

tomorrow with it practicing, then you might have a chance". Luke looks down at his weapon, "a chance to win...".

"No, we aren't doing that" Julius states as he enters the room, "by then the strongest player will be ready for battle, we need to take an early offensive". Daniel explains calmly, "I understand that, but without getting stronger, Luke will be an easy target. Even if the Wodsnell player fully recovers his mana, he still is going to have to fight Richer and Nebuchadnezzar at some point, which is certain doom for him". Julius states sternly, "that's not a given that he loses". Daniel sighs, "so then you want to kill the one who actually has a chance of beating those two?". "Those two cannot win the wish, we don't need to kill them at all, just hold them back for long enough". Luke taps Julius on the shoulder, "why can't she just get rid of all of their mana like she did with Lander?". Daniel answers his question, "that only worked because he already used up a lot of his mana. Also any magician with the ability to fully control their mana can defend against that attack, which is a technique that even you could use. Meaning that boy is quite the novice. However, I believe I most likely taught that boy the technique by attacking his mana like that".

"So would you lose if you fought against Richer or Nebuchadnezzar?" Luke asks with concern. "In terms of pure power, I'm slightly stronger than Nebuchadnezzar, but the difference is that I have restraint. Considering my restraint and Nebuchadnezzar's blood lust, he will always beat me in a fight. Richer is much stronger than the both of us, but his fake Philosopher's Stone drains his power quickly. Even so I would say he is very slightly stronger than myself" Daniel explains with no concern. "How can you not be concerned if you're the weakest and both of them are coming after us?" Luke asks with his jaw dropped. "Because as I said before, it is not very likely you are going to win, and with Nebuchadnezzar's goal being to continue Ur, if you were to die, me and Nebuchadnezzar would both make sure Ur end in a tie" Daniel explains. "So you would join forces with Neb-" "We're done speaking" Daniel snaps, and stomps away.

"Rome hosted many of Daniel's people, even in my time they were treated horribly. I tried my best to help them, learn their culture and history, but even so my enemies kept them held down. Even compared to all the atrocities I witnessed myself, Nebuchadnezzar was far worse. His horrors were too great to even put into the writings you have read about him. To this day, even thousands of years later, that wound still hurts in Daniel's heart. That is why her wish is for peace, to make up for such horrors he saw" Julius explains with sorrow in his voice. "Wait, didn't the King turn to God and become friends with Daniel?" Luke attempts to remember. "I don't know the details, but it seems like it was only temporary in the end he seemed to have reverted to his old ways". Luke and Julius stand in silence in respect for the tragedy just spoken of.

Then Luke breaks the silence, "I have another question...". "Speak your question" Julius commands. "Phantom Azoth summons an object, so how does Lander preform the feat that he does? It's almost like he summons an entire world..." Luke laments having to face it again someday. "This is a technique that cannot be taught, and I have only heard about inside the games. Normally, it is so advanced that no magician could live long enough to master it, but there is a shortcut to achieving it. The technique is to summon one singular, specific memory you have. The shortcut is achieved by the memory being so scarring that it becomes completely instinctual for the user to use. It is almost as if that memory is who they are as a person, so there is nothing else they could even imagine summoning. Considering his young age, and the fires and hellscape his summons, he must have witnessed something horrible" Julius explains without any sympathy in the tone of his voice, even though his words express such. Luke looks to the floor with eyes full of shame, "is it even fair to kill someone like