

Desire

——《Tales of Tarsylia》13

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Tarsylia Second Age
Year unknown
Unnamed ancient ruins
The end of an adventure
Unnamed Dark
Hero

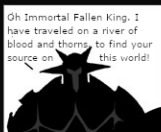


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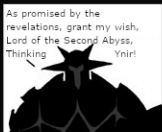
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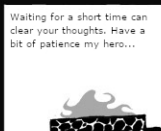
Oh Immortal Fallen King, I
have traveled on a river of
blood and thorns, to find your
source on this world!



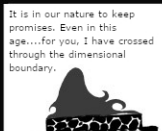
As promised by the
revelations, grant my wish,
Lord of the Second Abyss,
Thinking Ynir!



Waiting for a short time can
clear your thoughts. Have a
bit of patience my hero...



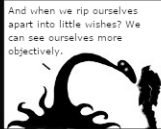
It is in our nature to keep
promises. Even in this
age...for you, I have crossed
through the dimensional
boundary.



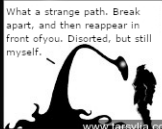
And thus I appear before you
in this weak body. Every
crossing brings me new
thoughts.



And when we rip ourselves
apart into little wishes? We
can see ourselves more
objectively.



What a strange path. Break
apart, and then reappear in
front of you. Disorted, but still
myself.



Are you saying that you don't have enough strength to grant my wish?



Even though we've already left this world, the contracts we left behind are still valid. What is your desire?



It's simple: to conquer the world! I want to become Lord of Tarsyllia!



Oh...can you be more specific?



Do you have enough strength to do it or not?



I admire your skepticism. It's the mark of a good mind. Listen...



Granting wishes is meticulous work. For it to work, I first need to understand your wish.



So when I ask for more details, I want to know how you intend to rule the world.



700 years ago, Klyzor used his epic to conquer Tarsyllia. 1200 years ago...



The Night Music Man used his lyre, but I don't believe that's what you were thinking of.



That's right. I...I want to become a king, then use my unlimited might to conquer Tarsyllia.



Then what does your power system look like? For example, what is the basis of your power?



System? Power means no one can disobey my orders! I can do whatever I want!



If I grant that wish, you will be overthrown immediately! Think about this carefully.



Power is a wonderful thing. It only works properly with a very strict set of requirements.



Power can be built on military power, money, faith or blood-line. Each one can be a double-edged sword...



So I want you to think carefully, before making your wish.



My wish is very simple. What are you blabbering so much for?



Looks like you still don't understand it. Let me give you a simple example. Say you wish to fly, so I let you fly, and then I leave. What happens to you?



Wait to die? Or would you rather first learn how to control your wings and fly?



What bullshit are you spouting now? I said power, not flying. Give me enough power, it's just that simple....



Power is far harder to control than a pair of wings!



Once I have the power, I'll know exactly how to use it!



Really? Then listen. Who will enforce your power? Who will relay it, maintain it, guarantee this great power?



Do you think that the power you seek will keep people from trying to overthrow you?



An army. Give me a loyal army and that'll solve it! Haha!



So you are changing your wish? You want to become a commander, using plunder and war to grasp at power?



Great, you're finally thinking more clearly. Clear thought will teach you...



No, I don't want to fight! Hell, I just want to taste power, not experience war! I'm sick of the endless killing!



I am disappointed that's not what you wanted...but you still have yet to answer my question.



Money, then! I will use money to control the world, and hold onto my power!



Hahaha! Why didn't I think of this earlier? With money, I'll have armies, priests, treasuries...right, let's just go with this!



Not a bad idea. Then tell me, how will you govern all of Tarsyllia's economy?



This question is no more complex than the last. Have you thought through it?



Just give me infinite money already!



You're using money as a proxy for power? So you've changed your wish again. You should know that by definition, an endless amount of money...



...would destroy the entire purpose of an economy! The very basis of your power would collapse!



Forget about power. As long as I have money, I can be what I want, enjoy what I want!



Anything I could do with power, I could also do with money. And much more simply, haha!



Simpler sure, and also more boring. If you actually wish for it, then tell me..



Do you want a lucrative business, or the location of some buried treasure, or maybe the lost secrets to alchemy?



A dragon's treasure is still finite, no matter how large, and I have no head for business. As for alchemy...hahaha!



That wizard at the bottom of these steps had wanted to ask you for the alchemic formula to eternal life...hah...wait!



Can...can you make me immortal? Power, money, none of it matters if I'm dead!



If I had unlimited time, I could get any of those with my own two hands!



Think carefully. Do you know what eternity means? To be honest, I do not...



Among us immortals, we have a theory: Only through death can we understand eternity...



Then please enlighten me. What does immortality mean to you?



To never die, and live forever. It's that simple. You can do it, can't you?



Based on what you described, I could turn you to stone easily, and then imprison you in some half-dimension void, let you live there forever...



Of course, I wouldn't do such a thing, so let me ask you again. Have you thought this through? Don't try to trick me!



Um...eternal youth...I wouldn't age.



Only your body? I can do it, but your spirit will still age!



How will my spirit age? Even with a eternally young body?



It will, but I can't explain it to you. Let's just say you can have eternal youth!



But you can still get hurt and killed...would you be satisfied with that?



Then make it so I can't get killed.



Think, learn how to think! Only dead people can't be killed!



Then based on what you're saying, this wish would be pretty worthless, huh?



No, it's worthwhile, just not for you. Because it can't satisfy your heart!



Think carefully about your wish, and get some insight. Ask your heart, ask your soul...



What do you actually want? I'll give you time enough!



Have Irvay change her mind, and leave that bastard. I want to be first in her heart!



This wish isn't hard right? You also won't have as many of those tedious questions.



I don't mind being used as a love potion or aphrodisiac...



If you've thought through it, I can make it become reality.



I want her true love! You bastard, not some...



Is there a difference?



Give me...make me a friend. Someone with Beck's honesty and Kulo's sense of humor...



With Silund's smile and Cabo's stubbornness. Can you?



These people's bodies are still around. WHY don't you ask me to resurrect them?



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Sorry. I didn't know it was you who killed them...



Are you sure this is the wish you want?



You actually don't want to grant me a wish, do you?



Wrong! Every second I stay on this earth requires an immense cost!



I have a million ways to misinterpret your wish, and have you disappear! But I would rather you learn how to think!



Once you learn to think, only then can you understand yourself, and what you truly want!



Can you let me start over? I mean, start at the very beginning!



Start my life over...



Starting over means you'd disappear...it's as if your spirit died. It's a rejection of your fate. Are you sure?



There's no rush. I'll give you enough...time...to think!





You're back, Ynir...why are you all torn up? You need to be careful in the material world! Wait, were you trying to prove your source theory again? This isn't like before. We're weak in the material world. Just answer the summons and fulfill the contract as simply as possible. Don't stir up any more trouble than you have to....



Finalia, you don't know how close I was this time. The knight that found the sacrificial altar...he was so close. HE had already studied how to think. My source theory is different from yours, it needs to be validated by the existence of someone from the material world. So I will continue to research, even if it costs my everything!



I will prove to you the origin of the world was deliberate thought. There's no way our existence was an accident.

I have to thank you for your trip this time. You created this world from thought, and now you used a dream to escape back to it!



From one angle, your behavior proves my theory: the earth came from the void, and so it must be of the void.



I can't find another way -- to rigorously grant his wish...HUMans never understand what exactly they want. I tried guiding his thoughts, but...in the end he picked a dream he would never wake from. In the dream, he could have everything he wanted for free. He could understand everything, face his fears as he wanted....You tricked me, Finalia, I must admit. His ending was a point for your side. But maybe, in his dreams, there is a world being born. And even if it's a thought without direction, it still fits into my theory, because pointless as it is, it's not the void!



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