

to his little schemes he always pulls” the woman explains with sorrow in her voice. “If you kill my master, then I will kill you” Luke demands. The woman looks at Luke with disappointment in her eyes, “boy, you don’t need a master, let alone one like him. But ok, we’ll let him live under two conditions, for one I will stay with both of you to make sure neither of you cause too much trouble. Then the second condition is that when you win, you wish for peace to be brought to this world. Whether that means death, freedom, or no conflict, it does not matter. Just any wish to end this”. Luke looks back at Julius, “if we win Ur, what wish did you want?”. The woman points her index finger and pulls it back, all the angels drag Julius towards them and let go of his face to allow him to speak, “you will wish for our freedom from here. Since our hands are tied you will include Daniel into that wish as well”. “Who’s Daniel?” Luke asks. “I am” the woman states, dropping Luke’s jaw to the floor. She explains, “Daniel was the name given to me by God. I entered these games in hopes of stopping Nebuchadnezzar from wishing evil upon the children of God. In the end, I failed to stop him from winning, but he ended up rejecting the wish in order for Ur to continue. If you are willing to make the wish to free us, then I can force that man to end Ur”.

Luke looks at Julius for approval, whose face remains the same, “can we trust this woman?”. “Yes, and that is the problem. She will never change her mind once it’s decided” Julius admits. Daniel smiles, “it is the job of the righteous to never change their mind”. Daniel points at the ground and all her angels return to her, and embrace her. Once they do, they fade back into her aura, “I am in charge now, you two will both listen to me. That rambunctious player needs 3 days to recharge his mana, so we will spend that time at the edge of Ur, and we will not move unless I say so. During that time I will train you young one to win Ur and free us”.

Luke feels an odd sense of disdain towards Daniel. Only an hour ago he was perfectly willing to be killed by Julius, but now when given a command, he feels the need to push back, to do something else. Luke clenches his fists and shouts, “I will accept these terms, but after the 3 days, me and Julius are free to do as we wish! At the end of everything I will wish for all 3 of us to leave Ur!”. Daniel holds out her hand, “wonderful, let’s shake on it”. The two shake hands, and as they do, the angels crawl out of Daniel once again and their hands form a star shape around them, teleporting them away. The trio arrives at a medieval castle. Julius’ head darts back and forth, Daniel places a hand on his shoulder, “it’s ok, you’re not in danger. This has been my home, all the other non players are too scared to come near my base”. Julius pushes her hand off of his shoulder, “I don’t believe you, I will continue to keep myself and the boy safe”. Daniel sighs, “I hope you’re not going to be like this the whole 3 days. Take a seat and relax”.

Luke speaks up, “what is that training you wanted to do?”. “Yes, it seems you prefer using Primera Azoth, can you use any other techniques?” Daniel asks. “None. Not even basic ones” Luke answers slightly less embarrassed than before. “I see, well I’m going to try my best to train you considering I can’t use Primera Azoth at all” Daniel says casually. “What?! How are you going to teach me something you don’t know?!” Luke snaps. “Simple, I know how to perform Primera Azoth, I simply choose not to, because I do not wish to hurt anyone, so I vow not to use such devastating techniques”. Julius laughs, “so you help someone else learn a devastating technique and watch him kill, then wash your hands of it?!”. Daniel answers Julius without looking at him, “you seem to be mixing me up with a pacifist. If the evil enemies of God refuse to yield, I will not yield in my strike against them”. This stops his laughter, and Daniel continues her answer, “though, I also believe in second chances, and one cannot have one without mercy. That is why my mercy is stronger than your bloodlust, evil emperor. Mercy holds the weight of life, and the future, while you will simply leave nothingness”. Julius does not answer this, whether this is because he has no answer, or choosing not to respond remains unclear. “Ah yes, your training” Daniel remembers, “grab a pole or a stick, anything