

# The Divine Protection of the Sword Saint = Sword God = Reid Theory

This theory is presented by Sakura-san ([https://twitter.com/back\\_to\\_death\\_/](https://twitter.com/back_to_death_/)) and builds up from the very same theory known in the English Community, which I partially helped found back when Volume 20 came out in Japan back in 2019. Do make sure to follow Sakura-san please, he produces high quality Re: Zero Content!

This document will be a direct translation of his post found here:  
[https://twitter.com/back\\_to\\_death\\_/status/1434839027723603968](https://twitter.com/back_to_death_/status/1434839027723603968)

However, I might also write some of my thoughts at the end. I will clearly mark those as being my content.

## **About the Divine Protection of the Sword Saint and Reid**

Right after the Divine Protection of the Sword Saint left Theresia, the Sword God vanished from her side. Meaning, it's okay to assume that the Divine Protection of the Sword Saint and the Sword God are linked. (*From the first image in the references section in this document*) - Though Theresia and Reinhard have the Dragon Sword Reid in common, in Theresia's battle against Pandora-sama, although she had the Dragon Sword with her, she became unable to hear the voice of the Sword God, so the Divine Protection of the Sword Saint is almost certainly the one.

And Reinhard knows Reid's personality = There's a high chance they've talked. You could think of one way for Reinhard to be aware of Reid's personality, who died 400 years ago, would be to talk to the Reid who's in the Pleiades Watchtower. However, given that Reinhard hasn't been able to reach the tower, that thread of thought disappears. Then, from where did Reinhard become aware of Reid's personality?

Unless Reinhard has an undisclosed ability, where he can talk to the dead, or stuff like that, the only possibility that I can think of is the Divine Protection of the Sword Saint.

In other words, The Divine Protection of the Sword Saint = Sword God = Reid.

I think there's a big chance that Reid, who is the Divine Protection of the Sword Saint itself, is choosing the next Sword Saint using his own judgement and biases. He specifically chose Theresia from the siblings, and the reason he did, I think, is because of something like "*That one is gonna be fun*" and "*Theresia's talents (potential ability) were the highest*". Given Reid's personality, it's probably something like that.

And I think the Sword God = Reid was laughing at Theresia as he saw her suffering. Speculation.

**So, it's my theory from here on out, but getting straight to the point, I believe "Reid's soul was sealed into the Divine Protection of the Sword Saint using Volcanica's power."**

**Firstly, I definitely believe the reason why Reid has become the Divine Protection of the Sword Saint is down to the involvement of the Od Lagna which can make Divine Protections.**

And on top of that, I conjecture that there was some involvement from the Divine Dragon Volcanica there.

**We know that Volcanica has the ability to "tie down a soul to a specific place" as shown in image 2 in the references section. The reason Volcanica tied Echidna's soul down was for her "halting power against the Witch of Envy".**

And Volcanica, desiring the power to halt the Witch of Envy, used the "tying down a soul" ability that he'd also used on Echidna, to seal Reid's soul in the Divine Protection of the Sword Saint. That's what I think.

**Next, the points in common between the Od Lagna and Volcanica**

**Namely, the Pleiades Watchtower.**

Reid's Book of the Dead, that was in the Great Library Pleiades, had been emptied, and from it, it was connected to the Od Lagna. And for the Books of the Dead, the sediments of one's soul (memories and experiences), which are cleared by the Od Lagna, are made into them. Meaning that Flugel, the one who made the Books of the Dead, built the library that he used, while understanding the mechanisms of the Od Lagna.

Given that, I think there's the chance that he knows a way to connect to the Od Lagna.

**The Od Lagna is a mechanism for keeping the world from breaking, and if Reid's power is handed over as the Divine Protection of the Sword Saint, it'll end up becoming a means to deal with the calamity that would come someday as written in Echidna's Book of the Dead, or so I think.**

Putting aside the intentions for one moment, creating the Divine Protection of the Sword Saint as a deterrent against the breaking of the world fits with the Od Lagna's purpose of keeping the world from breaking.

**And, The Divine Dragon Volcanica, who was similarly on the first floor of the Pleiades Watchtower, bound a covenant with Flugel, where he'd be carrying out the role of an Examiner of the Tower.**

The three heroes who stopped “The Great Calamity”, where the Witch of Envy almost destroyed the world: i.e. Flugel, Reid and Volcanica joined forces, while Flugel found a way to connect with the Od Lagna. Volcanica and Reid bound a covenant (*a covenant is a contract that spans through a family*) and after Reid’s death (or before he died), Reid became the Divine Protection of the Sword Saint itself.

The reason why Reid cooperated is unknown. However, I think the chance of him cooperating is there, if you persuade him with: “*You’ll be able to experience interesting stuff after death as well*”.

**The Od Lagna, who wants to keep the world from breaking, Volcanica, who desires the power to halt the Witch of Envy, Flugel, who wants to save the Witch of Envy and stop her (probably), and Reid (theoretically), who wants to experience some interesting stuff, probably joined forces to manufacture the Divine Protection of the Sword Saint. A Divine Protection that dwells only in a specific family, for the purpose of having a power against the Witch of Envy to halt her. That’s what I’ve contemplated.**

**Flugel found a way to connect to the Od Lagna, Volcanica tied down Reid’s soul as the Divine Protection of the Sword Saint, and Reid dwelled in the Divine Protection of the Sword Saint.**

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And that’s Sakura-san’s theory! The one extra I should mention, is that in DMs, we discussed the ideas a while and one thing I noted was the Divine Protection of Windbreak found in the Earth Dragons - which are said to have been created by Volcanica itself. A similar method might have been used by the “Three Heroes” for their Divine Protection as the Divine Protection of the Sword Saint. I’ll enclose the bit from EX 3 below, under image 3 in the references.

*(Note: This bit was not translated directly from Sakura-san and is instead presented from my point of view, since I introduced the connection to the Earth Dragons to Sakura-san itself.)*

There were also some other things we discussed briefly, including how Volcanica is likely classified as an Observer tier entity, if Stride can be believed in The Sword Demon Battle Ballad - just like the Od Lagna. Meaning that creating Divine Protections is something which he too can do by default. Either way, I hope you all enjoy the theory, which builds up from the known Divine Protection of the Sword Saint = Sword God = Reid theory that was introduced circa 2019ish in the EN Community.

## References

[1]

There was no problem in her limbs, in her eyes, or in her feet.  
But she felt something like, as if, she had lost her wings—

“The Divine Protection.....”

She noticed it.

She could no longer sense the feeling of possessing the 『Divine Protection of the Sword Saint』. The same went for the Sword God, who was always by her side no matter how far she went with the sword. Even his ridicule, was nowhere now.

“Reinhardt—!”

At the same time, Thearesia felt she knew who now possessed what her body had lost. Was this the same feeling her uncle got when he sensed Thearesia being the inheritor of the Divine Protection? Otherwise, it may just be that Thearesia was simply aware of Reinhardt’s limitless natural talent.

[2]

Echidna: “‘Ghost,’ isn’t something I can deny. That I’ve lost my physical body and am now a mental body is fact. Now, if you were to ask why I’m like this... right. I’d say the most accurate answer would be to act as a deterrent.”

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Subaru: “Deterrent? For what pur... no, in opposition to what?”

Echidna: “Sharp.”

Echidna gives a satisfied nod and a small clap of the hands.

Echidna: “The one who bound me to the earth like this was Volcanica—the Holy Dragon Volcanica. I’m sure you’ve at least heard of him before?”

Subaru: “...He’d be the dragon the rulers of Lugnica have a covenant with, I think. I heard the name before in the hall for the royal selection.”

Echidna: “It’s the same Volcanica. That dragon’s power seals me in this tomb. The reason why Volcanica’s done this, exactly as you’ve guessed, is as a deterrent against the WITCH OF ENVY.”

Every time Echidna says ‘WITCH OF ENVY,’ a sharp emotion flashes across her eyes for nothing more than an instant. She is probably really not on good terms with the Witch of Envy.

[3]

Husband and wife left the capital in a dragon carriage, heading first for Flanders. Flanders was a city on the Highclara Plateau, where a variety of land dragons lived; the area was known for raising these creatures. Land dragons from Flanders were valued both abroad as well as within Lugunica, and its "dragon industry" had elevated it to one of the kingdom's five largest cities.

"According to legend, Flanders is also where the Holy Dragon Volcanica was bound in friendship to the first Sword Saint, Reid, and the sage Shaura," Theresia said.

"Yeah, I think I've heard that the first land dragons were born as some kind of blessing from the Holy Dragon about the same time. Not that I believe it for a second."

"But if it were true, wouldn't that be exciting?" Theresia's eyes were shining.

Wilhelm gave a sort-of smile, holding back the rush of emotion in his heart.