

Author's note:

Hi! This is the second edition of the article, please note the following.

I am a Light Novel reader of the 転生したらスライムだった件 (Regarding that time I got reincarnated as a Slime), I've caught up with Volume 13 of the Japanese release and have only read through the Web Novel and Manga afterward, I'm more familiar with the LN plot than the WN's.

This article will mainly detail the character, plot differences between the LN and WN, I will also account in details of new or highly altered storyline. I hope this article will one day be turned into a community effort for documenting all the differences among different medium of Slime (LN, WN, Manga, Animations and other spin-offs)

In this edition, I have covered the full saga of the new storyline of Devil's Secret Maneuver arc (Volume 10 – 11) in the light novel, with corrections and additions of details from the last edition. With volume 13.5 about to release soon, I'm taking a break before adding Volume 12 and 13 to the article.

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SPOILER ALERT

This passage is intended for readers who are highly interested in where the Light Novel is heading and has no issue with being spoiled on both the WN story and LN new stories.

For a more spoiler free answer to the question, I highly recommend a reddit post regarding the same question (the author also included all the additional fights in the LN, very good post!). Link is below:

https://www.reddit.com/r/TenseiSlime/comments/a1q3ry/spoiler_differences_between_ln_and_wn/

All set? Let's dive into the LN parallel universe.

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Part 1: Rimuru's Debut

WN: Empowerment Arc, Forest Disturbance Arc, Life in Royal Capital Arc

LN: Volume 1 - 4

(Empowerment Arc)

38 y/o Satoru was stabbed to death in real life and reincarnated as a slime. He was named Rimuru after encountering the tempest dragon in the cave he spawned and proceeded to gain more power, adventure the forest, gathered companions and eventually ran into Shizue. Rimuru takes over Shizue's will after consuming her and gained some new abilities

(LN Volume 1)

Identical compared to Empowerment arc.

1. Shizue had a more **detailed origin story** interluded in the volume



Fig: Shizu Backstory Illustration

(Forest Disturbance Arc)

The Orc King has invaded the Jura Forest, Rimuru encountered the vengeful Ogre tribe who will later become his closest companions. Rimuru teams up with other races in the forest to defeat the orc king and began construction of a city/country.

(LN Volume 2)

Until the end of orc disaster battle not much alteration.

1. Details regarding the formation of Jura Forest alliance has been added¹;
2. Details in naming the orcs;

¹ **Manga** had additional scene of Geld apologizing to the Kijins, this is not in the LN

3. Introduction of Laplace (the greedy Jester) early on in the series
4. Added Scene **Meeting between Clayman and Laplace**

(Life in the Royal Capital Arc) “*” means Revised Chronology (either altered or moved to other volume)

Rimuru's actions gained the attention of the demon lords; Rimuru meets with dwarven king Gazel and signs a peace treaty with him;

Milim and two of Clayman, Karion's Majin² subordinates travelled to Tempest city to observe Rimuru, the other two hid their identity while Milim directly confronted Rimuru, it's quickly tamed by words.

Youmu visits Tempest city along with Cabal's party due to sighting of monsters, rendezvous with Rimuru who decided to visit human cities.

*Myulan is working with Karion's Beastman Majin to infiltrate the city (encounters Youmu outside the city)

Rimuru visits human city and began his trading career, register as Adventurer and continued to other countries for diplomatic matters.

Rimuru meets Yuuki and had a pleasant chat about manga with him

*Milim meets Frey after leaving, “Tricked” to be mind-controlled by Clayman

Rimuru meets the Children summoned from otherworld and began to instruct them; Rimuru learnt from Yuuki the children may die in near future

*Hinata and Nicholas (ニコラウス) are introduced in intermission

*Karion confronts Milim and Frey and was presumed killed

*Youmu confesses to Myulan, Myulan backstory revealed

Rimuru figures out how to save the children through spirit possessing and visit Ramiris' maze. Children receive spirits (Chloe receive special spirit, Ramiris strangely OP); Summoned Beretta.

(LN Volume 3-4)³

(Volume 3)

1. Alteration of Gazel's fight scene + Hakuro and Gazel are master-student relationship
2. Additional scenes of city development and evening meeting between Gazel
3. Additional scene **Zegion and Apito first appearance**⁴
4. **Milim's Arrival was portrayed as a surprise visit by herself, Majin sent by Karion and Frey arrived later and was unaware of Milim's presence. Myulan has already been stationed by Clayman in private to surveillance the capital**
5. Rimuru gives Milim honey to calm her down and had the same conversation with her about “purpose of being a demon lord”
6. Additional slice of life content with Milim
7. **Youmu⁵ role changed** as leader of adventure party to investigate Orclord, Rimuru appointed him as the hero who killed Orclord and he stayed in Tempest to train with Hakuro
8. **New Storyline: Fabio⁶ (フオビオ) (One Karion's three beast champions) visits tempest, gets beat up by Milim and became hostile towards Rimuru and tempest. Later is confronted by Tear and Footman, was directed to Charybdis spirit and directly caused the Rimuru, Gazel Party + Milim against Charybdis**

² Majin (魔人) is translated to 'Demon'/'Devil' in the English WN, it's a weird choice of word as all non-human beings can be considered a Majin in Slime series. Demon (悪魔) is however an unique species in Slime, e.g. Diablo

³ This is the start of Fuse Sensei “I feel so good writing that I can't stop myself from adding new stuff”

⁴ Manga only included one panel of the two in their insect form + later explanation for having Honey

⁵ ヨウム, Other English translated name: Youm

⁶ Other English translated name: Phobio



Fig: Footman, Tear meet Fabio

9. Additional backstory of Myulan and meeting with Clayman

10. Additional scene of **Karion and Rimuru meeting, declared friendly relationship**

(Volume 4)

1. **Additional storyline of Visit to Karion's kingdom⁷**; Introduction of the **three Beast champions** and **Grucius** (グルーシス); Grucius later joins Youmu to train under Hakuro



Fig: (left) Beast Champions (right) Youmu vs Grucius

⁷ 獣王国ユーラザニア

2. Additional scenes of Laplace, Clayman meeting
3. **Kagurazaka Yuuki** (神楽坂優樹) meeting with Rimuru altered, included Rimuru – Yuuki exchange blows with Rimuru upon hearing the death of Shizue (consumed by Rimuru) (hinting Yuuki's fighting ability⁸) but was quickly tamed after Rimuru reveals his identity as a reincarnated Japanese (bribed with manga)



Fig: Yuuki exchange blow with Rimuru

4. **Altered character Myourmiles⁹**, saved by Rimuru on trading route and later invited Rimuru to local hostess club, leading to the **revelation of Ramiris' maze by one of the elf residents.**



Fig: Myourmiles Debut

⁸ Kazaream (ザリーム) was Yuuki's assistant in the **Manga** and was not explicitly referenced in the Light novel during the meeting

⁹ Previously Myourmiles only appears more in the Founding of Demon Capital arc

5. Alterations to spirit accepting rituals, Ramiris' abilities are nerfed and did nothing during Chloe's possession
6. In epilogue the emergency message was sent by Souei's shadow clone
7. **Altered chronology**¹⁰: **Sakaguchi Hinata** (坂口日向) **Fight takes place in epilogue**. Volume ends in cliff hanger after Rimuru's activation of Gluttony.¹¹



Fig: Hinata first appearance

Part 2: Making of Eight Star Demon Lords

WN: Birth of a Demon Lord Arc, Confrontation of Saint and Demon Arc

LN: Volume 5 - 7

The added details, new scenes and altered storyline of this part will set up for major deviation of story progress in the light novel compared to Web Novel. Buckle up.

(Birth of a Demon Lord Arc)

*Rimuru is confronted by Hinata and proceeded to fight her, ending with a close draw. Rimuru successfully fled. Rimuru returns Tempest to discover the Falmas army has sent their knights to commit mass murdering of the local residents, this accompanied by the use of AOE magic by Myurran led to the death of dozens of Tempest residents including Shion.

Rimuru decides to use Falmas army as sacrifice to evolve to demon lord.

Rimuru confronts Falmas army and massacred 15000 soldiers, capturing the King

Rimuru summons Diablo to take care of the remaining 13 survivors (including Cardinal), then proceed to initiate his demon lord evolution, Great Sage evolves to Raphael and took control of Rimuru's body (thus the proceeding actions have all been done by Raphael)

Rimuru during the evolution gathers the deceased residents' spirit and resurrected them

Rimuru successfully evolved to Demon lord and proceeded to name Diablo

Great Sage evolved to Raphael and completed analysis of Veldora's infinite prison¹². Rimuru proceeded to release Veldora and grant him human body. *(End of Volume 5 plot)*

Rimuru holds meeting with Tempest cabinet, Veldora, Ramiris and Dwarven kingdom representative. Ramiris informed Rimuru Clayman framing him for the murder of Karion

¹⁰ Refer to WN Birth of Demon Lord Arc Hinata confrontation

¹¹ Note that Yuuki does not have brainwash power in the LN, we will discuss more about his ability in LN volume 10

¹² Skill used by ex-Yuusha that trapped Veldora

Demon lords on their way to the meeting, Introduction of all the other demon lords¹³:

- Dino (ディーノ), Dagrue (ダグリュール), Ruminas Valentine (ルミナス・バレンタイン), Guy Crimson (ギイ・クリムゾン), Leon Cromwell (レオン・クロムウエル)

Rimuru travels to Demon lord meeting on Veldora with Ramiris and Shion

Rimuru meets with the other demon lords, *Shion beats Dagrue's sons and they wanted to be Shion's students

Rimuru confronts Clayman, Clayman discovers Milim was not mind-controlled;

*Clayman takes out a soul gem, attempting to evolve to awakened demon lord but was interjected by Rimuru,

Rimuru consumed his hand, gem and his unique skill puppeteer.

Ten Demon lord is changed to Eight Star Demon Lord¹⁴

(Volume 5 – 6)

(Volume 5)

1. **Altered Chronology: Karion vs Milim + Frey Battle** as Prologue, this occurs one to two weeks prior to Rimuru's battle with Hinata (in LN).
2. **Altered Chronology and added storyline: Myurran** infiltrates Tempest as adventurer¹⁵ with Youmu's party, rendezvous with Grucius and started training under Hakuro
3. Youmu, Myurran, Grucius love triangle



Fig: (Left to Right) Grucius, Myurran and Youmu

4. Added storyline: Falmas Cabinet meeting and reasons for invading Tempest elaborated
5. **New Characters:** Taguchi Seigo (田口省吾), Tachibana Kyoya (橘恭弥), Mizutani Kirara (水谷希星)¹⁶. All three are otherworld travelers with unique abilities + backstory

¹³ Dino with Dagrue, Guy with Leon and Ruminas is in her kingdom

¹⁴ End of Arc 4 includes Character skill tree <http://gurotranslation.blogspot.com/2015/08/Character-Introduction-Slime.html>

¹⁵ Myurran hid her Majin identity, was not revealed until after Falmas riot (in WN Rimuru claims to "have known her identity as Majin")

¹⁶ For future reference, their Hiragana name: ショウゴ・タグチ, キョウヤ・タチバナ, キララ・ミズタニ



Fig: (top to bottom) Taguchi, Tachibana and Mizutani

6. **Added Scenes + extended storyline:** Falmas Knight in plain clothes with the three otherworld travelers (Falmas Heroes) attempts to cause riot in Tempest, was stopped by Gobuta and Shune, led to direct confrontation Taguchi + Tachibana vs Shion + Hakuro;



Fig: Shion vs Taguchi (Shune on right)

7. Added scenes: Myurran applying AOE magic successfully but was discovered by Youmu and Grucius.
8. **Altered Chronology:** Benimaru informed of Karion kingdom's destruction in a week, accepting refugees

9. Added scenes: Rimuru's return to Tempest, **visiting injured Gobuta + Hakuro, analyzing enemy type, discovering Shion body**
10. **Additional scenes: Myurran identity revelation and redemption¹⁷** (setting her free from Clayman control)
11. Rimuru and subordinate confronts Falmas invasion together featuring several **new fights and additional storyline**
 - (a) Benimaru, Souei, Gabil, Gobuta vs Falmas Knights
 - (b) Hakuro + Geld vs Otherworld Travelers



Fig: (left) Benimaru vs knights (Middle) Haruko vs Tachibana (Right) Geld vs Taguchi

12. **New Character: Larsen¹⁸(ラーゼン)** A powerful mage in the LN whose magic abilities are above the combined force of Geld and Hakuro (at the Falmas Invasion). Larsen is renowned in the western world as one of the strongest human alive (alongside Yuusha Masayuki and Hinata). This character will play a part in plot progression in later volumes¹⁹
13. More details added for the situation in the King's camp during Rimuru's God Slayer session
14. **Only 1 person (Larsen) survived and pretended to be dead**, the Kind and the Cardinal have been extracted by Ranga
15. **Added scenes for Diablo²⁰ debut: Fight with Larsen** to showcase his overwhelming strength. This led to Larsen later declaring loyalty towards Diablo²¹
16. **Shion gained new skill that makes her cooking "taste good" (but it's actually still awful, consumer's memory is altered"**
17. Epilogue revelation of Clayman being behind Frey's actions + Reveal he is a member of Moderate Harlequin Alliance²²

¹⁷ She has much more presence in LN, will relate to later volume

¹⁸ Archmage of Falmas, responsible for summoning all the otherworld Traveler in Falmas, is over 400 years old as he is able to steal others' body

¹⁹ He also stole Taguchi's body, making him appear to be a younger person in later volumes.

²⁰ 原初の黒, the Primal Black

²¹ To be more accurate, Diablo later placed curse type magic on Larsen and can sense if he betrays Rimuru.

²² 中庸道化連 (Chūyō dōke ren) or Moderate Jester Association. Organization that Laplace, Footman and Tear belonged to

(Volume 6)

1. Prologue – Laplace reports to mysterious black hair Shonen (Yuuki) and **Kazaream** (ザリーム), who are revealed to be the **leader of Moderate Jester Association**²³; Revelation of Black hair Shonen being behind all of the previous confrontations
2. **Laplace infiltrated in Ruberios city and encounters a mysterious vampire guardian**²⁴ (Additional Fight)/This becomes an important scene as (1) Laplace later realize the **real demon lord Ruminas was not the one at the demon lord meeting**; (2) Laplace was surveilling the area to plan the stealing of Chloe's coffin, thus ***the coffin was not stolen during Ruminas's leave**;



Fig: Laplace attacked by Vampire Guardian

3. During the Meeting in Tempest City, new scene of Elen²⁵ and his father **Elalude** (エラルド), Duke of **Sorcerer's Dynasty Sarion**²⁶ (魔導王朝 サリオン). Elalude confronts Rimuru (Iolicon accusation (°_°)). Characters from Sarion will be more involved in the story in later volumes.
4. Rimuru and Raphael starts deducing the one that led Hinata to fight Rimuru²⁷, **began suspecting Yuuki** (it's not documented here, later volume will reveal this suspicion)
5. Added details and interactions during Ramiris reporting to the meeting
6. Added revelations of why Falmas – Tempest war (regarding the trading issue in previous volume) + detail

²³ More characterization of Kazaream, He (she) uses 俺 (ore) and then changes into 僕 (boku) showing it is a demon lord (male) in a female body

²⁴ Louis (Roi) Valentine, one of the three servants of Ruminas

²⁵ Member of Cabal's Party, Elen (エレン)

²⁶ previously introduced in WN Chapter 54

²⁷ Hinata was not mind controlled in the LN, thus someone leaked information regarding Rimuru's real identity to Hinata and thus led Hinata to fight Rimuru. The person was Yuuki, by the medium of Cerberus (eastern merchants)

regarding the sentence towards three survivors of the Falmas confrontation (King, Cardinal and Larsen²⁸)

7. Altered storyline: **Demon lord meeting subject changed** from “Murder of Karion by poser Rimuru” to **“Regarding the emergence of self-proclaimed Demon Lord Rimuru” and “Murder of Clayman subordinate”** (Myurran, freed from Clayman control)
8. Clayman evolution to True Demon Lord predicted by Raphael here (in WN it’s during the demon meeting)
9. Added scenes of selecting subordinate to bring to demon lord meeting
10. Altered storyline: Karion is portrayed as “having betrayed the demon lord” and was thus eliminated
11. New storyline: **Milim’s worshippers²⁹ + Clayman/Milim coalition waging war against Jura Forest³⁰**
12. Added scenes: Zegion grows more powerful + Rimuru side preparation for war
13. Altered Scene: Deleted Ruminas scene (identity not revealed yet) + Leon meeting with Guy altered and extended



Fig: Guy Hirari (left) and Mizari (right)³¹

14. New Storyline and Altered Characters – **Rimuru subordinates + Karion remaining subordinates vs Clayman Coalition army:**
 - Jester³² Association (Footman, Tear) entered the battle to assist Clayman’s army
 - *Five Fingers of Clayman, five most powerful subordinate of Clayman (this includes Myurran, Adalman, the two are not at the battle)
 - Milim Dragonoid worshippers
15. Added storyline: **Infiltration of Clayman Castle – Adalman vs Shune + Souei + Hakuro**

²⁸ Larsen poses as Taguchi and hid his identity

²⁹ ミッドレイ, ヘルメス They are dragonoid species similar to Soka (ソーカ), Gabil’s sister

³⁰ Responding to Ramiris’ “this country is doomed” statement

³¹ (left)ヒラリ 原初の緑 “vert” (right)ミザリ 原初の青 “blue”

³² Or Harlequin Alliance

16. Demon Meeting – Many alterations to the scene and story progression:



Fig: Demon lords – (left to right) Dagruel, Leon, Ramiris, Guy, Milim, Karion, Ruminas Valentine (maid uniform), Clayman, Louis Valentine, Frey, Dino

- Ruminas Valentine disguised herself as maid and is accompanied by servant Louis Valentine³³ (レイ・バレンタイン) who poses as the demon lord Valentine
- Leon confronts Rimuru before the meeting
- Extended scenes of Rimuru confronting Clayman with evidence (altered storyline from the WN);
- Rimuru vs Milim, Rimuru summons Veldora (not accompanying the meeting like WN) to fight Milim
- Clayman is revealed as a member of the Moderate Harlequin Association, the laughing Jester (喜狂の道化) Clayman awoke more power after reversing back to Jester identity but was defeated by Rimuru
- Ruminas identity revealed by Milim at the end of meeting
- Leon's title changes from "The blonde Demon" (WN) to "The Platinum Saber", "The Platinum Demon"



Fig: (left) Milim vs Rimuru (Middle) Rimuru vs Clayman (Right) Ruminas identity reveal

³³ Other Translation: Roi Valentine

17. ***Important Altered storyline:** (Following Clayman Jester storyline + Changed WN Chloe storyline) **Laplace fails the attempt to infiltrate Raminas' courtyard during demon lord meeting due to encountering Hinata**, While fleeing from Ruberios, he was pursued by Louis Valentine who has returned from the meeting. **Laplace avenges Clayman by killing Louis.**

(Confrontation of Saint and Demon Arc)

Falmas King sent back to Falmas and admitted defeat to Tempest City (Mention of Youmu controlling Falmas territory two years from the defeat)

Entering the **Holy Empire Ruberios** (神聖法皇国ルベリオス), introduction of Seven Celestial Saints (七曜の老师) Hinata and the rest of the Holy Knights hold meeting and discuss about Falmas defeat and Tempest city
Rimuru returns to Tempest city and is given reports about technological advancement, city management and politics

*Ruminas discovers the Coffin containing Chloe's body was stolen (previously had one scene in WN where Ruminas looked at coffin)

Hinata meeting with Celestial Saints, received equipment and set off with 100 Holy knights to Tempest (Foreshadow of Celestial Saint betrayal)

Rimuru and subordinates (with their individual squads) vs Hinata and Holy Knights

Hinata, Shizue origin story + Yuuki mind-control Hinata set-up

Rimuru vs Hinata (Both Meet Shizue phantom in accelerated thinking + *Revelation of Yuuki's ability + Revelation of Yuuki's role)

Rimuru's victory over Hinata, Tempest City vs Holy Knight Army emerged victorious; Rimuru invites Holy Knight to Tempest city (Hinata fan service (ㄟㄎㄎ))

Rimuru and friends plan "Tournament Arc"

Foreshadow of Angel vs Demon Arc

(Volume 7)

Note: This Volume contains heavy story alteration and added storyline

- (Following Epilogue of Volume 6) Clayman's death was reported by Laplace to the rest of the Jesters³⁴
- Added Scenes: Continuation of Demon meeting (everyone eats Rimuru's food) followed by Rimuru's return to Tempest city
- Extended Negation scenes with post-war Falmas Kingdom:**
 - Diablo preparations to negotiate with Falmas Kingdom (hostage King, Cardinal, Larsen); **Larsen (posing as Taguchi) returns to kingdom the other two³⁵ now serving Diablo**
 - Extended storyline (refer to WN Youmu claiming all the Falmas' territory): **Youmu and Diablo visits Falmas to take over + negotiate compensation**
 - Added storyline: Falmas kingdom submits to Rimuru but with **secret rebellions³⁶**
- Aftermaths of Demon lord meeting/Battle against Clayman coalition
- Added slice of life with Rimuru and Subordinate; New Technological advancement by Kaijin (Magic Motor); Rimuru and subordinate discusses information regarding Clayman's leader + analyzing Hinata's motive
- Introduction of Holy Empire Ruberios, more portrayal of the lives of the people in Ruberios through Hinata POV³⁷
 - Revelation of **Ruminas' usage of citizens' happiness as her food**

³⁴ Laplace gets more characterizations here

³⁵ In meat form, refer to WN part

³⁶ Refer to WN Falmas Princes, they are now secretly acting with the Falmas nobles to rebel

³⁷ Reveals Hinata knows Ruminas identity and she is the only one to have defeated Hinata

- Revelation of the three servants of Ruminas: **Louis and Ray³⁸ Valentine (ロイ・バレンタイン) (Twin vampires)³⁹**
- Hinata, prior to learning of the identity of Ruminas was a faithful follower of the Ruberios' religion. After discovering the truth attempted to kill Louis and Ray but **was defeated by Ruminas (become servant of Ruminas)**



Fig: Ruminas vs Hinata

7. Ruminas meets with Ray and Hinata to exchange information on death of Louis and Rimuru (Veldora – Ruminas rivalry revealed)
8. Hinata holds meeting with the Holy Knight Order:
 - Revised number of Holy Knights from 100 (WN) to 33
 - New cast⁴⁰ of Characters – **The Ten Saints⁴¹**:
 - Order of Holy Knights:
 1. “Commander of the Holy Knight” Sakaguchi Hinata
 2. “Saint (Prince) of Light” Remado Jiesuta (Vice Commander of Knight Order)
 3. “Saint of Earth” Bakkasu;
 4. “Saint of Water” Riteisu
 5. “Saint of Fire” Gyarude;
 6. “Saint of Wind” Furittsu;
 7. “Saint of Air” Aruno Bauman
 - Three Martial Art Saints (三武仙)⁴²:
 1. “Canopy of Heaven” (苍穹) Sare
 2. “The Rock” (巨岩) Guregori
 3. “Great Sea” (沧海) Gurenda

³⁸ Ray poses as the pope of Ruberios religion

³⁹ Both are new characters

⁴⁰ Since the concept of Ten Saint are new, I'll call it new cast. Previously present characters in the WN are members of the Ten Saint as well but not all of them have been introduced in detail

⁴¹ <https://tensei-slime.com/page-5#i-8> For Hiragana of their names refer to this website's tag 神聖法皇国ルベリオス

⁴² They are independent from Ruberios, acting as sort of a mercenary role in Ruberios



Fig: (From Left to Right) Guregori, Gurenda, Sare, Hinata, Gyarude, Riteisu, Aruno Bauman, Bakkasu, Furittsu, Remado Jiesuta

- Hinata discusses upcoming battle with Rimuru and dispatched orders for the Knight orders and the Martial artists
- Seven Celestial Saints meet Hinata and **deliver a false message to her, portraying Rimuru trying to take on Hinata on a solo PK. Celestial Saints grant Hinata a “Holy weapon”** (refer to WN “giant sword”), this sword later plays a part in the plot.
- 9. *Nicholas – Hinata interaction scene changed to here (refer to WN Royal city arc)
- 10. **New Storyline (*IMPORTANT*)**: Meeting at Slit-Rozo Kingdom⁴³ (シルトロゾ王国), introduction of the **Rosso Family**, true controller behind the western council states
- **Guranberu Rosso** (グランベル・ロゾ) is revealed as the leader of the Rosso Family and the head of Celestial Saints.
- Guranberu meets with **Cerberus’ Damrada** for weapon purchase and discuss about the destruction of demon lord Rimuru by using Hinata (and eliminating Hinata in the process)
- Martial Art Saint **Gurenda** is hired as Guranberu’s bodyguard, she is revealed as a secret other-world traveler secretly transferred by the Rosso family
- 11. Rimuru informed of Hinata’s invasive force and learnt more information about Ruberios’ Politics and composition from Adalman⁴⁴
- 12. Added details of Rimuru preparing subordinates for Hinata’s attack⁴⁵ – Each subordinate taking on different saints/remaining knights
- 13. Added story of **Hinata’s party**⁴⁶ travelling through Jura Forest

⁴³ A small country north to Ingracia Kingdom

⁴⁴ Added backstory of Adalman as a ex-holy knight from Ruberios

⁴⁵ Hinata was going to Tempest city alone to PK Rimuru, but her subordinate decided on their own to follow her

⁴⁶ Hinata + Fritz, Aruno, Riteisu, Fritz, Bakkasu (4 captions of the knight order)



Fig: Hinata fighting over dumpling with Fritz during travel

14. **Nicholas alerts Hinata of Celestial Saints' betrayal** through communication magic but was cut off before the full message was conveyed; Hinata attempted to clarify with Ray Valentine but received no result
15. Added Storyline: **Remado (Vice commander) was persuaded by the celestial saints to confront Rimuru without Hinata's permission**
16. Fight scenes of Remado led Holy Knight order vs Tempest Army
17. Added details to Rimuru vs Hinata



Fig: Hinata charging her ultimate at Rimuru

18. Rimuru was able to defeat Hinata, however, the **Great Sword given to Hinata by the Celestial Saints turns out to be a self-destruction weapon (to kill or weaken Hinata)**
19. Altered scene of Ruminas and Yuusha Chloe's coffin (refer to WN birth of Demon Lord Arc); Introduction of the **third servant⁴⁷ of Ruminas, Gunther (ギュンター)**
20. Added storyline: **Rebellions of the Falmas Kingdom (orchestrated by Damrada and Rosso family)⁴⁸ with the three martial artist saints**
 - Prince invoked rebellion due to the death of Cardinal and suspicion towards Diablo (fundamental distrust towards Tempest City)
 - Diablo intervenes the rebellion and confronts Gurenda and Sera who are sent to protect Falmas Prince
 - **Diablo revealed to be Primal Black "Noir", added concept of Seven Primordial Demon of the seven colors (e.g. Diablo – Primal Black "Noir"; Guy – Primal Red "Rogue")⁴⁹**
 - Guregori + Falmas Army vs Gobuta, Gabil, Soka and Ranga
 - Celestial Saints⁵⁰ intervene Diablo vs Sera
21. Back to Rimuru's side, all party arrives to confront each other
 - Hinata's party
 - Rimuru and Tempest army
 - Celestial Saints
 - Remado and the Holy Knight Order
 - Celestial Saints reveals true intention of destroying both Hinata and Rimuru (to maintain balance of power)
 - Rimuru vs Celestial Saints and survived a direct blast of upgraded **【Disintegration】**
 - Ruminas and Ray Valentine intervene the fight posing as the Goddess Incarnated and the Pope, Ruminas Revives Hinata.
 - Ruminas destroys Celestial Saints at the scene



Fig: Ruminas erasing Celestial Saints

⁴⁷ Three Vampire Servants of Ruminas: Louis Valentine, Ray Valentine, Gunther

⁴⁸ The Rebellion is incited due to Gurenda assassinating the Cardinal under Rosso family's order, to incite rebellion with Falmas Kingdom so as to take on Rimuru together with Hinata

⁴⁹ 悪魔の設定にて色（原初）が追加され、「七柱」存在する

⁵⁰ For those confused with why Celestial saints are everywhere, they split up to deal with Diablo and Rimuru

22. Added Fight: Diablo vs Celestial Saints
23. **All Knights present learn about Ruminas' Identity after Veldora shouted out her name** (Rimuru:K)
24. Nicholas kills Guranberu (body), who is posing as the head of Celestial Saint Guran (日曜師) in Ruberios; Guranberu, presumed dead, revives through spirit transfer and returns to his HQ; Gurenda survives and report back to Guranberu.
25. **Ruminas and Rimuru establish friendly relationship** (earlier than WN)
26. Additional Story regarding Myourmiles' backstory

Part 3: Opening of Jura-Tempest State⁵¹

WN: Founding of the Demon Capital Arc

LN: Volume 8 - 9

*(Founding of the Demon Capital Arc)*⁵²

Following end of last arc, Rimuru decides to hold a tournament to accompany the opening of Tempest city/ Rimuru invites Gazel

Gazel worries about future of humanity due to the emergence of Rimuru as a powerful demon lord; Later, Gazel receives invitation to watch Tempest city battle tournament

Queen of Sarion Erumeshia Eruryu Sarion⁵³ (エルメシア・エルリュ・サリオン) accepts Rimuru's invitation

Rimuru prepares tournament with Myourmiles (in Brumund Kingdom)

Rimuru returns Tempest city to construct underground Labyrinth with Ramiris + Deciding on traps and Higher-level bosses; Myourmiles and Rimuru decide on sales of the Labyrinth

Rimuru meets the rest of the Jura Forest representative, recruit Gozu and Mezu as Labyrinth boss

Rimuru meets the slaves brought by Myourmiles and learns about Cerberus⁵⁴ – Damrada (ダムラダ) was persuaded to join in the labyrinth exploration

Rimuru decides the final participant of the tournament:

- Tempest City: Benimaru, Diablo, Ranga, Souei, Shion, Hakuro, Geld, Gabil⁵⁵, Gobuta
- Others: Beretta, Masked Lionman (Karion), Arnaud Baurman, Dagrue's sons⁵⁶, Gozu, Mezu, Masayuki Honjou (闪光正幸), Damrada three brothers

Pre-Tournament night feast, everyone eats Japanese food desu

Tournament Begins with all contenders selected:

First Round

Benimaru (ベニマル) vs Gozuru (ゴズール)

Souei (ソウエイ) vs Dagura (ダグラ)

Gobuta (ゴブタ) vs Yuusha Masayuki (マサユキ)

Gabil (ガビル) vs **Ranga** (ランガ)

Arnaud (アルノー) vs Beretta (ベレッタ)

Masked Lionman (獅子覆面) vs **Diablo** (ディアブロ)

Hakuro (ハクロウ) vs Damrada (ダムラダ)

Geld (ゲルド) vs **Shion** (シオン)

Second Round

⁵¹ Refer to WN arc 魔都開国編 (EN translation: Founding of the Demon Capital) The capital is already founded, they are simply opening up the country to the rest of the world

⁵² I have expressed why I feel this arc is poorly written storywise, here's that critique:

"Here's my honest opinion regarding the WN tournament arc after reading it. I think the "tournament arc" is pretty terribly written. First and foremost, the arc's name is not "武闘篇" (tournament arc), it's called "魔都開国篇" (Opening of monster city arc) so it's already quite a deviate to focus on tournaments. In the WN, the arc (98-119) essentially addresses two things: Rimuru coming up with the idea of hosting a tournament + creating a maze as a way to finance the monster city. When supposedly this was the arc where all the countries in the slime world were supposed to come visit the federation and experience its innovation in technology and lifestyle. However, this arc is written so prolonged in its "tournament sequence" without any substantiation of the world of slime. Admittedly, some characters got more development, but I think it's a flawed way to think that 'characters only get developed during fight' and having an arc mostly simply about established characters just fighting each other without any stakes is pretty lazy writing in my view."

⁵³ In the WN, the queen is married and there is an emperor

⁵⁴ (18th Jan) The wiki page's illustration of Damrada, Miranda and Vega have all been wrong. The illustration they used in Wiki are actually the three Falmas heroes (Taguchi, Tachibana and Mizutani)

⁵⁵ Anime translation: Gabiru

⁵⁶ Darla (ダグラ)、Lena (リユーラ)、Blood (デブラ)

Benimaru vs Souei

Gobuta vs Ranga

Beretta vs Diablo

Hakuro vs Shion

Intermission: Rimuru Befriending Masayuki and discover his actual ability (super popularity!)

Semi-Final

Benimaru vs Gobuta (+ Ranga)

Shion vs Diablo

Finale

Benimaru vs Diablo

Tournament ends with winners rewarded titles⁵⁷

Rimuru showcases the Labyrinth, was a huge success

Rimuru, Veldora, Ramiris and Milim poses as different species to play in the Labyrinth

Arc ends with initiation of Yuuki's plan into motion

⁵⁷ The Four Guardian of Tempest

(Volume 8 – 9)

Fuse Sensei changed his outlook on the structure of this arc and added many new features in the Light Novels. Consider this as the expanded WN arc with many foreshadows for later volumes. Consider these two volumes as a split and expansion on the Founding of Demon Capital Arc.

(Volume 8)

1. Intro: **Recap of past stories, POV of on-going parties acting against Rimuru**
 - Rosso Family
 - **Debut of Cerberus** and introduction of the Three Boss: **“Money” Damrada, “Woman” Miranda, “Power” Vega** and their boss **Mysterious black-hair Shonen (Yuuki)** – Yuuki disbands the “Slave association” (So as to create opportunity to infiltrate Tempest City)
2. Added storyline of **Veldora & Ruminas’ bad relationship** (New CP Goal)



Fig: Veldora being “hugged” by Ruminas (CP Goal 1.0)

3. Added details of Night Feast with Holy Knight Order at Tempest City
4. Return of Hinata Fan Service (๖๓๖)



Fig: Hinata at Night Feast

5. Altered Scene: Gazel no longer worries about Rimuru's intent during the meeting at Dwarven City
6. Extended Character Arc: **Sarion Elven Queen Erumeshia Eruryu Sarion** (カバル、ギド、エレン), she's in good term with Elen + Extended Country politic, Sorcerer's kingdom Sarion (魔導王朝サリオン). The Queen will play important role in future volumes



Fig: Elven Queen Erumeshia

7. Added Detail of **Rimuru and Myourmiles' trade** + Veldora interning to work at food store under Myourmiles
 - Expanded on Tempest City Economic routes with Myourmiles (e.g. Gambling, Food industry etc.)
 - Added Subplot of Myourmiles under Rimuru's protection
 - **Added scenes of Rimuru personally handing out invitations towards state leaders + New Storyline of Rimuru inviting Yuuki to the Opening Festival of Tempest City**
8. Added detail to Ramiris' arrival with Beretta and construction process of the maze
 - Details to the inner structure construction, traps labyrinth rewards etc.
 - Addition of **Veldora Boss Room**



Fig: (Left) Veldora in boss room (Right) Ramiris and Rimuru Creating the room

- **Addition of Underground city at Level 95**
 - **Milim helps with Labyrinth construction** (Final ten stages)
9. Added scenes of Preparations for Opening Festivals: New planned events (will cover in volume 9)
10. Rimuru's meeting with Jura Forest Races expanded:
- Additional scene of the racial confrontation of Gozu and Mezu
 - Altered timeline: **DagrueI sons appear during Rimuru's meeting with other races and was tamed by Shion** (becoming Shion's subordinate later), motivation being DagrueI sending them to train under Rimuru
 - Added Storyline of the **Angel Wolf race**⁵⁸ (オオカミ):
 - Introduction of **Momji** (オオカミ), **daughter of Hakuro and love interest of Benimaru**
 - **Hakuro reunion with wife and daughter from the angel wolf tribe**



Fig: Momji Debut

⁵⁸ Angel race reincarnated in form of Mountain wolf, the Japanese name is a combination of the hiragana of Wolf and Angel

(Volume 9)

1. Extended Character story: Honjo Masayuki (本条正幸) “Shinning Yuusha”
 - New Backstory (transported to Slime world and initial adventure story)
 - Unique skill 【Heroic Menace】 + Hidden skill introduced
 - Masayuki Party Member accounted⁵⁹
2. Pre-Festival added content:
 - Expanded cast of characters + Details of attended characters, e.g. King Gazel



Fig: Gazel meets Rimuru at Night Feast

- Additional Youmu plot (after becoming the new king of Falmenance⁶⁰)
- New Storyline: **Yuuki and his assistant (Demon Lord Kagali) visit Tempest City + Kagali and Rimuru confrontation. (*IMPORTANT*) Kagali invites Rimuru to a ruin expedition for archeology.**



Fig: Yuuki (Right) introduced Kagali (Left)

- **Five children visit Tempest-City with Yuuki**

⁵⁹ This become an important story addition in Volume 13

⁶⁰ New name of Youmu's kingdom

3. Masayuki's party visits Tempest city and encounter Rimuru



Fig: Masayuki (right) and his party

4. Added scenes to the Night Feast:

- More Cuisine showcase, ft. Hakuro sushi making scene with Momiji
- Different Country visitors' interactions + Queen Erumeshia meets Rimuru
- Arrival of Milim, Frey and Karion and their followers



Fig: (Left) Hakuro making sushi (Right) Arrival of Demon Lords

5. Added Intermission of Rimuru and subordinates discussing about the ways to make money during the festival

6. **Tournament structure and participant selection alteration:** (during intermission)

- Rimuru's subordinate was not encouraged to participate due to their different duties:

- i. Benimaru, Shion, Diablo (the three are too powerful) and Souei (due to being a spy) banned from participating
 - ii. Hakuro wants to spend time with Momiji during the festival
 - iii. Gabil has technology conference (high-efficiency healing potion)
 - Subordinate participant: **Gobuta, Geld**
 - **Goal of tournament: Becoming the runner-up of the four guardians of Tempest** (already determined three members are: Shion, Diablo and Benimaru)
 - **Diablo is now referee of the tournament**
7. Added scene: Hinata meets young students (the five children) of Shizue and befriend them



Fig: Hinata and Children (wholesome)

8. **Added Events during Festival** (for additional character development):

- Rimuru attends **Music Concert** with Foreign guests + **Shion/Shune Duo Violin/Piano performance; Ruminas enjoyed the concert greatly***



Fig: Shion and Shune performing music

- Gabil and Bester⁶¹ (ベスター) showcase major breakthrough in scientific research of magic healing potion
 - Foreign Guest (Ruminas) visits the street and attend cultural festival in Tempest city
9. Added **Subplot** during second intermission:
- Myourmiles discusses with Rimuru **trouble by the vendors at festival as they refuse to accept Tempest City's currency as payment**. This will later be revealed as Rosso Family's scheme to Collapse Rimuru financially and bankrupt his financial credibility as a king
10. Added scene: Rimuru learns how to get drunk from Ruminas and get drunk, has hangover during tournament morning
11. **Tournament Revisions:**
- New list of contestants: (include rewards for winning)
 - "Shining Yuusha" Masayuki and his party member **"Wild Wolf" Koto Rai** (琴頼) (New Character) – Rights to Fight against Rimuru
 - **"Smooth Swordsman" Guy**⁶² (New Character, not Guy Crimson) – Rights to Fight against Diablo
 - Gozu and Mezu – Was not promised specific reward due to not expecting them to win
 - Karion (Masked Lionman) – Was told to not cause rampage
 - Gobuta and Geld – Fighting for the runner-up sit of the four Guardian
 - Order of Tournament:

First Round
 Gozu vs Mezu
 Masayuki vs Koto Rai
 Guy vs Gobuta (+Ranga)⁶³
 Geld vs Karion



Fig: Geld vs Karion (Soka as announcer)
 Intermission: Soka interviewing all contestants

⁶¹ Ex-minister from Dwargon, has been working for Rimuru since Volume 3

⁶² This is not Guy Crimson, I'm not sure about his Hiragana name

⁶³ Ranga joined the battle as the summoned beast of Gobuta

Second Round

Gobuta vs Karion (First Day)

First Day Ends: Rimuru discusses First Day result with the Children and Hinata + Continuation of the Vendor Trouble subplot – Resolved with the help of Queen Erumeshia

Second Round (Continued)

Masayuki vs Gozu

Finale

Masayuki vs Gobuta (+ Ranga)

(Note: Gobuta merges with Ranga achieving ultimate form)

Masayuki Forfeits, making **Gobuta** the Champion



Fig: Gobuta + Ranga Ultimate Form

12. **Masayuki dines with Rimuru and reveals his identity and ability** (or lack of it) (Previously in WN occurs during the tournament session's intermission)
13. **Labyrinth Exploration Debut Revisions:**
 - Added parties in the first tour of exploration
 - Masayuki now follows Rimuru and acts as the promotional Star for the Labyrinth (given cheat codes)
 - "Smooth Swordsman" Guy participates Labyrinth (foreshadowed to be evil)
 - Added Scene of Myourmiles showcasing the inner mechanism of Labyrinth; Guy kills Myourmiles in the labyrinth to have him revived outside
 - Added scenes of different party exploring the labyrinth
 - Added story of Guy expelled from labyrinth due to violation rules
14. Conclusion of Vendor Conspiracy with the finance of Queen Erumeshia

15. Post-festival meetings between Rimuru and subordinates:

- Rimuru begins the construction of Railway for Magic-Motor driven Train
- Rimuru **connecting dots regarding Moderate Jester Association and Eastern Traders** (Cerberus)⁶⁴
- Rimuru **begins suspecting the motive of the Western Council states (i.e. being controlled by Rosso Family), Freedom Association (Yuuki's association) connection with Cerberus**
- Rimuru **begins to investigate Yuuki**

16. Epilogue: Revelation of the mastermind within Rosso Family that orchestrated the Vendor Conspiracy, **Mariaberu Rosso** (マリアベル・ロツゾ), grand-daughter of Guranberu, nicknamed "Great Greed". **Mariaberu now acts on behalf of Guranberu to directly confront Rimuru** (New Story arc in Volume 10)

PS: Fuse-Sensei talks about losing weight in the author's note, could Fuse-Sensei actually be a cute girl?

⁶⁴ Cerberus member did not attend the festival

Part 4: TIME PARADOX

WN: Devil's Secret Maneuver Arc⁶⁵

LN: Volume 10 - 11

(Devil's Secret Maneuver Arc)

Nicholas revealed to be Hinata biggest fanboy

Hinata begins investigation towards Yuuki (after revelation in Confrontation of Saint and Demon arc)

Hinata confronts Yuuki at the school (who held hostage of the children) and discovers Chloe O'Bell has been erased from reality:

- Chloe is revealed as Yuusha⁶⁶, Yuuki utilized 100% of his mind-control power on Chloe and was able to control her
- Yuuki vs Hinata + Fritz (Fritz went to protect Children)
- Hinata confronted by Chloe (Yuusha)
- Hinata defeated and fled back to Ruberios

Nicholas figures out real identity of their Goddess and realized holy empire was ruled by the Demon Lord Ruminas, followed by arrival of Ruminas and the Seven Celestial Saints. Hinata was killed by Chloe and used the Yuusha gem within her to merge with Chloe, attempting to kill Chloe in the process.

However, their deaths were prevented when Ruminas uses her unique skill Lustful King Asmodeus to resurrect Hinata and Chloe

True Yuusha Chloe O'Bell was reborn due to the combined factor. (In WN, the fate has been changed due to Ruminas' intervention)⁶⁷

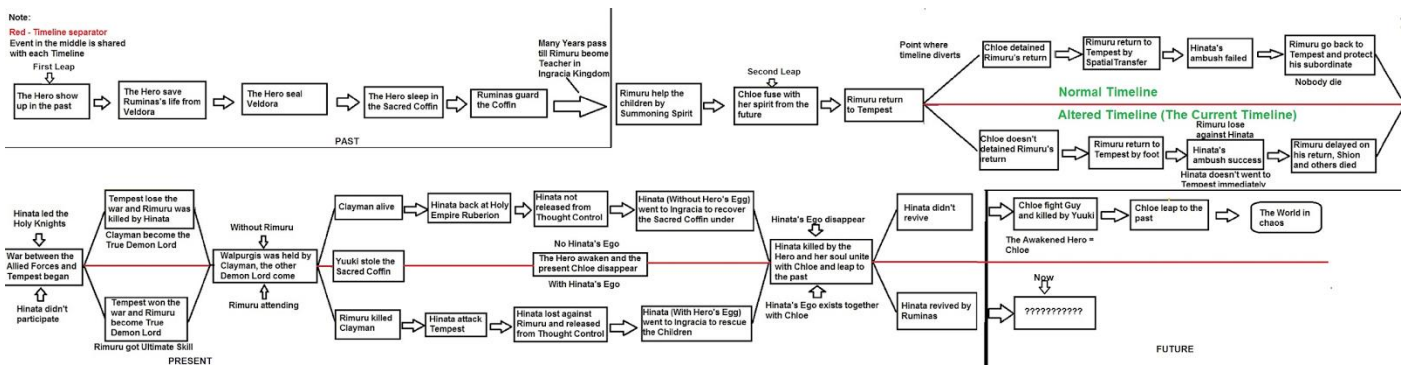


Fig: Summarized WN Timeline shift⁶⁸

Chloe (adult form) and Hinata awakes and account for their past memories and explained the shift in timeline (if you feel confused about this part, just imagine it's a steins;gate story and Chloe was able to change the world line to the happy worldline of the main plot)

Yuuki's grand plan is in motion as Chloe awakes her true Yuusha power (as he has her coffin, she is required to fulfill 3 requests of his, leading to later storylines)

Rimuru tried to ambush Yuuki's headquarter and failed, as Yuuki has fled

Rimuru, after sufficient investigations, team up with Ruminas' subordinate to prepare for the battle against Yuuki
Rimuru meets with Leon Cranwell and explained his relationship with Chloe and Shizue, explained Chloe origin

⁶⁵ 魔人暗躍編, again “魔人” can be translated as Majin, so “Majin's secret Maneuver arc”

⁶⁶ Yuusha refers to “勇者”, Yuusha is the guardian of mankind in the Slime series, translate literally to “the courageous one” and it is explained, people can call themselves ヒーロー (Hero) but not Yuusha (seems only appear in LN) due to the responsibility Yuusha upholds to protect humanity

⁶⁷ True hero Chloe O'Bell is the original time-travelled Chloe, the Chloe in previous WN arcs are child Chloe who hasn't evoked time travel power. After future Chloe (evoked Yuusha body) consumed Hinata, she was sent back in time and was able to regain her memory of past life and attempt to align the timeline from the past.

⁶⁸ I would not explain further regarding the timeline in the WN. It is a very confusing part of the WN and it's much well executed in the LN.

story and reveals Yuuki's control over Chloe.

【Leon has Joined the Party!】

Yuuki's origin story + Yuuki obtained **【Greedy King】** Ultimate Skill, 最悪の魔人が誕生したのだ!!!!⁶⁹

Battle of Yuuki and Leon (Leon emerged victorious, Yuuki fled)

Arc concludes with Rimuru obtaining the necessary information regarding Yuuki (now missing a limb) and Yuuki joining and climbing the ranks among the Eastern Empire.

⁶⁹ Most evil Majin is born

(Volume 10-11)

Volume 10 and 11 are essentially the climax of all the past volumes, amounting to the confrontation of the main groups of interest involved in the modified LN universe of Slime, considering the drastic changes Fuse Sensei has made to this arc, the following format will be adapted:

- 1) Volume 10 Chapter comparison with WN Founding of the Demon Capital Arc
- 2) Independent Synopsis of Volume 10 new story arc involving Mariaberu Rosso
- 3) Volume 11 – Accounts all major changes to story and synopsis of revised story

Due to the special nature of Volume 10 and 11, Spoiler Warning is imposed again. If you wish to experience the story yourself, do not read this section. You may proceed to Empire Invasion Arc vs Volume 12,13 as the story again resembles the Web Novel

I. Comparison Part:

(Volume 10) – Chapter 1,2 + part of 3 (continuation of Web Novel Founding of Demon Capital Arc)

1. These two chapters are continuation after the Festival ended; Begins with the departure of foreign guests:
 - Political figures of different kingdom receive their own scene of departure; Additional scenes for Queen Erumeshia's departure (with Sarion Magic Knights Order)
 - Hinata agrees to be the five children's instructor and create teleport channel in Ingracia Kingdom
2. Additional scenes: Rimuru maintaining and improving the mechanisms within the Labyrinth (e.g. Monster Spawning, training levels, trading posts and additional items for sale) (Pre-historical VRMMORPG?)
3. Myourmiles meet Veldora and set prize for challengers to complete final boss room
4. Additional scenes of Adventurers in Labyrinth + Masayuki meets Veldora (Baka Dragon)
5. Diablo sets out to find additional demon servants for Rimuru (absent for volume 10)
6. Additional scene: Hinata and the Holly Knight order train in Level 50 – 100
7. More additional details regarding management of Labyrinth and the appointment of Labyrinth Bosses
 - Adalman and Albertus gains new equipment (illustration)
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8. To prevent adventures to progress too fast, Rimuru, Ramiris, Veldora and Milim transfers their soul to artificial bodies by Giant Soul Gem (With written reference to MMORPG)
9. Additional scenes of the four men monster party having fun in labyrinth



Fig: The Monster Gang (Veldora, Rimuru, Ramiris, Milim)

II. New Storyline:

(Volume 10)

I. Yuuki and the Moderate Jester Association:

Volume 10 begins with the revelation that Yuuki was the “Boss” while Kagali the “Chairman” (会長) of the Moderate Jester Association. It is previously documented in volume 5 that Kagali was saved by Yuuki and have been serving him for the past ten years or so. Yuuki, Kagali, Laplace, Footman and Tear (previously including Clayman) are the closest allies with each other and their ultimate goal (at the time) is to take control over the Western states (land under Guy Crimson’s protection).

It is revealed that despite Kagali’s grudge against Leon Cromwell⁷⁰ Yuuki has been tasked by Leon to “find children summoned from otherworld under the age of ten” (i.e. to find Chloe, but Yuuki does not know this yet). This is also why Yuuki has been in control of Cerberus, recovering unsuccessful summons from the Eastern and Western worlds and deliver them to Yuuki⁷¹. The three jesters are tasked to negotiate with Leon and continue the trade (until Yuuki could figure out his intention)

Meanwhile, Kagali is tasked to investigate the elven ruin “Amlada” sealed in the puppet state Justave⁷² (傀儡国ジスターヴ). It is revealed that Kagali was once members of the Royal family of the Dark Elf race until their kingdom was destroyed due to having offended Milim Nava⁷³. Amlada was the Elven City created by Kagali after the destruction of their homeland to emulate Elven society. As Kagali has invited Rimuru to come along during the expenditure, it is presumed some scheme will go down during their visit.

Yuuki himself heads East to rendezvous with Damrada to establish new stronghold in Eastern Empires.

II. Brain of Rosso Family – Mariaberu Rosso (マリアベル・ロツゾ)

Mariaberu, in her previous life was one of the Most Powerful in Europe, exerting absolute control over the Europe with Economy and War. After passing of old age, just like Rimuru (or Satoru), was reincarnated as a princess in the Kingdom of Slit-Rozo as part of the family that dominate the western council states. Known previously as a Genius in Finance, Mariaberu sees the limitless potential with the Economy of the world she now walks and gained the unique skill “The Greedy One”, a mind-control skill that grants her control of others by exciting their Desire.

Mariaberu revealed her high intelligence with the head of Family Guranberu Rosso at the age of three and subsequently gained the complete trust of the hundred-year-old ex-Yuusha. Now at the age of ten, she is the second hand of the Rosso Family and is aware of all the dark secret of the western world (e.g. Ruminas’ identity). She now has determined to confront Rimuru with all her power.

⁷⁰ Leon destroyed and took over Demon Lord Kagali’s kingdom, resulting in the death of Kagali’s previous body

⁷¹ Presumably living under Freedom Association, most of these children would not last for a few years before dying (unless possess by spirits like the Five children or Shizue)

⁷² Kagali’s kingdom/Clayman’s Previous Domain

⁷³ Refer to Elen’s anecdote in Volume 5 (WN birth of demon lord) regarding Dragon destroying a kingdom due to the death of friend

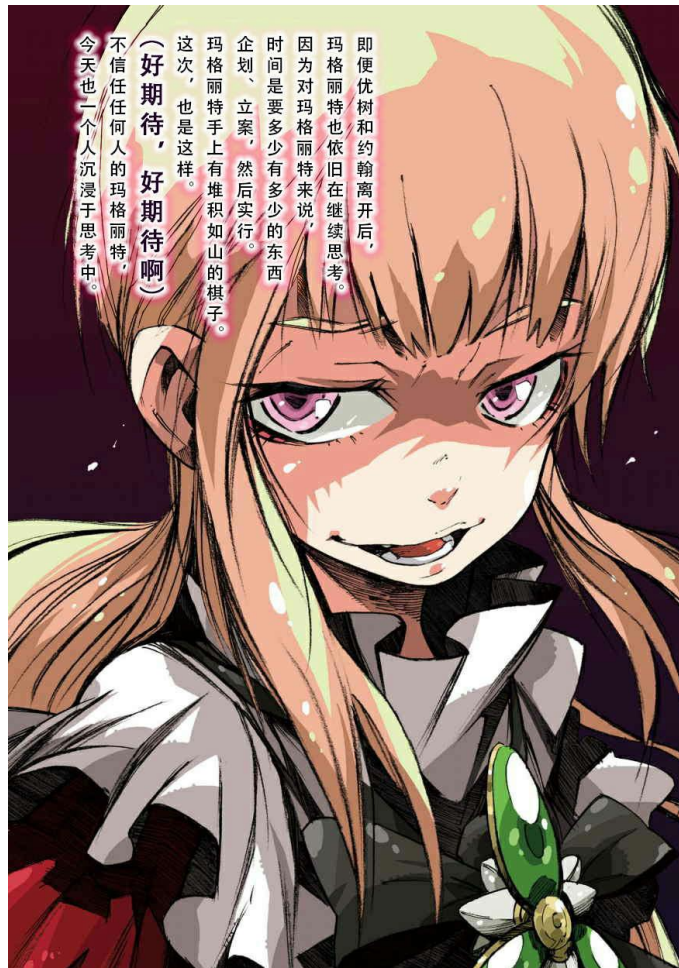


Fig: Mariaberu looking forward to her confrontation with Rimuru

III. A “Forced” Pact between Yuusha and Devil

It is revealed that Yuuki and Guranberu, Mariaberu are collaborating in the effort of taking down Rimuru, but Yuuki however, it's being “Forced” to participate in this alliance due to the influence of Mariaberu’s mind-control skill, sharing all information regarding Rimuru. Mariaberu was impressed by Rimuru’s counter-actions towards her scheme in undermining Rimuru’s financial credibility during the opening of Tempest City. In a new round of attempt, Mariaberu contemplates the idea of mind-controlling a Dragon (Veldora) against Rimuru and sent out invitation for Rimuru to join the Western States Council.

IV. Gears of Conspiracy into motion

Hinata attends the most recent Western State Council meeting and was shocked by the almost unanimous hostility and doubts towards the nation of Jura-Tempest Alliance. The meeting ends with the council deciding to invite Rimuru to attend as a result.

After the meeting, an exhausted Hinata was approached by the First Prince of Ingracia Kingdom Ellik () and Knight Commander of Ingracia Lena. The two attempted to convince Hinata to stand against Rimuru but was met with refusal.

Meanwhile, Rimuru and his subordinates has also traveled to Ingracia after receiving the invitation of the Council states. After some slice of life actions in the city, Souei reports the death of an ally of Rimuru within the council states due to assassination by firearm (refer to Gurenda’s weapon was a magic infused pistol), alerting the fellow members a secret force within the council states that manipulate the situation against Rimuru’s favor.



Fig: Rimuru and subordinates at Ingracia Clothes Store

Rimuru, with the help of Raphael, Souei's shadow clones and Hinata, arranges the investigation of each council states while arranging possible defense strategy against a potential invasion by the Eastern Empire during his leave.

Rimuru's party, accompanied by Hinata proceed to attend the Council meeting, but was met with unfair treatment, resulting the anger of both Rimuru and the subordinates.



Fig: Rimuru at council meeting

After allowing Raphael running a scan of the council meeting, Rimuru realizes that all the meeting was under mind control affect, similar to the one imposed on "Smooth Swordsman" Guy who displayed aggression against Rimuru's subordinates during the Opening Festival. Raphael was able to instantly disable the mind-control effect.

Having disabled the effect, Ingracia Knight Commander entered the meeting with dozens of soldiers attempting to arrest Rimuru's party⁷⁴. Due to the removal of mind-control on many of the council state representatives, the meeting is now split in members that support Rimuru and ones that antagonizes him (presumably under direct control of Rosso Family).

With the situation worsened (and Lena and Gabi trying to flirt with Hinata and Rimuru, yes Rimuru) Lena, accompanied by Mage Gabi Prince Ellik, Swordsman Guy and a band of Rank-A mercenary forced the council members into a vote to decide the fate of Rimuru. Rimuru, having removed the mind-control of the canonical members, was able to win the majority vote. The two parties proceeded into direct arm conflict (initiated by Lena's party) with Rimuru's party triumphing.

When attempting to arrest prince Ellik, Rimuru sensed the aforementioned Gun-wielding Assassin and was able to protect the prince from being eliminated. Souei went after the Assassin while Rimuru delivers the prince to be charged in front of the King of Ingracia.

V. Revelations of the puppeteer

Yuuki, John Rastriya (one of the elder of Rosso Family) and Mariaberu discusses the failure in Ingracia Kingdom, revealing Gabi to be one of the Five Rosso Family elders (same as Guranberu and John). Mariaberu decides to throw all she has in using an ancient artifact Yuuki recovered from the elven ruin that once belonged to Demon Lord Milim.

Souei was able to apprehend the Gun-wielding Assassin, a.k.a. The ex-Martial Art Saint Gurenda (refer to Volume 7). Gurenda. By using Raphael to question Gurenda, Rimuru is eventually successful in piecing all the evidence together and deduce the name Mariaberu Rosso who were present during the opening festival and was in Souei's investigation report. From here, Rimuru was able to deduce the connection between the set events that took place to the Rosso Family and Guranberu. Rimuru, in pity of Gurenda who would be presumed to have betrayed Mariaberu, removed the spell imposed on her by the Rosso Family and took her under his reign.

After sharing all this information with the subordinate and Hinata, the party sets off to prepare for future confrontation with the Rosso Family.

VI. Showdown

Rimuru, in order to test out Yuuki's true intention, joins Kagali's party for the archeology trip to investigate elven ruin alongside Milim, Gobuta, Ranga and Shion. After getting to the lower layers of the ruin, the party encounters hostile forces. Knowing that the expenditure may be a trap, Rimuru came prepared with Raphael analyzing the situation, bracing for whatever comes next.

However, the enemy turns out to be the unsealed Chaos Dragon, who was sealed by the Elves dwelling at Almada and once a close friend of Milim. Milim proceeds to confront her former friend while Rimuru's party attempts to eliminate the security measures placed by Clayman prior to his destruction.

⁷⁴ while holding the same magic item that was used to "enslave" Milim during the demon lord meeting (Volume 5-6), presumably trying to seize control of Rimuru using mind-control

Rimuru is soon confronted by Mariaberu Rosso, accompanied by Yuuki, Swordsman Guy and ex-Martial Art Saint Sare⁷⁵, presumably all brainwashed. It's the clash of two ideals, Rimuru's Utopia vs Mariaberu's Totalitarian!

The fight begins, eventually leading to the direct confrontation of Yuuki and Rimuru. Yuuki, being buffed by Mariaberu's "The Greedy One" goes all out against Rimuru. While exchanging blows, Rimuru detects Yuuki's unique Skill **【Ability Shut-down】**, capable of neutralizing any magic and unique skill possessed by an individual (attack nullification) that broke through Rimuru's ultimate skill **【infinite barrier】**. After being nullified (apart from Raphael), Rimuru was nearly killed by Yuuki until Kagali intervened and "convinced" Yuuki to withdraw from the mind control imposed by Mariaberu (could Yuuki actually be Sasuke?), Rimuru also detected Yuuki's no longer being controlled and turned his attention to Mariaberu and the dragon. While Mariaberu fled, Rimuru decides to focus on the unleashed dragon while Yuuki and Kagali pursued Mariaberu.

At the heart of the ruin, Mariaberu, in midst of fleeing, searches for the Legendary Elven technology "Magic powered Engine" that was in Yuuki's report, attempting to overdrive the device to destroy the ruin altogether and eliminate Rimuru. However, Mariaberu was shocked to discover there was nothing to be found at the center of the ruin. Mariaberu's shocking revelation was followed by the taunting of Yuuki, who has successfully deceived her all along, pretending to be under her control. Yuuki explained that despite the power of Mariaberu's ability in manipulating those with desire, her desire was little to none compared to Yuuki's, rendering the skill completely useless against Yuuki. Yuuki reveals his goal to turn the world into his playground, then promptly executed Mariaberu with a single blow.



Fig: Yuuki taunting Mariaberu

On Rimuru's side, he was able to awake the Soul Gem (mentioned in the same volume, the tool that was used to

⁷⁵ He's trying to avenge Gurenda who was presumed dead

transfer Rimuru, Milim's body to other objects) of the Chaos Dragon and transfer it to a clean Soul Gem, thus ending the rampage of the Chaos Dragon. The soul gem of the chaos Dragon, now named Gaia by Rimuru, was given under the care of Milim. Thus, Rimuru's party was successful in overcoming the fight against Mariaberu.

Epilogue: Calm before the storm

Having eliminated Mariaberu, Yuuki succeeds her unique skill 【The Greedy One】 due to his compelling desire for world domination. He and Kagali destroyed all evidence within the elven ruin and disguised Mariaberu's death as suicide by exploding. Yuuki, piecing the information he obtained while serving under Mariaberu, concluded that the leader of Rosso family, Guranberu was the currently missing leader of the Celestial Saint. Combining this with Laplace's combat experience with Louis Valentine, Yuuki figures out the true identity of the Vampire Demon Lord to be the goddess of Holy Empire Ruberios. Thus, begin Yuuki's march on Ruberios for his ultimate goal in achieving his ambition.

Rimuru, having successfully tamed chaos dragon and outplay Mariaberu, received confirmation from Raphael that Yuuki was acting on his free will the whole time during their time, thus proving Rimuru's suspicion towards Yuuki. The volume ends with a heartfelt exchange between Rimuru and Ciel (Raphael), while perhaps the most dangerous battle Rimuru has yet to faced slowly unveils.

(Volume 11)

Volume 11 follows the Web Novel arc of Devil's Secret maneuver, there has been many additional stories in volume 11 and major revisions to the main plot, the confrontation between Yuuki's party and Rimuru. For this section, I would first point out the additional storyline and focus on comparing the climax battle with the WN story.

- **New Side Storylines:**

1. New Scenes of **Leon Cromwell**:

- Leon Cromwell's Meeting with the Jesters (Laplace, Tear, Footman) posing as Weapon trader under Damrada's wing (refer to volume 10 Jester's mission assigned by Yuuki) at Eldorad⁷⁶
- Laplace leaks information regarding the five Children, including Chloe (Footman pronounces her name wrong, resulting in Leon being confused about her identity).
- Introduction of Leon's second in command "Silver Knight" Arlos
- Leon dispatches his men to the western council states in caution of Eastern Empire's invasion
- Leon's goal is revealed: Locating Chloe O'Bell, the girl she wants to protect.

2. New Scenes of **Yuuki and Cerberus members**:

- Introduction of "Woman" Miranda
- **Yuuki deduces Leon's true intention in obtaining other-world traveler was to find Chloe (from Footman and Leon's conversation about the children). However, Yuuki drops the subject (believing it is not very important) and proceeded to report regarding the event of volume 10**
- Yuuki has **secretly formed a pact with Guranberu Rosso**, a new plan is in motion

3. New Scenes regarding development of Tempest City:

- Rimuru drafts constitution and appointment of interior ministers
- Weapon forging with Kurobee – Discovered Elemental Runestones and Enchanting; Rimuru gained new legendary weapon
- Geld's construction team, currently laying out Railway of Madou Train⁷⁷ to different kingdom
- Rimuru's visit to Falmenance (refer to Volume 7 Youmu's kingdom)
- Milim and Gaia (chaos dragon, refer to Volume 10), who has hatched, adventures together in Labyrinth. Milim later departs leaving Gaia temporarily in Rimuru's care



Fig: Milim and Gaia

⁷⁶ Leon's kingdom, "the golden valley"

⁷⁷ Magic driven

- Running of Level 95's underground city, construction of research labs in the labyrinth operated by experts from the world, e.g. Dwarven engineers from Dwargon, Magic researcher from Sarion Kingdom, Vampire researchers from Ruberios
 - Debut of Madou Train prototype 0
4. Altered Storyline – **Dino moves to Tempest City**; Dino was sent by Guy Crimson, “Now you will feed Dino” Said in his message⁷⁸; Dino was assigned to work with Vesta in the lab



Fig: Dino arrives at Tempest City

5. Additional scene of **Ifrit, getting named at the request of Veldora**⁷⁹; He is given the name “**Karis**”

⁷⁸ Dino was actually sent as Guy's spy to keep an eye on Rimuru

⁷⁹ Refer to Manga side story Veldora's Diary

6. Diablo Returns with the Demon Army:

- **Debut and naming of the three Primal Demons**⁸⁰: (their hair color now matches their primordial colors)
“Blanc” Testarossa; “Violet” Ultima; “Jaune” Carrera (Blanc – White; Jaune – Yellow)



Fig: (LN only Concept) Primordial Demons – (Left to Right) “Violet” Ultima; “Blanc” Testarossa; “Jaune” Carrera; “Noir” Diablo; “Vert” Misery; “Blue” Rain; “Rogue” Guy Crimson⁸¹

- Debut of Black number army (7 Generals + 700 Demons)
- Rimuru realizing the concept of Primordial Demons (Ciel: why are you so dense)
- Additional description of the Primordial Demons’ servants⁸²

⁸⁰ 原初の悪魔「白 (ブラン)」「黄 (ジョーヌ)」「紫 (ヴィオレ)」

⁸¹ The colors are all French, Rouge – Red, Jaune – Yellow, Noir – Black, Vert – Green, Blanc – White

⁸² Too many names, would likely include in the next edition when Volume 13.5 is released

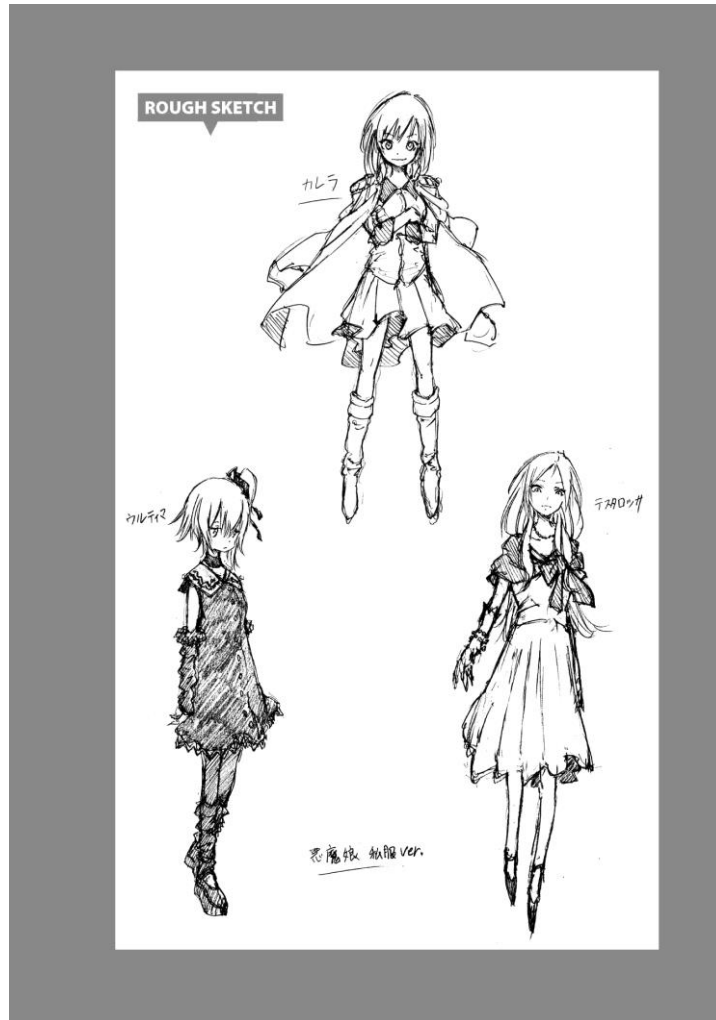


Fig: Sketch of Ultima, Carrera and Testarossa

- Rimuru appoints the three new subordinates the role of Military Diplomat⁸³ (Testarossa); Prosecutor (Carrera); Supreme Court Judge (Ultima)⁸⁴
 - **Rimuru dispatches Testarossa to attend meeting at Western council state**
7. Additional scene of Kamara during Rimuru's visit to Ingracia + Fritz is now the instructor of the five children
 8. Rimuru brings children to labyrinth and had a friendly match with them – Chloe's power level is hinted, displaying unusual growth since Rimuru last saw her

The comparison part is now completed, the plot following plot (chapter 3 onward) are the main story, which I will go in more depth in explaining the differences.

⁸³ Since Diablo is already minister of foreign affairs

⁸⁴ In this volume as well the next will involve many additional details of interaction between the three primordial and their subordinates, which for lack of reference I would not list the all out. But perhaps in future edition

- **Revised Main Storyline**

I. **Main Plot-determining difference for the story so far:**

- a) Yuuki is not only accompanied by Kagali, but the three jesters who are on par with Kagali in terms of power;
- b) Yuuki does not possess the coffin that was stored in Ruberios, Laplace's operation was prevented by Ruminas' servant Roy Valentine (refer to volume 6) **Yuuki and Laplace do not know the content of the coffin, Laplace was simply tasked to trying to invade the inner chamber of Ruberios' Holy church.**
- c) **Hinata was never mind-controlled by Yuuki** (refer to volume 7), and thus both Rimuru and Hinata have not suspected Yuuki until after the Opening Festival of Tempest (Thus no investigation by Hinata was ever initiated)
- d) Introduction of **Rosso Family** who secretly controls the Western Council states; The head of the five elders of Rosso Family, head of Celestial Saints and ex-Yuusha Guranberu Rosso aims to eliminate the new emerging threat known as Demon Lord Rimuru; The death of his granddaughter Mariaberu has led to him forming an alliance with Yuuki. (refer to Volume 10)
- e) Leon Cromwell has not reached out to assist Rimuru, he is still searching for Chloe O'Bell; Meanwhile, **Yuuki is aware Leon is after one of the five children from Ingracia but has no actual idea of who Chloe was and what significance she carries to Leon.**
- f) At this point of the story: Only Rimuru himself is aware that Yuuki is likely the mastermind behind all the problems arising in the past volumes; Rimuru is also aware of the threat of the Rosso family but has yet to make a move; Currently, Rimuru is supposedly enjoying the slice-of-life routine with the Children and Hinata, unbeknown the storm that is about to arrive.

II. New storyline:

I. Air of unease

Rimuru and his band that performed during the festival was invited to Ruberios by Ruminas (refer to volume 9). Rimuru, accompanied by his usual subordinates (Shion, Diablo, Ranga etc.) and the five children who are supposedly on “school trip”, travelled to Ruberios to perform live for Ruminas in three days’ time.

Upon Arrival, Rimuru (accompanied by Shion and Diablo) was invited to a private meeting with Ruminas (accompanied by Ray Valentine and Gunther). After a brief friendly exchange, Ruminas reveal concern regarding Guranberu Rosso, also known as the head of Celestial Saint Guran; Ruminas deduced he have faked his death and planned to launch an attack during the coming concert. Ruminas reveals that Guranberu was a bearer of “gem of Yuusha”. He was once known as “The Yuusha of Light”, possessing Skills on par with Ruminas.

It is revealed the reason why Guran came in position as the head of the celestial saint was due to a pact made between him and Ruminas after they fought without a winner. Yuusha Guran has always been the guardian of mankind. In the past, he single-handedly fended invasion from strong foes such as Dagruei and Veldora. Even after him taking over the council states, he worked towards the defense of the western world from the invasion of Guy Crimson.

Rimuru and Ruminas arrived at the conclusion Yuuki has been the one that’s been pulling the string, manipulating Guranberu, the once sung Yuusha to go this far in trying to confront Rimuru and Ruminas. Bearing this new information, Rimuru prepares for the worst to come.

Meanwhile, Leon Crowell received report of Arlos that Primal Yellow “Carreon” has disappeared after major disturbance at the gate of hell; While he was also informed by Cerberus of the disappearance of the Five Ingracia Children, suspecting Rimuru to be conducting human trafficking of otherworld children with Ruberios. Leon assessed the situation and found himself unable to deduce further from the given information, as he suspects this may also be a set up to frame Rimuru. At last, the “Platinum Saber” Leon Cromwell decides to set out by himself to Ruberios to find out the truth.



Fig: Leon sets out to confront Rimuru

Yuuki secretly observed all of the movements, everything is according to Keikaku⁸⁵. While the rest of the Jesters and Kagali have yet to catch up with Yuuki's thought, he proceeds to reveal his meeting with Guranberu: Yuuki informs Guranberu the death of Mariaberu. Exploiting the sorrow that filled the old man, Yuuki was able to convince Guranberu to form an alliance with him to fight against Rimuru. Guranberu confirms Yuuki's guess about the identity of Ruminas as the demon lord Valentine, while also revealing to Yuuki the secret treasure of Ruminas – The Holy Coffin that conceals the Body of the one who sealed Veldora and the Strongest Yuusha to ever walk the earth. Yuuki, while still bearing doubts regarding Guranberu's grand revelation, decides to team up with him. As such, the Yuusha of mankind and the Majin that wants to conquer the world formed their alliance.

The whole of Jester Associations, the remaining forces of Rosso Family gather to prepare for the battle against Ruminas and Rimuru. Yuuki contemplates the future conquer of the world with the hand of the greatest Yuusha to walk the earth, dispatching Tear to deceive Leon in order to further escalate the situation during the confrontation.

While unbeknownst to Yuuki, the former Yuusha Guranberu, thinks over the events that taken place in just a span of few months, the rise of new demon lords that flipped the power balance of the land, the death of Mariaberu and his slowly decaying body. Guranberu, mourning over the loss of Mariaberu – the last heir of Rosso, recalls the loss of his beloved wife Mario by the hands of demon lords just as what had taken place now. The champion of mankind finally decides to let his sorrow consume his remaining sanity. The Maddened Old Man sets out on his final quest of destroying the world that took everything from him. The fated day is soon to arrive

⁸⁵ Translator's Note: Keikaku means plan

Intermission: Platinum Demon and the Elven Queen

Leon Cromwell and Queen Erumeshia of Sarion have known each other since His Yuusha time. Now, Leon consults Erumeshia about the unclear intents of Tempest State and Ruberios. Erumeshia reassured Leon of their innocence. It is then revealed that Leon has spent his life to achieve the one goal of finding Chloe O'Bell, even when he became Yuusha and later Demon lord. Erumeshia, knowing Leon's concern about the situation on-going among the western states, offers him transport to travel to Ruberios⁸⁶ and sent out her royal knights to aid the western states in case of emergency. Leon sets out to confront Rimuru in person, before which informs Erumeshia the disappearance of Primal Yellow (Carreon).

II. Riot in the West

The Invasion led by Guranberu began on the morning prior to the day of concert, while initially, the scene seemed more like a rally riot (Shion even ordered the band to continue practicing), the situation quickly escalated as Rimuru confronts Guranberu Rosso in person. Hinata, Nicholas, alongside Remado, Aruno, Riteisu attack Guranberu first but were unable to inflict any damage. Guranberu demonstrated skills far more powerful than what the knights are capable of, including Hinata; Rimuru aided Hinata in a narrow escape of Guranberu's version of **[Melt Slash]**⁸⁷, but was soon alerted to the explosion happening nearby, signaling the Guranberu forces' full fledged attack on Ruberios.

Rimuru soon finds himself confront by several Otherworld Travelers and Guranberu's trusted companion Lazul⁸⁸(Insect Race)⁸⁹. Shion and Range confront Lazul, while Diablo, sensing a huge disturbance in the space nearby, went to deal with a bigger threat that has just arrived at the scene nearby – "Primal Blue" Rain. It is here that the constant confrontations among the seven primordial demons are revealed, in an endless loop of battle against each other, with Diablo "Noir" being the most unpredictable and uncontrollable of them all. It is for this reason he has been the outcast among the seven demons, hated for his unrestrained attitude and actions against the other six. Rain came to confront Diablo due to her hatred of him (while in fact, being sent by Guy), but was shocked by Diablo's growth in strength, and was quickly thrown to the position of prey.

Meanwhile, deep in the chamber that bears the Holy Coffin, Ruminas herself alongside her servants Gunther and Ray braces to confront the invader, knowing that Guranberu was nothing but a distraction for the enemies to steal the coffin. As predicted, she is soon confronted by Laplace, Footman and the reanimated corpse that resembles Guranberu's former lover Maria. Ray proceeded to pursue the killer of his brother, Laplace, with Gunther, while Ruminas battles the corpse that resemble Maria. It is when the two parties continue to fought until exiting the chamber did Yuuki reveals himself from the shadow, having deceived Ruminas by hiding his scent. Yuuki breaks through the magical barrier of the coffin using his unique skill **[ability shut-down]** to discover a slumbering Beauty, presumedly the Yuusha. Yuuki didn't give another thought about why the Yuusha rests in the coffin at this location and quickly evacuated the chamber with the girl according to Guranberu's plan. It would only occur to Yuuki later what a grand mistake he is making...

⁸⁶ Ruberios is protected by magic barrier, rendering teleportation useless, hence why Rimuru and Leon can only travel to there in person by transportation

⁸⁷ This was originally the unique skill developed by Hinata

⁸⁸ Guranberu's ally since his days as Yuusha, was given the name Lazul by Guranberu.

⁸⁹ Diablo did not confront him due to insect race being the counter race to Demon race



Fig: Ruminas Defends the Coffin

III. The Fight has just begun⁹⁰

Outside the chamber, Rimuru is fighting the otherworld traveler, doing his best to take them down by nonlethal means; Shion and Ranga cooperating, puts a fight against Lazul, the bizarrely overpowered insectoid⁹¹. And last, Hinata continued to battle against Guranberu.

- It is between the midst of the fight did Leon Cromwell arrives with the Sarion Knights. Guranberu attempts to provoke Rimuru to fight Leon, leading to Rimuru lending a punch on Leon, fulfilling one of Shizu's wish. What appears to be a provoked Rimuru was in fact keeping his cool, and at gun point with Leon, reached an agreement to fake their battle before they can come up with a plan to take on Guranberu.⁹²
- Hinata's gradually moving downhill in the fight against Guranberu, realizing she is unable to apply her unique skill **【Usurper】** on Guranberu. However, Hinata has one more trick up her sleeve, **【Forced Usurp】** capable of taking any skills of the opponent with heavy cost on Hinata's stamina
- Diablo faces down on the barely surviving Rain but realizes that Shion and Ranga are in midst of an intense battle. Diablo decides to spare Rain to go for their aids, but was cut off as "Rogue", Guy Crimson arrives to

⁹⁰ The fight scenes may become confusing because multiple fights are going at the same time.

⁹¹ Zegion is of same species, even similar look to Lazul

⁹² In LN here is a monologue of Leon stating how things come to be this way and his concern regarding the situation

save his servant. Guy and Diablo, the old foes exchanged greetings, Guy questioned Diablo's true intent serving Rimuru, given his unrestrained nature but was responded with Diablo's utmost loyalty towards Rimuru. Guy then attempts to bluff Diablo by revealing his plan to destroy the Western Council states before Rimuru could take control over it.⁹³ But was replied with Sasugaism (Since Rimuru has sent "Blanc" Testarossa to the council state).

Interjection: Savior of the Western Council

Ingracia Kingdom, the Western Council state members were shocked by the withdrawal of Slit-Rolt Kingdom's army (Lazul) who previously guarded the northern border of the Western states. What accompanied this withdrawal was the immediate surge of demon army invading the South. In midst of commotion, Testarossa, Military Diplomat of Jura-Tempest Alliance was entrusted to lead the coalition army, including the support sent by Sarion Kingdom. Testarossa sent out his subordinates to coordinate defense.

Testarossa, with her demonic instinct, spots one of the conspirators from the Council members, John Rastriya (one of the Five elders of Rosso family, refer to volume 10), exposing him of destroying the magic barrier protecting Ingracia kingdom. Seeing the plan has been exposed, John summoned the remainder forces under Rosso's control and the terrifying ally Rosso family recently acquired, "Vert" Misery, who was "summoned"⁹⁴ by the Rosso family to complete their vision.⁹⁵

A flashback of John reveals Guranberu's final plan against the demon lords alike in this world to "save humanity". Guranberu sends out his remaining family members on a suicide mission, hoping to eliminate the Western Council State before they are "dominated" by evil demon lords such as Rimuru and Ruminas.

However, this vision may never come true. As Misery was confronted by Testarossa and immediately recognize "Blanc", Primal White, she decides to retreat for the time being due to her vow to Guy Crimson. What remains are the baffled and beaten men of Rosso family, and with Testarossa's intervention, the riot in the western council seems to have come to an end.

IV. Climax

Guy receives news of Misery's retreat, surprised and pleased at the bizarre change of power balance. However, he immediately realized an inconceivable scenario and inquired the whereabouts of the remaining two pillars of the seven Primal, only to receive the exact unimaginable response from Diablo that both "Violet" Ultima and "Jaune" Carreon have become Rimuru's servants. This leaves Guy speechless. He requests to pay Rimuru a personal visit another time and promptly left.

⁹³ This is how Guy perceived Rimuru so far into the story, Guy is afraid of Rimuru affecting his grand scheme of Game with the Emperor of Eastern Empire

⁹⁴ The summoner of Misery is called "The Follower of Vert", a band of mercenary first appeared in Volume 9's labyrinth exploration who works for the Rosso family. It is revealed here they are in fact, fanatic follower of Primordial Green (vert) and completed their destiny by summoning Misery.

⁹⁵ Note that all demons can be summoned by men, but the more powerful the demon is, the more control it has on its action, when a demon refuses to comply to its summoner, such as when Guy or Testarossa was first summoned, they can choose to kill their summoner. It is highly likely that Misery was summoned with the approval of Guy.



Fig: Guy saying farewell to Diablo

Ruminas, Ray and Gunther's battle against Laplace, Footman and Maria concluded with the latter party fleeing the scene. However, Ruminas immediately realizes the disappearance of the coffin. Ruminas changed her focus on the locating the coffin. Enraged, she broke through the chamber and emerged on the surface level to confront Guranberu, pausing the on-going fight between Leon – Rimuru and Hinata – Guranberu. Ruminas, out of courtesy for her old servant Guranberu carried Maria's corpse out, questioning Guranberu's intent. This is, however, what Guranberu has planned all along, as he absorbed all the energy within Maria's corpse. As it turns out, Ruminas once utilized her vampiric skill **【love energy】** to sustain the youth of Guranberu, all these energy however have been stored inside Maria's corpse by Guranberu. With them absorbed in one go, Guranberu was reenergized to appear as his younger self, during the peak of his Yuusha life.

Guranberu proceeded to provoke Hinata, leading her to attack him frenzily with no effect. Guranberu then decides to destroy Hinata mentally by attempting to kill the five children. As Guranberu's charged **【Disintegration】** flew towards one of the children – Chloe, Hinata sacrificed herself to protect Chloe from the Disintegration ray. As the disintegration slowly consumes a dying Hinata, she reaches out to hold Chloe's hand only to trigger a certain effect that froze time temporarily. After which Chloe is nowhere to be found.

Despite everyone being shocked, the fight against Guranberu has yet to conclude. Ruminas, enraged at her inability to save Hinata evolved her unique skill to **【Asmodeus】** and confront Guranberu directly. Meanwhile, Rimuru,

still shocked at the death of Hinata, discover through Raphael that Hinata's soul has disappeared, thus rendering all revive method ineffective



Fig: Ruminas confronts Guranberu after evolving

The tension is magnified once more as a massive explosion was produced near the scene due to the breaking of seal on the slumbering Yuusha. As the dust settle, the Yuusha who possess magic power on par with Veldora stood silently. Yuuki and the Jesters also arrive, finally being publicly revealed as the evil Majin. The coordinator of this mass confrontation, Guranberu bursts into laughter as Yuuki also realizes he has been tricked by the maddened ex Yuusha. Ultimate Yuusha, Chronoa (クロノア) enters the battle.



Fig: Chronoa Awakes

The focus of the battle turns to the Chronoa, as she attacks indiscriminately everyone on the scene. Rimuru was forced to summon Veldora to his aid, while Leon could barely keep up with the battle. Yuuki and the jesters quickly fled after breaking the magic barrier of Ruberios.

Ruminas continues her fight against Guranberu, and the summoned Veldora, alongside Ifrit Karis join Rimuru and Leon in the final battle.

V. A Trip to the Past & TIME PARADOX

Hinata awakes in the void, and found herself in fact, in the soul of Chloe. Chloe was able to transfer Hinata's soul and merge it with her own. Through Chloe's vision, Hinata discovers that Chloe has travelled to a time where Ruberios Empire does not exist. Chloe explains she has jumped to the past, a time 2000 years prior to when Hinata's body dies.

Chloe explains that she awoke her power when Rimuru brought the children to the Elven Residence and inherit her "the access to return from the future", a self-conscious access power (likely the spirit of a future dead Chloe travelling back to this body). Chloe also inherited the memory of his last life, when Hinata and Chloe was killed in the Jura Forest. For this timeline, Chloe obtained Shizu's Mask from Rimuru during his stay in Ingracia, bringing it to the past. And after Chloe expresses her fondness towards Rimuru and told Hinata to be braced for the war called love, the two began a bizarre adventure in the past.

(Here begins the aligning of the main timeline by Chloe and Hinata)

The first thing the two set out to do it's locating Ruminas, at the time still the king of the Vampire kingdom before Veldora destroyed it. Chloe, with Hinata's advice warns Ruminas of Veldora's attack, due to her warning and Chloe's participation in evacuation, many were able to be saved. Chloe thus gained the trust of Ruminas, who as Chloe befriend decides to hear Chloe's story out. Chloe shared the story of her being Yuusha and the appearance of Rimuru, Hinata to Ruminas. (but not revealing too much information as to change the timeline dramatically) Chloe then decides to change her name from Chloe to Chronoa in order to hide her name from the public, unbeknownst to both, aligning the timeline furthermore. Chronoa proceeds to play the role as Yuusha, sealing Veldora in the process and repeating many events that had taken place in the main story timeline.

However, Chronoa, or Chloe's consciousness draws short as Leon Cromwell will soon be summoned in this timeline. Given that the original Chloe O'Bell will also be summoned alongside Leon, so will Chloe's consciousness depart from her current body. Chloe and Hinata decided to seek help from Ruminas to seal Hinata's soul when the timeline aligns perfectly. As Leon is summoned, Chloe's consciousness disappears, leaving Hinata alone, trying her best to also contain the personality of Chronoa. With her perseverance, she was able to wait for time to come to rescue Shizue and deliver her mask back to her.

With the final task completed, Hinata (in Chloe's body) was sealed in the Holy coffin with the help of Ruminas, with the future unknown, she sunk in sleep with belief in Rimuru in making this the best timeline.

VI. Back to the Future

The fight against Chronoa continues in the future, Rimuru, Leon and Veldora are unable to inflict much damage. As Leon prepares to get serious in counter-attacking, Ruminas was able to inform the party in time that Chronoa they fight now is an alternate Personality Chloe, and within the body sleeps Hinata's soul. While the rest of the party is shocked at this information, Raphael was able to process this information within Rimuru's head fast enough to allow him to grasp the situation. As Rimuru coordinates the defense of the party to prevent hurting Chronoa, Ifrit Karis suggested using the mask of Shizue to calm Chronoa down mentally (given it can seal spirit such as

Ifrit within Shizue). Rimuru was able to replicate the mask and put it on Chronoa in time...

Meanwhile, Shion, Ranga's battle against Lazul is about to conclude. Shion, having sustained heavy damage from Lazul, was able to persevere and continue fighting. In her near-death experience she was able to overcome the constant emotion of Jealous she feels in daily life and transform that to an aspiration to surpass other to become better (become best girl). This causes her to evolve unique skill on the spot, finally overcoming Lazul.



Fig: Shion vs Lazul

Guranberu, sensing the death of his closest ally Lazul, decides to finally go all out with the souls of his past comrades to battle against Ruminas, the soul of Maria, Lazul and Guranberu combined evolved him the ultimate skill 【Sariel】⁹⁶, against Ruminas' 【Amadeus】 both skills capable of Judging life and death.

Rimuru, after putting the mask on Chronoa, entered her consciousness. Accompanied by a manifested avatar of Shizue, Rimuru confronts the personality of Chronoa. However, Chronoa explains to Rimuru Hinata's soul has already died during Guranberu's attack, as the disintegration was able to shatter soul. Despite Chloe's effort to merge Hinata's soul, it did not sustain through the time leap. However, remains of Hinata's broken souls, or

⁹⁶ זהריאל One of the arch angel to create the world

Hinata's consciousness was able to be saved by her Unique skill **【Mathematician】**, thus enabling the illusion of experience of Hinata travelling alongside Chloe throughout the journey.⁹⁷ Chronoa continues to reveal that both Chloe and remains of Hinata's soul are now absorbed in the void of **【infinite prison】** (Chloe's unique skill).



Fig: Rimuru meets a Shizue without scar and mask

This did not despair Rimuru, and with the encouragement of Shizue, Rimuru utilizes Raphael to initiate the analysis of infinite prison within Chronoa. After analysis, Raphael executes the merging of all unique skills of Hinata (Upriser) and Chloe (Infinite Prison), evolving to Chloe's new ultimate skill **【Yog-Sothoth】**⁹⁸. Rimuru finally was able to retrieve both Chloe and Hinata's soul from Infinite prison (simultaneously achieving harem). The time paradox is resolved, for the time being.

⁹⁷ I feel like there is a plot hole here but honestly until this is translated in English I'm unable to contribute a lot in explaining this part about Hinata's situation

⁹⁸ Refer to Cthulhic mythos



Fig: Hinata thanking Rimuru (CP Goal 2.0)

Rimuru, then was able to retrieve Hinata's soul and, with the aid of Ruminas, revive Hinata's body and soul.

VII. Conclusion

Guranberu was defeated, upon dying he came to revelation of his inability to save humanity. In that moment of clarity, he entrusts her hope for humanity to Chloe.

Ruminas was successful in reviving Hinata, and Chloe's personality is able to take control of Chronoa's body. Now that Chronoa and Chloe's soul re-merged, and the Egg of Yuusha within Hinata miraculously inherited by Chloe, the "True Yuusha" Chloe O'Bell was reborn.

At last, the grand confrontation ends with a rather wholesome ending. The party exchange information and revealed the intent of Guranberu – the maddened Ex Yuusha, driven to self-blame after the death of his wife Maria and Granddaughter Mariaberu, in a bit to save the humanity that he cherishes decide to awaken the "True Yuusha" against the odds of the destruction of the world.

The concert proceeds the day after in front of the destroyed Cardinal of Ruberios, playing an elegant yet sorrowful song on this broken land. A requiem for those who entrusted their hope to the future.⁹⁹

⁹⁹ There is a beautiful epilogue in this volume. Do check it out when the translation is out.

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