

Bloodline 531

Chapter 531 A bonded beast?

Sebastian let out an annoyed huff when a young server told him that someone was looking for him outside the building.

He furrowed his brows, wondering who it could be since all the people he knew were seated with him. But his curiosity got the best of him, so after informing his friends that he would be stepping out for a bit, he stood up and left the table.

Yue gazed at his fading figure and let out a deep breath. She quickly placed the glass that Sebastian had handed her on the table, but she had already taken a few sips of the fruity drink because so many people were asking her to, even the females. Moreover, the drink turned out to be stronger than her expectations, and after just a few sips, she could feel its effects.

She sighed and looked under the table where Nox was seated, eating meat from the plate placed before him.

The lynx refrained from climbing the table because he disliked it when others touched his body. Nox looked up when he sensed Yue's gaze and tilted his head.

'What happened?'

His voice echoed in her head, and Yue pinched her brows with a frown.

'It's barely been a day since we got here, and Sebastian is already getting on my nerves. Also...'

She hesitated, wanting to mention that she had been sensing an intense gaze on her for some reason.

Nox let out a sneer.

'I suggested you just pummel him... but hold on... you have already done that numerous times, and it seems like he enjoys being beaten up by you. So, you taking a swing at him is off the table. How about I handle him this time?'

Yue smiled at the lynx's words, but her following words betrayed her harmless expression.

'It's dangerous here... so return as soon as you are finished.'

Nox chuckled darkly and stealthily slipped away from under the table without anyone noticing. He had recently stepped into the pseudo-divine rank, so he was eager to test his new strength. He knew Sebastian was stronger, but he had trained alongside Yue and knew that the green-haired man lacked a solid foundation, having only relied on treasures to reach the Divine rank just to follow Yue to the Sacred Divine Land.

Therefore, the lynx was confident he could defeat him. If not, he planned to use his true form to overpower Sebastian.

After Nox left, Yue stood up, and even though a few people tried to stop her, she informed them that she was tired and wanted to go rest in her room.

The supreme-rank elf in charge of safeguarding the young ones while the other supreme rank elves were away gave her an approving nod with a slightly tipsy look as he had consumed half the bottle

of the liquor he secretly took from Sebastian, and she quickly left the table, heading straight to her room.

Yue could not quite describe it, but ever since the Tree of Fate avoided her touch, she had been feeling strange, almost as if something positive was about to happen. The drink she had just consumed only intensified this feeling. However, she chuckled at herself, thinking what good could possibly come her way.

In the meantime, after Nox leaped out from the building exit, he scanned the area with a sinister gleam in his eyes.

The lynx deftly dodged every person in his way as his piercing blue eyes scrutinized every face to spot the familiar one. His gaze halted and his eyes narrowed upon seeing Sebastian being dragged away by a hooded figure in a dim alley.

'Huh...? Oh no! Someone is stealing my prey! Who dared to!'

Nox's scales stood up as he hissed and swiftly followed Sebastian and the hooded man into the alley. However, he blinked the moment he entered the alley because some strange symbols lit up in the air and closed the area around him with a thin layer of divine energy, almost as if sealing it off from others' senses.

The lynx started regretting the time when he followed behind Sebastian after seeing how the hooded man beat the shit out of the green-haired man with little to no effort. At one point, he even covered his eyes with his paws in shock, but Nox's breath hitched in his throat when he caught a glimpse of the hooded man's face as his hoodie slipped from his head.

'Kyle!!!!'

His eyes widened in shock as he gazed at the man opposite him.

Kyle casually flung Sebastian's battered body aside with a click of his tongue and abandoned the weeping elf to fend for himself. He glanced at the pseudo-divine rank beast that had stealthily entered his presence concealing array a while ago, only to be met with a pair of astonished blue eyes fixed on him as if they had encountered a ghost.

"..."

Kyle furrowed his brows, and before Nox could react, he vanished from his spot and grabbed the lynx by his neck, staring at his body with a curious expression.

"A bonded beast? I have seen a few on my way here, but to whom do you belong? Don't tell me you are bonded with the idiot I just beat up?"

Nox was left gaping at him, but his shock soon morphed into bewilderment. How could the human not recognize him when he vividly remembers the day Kyle wanted to cook and eat him up!?

That's just not fair! Hold on, maybe it's because he has changed a lot in the last few years. Yeah, that's it, but then again, his body hasn't changed much, so why is the human looking at him with eyes that seem to suggest he doesn't know him.

Nox's body tensed as Kyle sniffed the air around him. The human's eyes lit up with a strange glint, and a sense of foreboding welled up inside the lynx's heart.

This feeling was proven correct when he heard the human's next words.

"Are you Yue's bonded beast? I can smell her scent connected with you. How about I take you to meet your bonded partner? It's a dangerous night, you know. You could get lost in a dark alley."

Chapter 532 Of course, it wasn't me!

Nox fell silent because something was definitely off with Kyle... like, really off, especially the aura surrounding him. It had become much scarier. As he caught Kyle staring at him, he simply nodded.

He would just let Yue handle the silver-haired human. After all, she would be happy to see him again.

Kyle gave him an approving look, slightly pleased that the lynx didn't attempt to escape his grasp.

However, from the beast's behavior, a thought crossed his mind that perhaps he knew this little lynx as well?

He placed the beast on his shoulder and, after taking one last look at Sebastian's body, he exited the alley. Instantly, some curious onlookers who had previously seen Nox with Yue turned their attention to Kyle as he re-entered the building, only to discover that Yue left the table.

Kyle noticed that the supreme-rank old geezer was drunk and preoccupied in his own world. So, he effortlessly slipped away from the ground floor and began climbing the spiraling staircase leading up to the higher floors. He wanted to sense the mark he had placed on Yue to know her exact location and follow it, but he paused when a young voice sounded in his head.

'Just follow me.'

He tilted his head toward the lynx on his shoulder and watched as the beast jumped down and began climbing the staircase.

Nox gazed back at the human and, after ensuring the man was closely following behind him, the lynx quickened his pace until he reached the fourth floor.

Kyle followed him onto the floor and discovered a symmetrical arrangement of wooden doors on either side, each marked with a different number tag.

His gaze immediately shifted towards the lynx, only to see the beast sitting before a door in the distance.

Nox looked at the silver-haired man who approached him and placed his paw on the door with a mischievous glint in his eyes. He called for Yue in his head and asked her to open the door because he was done with Sebastian. Instantly, a surprised voice echoed in his mind as the elven woman questioned him how he did it so quickly while she opened the door for him.

'Don't blame me... It's a little revenge for the time you wanted to cook and eat me!'

The lynx laughed inwardly as the door in front of him creaked open, and he swiftly slipped inside before slamming it shut with his horns. Kyle stopped in his tracks and stared the door that slammed shut before his eyes. His eyebrow twitched, but then a smirk crept onto his lips.

"Little one, do you believe a weak door can prevent me from entering the room?"

Inside the room, Yue blinked and watched as Nox leaped towards the only bed in the distance with a smug expression.

Her face had a slight flush because she was feeling a bit tipsy from the drink she had earlier, even though she had used her divine-energy to remove it from her body. Yue let out a faint smile when she sensed Nox's emotions; the lynx was feeling proud, and she thought it was because he had beaten up Sebastian quite badly. However, she wondered how he did it so quickly. That's why she approached the bed and crossed her arms with a curious expression.

"So... what did you do? I sensed your emotions were quite troubled for a while after you left the building, but then you became very happy. Hmm, I can't believe you defeated a divine rank so easily."

Nox's eyes sparkled.

"Of course, it wasn't me! Not me at all! It was someone else, someone Yue wants to see so badly. He's outside the room!"

Yue looked confused and gazed at the lynx, who messed up the bedsheet with a yawn.

"Who are you-!"

Her words were interrupted when Nox stood up on the bed and gasped sharply.

"Oh no! He entered the room without permission!"

Yue's eyes narrowed sharply when she sensed the divine energy behind her stir. She spun on her heels, and instinctively reached out for her weapon as she stared at the wooden door across from her.

"Who?"

She had let her guard down, thinking that with a supreme-rank individual protecting her and the other elves, no one would dare to attack them. However, who would have imagined someone would be bold enough to enter her room!

Yue swiftly nocked an arrow in her bow adorned with spiritual energy stones and spread out her senses to identify the intruder, but her expression sank when the air before her cracked, and with a speed visible to the naked eye, the divine energy in the air converged to create a portal that expanded to engulf a significant area.

She prepared herself to attack as a man cloaked in a hoodie stepped out from the portal, but her breath hitched in her throat, and her eyes widened when she locked eyes with the familiar pair of green eyes staring back at her. Instantly, the bow and arrow in her grasp fell to the ground with a resounding thud that reverberated through the quiet room. It took Yue a few moments to accept that what she was seeing was not a figment of her imagination. She staggered and gasped in disbelief.

"Kyle...?"

Kyle stared at the shocked woman before him and muttered softly.

"Yes."

He waited outside the room for a minute to gather his thoughts on what he wanted to discuss with her, but even after that, now that he was standing before her, he didn't know where to begin.

Right... he should start by asking why she left the blue planet and when, but before he could utter another word, Yue's figure disappeared from her spot.

'No, she didn't disappear...'

His mind supplied because he could see her coming towards him, but he didn't move and just watched as she heaved all her weight onto his body.

Due to the sudden movement, Kyle staggered, and they tumbled to the ground together with a soft thud. He released a deep breath when Yue clutched his clothes tightly and buried her face in his chest, completely disregarding the fact that they had just dropped to the ground.

Chapter 533 Is it really you?

Kyle blinked and gazed at the dark ceiling quietly as he felt the warmth from the body above him that felt very familiar yet unfamiliar at the same time.

A few fleeting images flashed through his mind and he tried to grasp them, but they slipped away from his reach as he stilled upon hearing a faint sob from the woman above him. She murmured softly.

"Kyle, Kyle, Kyle... is it really you?"

Kyle shut his eyes and clenched his fists as he heard Yue call out his name repeatedly, as if making sure he wasn't just a figment of her imagination. How he wondered she would react when she found out that he lacked all the memories related to her...

Instantly, a bitter sensation spread across his chest, and his heart pained whenever he heard Yue's sobbing voice. This sour feeling alone was enough to make him believe that she was truly his lover... The moment this thought crossed his mind, his body strangely relaxed.

His hands, which had been still beside him all this time, hovered above her, and when she called out his name once again, this time much louder, he wrapped one hand around her waist and placed the other on her head before whispering softly.

"Yes, its me."

He felt it distinctly when Yue's grip on him tightened, and she pressed her face further into his chest before calling out once again.

"Kyle..."

A mirthful chuckle rumbled out from his throat, and it was as if a knot loosened in his heart, he replied with a faint smile.

"Yes."

Yue nodded slightly and slowly but surely loosened her grip on him. Kyle noticed with a soft sigh that she didn't move and stayed still on him. They stayed on the floor in silence for a long time.

Kyle let out a hum and was surprised even at himself that his body didn't reject the warmth coming from her body.

He stared at the dark ceiling and started playing with her hair by running his fingers smoothly through her long locks. Her hair was smooth, silky, and emitted a pleasant scent. Unlike the countless scents that always overwhelmed him, this scent was gentle and gave him a nice feeling.

Kyle unconsciously tilted his head and buried his nose into Yue's neck to take another sniff of the sweet scent. Only after he had done so did he pause and blink, a bit surprised at his own actions, but before he could move back, the elven woman in his arms finally stirred.

Yue raised her face to stare at him with red-rimmed eyes. Clearly, she was happy to see him again, but she just couldn't stop the emotions she had been keeping inside herself from the moment she left the blue planet from bursting. Now that she had calmed down, she was feeling a bit embarrassed at her behavior.

Kyle tilted his head to get a better view of her face and raised his hand to tuck the locks of hair cascading down toward him behind her ears. He gazed into her eyes with a smile, but his next words caused Yue's already flushed face to turn an even brighter shade of crimson.

"Done crying?"

She rolled her eyes and let out a huff before softly punching his chest. However, she paused when Kyle wrinkled his brows as if her fist had caused him great pain.

"I didn't hit you that hard! No, I didn't even put pressure into it..."

Yue stared at her hand, thinking maybe she accidentally used divine energy. After all, she had been training non-stop, so perhaps she instinctively used it. Also, her fist was heavier than before. However, her eyes widened with disbelief when she saw how Kyle coughed to hide his laughter.

"You!"

She raised her fist to punch him again but stopped mid-way and released a breath. Yue decided to let it go because she was feeling happy after seeing him.

Kyle thought she would finally stand up, but how wrong he was because this time she just pressed her face into his neck. There was hesitation in Yue's voice when she spoke up again.

"So... how have you been? Are you angry that I left the planet without telling you? I am sorry. I thought I would be able to tell you, but it happened so suddenly..."

She paused for a bit and after gathering her thoughts started bombarding him with one question after another.

"How did you come to Sacred Divine land? What about Bia? No, how did you find me? What about the others?"

Kyle let out a chuckle and surprised Yue by grabbing her waist tightly before he stood up from the ground. She hastily wrapped her hands around his neck for support and stared at him unblinkingly. His movement faltered when he sensed her intense stare, but he quickly approached the bed in the distance and lowered her body onto it.

"Don't you think it's cold? The floor and then... my body as well."

She shook his head.

"Not really, it's fine, and the sensation is pleasant. Also, as long as I remember, your body has always been cold, so I was just a little surprised when it was even more colder than before."

Kyle raised his brow... so they have had intimate physical contact before? He quickly refocused his thoughts before they strayed in the wrong direction, but then his eyes landed on a familiar lynx

peacefully sleeping in the center of the bed. He narrowed his eyes and approached the oblivious lynx.

Nox let out a startled gasp when Kyle grabbed his neck, and his eyes widened with shock when the human tossed him away from the bed as if he were a rag. He looked at Yue for comfort but despair clouded his gaze when he saw her eyes fixed on the silver-haired man. Instantly, a shuddering thought crossed his mind, it seems from now he had to get used this treatment. No way! Nox screamed in his head and wanted to jump toward Yue but when he saw Kyle he quietly turned around and accepted his fate.

Kyle glanced around. When he entered the room, he didn't notice, but it was completely empty, with nothing but a bed in the center, a table, and a chair on the right side. There wasn't even a window, and the dim light inside was coming from the two bright stones embedded in the walls.

He sat on the bed and placed his hands behind him to balance himself before looking at the elf who had been watching him. Yue blinked when he remained silent and asked again.

"So how have you been? Also, Bia, where is she? Why is she not with you?"

Kyle let out a thoughtful hum.

"Well, I'm doing alright, as you can see. As for Bia, I'm not sure. She has never been by my side for as long as I can remember."

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Kyle let out a sigh inwardly. Initially, he was here just to talk to her, to figure out why she left the blue planet and to confirm if he had truly left the planet to search for her.

But after seeing her and having a conversation with her, he felt that it was fine for her to know that he remembered nothing if she was his lover.

He felt it strongly, the distress and bitterness creeping into his heart as he heard her soft cry above him and could do nothing but hold her tightly. That's why he feared if he acted oddly in her presence or said something different from his usual self, she would surely question him. If she found out about his memory loss on her own and thought he kept it hidden because he couldn't trust her, it would surely break Yue's heart, a sight he was certain he couldn't bear to see.

He laughed to himself inwardly at how effortlessly he felt compelled to share everything with her.

'So, the feelings are mutual, huh? It's surprising that with my personality, I developed feelings for someone. I wonder about when and how... Now, I truly wish to recall what I have forgotten.'

Kyle looked at Yue as she furrowed her brows in confusion at his response. It was understandable because he had just said that his bonded companion, who should have always been with him, hadn't been by his side for as long as he could recall. He lifted his hand and gently placed his finger between her brows to ease the tension.

'It's fortunate we met before I entered the No Mana Land. If not, I fear that even if we crossed paths, I might have just walked past without forming a true connection.'

Yue blinked at the sudden cold touch but looked away when she saw Kyle staring at her with a soft expression.

She cleared her throat and moved his hand, worried they wouldn't be able to continue the conversation like this!

However, her eyes unconsciously drifted down to his body; even though he was in a hoodie, it couldn't hide his toned physique. He appeared more muscular, almost as if he had trained his body a lot. Looking back at his face, she noticed he also appeared more handsome, and for some reason, his presence was intimidating, more so than hers, even though she could clearly sense that the divine aura emanating from his body was weaker than hers.

She had reached the final stage of the divine-rank, and from Kyle's aura that was displayed to the world, she knew he had recently entered the divine-rank. So, why did it feel like he was stronger than her? But then she shook her head because he had always been stronger... maybe he was concealing his strength?

Yue's eyes widened as she realized her thoughts were drifting off the important discussion! Snap out of it! It's not the time to admire his physique and strength! She quickly refocused and resumed speaking.

"What are you saying? Bia should have always been with you. She is your bonded companion. Also, there's no way she would leave your side on her own accord!"

She watched as Kyle lowered his hoodie from his head and let his body drop backward onto the bed as if he owned it. He placed his arm behind his head, and her heart sank when he nodded and let out a silent 'right'. A bad premonition welled up inside Yue's heart. How could the Kyle she knew talk so nonchalantly when they were discussing Bia? Bia was someone he cherished a lot!

"You-!"

Her words were interrupted as he took her hand and pushed her to lie down beside him. Yue wanted to sit up again because they really needed to talk, especially when she could clearly sense that something was definitely off with him, but her movements paused when she heard his next words.

"I know what you are thinking, but it's because I don't remember her."

"Not just Bia, I don't remember anyone. The knowledge I have is all that I have gathered. So, don't ask me anything about her because I won't be able to answer."

It took a few seconds for Kyle's words to sink into Yue's head, and when they did, she grabbed his clothes and let out a faint whisper filled with disbelief.

"What...?"

Her eyes trembled as she replayed his words in her mind, especially the part where he mentioned that he doesn't remember anyone. Wait... Doesn't everyone include her as well? The moment this thought crossed her mind, she felt like her heart dropped into the pit of her stomach.

Yue's voice quivered slightly as she gathered her courage to ask, with a glimmer of hope that maybe, just maybe, she wasn't included in those he didn't remember.

"What... about me?"

There was silence for a moment before she heard a deep sigh above her.

"I am sorry."

Those words were enough to confirm her fears... he doesn't remember her either. Yue closed her eyes and clenched her fists tightly. But she relaxed her grip when Kyle grabbed her hands and carefully opened her fingers before tilting his head to gaze at her with a distressed expression.

Yue let out a deep breath and swiftly collected her thoughts. It had been a long time since she had felt so many emotions and showed them so openly on her face. She wasn't usually like this; she had learned to conceal them, but she just couldn't in Kyle's presence. So, she allowed them overflow... because she knew it was okay, even if he didn't remember. Yet, she still asked to confirm.

"If you don't remember me, then why? Why didn't you push me away? And how did you know that we... no, how did you find me and recognize me when you don't even remember me?"

Kyle blinked and let out a laugh. There were many things he himself didn't understand, especially how easily he accepted the fact that she was his lover.

"I didn't push you because I didn't feel like it. I don't remember you, but it doesn't mean my body and heart don't as well. They do, and they were too reluctant to push you away. As for how I found you and recognized..."

A mischievous glint flashed through his eyes as he picked up a few locks of her hair and took a sniff.

"I placed a mark on your body."

"Huh???"

Yue's eyes widened as she gazed at him.

"You did what!? When?"

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Kyle let out a chuckle at the reaction of the woman lying beside him.

"I already told you, I don't remember. How could I know when I did it? But one thing's for certain, I have always been able to feel your presence because of the mark, even when I forget who exactly I marked."

Yue gasped and stared at him in disbelief. He marked her, and she had no idea? She let out a soft sigh, but a smile appeared on her face as she thought about how the mark had led him to her, even though he had no memories of her.

Perhaps Kyle sensed her strange behavior on the blue planet and decided to mark her to ensure he would know if she ever faced danger, but who would have thought it would turn out this way.

Yue looked at him and wanted to question how he lost his memories. Did he face a dangerous situation on the blue planet after she left? Is their home planet safe? What happened to Bia? Why wasn't the phoenix with him when the latter had always stayed with him? What about Alec, Lara, Mia, and the others?

She had numerous questions in her mind but didn't know where to begin and how much he remembered. In the end, she was not even sure if he would answer or not, so she quietly started fidgeting with her fingers.

Observing the array of emotions in Yue's eyes, Kyle snapped his fingers above her face to bring her back from her thoughts. She blinked and stared at his face with furrowed brows because after grabbing her attention, he settled comfortably on the bed and closed his eyes. However, Yue's eyes brighten when he started speaking in a carefree tone with his eyes closed.

"You know, you can ask me anything you want to know. I will answer if I know and remember..."

A faint smile appeared on his lips.

"After all, if I didn't want to share, I would have never told you I lack memories about the past, and trust me, I had enough knowledge to keep it hidden. So, feel free to ask whatever's on your mind."

Yue pushed back his hand that had been playing with her hair and sat down on the bed with a solemn yet curious expression.

"So... how did you forget?"

Kyle sighed in regret as his fingers, which had been running through the smooth hair, were left grasping empty air.

"It's a long story..."

He started by sharing how he was found in a bloody state in a far-off place called the No Mana Land, a place with no mana and divine energy.

The old couple who found him were members of the water dragon race that had resided in that land for many years. They took him back to their village and took care of him when he was injured.

The duo also called their village leader, Hubert, who healed his injuries with spiritual energy and told him everything about the land he had entered.

It was a place where outsiders gradually lost their memories over time, the longer they stayed. Hubert also told him about the grey barrier surrounding the land, which only those with a transcendent rank physique could traverse.

As he narrated, Kyle's thoughts briefly turned to Aze, and a flicker of coldness flashed across his face. He deliberately omitted every detail about Aze and what he had experienced in the man's presence. After all, he had known from the moment he saw Aze watching him with little to no emotions while the manaless beasts fed on his flesh that the man was dangerous.

He didn't want to risk putting Yue in any danger, so it wouldn't be wise for her to know about the man, at least not until Kyle had the strength to retrieve the notebook Aze took away from him and became powerful enough to make the man experience what he had endured.

He opened his eyes, and his expression softened when he noticed how attentively Yue had been listening to him. Her brows were once again furrowed, and her eyes conveyed a myriad of emotions, with sadness being the most prominent one.

Yue noticed Kyle's pause, and before he could continue, she dropped onto his arm and hugged him tightly.

"I'm sorry I wasn't there with you when you were in such a place all alone. I thought I was the only one who had to go through hardships, but how wrong I was. Even though I was staying with strangers on the elven planet, my mother and Elli were with me, but you faced it all alone, without anyone beside you."

Kyle blinked, and his heart warmed up at her words. He buried his face in her shoulder and let out a bittersweet smile.

"It's fine. It's not your fault. Also, I wasn't alone; the villagers were with me. Ah, right, Hubert as well. He is my second master, the one who helped me train my physique so I could leave that land."

Yue patted his back, and he chuckled at her gesture. After a brief pause, she cleared her throat and silently asked him to continue.

Kyle's eyebrow twitched at her words, and he picked up where he left off. He explained that after leaving the No Mana Land, he traced the mark he had left on her, leading him to the elven planet.

However, he got there a bit late because she left on a ship right before his eyes. After that, two elven women, Eilli and her mother, whom he had recently learned about from Yue, spotted him, and he had a conversation with them for a while.

Kyle hesitated when he thought about Glacia, wondering if he should tell her. After a few seconds, he decided to just say that he killed that woman because she was trying to kill him. Yet, he blinked in surprise when he heard Yue's response and swore he sensed a hint of pride in her voice.

"It's good you took care of her. Nox and I had been wanting to get rid of her too because she had been getting on our nerves from the moment she forcefully took us to the elven planet."

"So well done."

Kyle burst into laughter at her words because, for some reason, the words that came from her mouth sounded truly unexpected. He paused when he felt Yue's gaze sharpen and cleared his throat with a serious expression.

"You mentioned Nox... who are they?"

Yue quickly got distracted and glanced around before pointing at the lynx that had been observing everything from a distance, or more precisely, after being thrown from the bed, Nox was watching them roll around on the bed from the ground with a solemn and sour expression.

Kyle nodded, and Nox felt a shiver run down his spine for some reason when the man called out his name.

"Oh... he is Nox."

Chapter 536 They didn't sound too bad

After Kyle finished speaking, he let out a quiet yawn. He had never realized that talking so much could be so tiring, and now he felt the urge to rest for a while. However, before he could even close his eyes, Yue grabbed his arm and pulled him to sit in front of her with a serious expression.

"Now, it's my turn!"

She declared loudly, and Kyle blinked in response with a mix of sleepiness and confusion on his face.

"What?"

Yue giggled.

"Of course, now that you don't remember, it's my responsibility to remind you of what you have forgotten! No need worry, I will fill you in on everything from your past that I know!"

Kyle groaned and attempted to slump back onto the bed, but Yue pulled him back to sit once more. She was determined not to let him off the hook until she had shared all the information! He sighed and raised his hands in surrender.

"I am listening."

Yue smiled at him, and he rested his hand under his chin, prepared to listen to whatever she had to share.

Unlike him, the elven woman had a wealth of information to disclose. She started by delving into details about his family, and he found out he had two older brothers, Neon and Ray, along with an old father. She also mentioned that his mother had passed away during his childhood due to her weak health.

Kyle let out a thoughtful hum. He repeated his brothers' names and his father's name in his head, only to blink in surprise when suddenly a faint image of a black-haired young man, who was showing him his fist with a fed-up expression, flashed in his mind. Instantly, he tried to hold onto the memory, but as usual, it slipped away before he could fully grasp it.

He immediately became attentive because simply listening seemed to be more useful than he expected. Yue let out a chuckle when she saw how he crossed his arms and legs with a solemn expression.

She didn't stop and continued. As time passed, Kyle's sleepiness dissipated, and he became engrossed in her narration.

But for some reason, he felt like she was exaggerating because she described him as someone who was always strong enough to fight enemies of higher rank.

Yue also mentioned many unfamiliar yet familiar names, starting with a few humans like Alec, Jian, Carcel, Lara, and Mia before she told him about a demi-human named Sinon, then Regius, an elf.

She brought up Han as well, his master, but paused for a moment before mentioning Nine, who was someone very close to him and his best friend as well.

Kyle mumbled the names under his breath. Leaving everyone else aside, he had heard about Nine from Elli and Yue's mother. Also, from the content of the note he found after he killed Glacia, he already knew that Nine was his friend. But he was still surprised when Yue told him Nine is a mermaid.

Instantly, his eyes brightened a bit, and his interest was piqued. A mermaid, he couldn't believe he had befriended someone from the mermaid race. The more he listened to Yue, the more incredible he felt because, according to her, all his friends were extraordinarily strong, just like him.

"So... they are all strong?"

Yue nodded.

"Yes, especially Alec! He is, you know, the most hardworking one among us all! Carcel and Jian are also strong, but I don't know who is stronger, them or Alec. Lara and Mia are too. As for Nine..."

She let out a chuckle.

"Last time I heard from Elli that he had a motto to follow you around and bask in your luck! Jian and he both have this motto! When I heard that, I really wondered if your luck is really that high? I do know you are always fortunate, but the duo always exaggerates things!"

Kyle raised his brow with an 'oh' as Yue continued and told him how he suddenly went into a coma when they were all fighting the monster lords on the blue planet together. It was all due to a strange man who appeared out of nowhere and retrieved an artifact from his body.

The elven woman's eyes reflected bitterness and sadness as she recounted everything that happened while he was in a coma, but they softened when she mentioned he woke up soon. Then Kyle, Alec, and the others, along with every remaining soldier on the blue planet who was willing to fight, engaged in battle against the people from the dark side and completely vanquished them.

Kyle's gaze remained focused as she finished recounting the events. He let out a sigh, gathered all the information he had collected, and began piecing it together. He hadn't mentioned Leroy and the ethereal tunnel to Yue yet.

Upon realizing he had many friends and family, he quietly hoped in his heart that he was the only one harmed by the ethereal tunnel and that they were all safe. His lack of emotions or attachment towards them didn't matter because he knew he would regain them once his memories returned.

But when he closed his eyes and sensed Bia's presence, a feeling arose in his heart that he wasn't the only one. It seemed likely that someone, or perhaps everyone, was with him on the day he was drawn into the ethereal tunnel. Kyle stared at the dark ceiling with a distant expression.

'I just hope they are alive. Nothing else... because from Yue's account, they didn't sound too bad. It wouldn't be a bad idea to get to know them once again.'

He chuckled inwardly at his thoughts. It was true that he had started feeling fewer emotions compared to before. That's why he never imagined that even before gaining his memories, he would worry about other people.

'If they are just as strong as Yue had described them, I am sure they will be fine wherever they are.'

Chapter 537 Did you find who it was?

Yue glanced at his face. Now she understood why he was so tired after speaking so much because she was, too! Her throat was dry as well! She was sure she had talked the whole night, and the new day had probably started. Well, it can't be helped; she became too excited and just started to tell everything in detail.

Kyle stepped down from the bed and headed over to the table in the distance to grab the glass sitting on top of it. With just a snap of his finger, water appeared in mid-air and dropped into the glass.

He then strolled back to the bed at a leisurely pace, even though he could hear a faint commotion on the building's ground floor, and offered the glass to Yue, who blinked but then accepted it with a smile.

She observed as Kyle moved to her left side. After picking up the blanket, he lay down on the pillow, only to gaze at her as she drank the water. When she finished, he patted the space beside him.

Yue placed the glass on the floor and moved closer to him with a slight blush. However, she blinked in surprise when he simply wrapped her in the blanket and suggested she take a nap for a while.

"Sure..."

Kyle felt a surge of affection when he noticed a subtle pout on her lips. He took a quick look at Nox and saw the lynx sleeping peacefully on the floor.

Yue let out a surprised gasp when he grabbed the blanket and pulled it over their heads. Her eyes widened as he pressed his lips against hers. She instinctively grasped his shoulders, and her cheeks flushed red. Not to mention, her heart, which had barely quieted down, skipped another beat. But a smile soon appeared on her lips, and she wrapped her arms around his neck to pull him toward herself.

The touch on her lips wasn't cold, just as she remembered. A giggle escaped her throat when she remembered that just a moment ago he had asked her to sleep.

'I wonder who just said that?'

Nox's eyebrow twitched violently at the sight before him. He wasn't sleeping! Yue knew about it! Darn, he hadn't even turned ten, and he had to witness such a sight.

'I need to clean my eyes and mind...'

He quickly leaped toward the room's exit with dark eyes, but the moment he slipped out from the door, he noticed a faint ripple in the air, and his eyes widened when he sensed a divine barrier before him.

The lynx let out a sharp exhale when he thought about how he and Yue both had failed to even notice when this barrier was erected around the room. He flinched when the layer of divine energy in front of him parted to give him enough space to leave.

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A shiver ran down his spine at the mere thought that the silver-haired human could sense everything around him clearly without even using a skill.

He shook his head and quickly jumped out from the barrier. But the moment he did, it was as if he stepped out from a different chamber altogether because instantly he heard a loud commotion downstairs.

Nox glanced down to the ground floor where the noises were coming from, but then he turned back and noticed that the barrier had become silent as if it had vanished into thin air. He tried to touch it, but his hand met nothing but empty air.

'Is this an array?'

'It seems to conceal the presence of the people inside the room because I can no longer sense the two of them.'

Without wasting any more time, he hurried towards the staircase and made his way down to the ground floor. As he reached the ground level, he noticed the light streaming into the building through the entrance, signaling the start of a new day.

He might have blamed Kyle for disrupting his sleep and taking his spot on the bed. But all other thoughts dissipated from his mind, and his eyes sparkled with curiosity when he spotted numerous familiar faces gathered on the ground floor.

Almost fifty of the elves from Planet Luminara who had arrived at the Sacred Divine Land to take part in the Gladiator Arena were gathered on the ground floor. The remaining elves from the same planet were also joining the gathered crowd with each passing second, either descending from upstairs or entering the building through the entrance.

Nox chuckled at the sight of Sebastian and the friends the green-haired elf had made on the ship while traveling to the Sacred Divine Land. All four of them were kneeling before the old supreme-rank elf who had given Kyle a sharp look the previous night. The old elf, named Wesley, stroked his beard with a grim expression as he looked at Sebastian's battered condition.

Wesley clenched his fist tightly as he thought how someone had the audacity to harm the people under his protection without his knowledge!

All this went down under his watch! His, a supreme rank individual's watch! Yet he was intoxicated all night just because of a bottle of liquor. He glared at Sebastian, who flinched under his gaze.

Sebastian felt like crying. After he was abandoned in the alley, he fainted and just woke up as the morning sun was rising. He came to the old man to complain and seek help because he was attacked by a hooded individual last night. He never expected to receive punishment instead!

Another supreme rank old elf with a muscular build entered the building and glanced at the many elves crowding the space. All the young elves were informed to gather together so the older folks could find out if someone had seen who beat up Sebastian last night. But unfortunately, no one had any idea how Sebastian got so badly beaten that even as a divine rank, his whole face was swollen with dark bruises everywhere.

Wesley noticed his presence and asked with a solemn expression.

"Did you find who it was?"

The other supreme rank individual shook his head with a sigh. He had searched the whole place, but he didn't find the hooded man Sebastian had described.

Well, it was to be expected because the young elf wasn't even able to see the face of the person who beat him up.

Chapter 538 But I can't sense her

The ground floor of the building was shrouded in palpable tension as the elves cast glances at Wesley. The old elf walked before them with a solemn expression. He couldn't believe they hadn't found the one who had beaten up Sebastian. Also, to top it off, Sebastian, that idiot, couldn't even identify the person who had attacked him.

"Who the hell gave such a useless person the chance to come here with the others?"

Wesley shot a stern look at Sebastian, and everyone understood who the old elf was referring to. The other supreme rank elf let out a sigh and approached him.

"Let it slide. I don't think the one who harmed Sebastian is an enemy. If they were, they would have killed him by now instead of just beating him up. Our kid likely got on someone's nerves, and that someone retaliated."

Sebastian wanted to argue that he hadn't made contact with anyone except the elves who came with him. So, how could he have gotten on someone's nerves? However, he refrained because he knew the folks in front of him wouldn't treat him like his father and just brush off his slip-ups.

Wesley rubbed his temples. After a long minute, he solemnly nodded. He wanted to send the youngsters away, but the supreme-rank elf stopped him.

He looked at the older man in front of him, who then informed him that upon hearing about what happened with Sebastian, the other supreme rank elves had decided that instead of letting the kids waste time, it would be more beneficial to divide them into groups and go with them to explore some tombs together.

Wesley nodded. It wasn't a bad idea. He glanced at the young ones and started talking with Oldeus, the supreme rank individual standing opposite him.

After a while, they used an emblem that was given to every elf under them before leaving the planet, and sent some signals to call everyone to gather.

It didn't take long for over one hundred additional elven men and women to show up outside the building. Wesley and Oldeus also stepped out from the building and began waiting with the young ones for the other youngsters who had not yet arrived. At that moment, two more supreme rank individuals appeared in the air.

One of them was an old woman, and the other was a cyan-haired male elf who seemed to be in his early forties.

Wesley greeted the cyan-haired man respectfully, and the man acknowledged with a nod. Ronan was the most powerful among the four, having already reached the pinnacle of the supreme rank.

Ronan looked at the gathered crowd and requested the older woman next to him to explain everything to the youngsters when they all arrived, as he could see that many faces were missing.

His eyes moved towards the lynx seated in the distance, observing everything with a bored expression and he started looking around for the beast owner.

There were a few other elves in the crowd with bonded beasts, but none of those beasts came close to the lynx that had reached the pseudo-divine rank.

Ronan had encountered Nox before on the ship, and he had also conversed with Yue because he sensed that her aura was akin to the few elves who were stronger and more refined than the rest.

However, upon not locating Yue, he looked at Wesley to ask about the beast's owner. But unfortunately, he got no reply as Wesley had also just noticed that Yue was absent from the group of elves.

Wesley furrowed his brows and scanned the area. Yue should have arrived earlier than everyone else since she was one of the elves staying in the same building as him. So, why wasn't she here? He spotted Nox and hastened towards the beast.

"Hey, little one, where is Yue? All the elves received the signal to gather, she should have as well. What is she doing?"

He extended his senses to ensure nothing was amiss with Yue, but genuine shock filled his eyes when he didn't sense the elf! Wesley spun around, but before he could react, Nox climbed onto his shoulder and let out a yawn.

"Don't worry, she is sleeping."

The old man looked at the lynx who had just spoken and let out a sigh. He almost had a panic attack, fearing that just like Sebastian, Yue might have faced some problem as well.

Wesley chuckled to himself because if something had truly happened to Yue, her bonded beast wouldn't be sitting so calmly before him. Yet, why couldn't he sense her presence? Had she left the building? He gazed at Nox for an answer.

"Sleeping? But I can't sense her? Don't deceive me, little one, it wouldn't be good for you. Has she secretly wandered off? If so, it's fine; after all, many others have done the same. There's no need to lie."

Nox's eyebrow twitched as he shifted his body around the man's neck, wearing a solemn expression.

It had been more than a few hours, and the bright day had transitioned into afternoon since he left the duo alone, and he couldn't help but wonder if they were still up to what he had seen before. But when he closed his eyes and tried to communicate with Yue, he sensed from her peaceful emotions that she was truly sleeping.

Sensing his silence, Wesley let out a sigh and attempted to reach for him, but before the man's hand could even touch the lynx, the latter slipped away from his grasp. Nox snickered and gazed at the old man.

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Wesley's eyebrow twitched. Why did it feel like the lynx was bossing him around? He massaged his temples and looked at Ronan to let him know, only to see the cyan-haired man observing him and Nox.

Ronan had overheard the conversation between him and the lynx as he stepped toward the lynx and the old elf.

Wesley furrowed his brows when the man across from him suddenly narrowed his eyes at the building, almost as if sensing something he couldn't. Ronan looked at the lynx, his brown eyes filled with curiosity and a hint of incredulity because he had just sensed a powerful concealment array crafted around a room to hide everything inside from the outside world.

"She is indeed sleeping but..."

He stopped his words midway and he shook his head, thinking he shouldn't interfere in other people's affairs.

If Yue had allowed someone into her room willingly, she must have had her reasons, or perhaps she knew him personally. Ronan had just recently returned to protect the youngsters participating in the Gladiator Arena and doesn't have much knowledge about her or any other elf under him.

Moreover, the individual he sensed with Yue... he wasn't strong, just a divine rank human. He couldn't be an enemy as well because Ronan didn't sense even a speck of dark energy from his body.

'He may be weak, but his knowledge of arrays is quite profound. If I didn't have some understanding of them, I wouldn't have been able to detect the array.'

Chapter 539 Should I go check?

Wesley stared at Ronan, waiting for him to finish his words, but the latter just patted his shoulder with a sigh and started discussing the topic at hand.

"There are still around twenty or so youngsters who have yet to arrive here. So, the other two supreme-ranked individuals and I will divide the ones who have already gathered and accompany them to train and provide them with a real experience of the tombs they have only read about."

He stopped and gestured towards the elderly supreme rank elven woman, who, upon receiving his signal, began explaining to the youngsters before her that they were going to explore the ancient tombs hidden in the Sacred Divine Land.

Instantly, many elves were surprised because just a day ago when they arrived on this land, the supreme rank individuals had instructed them not to venture beyond the boundaries of this busy area without permission, citing the dangers posed by the dark, demons, and nightkin races freely roaming the land.

However, their eyes lit up with excitement when the woman assured them that they wouldn't be alone and that the supreme rank elves would accompany them.

Wesley watched the enthusiastic youngsters. Even though many of them had outgrown being called kids, but for those who had experienced what truly felt like being aged, they were still young and excited individuals. They would one day become stronger if they were fortunate and had the ability to overcome the hardships that would come their way. Renon removed his hand from his shoulder and completed his words.

"You gather those who are absent and guide them to explore a tomb tomorrow as well. By then, everyone should be present. Also, be cautious and reach out to me and the others if anything occurs."

Wesley nodded. The day was already getting darker, so he realized that instead of waiting for the few people who had not arrived yet, the others should leave.

He would look after the remaining ones. But when everyone was about to leave after the supreme rank elves divided them into groups, Sebastian refused to go. The man insisted on going with Yue. If she hadn't arrived yet, he would wait.

Wesley's eyebrow twitched. The old man had noticed from the short time he had spent with Sebastian how annoying the young man could become.

So, without a second hesitation, he smacked Sebastian to try to make him see reason. However, to his surprise, Renon agreed with Sebastian's request and decided to leave the man behind.

Wesley swore he saw a sly smirk creeping onto Renon's lips as he looked at Sebastian, and for some reason, that smile didn't seem quite right. It was a smirk that he had only seen on the man's face when the latter had predicted something enjoyable and couldn't wait to witness the results.

The old elf sighed and shook his head. It was probably just his imagination. After all, no matter how he considered it, there was nothing about Sebastian that would pique Renon's interest, especially considering the man had reached the final stage of the supreme rank.

He entered the building and began waiting for the other elves who had scattered to at least observe and explore the bustling area after their arrival here.

Nox sat on the chair next to him with a nonchalant expression, but then Sebastian, who had finally consumed a few healing potions to get rid of the bruises on his face, arrived beside him and asked eagerly.

"Where is Yue?"

"I haven't seen her for a while now. Is she in her room? Should I go check?"

Instantly, the lynx hissed at him with a deadpan expression and huffed coldly.

"Don't you dare disturb her! It's been a long time since she slept for so long. Unlike you, I had seen how she was never able to get proper rest in the past few years. So if you dare to go and wake her up, I assure you, you will face another beating similar to the one you received last night!

Sebastian's face paled as he recalled what he had experienced the previous night. He shuddered and quickly changed the topic. He was okay with getting beaten up by Yue since the elven woman never seriously hurt him, but being beaten up by that hooded man was definitely a big no-no! Due to his panic, Sebastian didn't notice what Wesley did. The old elf's eyes narrowed at the lynx because from Nox's tone, it seemed like the latter had witnessed what happened to Sebastian firsthand.

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Inside Yue's room, Kyle stood before the table with a cold expression. He snapped his fingers, and a few symbols lit up mid-air before vanishing into the barrier he had erected around the room.

He never thought someone would see through the barrier he made with spiritual energy and masked with divine energy. It was fortunate he sensed it right away when a supreme rank individual peeked inside his barrier using their consciousness.

He did consider severing that part of the consciousness completely with the help of his mental power and spiritual energy, but he knew he couldn't afford to make enemies stronger than him, at least not when someone he now considered precious was by his side and his actions can potentially bring harm to them.

Kyle glanced at Yue. She was sleeping peacefully with a smile on her face, and his expression softened.

It was as if the earlier coldness had vanished, and the person exuding that cold yet threatening aura had changed into someone else altogether.

Kyle stepped toward the bed and made sure the blanket was securely tucked around Yue's body. He glanced at her for a few seconds, then he grabbed the edge of his hoodie and slipped it off his body. He placed it on the bed before sitting on the floor half-naked to meditate until Yue woke up naturally. He didn't want to disturb her, especially when the expression on her face was so calm and beautiful.

Chapter 540 You can follow me openly!

The night had already fallen when Yue stirred on the bed. She sleepily reached out to the space next to her, but even after moving her hand up and down, she didn't feel anything.

Instantly, her eyes flew open, and she glanced around to search for the man who should have been by her side, thinking whatever happened yesterday was a dream. Before her heart could sink into the pit of her stomach, she saw the person she was looking for from the corners of her eyes.

Yue let out the breath she didn't even know she was holding and pushed the blanket aside before she moved on the bed to get near the silver-haired man.

He was sitting on the floor before the bed, half-naked, with his eyes tightly closed. The air around him was icy, and Yue could even see a layer of ice beneath him. Her eyes sparkled with mischief as she let out a hum and reached out her fingers to touch the space between his shoulders.

Kyle let out a sigh as he felt her fingers move on his body before she started playing with his hair. He had already sensed her movements from the moment she woke up. Opening his eyes, he shifted his body to grab her hand before leaning back to softly brush his lips against hers.

"Done sleeping?"

Yue giggled and moved back.

"It's been a while since I slept for so long. How much time has passed?"

Kyle let go of her hand and reached for his hoodie. He slipped his head inside and pulled it down to cover his body.

"It's night. Do you want to eat something?"

Yue shook her head. She wasn't feeling hungry, but she blinked when Nox's voice sounded in her head.

The lynx expressed his sorrow at how she had left him after meeting the silver-haired human before promptly providing her with a summary of what occurred while she was away and informing her that she has to accompany Wesley and the other elves tomorrow to explore an ancient tomb.

Kyle noticed her quietness, and when she released a deep sigh with a frown, he stood up from the floor and settled down on the bed next to her.

"What's wrong?"

She reached out to straighten the wrinkles in his clothes and told him what Nox had informed her before mentioning that she has to join the elves tomorrow. Kyle thought for a few seconds.

"Do you have to go? You can simply refuse to follow their orders."

Yue shook her head.

"I wish I could, but I can't because Mom and Elli are still on the elven planet. I can't risk putting them in danger."

Kyle nodded and understood she needs to ensure her mother and Elli's safety before going against the elves. After a brief pause, he proposed another alternative.

"Should I follow you secretly? I don't have anything to do right now and just need to gather enough divine energy to advance to the next rank."

Yue chuckled at his words and shook her head. Her eyes sparkled as she grabbed his hand with a smile.

"Why should you follow me secretly? You can follow me openly! It's not like anyone would ask you anything when I tell them that I know you."

He raised his brow. Now that he thought about it, the elves didn't have any enmity with him. Even when he beat up Sebastian, he made sure to hide his face.

They would be wary of him when Yue introduced him to them, but he didn't think they had any reason to attack him as he would be a stranger to them who wasn't even strong enough to pose any threat. In just a few seconds, his mind processed Yue's words, and he nodded.

"Okay. I'm fine with it."

Yue rolled her eyes at him. His eyes were saying he would follow her even if she didn't ask. That's why she couldn't believe how hesitant his words sounded, almost as if she was forcefully dragging him along.

Now that they had settled on their next steps, Yue glanced down at her attire. Her robe appeared creased, and even her hair seemed slightly disheveled. She then shifted her gaze to Kyle and discreetly cleared her throat to get his attention.

"So... you know I need to change my clothes. It won't take long."

Kyle looked at her with a puzzled expression, though a spark of interest flickered in the corner of his eyes.

"You can."

Yue's face flushed with embarrassment. There was no bathroom in the room! That meant she had to change in the room. Why couldn't he understand? She gestured towards the room's exit and pursed her lips.

"I know, but can you step out for a while... you can come back when I'm finished."

Instead of complying with her request, Kyle propped his hand under his chin and fixed her with a penetrating gaze. She flinched as his eyes roamed down, taking in every part of her body. He rubbed his other hand's fingers, and a smirk crept onto his lips.

"Why though? I have already touched everything. There's no need to hide it... you know."

He fell silent as Yue glared at him.

Her face turned a deep shade of crimson when she remembered what they had done before she fell asleep, but even though they had rolled around on the bed for a long time and touched each other, she still felt embarrassed to undress before him!

Kyle sighed with regret when the elven woman kicked him out of the room. He waited outside for a moment but then remembered that he had also gotten a room for himself in the building the day before and knocked on the wooden door.

"Hey, once you are finished, head down to the ground floor. I will be stepping away briefly to change too."

A response came immediately, and after checking the array he had set up around the room one last time, Kyle searched inside his mind space to find the room's key that the man who helped him get Sebastian out of the building had given him the day before and left the area.