



The Shinigami's Ledger

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Rain hammers against the classroom window as Akira sits in the corner, sketching strange creatures in his notebook. Outside, the sky turns an unnatural shade of dark purple, and a black object suddenly plunges from the swirling clouds toward the earth.



A terrifying metallic thud echoes through the school as the mysterious object crashes into the center of the courtyard. While the teacher demands the students stay seated, Akira watches the smoke rise from the impact site, his heart racing with an inexplicable curiosity.



After the bell rings, Akira ignores the rushing crowd and walks alone toward the crash site in the rain. A group of students surrounds the object, but they keep their distance, sensing an eerie and dangerous aura emanating from the fallen artifact.



Akira reaches out and picks up an ancient, leather-bound notebook covered in burns and strange silver lettering that spells out the word Shinigami. As he touches the cover, a cold chill shivers down his spine and a ghostly whisper from another world echoes in his ears.



Safe in his room that night, Akira opens the book to find chilling instructions written in what looks like dark red blood. The first rule states that any human whose name is written in this book will disappear forever from the living world, a claim Akira finds impossible to believe.



Thunder growls outside and the lights flicker into darkness, swallowing Akira's room in heavy shadows. Through the bedroom window, he sees a tall, terrifying figure with glowing gold and red eyes staring back at him with a wide, jagged grin.



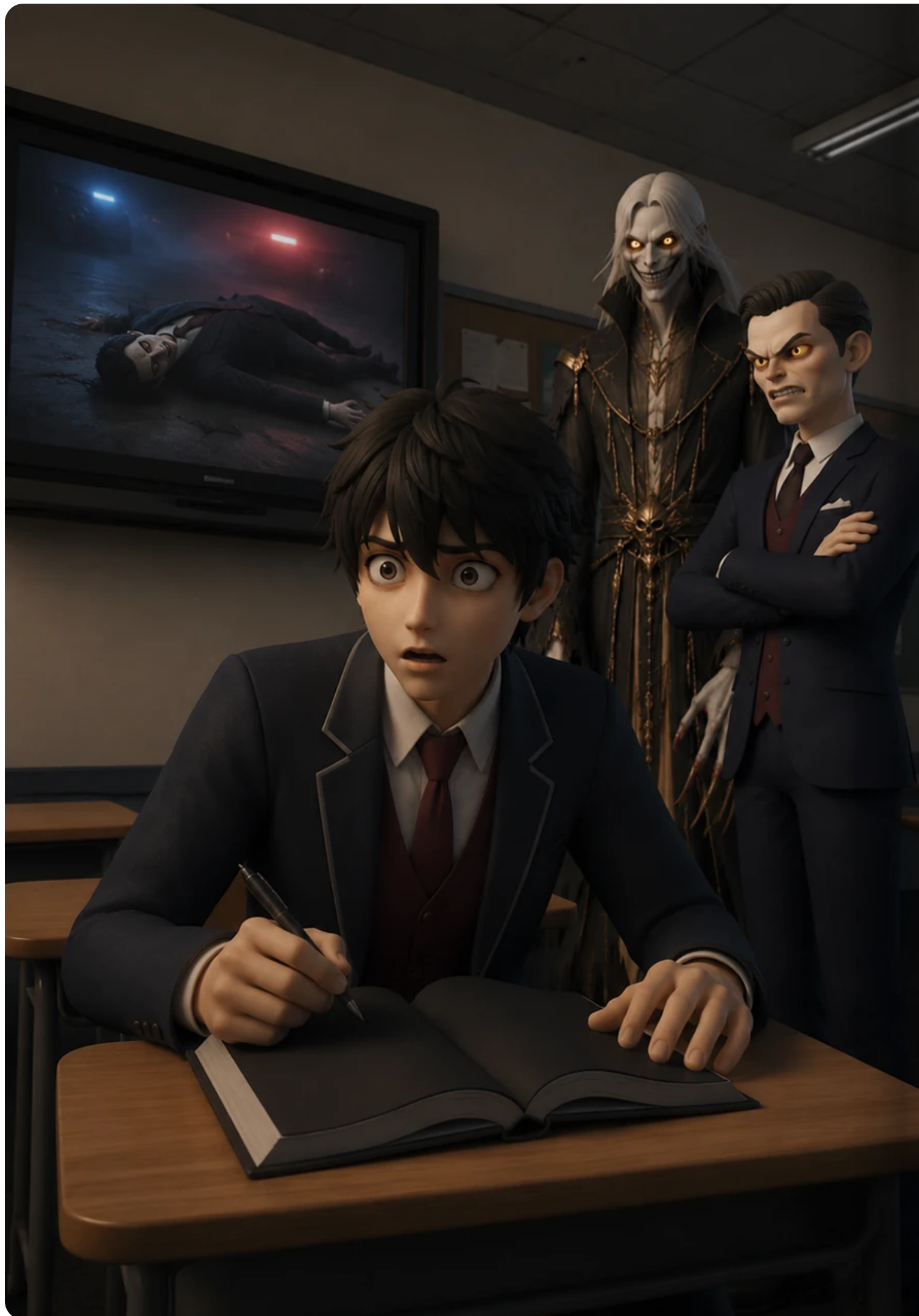
The creature raises a clawed hand and taps against the glass in a slow, rhythmic pattern that freezes Akira to the spot. Just as he finds the strength to run, the lights surge back on and the figure vanishes, leaving nothing but the pouring rain behind.



Akira notices that the notebook has moved from his study desk to an old stool beside his bed, opened to a fresh page. At the bottom of the burnt paper, new words have appeared on their own, welcoming him to a game he never intended to play.



The next day at school, the television screens are filled with the face of a dangerous mastermind criminal who has escaped from prison. Akira hides in an empty classroom, his hands trembling violently as he grips a pen over the ancient pages of the ledger.



Seconds after Akira writes the criminal's name, the news broadcast cuts to a breaking report of the man's sudden and mysterious death. A heavy silence fills the room as Akira realizes the terrifying truth: the book is real, and his life has changed forever.