in anger or irritation. Because he knows that the double-edged blade was no longer willing to rebel.

Kaisei knew that some of the double edged swords of all time tried to cut down "Hecate" and the tragedy that triggered it. He understood that neither "Agni" nor "Chiyu" was like "Hecate" because of his experience as a warrior and because of the emotions he conveyed to "Agni".

There was no warrior and dynamic figure displayed by "Agni" veteran Gou Kaisei. He was just a man who had been looking at the darkness of "Hecate" and shaving his heart for it.

"Kaisei."

Kaisei snapped back to himself at Yukinari's voice.

"What happened?"

"It was "Hecate" who helped me when I was crazy."

"It was many of years ago. There was no name for "Trivia". At that time, "Agni" and "Shu" welcomed "Hecate" into battle with the mighty ones. No... Is a human who was the vessel of "Hecate"?"

"So, 'Trivia' has gained power and continues to give lively praise instead. I'm talking general."

"General?"

"If you buy something nice, you pay for it, and if you borrow money, you're supposed to pay it back, right?"

"I have to answer... I did a while ago."

"Well, that's fine now! Rather, there is a department in "Trivia" for money lending."

"However, a little interest is expensive."

"That's right "Hecate". While that's going on, we think it's delicious, don't we?"

"That's right. I'll take back what was pushed by "Artemis". No, this time I'll take away the special zone."

"It's good. It is said that until a few generations ago, we had a conversation in a special area. I miss that time."

"I will take it this far for us. I will not hand over the guide to "Artemis" as it is. This time is a good situation. There is a veteran, Yuki, who has outstanding talent even in the face of successive "Shu's"."

"Hehehe. Thanks! I thought I was a genius."

"Yuki is like that. Rejoice obediently."

Kaisei once again looked at the darkness of "Hecate".

"Unlike four years ago, when it was starving because it couldn't control "Hecate", I can make "Hecate" store enough energy with the vessel in hand. It will kill "Artemis" at full moon."

"Aren't they going to come from there first? Maybe."

"I'm sure they've figured out our whereabouts. It's stupid to set up with two injured wings as the new moon approaches. If they come first, it'll be "Public Safety"."

"That Ossan? He couldn't do that himself."

Yukinari frowned shamelessly.

"I don't blame him. Well, "Public Security Bureau" can't move that fast. When it comes, "Hecate" will be perfect. If you show your strength and don't let yourself fall, rather, you will live to crush "Artemis"."

"I really hate the fact that "Artemis" is self-governed in a special zone. Huh? But what do we do with the special zone?"

"In any country you can't put together special zones where "Artemis" has disappeared. If that happens, we can love it as much as we want."

"We are a criminal organization. I see. No matter how we move from here, we win!"

There was the sound of a car pulling up outside.

Several men entered the warehouse. The men in suits were members of "Trivia". After that, more than a dozen people were arrested.

Frightened youths and children were purchased from organizations with which "Trivia" had a partnership.

"It is the first expense of living. "Hecate" seeks life on a whim, so that is not the end."

"If you feel reluctant, you can do it like before..."

Yukinari pointed to the arm that was struck by the darkness of "Hecate".

"Sometimes they attack me indiscriminately. It's a fire, but the essence is fierce... In other words, it's an intelligent beast. Don't look sweet."

"Guh."

The members of "Trivia" worked in silence.

The detained living expenses noticed the darkness in the gloom and screamed, but were threatened with a weapon and sometimes with violence. They took resistance and walked towards the side of darkness.

Kaisei and Yukinari were looking at them.

Living expenses would be mercilessly slaughtered from then on.

"Kaisei. Let's drink when this is over."

"Stay with me until morning."

One of the living expenses was pushed into the center of the warehouse.

The darkness of "Hecate" slithered like a snake in front of him crouched in agitation and fear.

The young man, who lived in a black shaped lump, made an indescribable voice.

"Stop it! Damn!"

Ikuya yelled, but "Hecate" didn't stop.

Rather, he dared to slow down the movement to show it to Ikuya, who was a vessel, and wrapped the young man's legs, squeezing him.

If he felt like it, the young man would be twisted like iron, and Ikuya will cry from the helplessness of not being able to do anything.

"Hey. It's in bad taste."

"It's always like this. That's why the "Hecate" vessel doesn't last long."

Kaisei made his stagnant eyes empty. His face looked older than it was.

"This guy is meant for "Trivia". It's the same as "Artemis" praising Scard himself. We can't change any of them."

Kaisei forcefully lifted the edge of his lips.

"But, Yukinari. In your words, you found a place here. You need to pay to feel good."

Contrary to the divisive words, Kaisei's voice seemed to speak to himself.



Yukinari looked at Kaisei and showed a faint but clear determination behind his narrowed eyes.

"I'm sorry. I'm watching what "Hecate" is doing. What is our destination?"

Ikuya and the sad voice that raised the cost of living did not stop.

"Hecate" didn't stop moving either.

Then, "Hecate" clung to the darkness on the first branch of praise, stretched it out, and slowly tore its body with the power to topple the streetlight.

A roaring sound and the roof of the warehouse collapsed.

A series of ice chunks fell with the tile.

"Ah, "Hecate"!"

Countless black shadows were running as Yukinari shouted.

The ice blocks, each of which was about the size of a car, shattered one after another. The unrivaled interception of the shadows destroyed them all.

A thin moonlight shone through a hole in the broken ceiling.

In the dust that could be swept away and the pieces of ice that were scattered, Ran was surrounded by a piece of destroyed ice.

Ran was standing on a line of ice blocks like a tombstone was fully grown.

The wounds that were not in the fight against the double swords and "Hecate" were also on his clothes, and increasing on his body.

For a moment, Ran, who had a chance to intercept the ice block, overthrew most of the "Trivia" members and saved the young man who was about to die.

With youth and other living expenses behind him, he could barely see him standing there with an ice sword in hand. His breathing was harsh and his shoulders heaved up and down.

"It's "Fresweg"! You're stupid. You didn't stop the other Twin Wings!"

"Because they stopped me, I don't trashed it."

The eagle tattoo gleamed on Ran's hand.

"Ikuya. I'm coming now."

Ran Washimine aimed at the double-edged sword, and an ice sword at "Hecate".