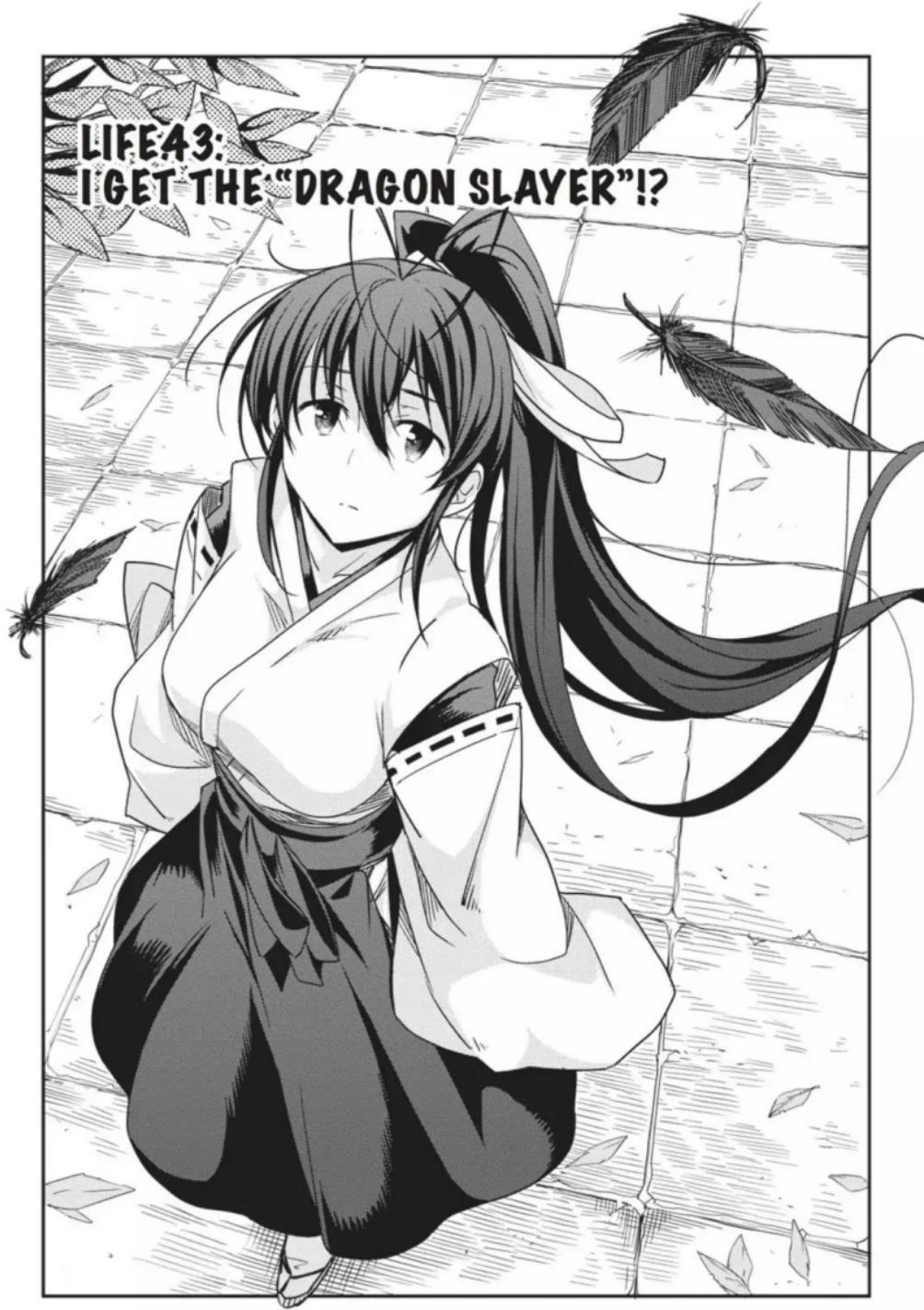


LIFE 43:
I GET THE "DRAGON SLAYER"!?



NO PROB.
I HAD
THE TIME.
BUT WHAT'S
THIS ABOUT?
I HEARD THE
PRESIDENT'S
SHOWING UP
LATER.

I'M SORRY
FOR CALLING
YOU HERE SO
SUDDENLY.

AND YOU
DON'T NEED
TO BE THERE,
AKENO-
SAN?

RIAS IS
FINALIZING
THE DETAILS
OF THE
CONFERENCE
WITH
SIRZECHE-
SAMA.

HERE...
BUT THIS
IS A
SHRINE...

THEY HAVE
GRAYFIA-SAMA
WITH THEM.
AND THERE'S
SOMEONE
COMING HERE
WHOM I MUST
GREET.





I AM
MICHAEL,
LEADER
OF THE
ANGELS.

PLEASED
TO MEET
YOU ISSEI
HYOUDOU-
KUN OF THE
RED DRAGON
EMPEROR.





I SEE THE UPCOMING CONFERENCE AS A CHANCE FOR THE THREE GREAT POWERS TO MAKE PEACE.

BUT WHY'M I GETTING SOMETHING SO IMPORTANT ...?

YOUR SACRED GEAR RESPONDS TO YOUR DESIRES. SHOULD YOU WILL IT, IT CAN BE DONE.

AZAZEL DOES NOT SEEK ANOTHER WAR EITHER, OR AT LEAST HE CLAIMS NOT TO. HENCE THIS CHANCE.

IN THE WAR, WE LOST OUR GOD, THE CREATOR. THE DEVILS LOST THEIR FORMER DEVIL KINGS, AND THE FALLEN ANGELS ALSO SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES.

IN RETURN, THE DEVILS HAVE DONATED TO US A NUMBER OF THE RUMORED HOLY DEVIL SWORDS.

THIS HOLY SWORD IS A GIFT FROM US ANGELS TO THE DEVILS. NATURALLY, WE'VE ALSO GIVEN TO THE FALLEN ANGEL CAUSE.

TO SAY NOTHING OF OUR FEAR OF OTHER Factions.

IF THE CURRENT, SMALL-SCALE CONFLICTS CONTINUE, WE ALL FACE EXTINCTION.

...WHAT'RE THOSE?
FIRST I'M HEARING OF 'EM...

OTHER LEGENDARY FACTIONS ARE WRITTEN OF IN THE BIBLE.

...SO THE THREE POWERS WANNA MAKE PEACE AT THIS CONFERENCE... BUT WHAT ABOUT THESE "OTHER" POWERS...?



BUT WHO CAN SAY HOW THEY MIGHT REACT TO THE DEATH OF THE CHRISTIAN GOD? THE THREE GREAT POWERS HAVE AGREED TO KEEP THAT SECRET.

NORMALLY THEY WOULDN'T DARE REACH BEYOND THEIR OWN TERRITORY, BECAUSE OF TACIT PEACE AGREEMENTS.

FOR YOU WILL NO DOUBT BE TARGETED BY KING-CLASS DRAGONS AND THE VANISHING DRAGON FROM NOW ON.

...WE DECIDED TO GREET YOU FORMALLY AND HAND OVER THIS GIFT AS A SIGN OF GOOD FAITH.

WHEN WE LEARNED THAT OUR ENEMY OF THE PAST, THE WELSH DRAGON, HAD FOUND ITS WAY INTO A DEVIL...



SORRY
FOR
BEING SO
PATHETIC!
I SWEAR
I'M
DOING MY
BEST...!

GAKU
(SLUMP)

THIS
SEEMED
THE PERFECT
BIT OF
ASSISTANCE
FOR YOU,
RUMORED TO
BE HISTORY'S
WEAKEST
DRAGON
VESSEL.

THOSE TWO
INTERRUPTED
OUR WAR
AND THREW
OUR BATTLE-
FIELDS INTO
CHAOS.

THE THREE
POWERS DID
UNITE ONCE
IN THE PAST
IN ORDER
TO DEFEAT
THE RED
AND WHITE
DRAGONS.

CAN I
REALLY
HAVE
IT?

TECHNIQUES
FROM EACH
FACTION
WERE USED,
SO EVEN
A DRAGON-
POWERED
DEVIL LIKE
YOU CAN
RECEIVE IT.

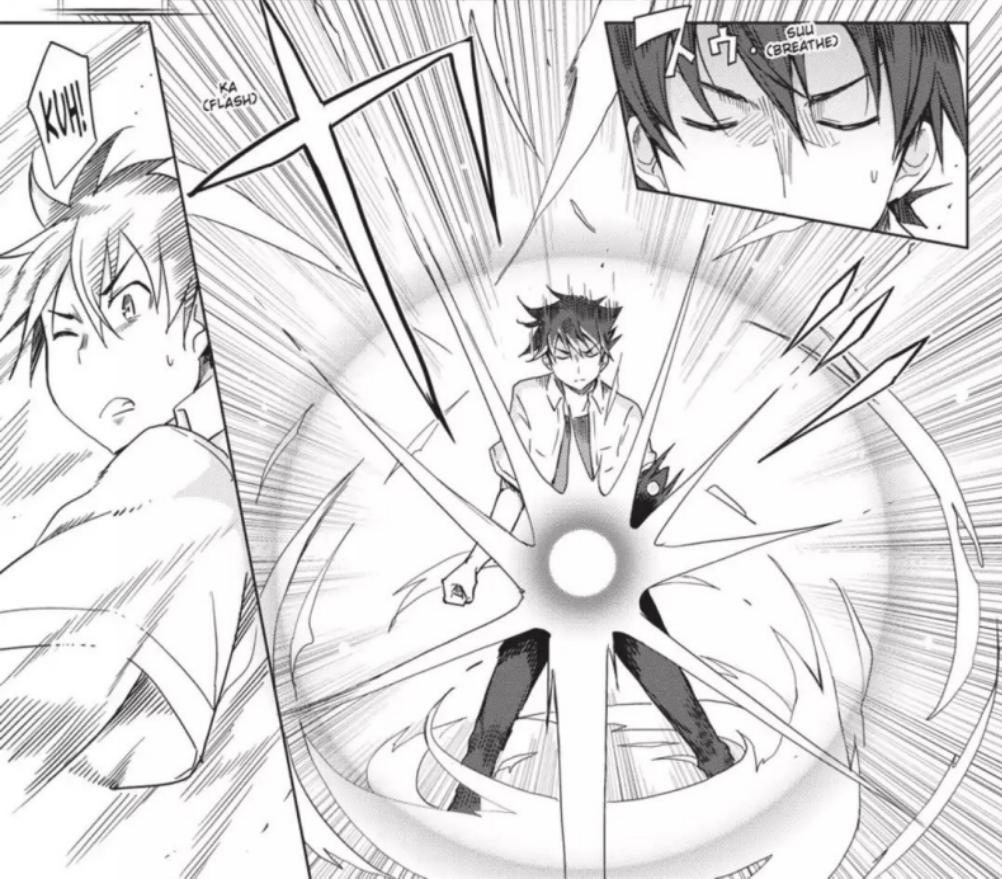
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FINAL
MODIFICA-
TIONS TO
THE SWORD
WERE DONE
HERE AT
THIS VERY
SHRINE.

IF THE HEAD
HONCHO ANGEL
SAYS IT WITH A
SMILE, IT MUST BE
TRUE...BUT CAN
I REALLY TOUCH
THAT SWORD? A
DRAGON-SLAYING
HOLY SWORD
SOUNDS LIKE DOUBLE
TROUBLE FOR ME!!

NOW, AS THEN,
WE SUE FOR
PEACE, SO WE
WOULD PREFER
TO HAVE THE RED
DRAGON EMPEROR
ON THE SIDE OF
HARMONY. VERY
JAPANESE OF
US, NO?

R-
RIGHT.
SURE
...

=
"NIKO
(SMILE)



...IT
REALLY
FUSED
TO ME.

DAA
(GLOW)

TH-
THERE'S
SOMETHING
I WANNA
SAY TO
YOU.

PLEASE
SAVE IT
FOR THE
CONFERENCE,
OR PERHAPS
AFTERWARD.
WORRY
NOT—
I WILL
LISTEN
THEN.

AHH

WITH
THAT,
I MUST
BE OFF.

WELL
DONE
INDEED.



THE BOND THEY FORMED THAT DAY LED TO MY CONCEPTION.

MY MOTHER WAS A SHRINE MAIDEN, AND ONE DAY, SHE SAVED THE FALLEN ANGEL BARAQUEL, WHO HAD BEEN WOUNDED IN BATTLE—

...YES. MY MOTHER WAS HUMAN, AND MY FATHER WAS BARAQUEL, AN OFFICER OF THE FALLEN ANGELS.

FU-FU-FU. I SUPPOSE IT'S FITTING THOUGH, FOR ONE WITH SULLIED BLOOD FLOWING THROUGH HER VEINS.

THESE CORRUPTED WINGS...I HATED THEM SO MUCH I CHOSE TO BECOME A DEVIL. BUT NOW, WITH THE FALLEN ANGEL WINGS I WAS BORN WITH AND THESE DEVIL WINGS AS WELL, I'M AN EVEN MORE REPULSIVE BEING...

BA
HEAD

THEY KILLED BOTH YOU AND ASIA-CHAN, AND THEY THREATENED TO DESTROY THIS CITY. I DON'T IMAGINE YOU HAVE ANY POSITIVE FEELINGS FOR THEM.

WELL,
ISSEI-KUN?
YOU HATE
FALLEN
ANGELS,
YES?

...RIGHT.

...I DO
HATE FALLEN
ANGELS...

I
THOUGHT
SO...

BUT I
LIKE YOU,
AKENO-
SAN.



...NO.
THAT
JUST
MAKES
ME...THE
WORST
KIND OF
WOMAN.

BUT I HAVE
FALLEN ANGEL
BLOOD IN ME.
HOW ARE YOU
OKAY WITH THAT?
MAYBE I ONLY
TRIED GETTING
CLOSE TO YOU
BECAUSE I
DIDN'T WANT
YOU HATING ME.

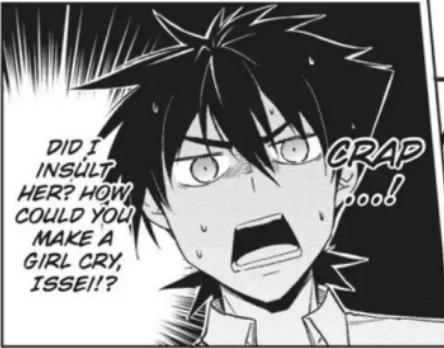
I MIGHT
HATE FALLEN
ANGELS, YEAH,
BUT EVEN IF THEIR
BLOOD'S IN YOU,
YOU'RE STILL JUST
AKENO-SAN...

I DON'T
CARE ABOUT
ANY OF THAT.
IN THE END,
YOU'RE MY
KIND SENPAI,
AKENO-SAN.

OH BOY.
WHAT
AM I
SAYING?

...SORRY.
I MUST
SOUND LIKE
SUCH A
SENSITIVE
SAP.

SO
I STILL
LIKE YOU.
NOTHING'S
CHANGED.





U-FU-FU.
WON'T YOU
LET ME SPOIL
YOU MORE,
ISSEI-KUN?
I'LL EVEN PROVIDE
YOU WITH A LAP
PILLOW IN THE
PRESIDENT'S
STEAD.

EH?
S-SERI-
OUSLY!?

YES, THIRD.
I ACTUALLY DON'T
THINK IT'S A BAD
POSITION. THE
"FORBIDDEN LOVE"
ASPECT FIRES
ME UP.

UZU
(EAGER)

I-I
CAN'T GO
ACTING SO
INFORMALLY
WITH YOU,
SENPAI!

AND ISSEI—
JUST CALL
ME AKENO.

A.....
AKENO

...JUST
ONCE,
THEN.
PLEASE.







P-
P-P-P-
PRESI-
DENT!

TH-
THIS IS,
UM....!

I CAN
NEVER BE
TOO CAREFUL...
REALLY? A LAP
PILLION OTHER
THAN MY OWN
...?







ALWAYS
ITCHING FOR
A FIGHT...
HOW TYPICAL
FOR ONE
POSSESSED
BY A DRAGON.
YOU'RE NOT
THE TYPE
TO LIVE
LONG.

...HEY,
AZAZEL.
WE'RE
NOT GOING
TO WAR
ANYMORE?



THAT'S
THE WHITE
DRAGON
EMPEROR
FOR YOU.
AND AFTER
YOU BEAT THE
STRONGEST
GUYS OUT
THERE, WHAT
NEXT?

10
PACHIN
(SNIP)

INTO A
WORLD
WITH
NO GOD...
I WANTED
TO TRY
KILLING
HIM.

THAT'S
FINE. A LONG
LIFE DOESN'T
INTEREST ME.
IT'S JUST A
SHAME I WAS
BORN IN THIS
ERA.

—DEATH.

I HAVE NO
INTEREST
IN SUCH
A DULL
WORLD.



high school
box

high school
go x go