**--You choose to accept--**

“You have made the right choice traveller,” the figure says before signalling with her hand. Soft thuds echoed behind you. You turn your head to see 4 other hooded figures behind you. You knew that given any situation, they could take you out in an instant.

“My name is Faye,” you turn back to the woman. You can almost see the smile on her face. “You will now come with us to our hideout where we start our operations in this town.” You nod and start to follow her to the thieves’ hideout.

“Hey so you decided to join the band of thieves huh?” Startled at the sudden close proximately of the voice, you jump slightly.

“Narrator! I almost forgot you were there! Whew, don’t scare me like that.”

“Not my problem,” Narrator said in a singalong voice. You could almost see her shrug smugly. “Interesting choice my mischievous friend. Be wary that your choices will affect your future greatly.” You wonder what she means, but before you have time to ask you are interrupted by Faye. “We have arrived.”

You blink and look at your surroundings. There are stacks of wooden boxes but no door around. Where was the entrance?

As if reading your mind Faye points above the wooden boxes where it was stacked up to the second floor patio. You realize that you must climb the boxes to get up to the hideout. You climb up the makeshift stairs and reach the patio. The other five jump to the patio. Frowning, you say, “I wish I could do that too.”

Faye only chuckles before opening the entrance.

The inside is lit with various candles around the room. The fires dances as if to welcome their masters. The main room took the most space and sidelined by several rooms divided by tatami walls, two on each side. The floor was made of smooth bamboo and the front door was nonexistent. *They look like ninjas*, you thought.

Faye gestures to the main room. “This is where you will train to be a thief, but before this we will tell you what our goal is. At the moment, we are in conflict with the paladins. A decade ago, they were sent to the village in which we resided in and waged war with us without warning. There was a fierce battle in which both sides incurred many losses.”

“They wiped out many of our family, friends and comrades. The five of us are the only ones left in our tribe.” Faye gestures to the five around you. “Laurel, the village’s elder had predicted the paladins’ move, but also predicted that the battle would be a draw. He foresaw that many would die and a traveller in the future would join our ranks to have revenge on them. He had died in the war, but his spirit still lives with us. It was his spirit that told us you were coming.”

“I’m sorry for your loss,” you console.

“It is fine, we have moved on from the past and decided that we would take revenge. Will you participate, dear traveller?”

You nod.

“Thank you traveller, may the heaven’s smile on your gold and riches,” Faye bows on her knees. “You will be trained by us for the next year, I would like you to select your main weapon.” Faye brings out two different weapons and places them in front of you. On the right, deadly sharp throwing knives where the right precision would instantly kill someone. On the left, two daggers for dual-wielding.

**--Choose the throwing knives or daggers--**