Death Guns 681

Chapter 681 - Dispute

Maria looked at the transformed Eri feeling annoyed; she didn't know it was because of jealously she was so easily irritated. Smart as she is, she knew she must not let this emotion control her; therefore, she quickly calmed down.

"That is some nice transformation," Maria said with a smile, but Eri snickered, urging her also to do the same as she knew she had something like her Phoenix mode.

Seeing how eager Eri was to be beaten up, Maria smiled.

"Don't worry, it will before you even know it."

Eri frowned; she didn't like the tongue Maria was using to talk to her; she looked down on her, this time it was too much.

"Ice Empress Mode!"

Under everyone's astonishing eyes, Maria used her ice empress mode; her eyes turned partially white like her hair, the stone under her feet began freezing.

Out of everyone present, the most shocked one was Eri. While she couldn't entirely remember that fight where both used phoenix form, the current Maria was a far cry from that level; it compared an adult to a child. For the first time, Eri was not sure anymore as she was a few seconds ago.

However, cowering now would change anything, and she would be ashamed to show her face if she were to do that.

Eri extended her left hand, and flame gathered under it to form a sword. Her gift, but unlike the previous time where not too much sense could be felt, this time it was different. The moment the sword appeared, it generated so much heat that the floor around Eri was melted. She moved extremely quickly. She shot forward like a streak of lightning. Her sword cut through the air like a knife cutting through butter, everyone believed that Maria wouldn't be able to easily dodge this attack even Alex, everyone except Artemia, who had fought against Maria a few days ago, she was shocked that Maria could use that power she used back then, she was ready to interrupt the fight if needed to be but she saw Maria perfectly fine which surprised her, however, when she took a second to think about she quickly understand why it must be because of Alex did, whatever he had done clearer the side effect and enable Maria to call this power easily rather randomly.

'Now I'm more curious about what method he used.' Artemia thought while glancing sideways; Alex happened to be looking at her at the same time they smiled at each other before turning their heads back where Eri's sword was about to touch Maria, even the frozen ground under her feet had been turned into water because of the heat coming from Eri's sword.

However, to Alex's and others' amazement, Maria did nothing until the sword reached her neck before she mumbled.

"Absolute Zero!"

Her glass heart thumped, and Eri's sword stopped moving; it was only an inch from her neck, the flaming sword was soon covered in ice. Eri's eyes narrowed in horror; she felt fear like never before she knew her arm holding the sword was covered in frost.

Maria knew she didn't have much time left as she could only use absolute zero for two seconds at most; she must finish Eri before the effect of absolute zero wore off. She stepped forward and put her finger on Eri's chest, and opened her mouth.

Eri sensed danger; she gathered her mana and breathed fire; Maria was swallowed by the fire; apart from her body, most of her clothes were melted, but she ignored them and continued with her plan.

Alex moved immediately he knew if he didn't stop them, the worst could happen, and because he used time rewind earlier, he couldn't use it again because it was not a normal fight, not only he heal them (partially) using Time Rewind, he also healed the destroyed stage, something normally he doesn't do during a fight.

As Alex feared the fight escalated beyond normal, Maria ignored her melting clothes and put her finger on Eri's chest while muttering.

"Absolute Zer-"

"Maria, don't" Artemia shouted as she knew what would happen if Maria did that. Still, Maria ignored her and was about to finish her sentence when Alex appeared between them; he gently pushed Maria to the size and moved away with Eri; her body was shivering, her phoenix mode was long gone, and her skin had turned white.

"Eri, how are you feeling? Are you alright?" Alex asked while checking Eri's state.

Maria, who just came to her sense froze, and her face changed when she saw how concerned Alex seemed; he held Eri with such care that the ice empress felt like a needle was poking her heart, it hurts so much, she knew she must not let this emotion control her, she did her best to regain the control however Alex following words didn't help her out at all.

"Maria, you could have stopped, but you didn't. Tell me why. Is it because you must win at all cost?"

Maria had nothing to say to such a question.

For an unknown reason, Maria's silence irritated Alex, and he raised his voice.

"Answer me!"

"Alex, calm down. Don't say any more." Artemia, who appeared beside him, tried to stop him, but as though a demon had possessed him, Alex glared at her.

"Shut up, Artemia. Just check how badly injured Eri is." Alex said while pointing at Eri, who kept vomiting blood.

Using her sense to check Eri's body quickly, Artemia was shocked by what she discovered. As Alex said, her body was in a mess, although her natural constitution was helping her to heal faster than normal, it was still slow, as if something was stopping her ability from fully exhibiting its power. She understood that the situation was grave, but Alex should control his language as he was hurting Maria.

"Big brother, please stop."

Gracier also understood that if any more were said, it would be disastrous.

Alex seemed to listen to his sister, he stopped speaking, but his silence hurt more than if he had said a word.

"Let's heal her first," Alex said without looking back; this gesture hurt Maria more; she said nothing and turned around and was about to walk away.

"Where are you going?" Alex asked while helping Eri. As Artemia had said, she was badly injured. They have used numerous healing potions, but they couldn't fully heal her.

"I want to be alone. I'm sorry for what I've done but please don't search for me. I need some time to cool off."

Leaving those words behind, Maria vanished; Alex was shocked that Maria left like that; he couldn't understand why it never came to him because of how concerned he seemed toward Eri. It was like he cared more about her than Maria; the latter felt jealous of her while knowing there was nothing between them; she couldn't control her emotion; jealousy was not something one had control over.

"Master, a woman, even if I have never been in a relationship before, what you did was not good you shouldn't have done that."

Unexpectedly it was Noire who decided to give Alex some advice. The others nodded as if to tell him that what he did what not wrong.

Alex came to his senses, he analyzed what happened, and when he put himself in her shoes, he understood why Maria would react as she did. Because of jealousy, while he felt no romantic feeling toward Eri, his actions could be misinterpreted as one because he seemed to care a lot about Eri.

"It's not like that." Alex tried to defend himself but did nothing as the others did not listen to him.

He sighed and immediately went after Maria to apologize and clear up the misunderstanding; he couldn't let her be angry with him.

"Alexia, please wait; it's not what I meant!" Alex shouted after he saw Maria running away.

However, while his voice reached Maria's ears, the latter did not stop; she kept running.

"Maria, stop, please stop!" Alex tried again, but once more, he failed. Maria did not stop; she kept jumping atop rooftops, and soon she was about to disappear from Alex's sight.

Alex sighed before using Accel to catch up with her, he tried to touch her shoulder, but she dodged.

"Alexia, why are you running away. I said I'm sorry; I know I was wrong, please forgive, but you hurt Eri; I was just saying those words to let you know that you must be careful in the future." Alex, who is not a master in emotional stuff, said.

And Maria, who had kept running since the beginning, stopped.

"It's a problem. You keep bringing her name. You don't understand anything at all. Please leave; I don't want to see you right now. I need some time to think it over. Maybe my current state is due to the side effect still effective. A few days will help me recover; please don't look for me."

After saying those words, Maria vanished, leaving Alex standing there dumbfounded; he could not understand what had just happened.

"Is this that? Our first dispute?" Alex asked nobody in particular.

Chapter 682 - Maria's Disappearence

Two days passed in a flash, and Maria was still nowhere to be found. After she left that day, nobody saw her; naturally, the others couldn't continue the sparring matches, it was canceled.

Alex couldn't stay he searched for her but was unable to locate her, it was as if she had vanished from the city. He even asked for the girls' help, but together they were still unable to find Maria. Not even Silveria managed to locate her.

Tonight the moon was more beautiful than usual for those in the mood to enjoy it.

Funnily today was lovers' day; it was like valentine's day on Earth. Unfortunately, Alex was not in the mood to enjoy this day because he could not find his lover. At the same time, he might have gone out with Artemia; he chose not to because by doing something like that without taking care of his problem with Maria, he couldn't afford to get distracted.

It was his first real dispute; he thought everything would always be fine between him and his lovers, something impossible, dispute is normal between a couple, no it is normal between human being, a relationship without dispute is not something that exists in the universe. To right thing to do is to overcome your differences to grow stronger to make your relationship everlasting.

Alex's previous relationships could be resumed in a few words; I'm rich; you want my money and want your cunt. It was a give and take relationship, no string attached.

After returning from his fruitless search, Alex decided to visit the princess; he headed to Artemia's room. He knocked, but nobody responded; he did twice but still nothing, sighing. Alex opened the door and walked in. At the beginning of the universe, there was only chaos. Chaos gave birth to a world, accumulating into Black and White and the five elements (also known as the Origin Elements), creating the world's laws and the order of heaven and earth.

This world was called the Origin world, where the Original beings born out of chaos reigned. They created orders, creatures, and numerous worlds where they reigned as Supreme beings until a calamity befell them and destroyed the Original world alongside numerous worlds.

Two billion years have passed since then. In a small world, a baby was born carrying an unusual past.

He felt a presence inside the bathroom; Artemia must be taking a bath. Alex decided to play a prank on her.

"Eretria, I'm back. What are you doing?"

"It's nothing you need to make a fuss about. I've just finished my bath." As she said this, an indistinct figure began to emerge.

"You just finished your bath?" Alex asked while acting surprised.

"Is that any of your business?" The princess said with a snort. Despite her words, her voice carried a hint of playfulness.

Alex frowned. Something seemed off about her. Maybe she knew I'm faking it? Alex wondered, but he was not in the mood to continue further as the indistinct figure slowly emerged from the steam blanketing the room, and his eyes went wide.

Artemia had casually draped a nightgown over herself. Even though it wasn't transparent, it made the faint outlines of her curves even more enchanting.

Her long blue hair, slightly damp, casually flowed down her back, causing most of her nightgown to grow wet and stick to her body. Even from a distance away, he could make out her gorgeous curves.

She was like a hibiscus flower blooming beside a clear spring—a natural beautiful creation.

These words appeared in Alex's mind, but he quickly tossed them out. How could she be a mere hibiscus? Only a peony or a rose could describe how stunning this woman was.

The nightgown clung to her body, exposing her delicate feet underneath. Her toes seemed cute and lovely, her calves were straight and fine, and her well-proportioned thighs were also vaguely visible...

"Have you seen enough?" Artemia said in her playful voice.

"No, I can still keep watching for three lifetimes." Alex declared absentminded.

Artemia froze; although Alex's line sounds cheesy, it carried an undisputed charm that made the princess's heart beat wildly. She was lost for words.

Not knowing that those words he had casually said tugged a few strings of the princess's heart, Alex sat on her bed while looking at her.

Finally, the princess came to her sense; she chuckled and sat beside Alex while suggesting he use her thighs, something Alex was happy to oblige.

"You didn't find her?" Artemia asked while combing Alex's hair which had grown past his shoulders. He calmly nodded.

"We searched everywhere, but we are still unable to find where Maria is. I'm afraid."

"What are you afraid of?" Artemia asked while she continued to take care of her man's hair.

"I'm afraid that she would be left just like that," Alex told the princess his biggest fear.

"Pfft! Hahahaha!" Artemia couldn't help herself back and began laughing.

Alex sighed, thinking that his worries may sound hilarious to Artemia; it was why she was laughing, but it was not really the case. The reason why the princess was laughing was because Alex acted like someone who could not be easily afraid, but in his first dispute, he lost all confidence and turned into a child

afraid of being abandoned. The current Alex compared to the normal Alex, the change was too much which shocked the princess, the shock turned into an amusement, and she laughed.

"Can you stop laughing now?" Alex asked and pinched Artemia's waist.

"Ouch! I get it, so stop pinching me. It hurts." Artemia pleaded, and Alex stopped after pinching her one last time.

"Ah! Forgive me. You were so funny that I could not stop myself from laughing. I have never thought you would be this scared. To think the all-mighty Black Prince was this fragile when it comes to romantic stuff. How funny."

Alex glared at Artemia, who was still making fun of him; the latter chuckled.

"Okay, let's stop and stop seriously. I promise not to laugh again.." Artemia declared while fighting against a smile.

Chapter 683 - Shameless

"If you continue to laugh, I will leave, I swear." Alex declared threatening.

Artemia sighed; she decided to stop teasing Alex and asked a question that she was curious about.

"Alex, when it comes to a relationship, you a complete novice I'm wrong?"

Alex shook his head; he admitted that he was a novice in relationships; after all, his relationship with the girls could be said to be his first real relationship; the previous ones were him playing around.

"I see; no wonder you are acting like that," Artemia said while softly caressing Alex's face, he turned his face, and his eyes were directly looking into her eyes. The two stared at each other for a moment before she continued.

"Although I understand your action from a bystander point of view, it was like you were protecting your lover. Maria might have gone a bit overboard, but it was because she was jealous of Eri; it a funny thing when you think that she was not that jealous of us, but she became totally emotional when it comes to Eri while she was didn't show such emotion when facing the fox girl, I meant Kuina. I wonder why it is like that."

Alex was also confused; he knew he was at fault for caring too much about Eri, but it was just him doing his job; he was protecting his investment. By acting as he did, she would be grateful toward him, and maybe she would change their temporary contract into a permanent one. Talent like Eri is once lifetime opportunity, so you better not miss it. It was why Alex acted so concerned about her, forgetting the aftereffect his action could have.

If he had taken a few minutes to think about it, maybe the result would have changed; he made two mistakes, one was to give his lover the wrong idea while the second one was to plant a fake seed inside Eri, depending on the situation Eri might misinterpret his action as him being interested in her which would make her change the way she views him and who knows she might start developing romantic feeling for him, something Alex never wanted nor planned.

When Artemia explained everything to Alex, he was shocked; he never thought a casual decision would have many repercussions. He vowed to be more prudent in the future.

"What should I do?"

"Artemia, please tell me!"

Seeing Alex so fragile made Artemia feel an unknown emotion. She quickly pushed this emotion back as she knew it would not end well if she were to let this emotion take control; who knows, she might turn into the next Sakuya.

"Ah! I don't know what to say. While I wish you two to reconcile, I don't know where she is." Artemia shrugged her shoulders, but Alex didn't believe her; he decided to gamble.

"Please tell me where she is. I couldn't sleep since a few days ago. I want to see her and makeup with her. I can't leave without her; without her beside me, I'm incomplete; she the piece that makes the rest whole. Every one of you is important to me. I don't want to lose either of you. If I didn't overcome this small problem, it would be hard to manage the rest of you. So please help me."

Seeing Alex, who was practically begging her, the princess sighed; she could feel the other girl's presence outside of the room, they were spying on them, and when they heard she might know where Maria was, they became reckless. If not because they were spying on them, they would have barged in; however, Artemia was sure that if she didn't give Alex a satisfactory answer, those girls would barge in to demand an explanation.

"Okay, stop begging. I will tell you. I have just found out where she was this morning, and she forced me to keep a secret, saying if I ever tell any of you, she would not forget me. Knowing her, you must understand that she is not the one to joke easily; therefore, I kept secret; however, now I'm going to tell you, as, for the consequences, I will assume them."

Artemia's declaration made Alex feel loved; he lifted his head and kissed her; she was surprised by the sudden kiss but soon responded. Their kiss didn't last long and was not too wild.

"I guess this is my reward, but it's not enough. I wished for more." The greedy Artemia could stop but want more.

Alex nodded and whispered something into the princess's ears which made her widen her eyes before she chuckled and said.

"Okay, sure. We have a deal!"

Outside, Gracier looked at Eris, Eri and the other girls wondering what Artemia's words meant.

"Young lady. I think it's inappropriate for you to know more about the master and the mistress talk. It's adult stuff." Noire was the one to say this; the others looked elsewhere; they didn't want to be the one to tell Gracier what Artemia truly wished as a reward.

Gracier frowned; when Alex was whispering to Artemia, someone among the girls blocked her ears so she couldn't hear what her brother had said.

"If you don't tell me. I will tell Big brother that you spy on him, and knowing him, he would be very angry. I believe none of you want to see him angry, do you?"

Noire and the others looked at each other perplexed, wondering if Gracier was truly trying to threaten them while being part of the group spying on Alex? But most of them didn't say anything; however, not everyone was the same; for example, Eri couldn't stay still; she glared at Gracier.

"Go on and tell him, I will tell him that you were here together with us, and let's see what he would say."

Facing Eri's threat Gracier chuckled and tilted her head to the side.

"I wonder if he would believe you z total stranger or me his lovely sister he loved more than anything?"

Gracier question left Eri speechless; she looked at Gracier for a moment before shouting.

"Shameless!"

"That is my second nickname." Gracier declared proudly while looking at Eri retreating; she left the room in a hurry. Noire and the other girls exchanged glances before sighing.

'Shameless indeed.'

Chapter 684 - Reconciliation

"I see; it's where she was since the beginning." Alex was surprised to find that Maria stayed close to them, but they were unable to find her, she concealed herself well.

"I'm curious, how did you find her?"

Having been expecting this question, Artemia chuckled.

"You want to reconcile with her or waste your time with an unproductive question?"

"Ugh! You got me. I'm leaving." Alex said before departing from Artemia's; the girls outside left in a hurry, not wanting Alex or the princess to know they were spying on them; unfortunately, they knew for a long time.

"How funny," Alex mumbled while looking at his sister back. He Accel and disappeared from the room; his destination was the airport, two kilometers from their current location. There was a small lake there and around this lake was a small cottage, normally no one lived there, but since a few days ago Maria began living there.

After a few jumps, Alex arrived before the cottage, and as expected, he could not feel anything by standing outside; his Divine Sense was telling him that nobody was inside. If it weren't because of Artemia, he would have turned around and left.

[This interesting; now that we are closer to this cottage, I finally figured out why we couldn't detect anything after many scans.]

Silveria's words made Alex believe that she knew something, and he wanted to know what she knew.

"Explain, will you?"

[This cottage is in another dimension; unless your senses can pass the space barrier, you will be unable to detect the presence inside this cottage, nor you detect this cottage. How ingenious.]

"I see no wonder we couldn't detect this cottage. While I'm curious about how she knew about this cottage right now, it's not the time for that. I must see her. If not, I will become crazy; she is my raison d'être."

While he was saying those words, Alex purposely raised his voice, making sure whoever was inside the cottage this person would be able to hear his declaration.

He took a deep breath to calm down his emotions before shouting.

"Maria, I know you are inside. Open the door, please, and let's talk. I miss you; I know I'm wrong. I promise not to make the same mistake again as I have learned from this one. Not seeing you beside me left me unable to sleep at night, and knowing you were angry with me left me with an endless nightmare. So please forgive me and come back already."

He was on in knees when he was saying those words.

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As usual, Silveria would not miss any opportunity to tease her Master; the latter harrumphed and promised to spank the naughty little spirit weapon when he would have the chance.

Suddenly, Silveria had a bad feeling. Or maybe that should be called conviction. She felt a chill as if the hair on her back stood on end, something terrible would happen to her soon, she thought maybe it was her big sister coming back to fight against her but quickly dismissed this idea, then who? The girl hailed as magic nemesis couldn't finish the answer no matter how hard she thought about it.

Meanwhile, Alex waited patiently for Maria's reply; he thought it would at least take half of an hour for her to say something but unexpectedly, not even two passed when suddenly, the door of the cottage was opened from the inside producing a cracking sound.

Alex was shocked; he almost jumped and ran into the room but, in the end, still managed to control himself and waited patiently.

One minute, two minutes, three minutes. The minutes continued to pass when Maria's voice echoed from inside.

"Are you planning with me? If you don't enter two seconds, then please go back."

"I'm coming." Alex declared with the brightest smile he could muster before entering the cottage with his fattest speed.

The inside of the cottage was simple, one bed, a simple table with one chair, nothing else.

While Alex was looking inside the room, he suddenly felt someone jumping on him; his normal reaction should have been to defend himself. Still, after knowing that the other person was Maria, Alex happily welcomed her in his embrace.

The two said nothing and just enjoyed each other embrace for a while before Alex said.

"Alexia, I miss you too much, so much that I was going crazy."

"Me too! I don't know what got into me, but I couldn't stop myself. I have never felt that emotion. So many negative emotions, I couldn't control them. While rationality I shouldn't have behaved as I did, love has never been and would never be something rational. It shocked me how things escalated to this point. The next thing I remember was me running away while you went after me; the rest was a blur; somehow, I managed to stumble upon this special cottage. Maybe the owner and old lady saw through me; she accepted too easily gave me this cottage. The strangest thing was what she said."

Upon hearing Maria's words, Alex became curious.

"What did she say?" He could not stop his growing curiosity and raised such a question.

"She said jealousy is normal between a couple, but when you love you must follow your heart that believes in your partner and never shut the door to your partner because by shutting them you will miss many opportunities, opportunities that might forever change your life depending on how you used them. She said I must listen to my heart."

Maria's explanation made Alex guess what came next.

"I see, no wonder you deliberately lured Artemia here, letting her know where you are and to not raise suspicion you made it seems like she found your location by coincidence and you would never forget her if she were to tell me knowing well she would do that, the opposite of what you instructed her."

Alex's analysis was accurate; it was exactly what happened; Maria was not really shocked; on the contrary, she smiled proud of him.

"As expected of my man. I accept your apology, please, in turn, forgive me." Maria declared while getting on her knees. She was truly ashamed of what happened, but as she said, jealousy is not an emotion; one has perfect control over it sometimes, the most peaceful could turn into a demon because she felt threatened by someone. It was what happened with Eri. While normally Maria did not show such hostility facing another woman except for Kuina, and in Kuina's case, it was different. Facing Eri, Maria could not control herself and ended up voicing her dissatisfaction.

"Apologies accepted, please get up. I'm not too vexed in love, so you must be patient with me because I'm bound to make mistakes. Therefore you must not get angry, no even if you do, please never forget that I love you and I will never want to lose you."

"I know. Let's grow stronger not only in terms of strength but also in our relationship. The road will be filled with thorn,s but the result will be us still together forever."

"Even fate doesn't want us to be together, we will smash such fate apart for how happiness. As you have said, we both are novices in a relationship; lets us learn from our mistakes and love each other more."

Alex nodded before sitting on the bed with Maria sitting on his lap, her back against his chest.

"How nostalgic. It has been only a few days, but I felt like I didn't see you in a year." Maria declared while leaning into Alex's chest; he responded by opening his arms wider to make Maria more comfortable.

"Me too. I felt the same way. The old lady must be powerful if she could easily see through your problem at first glance. Never underestimate anyone, especially this tower where I think everything had been prepared for us, I mean me."

"You are right. We are not strong enough to decide our fates. For now, let's play along until we are strong enough to change the tide in our favor. The old lady disappeared immediately after leaving those words behind; she also said I don't need any other power because all I need is inside me. Depending on how I use my power, I can be extremely powerful, or I can become extremely weak."

Alex nodded, and before he could say anything, Maria continued.

"I understood that she must be talking about my glass heart."

Alex was shocked by this declaration; it never occurred to him that Maria might be aware of her great heart; however, after hearing her say those words, he understood that she knew her heart was different from normal people.

"You don't have to be that surprised. I knew it since my first rampage."

She talked about the first time she unconsciously unleashed the Ice Empress Mode and was stopped by both her master and Luna's master, Armstrong.

"I see, let go on a day; after all, today is lover's day. It's like valentine's day on Earth. We will communicate in bed after our date because it is the best way for a couple to make up after a dispute. It was scientifically proven."

Maria shook her head and decided not to play Alex's game, but one thing was sure, the best way to resolve a dispute between the couple was in bed, her father Ricardo had told her.

Shortly later, the two went out on a night date, enjoying their time under the moonlight.

Chapter 685 - Rivals

Alex and Maria went out on a late-night date after their reconciliation. They enjoyed their time together before heading back to where Gracier and the others were. Although they would have liked to spend more time together on their own, they knew they were not alone. Maria had been selfish, having already wasted two days of their precious time so they couldn't waste more time, they must quickly find where the others were.

When the girls saw Alex come back with Maria, the latter smiling, they were happy. Eri was first to come forward to apologize, she might not like Maria, but she never intended to cause such a big misunderstanding.

"I'm sorry for the terrible misunderstanding my actions have caused. I'm truly sorry."

The other nodded their heads, seemingly pleased with Eri's action; they explained to her what she had done, unconsciously or not; her action was caused this; while she was the only one at fault, it was a good thing she understood and admitted that she did wrong. Many of them were shocked when Eri promised to apologize once Maria came back, they thought she would refuse to do that because of her strong character and her dislike toward Maria, but Eri proved to them she still knew when she was wrong and could admit it, something not many could do.

Maria was not shocked as she understood Eri a bit, and she knew she was this type of girl; it was why she couldn't bring herself to truly hate her back when they were still on Earth.

"I'm also sorry for reacting as I did," Maria said while lowering her head, shocking Eri, who didn't expect such an immediate response. She stared at Alex for a second, then at Maria, and sighed, love, can indeed change someone.

Maria had changed; she loved a man; it's genuine love, not a fake one like she used to toy with those poor guys on Earth. Even someone with zero like her could see the love hidden deep inside Maria's iceblue eyes. No wonder she reacted as she did. Rationality was one thing, while her emotions were something else. Despite knowing that Eri or Alex did harbor feelings for each other, her emotions surpassed the always rational Maria, instantly turning her into a jealous woman.

'Love is scary.' It was the conclusion Eri arrived at; while love is what most women seek, she would rather not fall in love if she would end up a slave of her feelings. She decided to never fall in love, completely obvious to the fact that love is an unpredictable emotion.

"Let's not stand here and talk inside." Alex proposed as he got tired to wait at the entrance; people began looking at them, wondering if a family drama would start on not.

In the living room of the mansion the group rented, everyone was sitting around in silence when suddenly Eri asked.

"Leader, what's the plan?"

Because her previous way of addressing Alex caused a big misunderstanding, Eri changed it by now calling Alex, leader. Gracier didn't understand the full story frowned.

"Eri, you are from another world, right?" Gracier raised a question. Although Eri did not like the way Gracier called her because she referred to others as a big sister, she was the only one she called by the name, except that doll; there was nothing she could do about it. Like her, Gracier got a hot temper; by demanding her to change the way she called her, she was sure she would mock her, and in a fit of anger, she would end up fighting her, a fight she was not even sure to win. The little girl was a freak like her brother Alex.

'Sigh! What a troublesome family.' Eri thought. However, as if he could sense what she had just thought, Alex glared at her. Eri felt a chill run down her spine. To quickly get over this feeling, she turned to face Gracier while at the same time answering her question.

"Yes, I'm from a higher world."

Gracier, after hearing Eri's answer.

Finally, it was Eri's turn to ask a question.

"Why do you ask this question?"

"I asked that question because you keep calling my brother leader. While I understand that you became his subordinate after losing in a fight against him. I don't understand why you keep calling him so respectfully, fully knowing that the probability of encountering each other is slim after leaving Exodus.

Did losing hit you hard? Why are you acting like that?" Gracier asked with a gentle smile; her smile seemed harmless; her innocent smile did not suggest that she was intentionally poking where it hurts.

Everyone except Alex could see that Gracier was intentionally making fun of Eri. No, maybe he saw it too but acted as if he didn't see it. After all, his love for his sister already surpassed the realm of pretending to be a dump when it comes to his sister.

Eri's lips twitched several times; she was fighting her inner desire to smack Gracier across the face, giving her a good beating only like that she would know that you must respect your elders.

However, she quickly shook her head to throw away these unrealistic thoughts. But she would not be Eri if she kept suffering silently.

"You are small, yet your mouth is so vicious. I fear for your future."

The others widened their eyes upon hearing Eri's words. Gracier stayed silent; Eri thought that she was gained a small advantage over the little devil.

Meanwhile, Alex and Maria exchanged a look; they could see the amusement in each other eyes; there was also a bit of pity because having spent more time Gracier, they knew her pretty well; she was not the type to suffer silently, especially when facing someone she considered a rival. Yes, rivals, those two might not like each other, but the real reason for this was because they felt threatened by each other presence; they were both fire element users. Gracier had always enjoyed a certain amount of fame when it came to fire element; she was exceptionally talented, so imagine she encountered another girl likely as talented as her? The result would be constant disputes because they were afraid of each other. Maybe they were not aware of their rivalry yet, but one day, they would understand.

But for now, Gracier would not let go of any opportunity to mess up with Eri.. She was ready to counterattack.

Chapter 686 - The Truth About The Other Side

Eri was feeling smug right now; she thought her words had shocked Gracier so much that she was unable to retort; two minutes had passed since her small jab toward Gracier, and yet the little devil was still silent, almost as if Eri's comment had turned her into a mute.

While Eri was secretly celebrating, the others looked at her with pity. Finally, Eri decided it was time to answer Gracier's question, she had fun, so it was more than enough. Unfortunately, the little devil happened to strike at that moment.

"You are right. I also fear for my future; I fear for a future where I would develop greatly in certain areas while you stay the same."

Gracier's words were truly vicious, almost making others burst into laughter; when she was saying those words, she emphasized her chest, which was the same as Eri's, let not forget that one was fifteen years old while the other one was eighteen, it was sure that the younger one would develop more than the one who had hit puberty and still small in that area. Eri was sensible to the subject when it came to her chest, so naturally, after hearing what Gracier said, she was furious, so furious that the current her resembled a mad bull who saw red all over the place and was about to do the mad dash.

Gracier chuckled when she saw Eri's reaction; she wanted her to burst, and she would execute her next plan. For some unknown reason, she would feel reckless whenever this girl was nearby; she had never been so irritated by someone before. Normally as Fire element users, they should have been able to tolerate each other presence and get along well, even help each other, but no, on the contrary, they were constantly at each other throats.

Unexpectedly the result Gracier expected to see did not happen. At the last minute, Eri managed to calm down her emotions and sighed, not paying more attention to Gracier.

Alex and Maria exchanged a look and praised Eri's self-restraint. Suddenly, Alex's expression changed; he felt like his sister didn't plan to let the matter slide like that; she was preparing her next move and was ready to unleash.

"Alexandra, behave!"

Alex's warning was a thunderstorm inside Gracier's ears. She stayed silent but put on a wronged expression; Alex chuckled, deciding not to pay any more attention to his sister. He seemed to have spoiled her too much, and she began to behave like this. It's good to tease someone, but you should be aware that there is always a limit; doing too much might end up creating more trouble.

While Alex's action did not shock Maria, it did shock the others; they never thought he would step forward and rebuke his sister he seemed to adore and let run wild so much. Eri was happy, but she didn't let it show in her face; she kept a poker face and began explaining.

"You wanted to know why I keep being respectful to Alex after our contract while it was not sure that we will encounter each other in the future, there are too many reasons, the first one being that a soul shackle contract meaning binds us until I have accomplished what written in the contract I will always be bound to him, to put bluntly I will never be free even if I run away."

The girls nodded in understanding. Eri continued.

"As for the second reason is that I gave him a token that can let him connect to me automatically upon reaching the higher world."

Alex nodded before showing the group a golden pendant with a phoenix image. Maria and others nodded, but suddenly their eyes widened.

"What do you me the higher world? Aren't there are many higher worlds? Do your words just now sound like there is only one? Care to clarify for us to understand."

Unexpectedly the one to talk was Lilith; she rarely spoke, she acted as an observer. Even Alex was curious as well; it was when Lilith pointed out that he became aware that since the beginning, Eri never said higher world but the higher world.

Inside her dimension, Silveria was curious as well; she wanted to know how the worlds evolved after splitting from the original one. After becoming what she was now, she was unable to know about the outside world; she did not remember how many years they had been sealed for after the great war, just that after that terrible war, the once almighty world split into countless worlds classed as a plane, lower, middle and upper, with Mysthia being part of the middle plane.

Eri sighed when she saw everyone present being clueless about the upper worlds; if she had reincarnated in the middle world like Alex and the others, maybe she would be the same as them.

"Normally, the upper plane was indeed filled with many worlds, but a few years ago, something happened that made the world in the higher plane fight. I don't know much about what happened, but after that, many higher worlds combined to form one bigger world, the higher world, while the other ones together with some worlds from other planes joined to form another big world, the Chaos realm."

Everyone present except Alex felt their fine hairs stand on end.

Meanwhile, Alex felt a chill run down his back. He didn't know exactly why either, but all of his fine hairs were standing on end. His heart started pounding.

Ba-dump! Ba-dump! Ba-dump!

[Big sister calm down you are affecting him.]

Silveria's voice echoed inside Alex's head. He understood that the reason why his heart started beating so furiously was because of Nyx's emotional state, something that never happened. While Silveria seemed calm, Alex knew she was pretending to be calm. She was feeling rage inside, but because her sister, who normally wasn't emotional, was quite shaken up after hearing Eri's words, she should be the one to stay clear-headed.

While Silveria thought she could remain calm, the following words uttered by Eri blew everything away.

"The higher world I'm from is called the Original world, the other one is not-"

Eri couldn't finish her explanation before she was blasted away; she was not the only one, sitting around the table except for Alex everyone else was sent flying.

"Asshole!!!!"

Alex muttered while silver light surrounded his body, making everyone who looked at him shiver; the mana in the air seemed frightened and disappeared, leaving the room manaless.

The girls were shocked by Alex with silver eyes.

Chapter 687 - Information About The Other Side 1

Maria and the others shivered under Alex's killing intent; they were unable to move, especially Eri; she felt like all bones inside her body were about to be crushed, she started to have trouble breathing.

"You are not Alex; you must be Silveria."

Despite the overbearing pressure trying to crush them, Maria still managed to utter those words. While she never really interacted with Silveria, she heard from Alex and Gracier.

Gracier eyes widened when she heard Maria's words; she glared at Alex and said.

"Big sister Sil, what are you doing? Are you trying to murder us?"

Unexpectedly Gracier's harsh words seemed to have some effect on Silveria; she retracted her killing intent, and the pressure they were filling disappeared like a puff of smoke; however, two people still had

lingering fear, those two were none other than Eri, who suffered more than the other while the second person was Noire.

Despite being already aware of the frightening existences within her master, it seemed she still underestimated how scary they were. Just with that killing intent, Noire, who had lived for thousand years, was no match for it; she was utterly helpless, she couldn't move a muscle, so imagine if Silveria unleashed her full power, she would die before even knowing it. This simple thought frightened her; she decided to be more obedient never complain in order to live longer.

Ignorant of his subordinate's thoughts, Alex regained control of his body after Silveria's outburst ordered.

"Sil, come out and apologize."

No matter how emotional she became because of a few words, her action must not remain unpunished.

Although she was clearly not in the mood, Silveria still did not dare to do as Alex said as she feared his reaction if she were to refuse to follow his order.

The moment the silver-haired goddess appeared except for Gracier, Alex, and Maria, the others were shocked; they wondered how they could be such a beautiful woman in this world? Everything about her was perfect; even her modest chest seemed to be normal and did nothing to diminish her charm. She was a creature created by the Gods, thought the others.

However, the person they were praising was not in the mood; she clicked her tongue in annoyance just after appearing. Alex glared at her while rubbing his hands together; Silveria shivered, feeling phantom pains on her buttocks; she remembered that day, that shameful day she wished to erase but unfortunately could never do. She knew she must hurry and apologize; if not, Alex would make a move.

"Tch! I'm sorry, please forgive me for what happens."

Eri, Noire, Maria, and Gracier were speechless, wondering what kind of apology was this? But they said nothing when they noticed Alex not saying anything; he only chuckled. Silveria sat beside him while the others could only resign at the end, not asking for a proper apology.

"Sil, can you now tell me why you reacted like that after hearing the name of the higher world?" To calm the others down, Alex asked this question. He decided to share some things with others, be in the dark for too would not do them any good; only by sharing responsibility would they be able to survive what would happen.

"Girl, you said they called the higher world; you came from the Original world, right?"

Still afraid of Silveria, Eri responded by violently nodding her head.

"Stop scaring the poor girl," Alex warned, and Silveria sighed before she began explaining.

"Master, as you know, our world was destroyed in that war, scattered into a different world. While we, the divine race, are from the Spirit Realm, the general name of our world where all other races lived was called the Original world. A name was given to us by the supreme beings before they vanished. During the war against the chaos race, everything got destroyed, and the name original world disappeared. Nobody dared to use it even after it split into many planes filled with new worlds."

"I see!" Alex mumbled; no wonder she would react like that. A name people forgot and couldn't use suddenly appeared; it was not the only problem; the other higher world was called the Chaos Realm, which means that the two forces would inevitably clash. As for whom were the ones to come up with these names, the current Alex had no way knowing; the only way possible for knowing would be to ascend and be stronger, something he clearly lacked right now.

"Eri, I'm sure that the higher world, the original world, is composed of many worlds. I'm wrong?"

After a moment of silence, Alex suddenly asked this question startling the others; only, Silveria, Maria, and Lilith were not really surprised as they also had thought the same thing.

"Yes, many worlds formed the higher world where I came from. I don't remember the exact number, maybe two hundred worlds, but as we speak, those worlds are merging into a new powerful world."

Alex furrowed his brows when he heard this; he exchanged a look with Silveria; they both could see worries in each other eyes, whoever is controlling this higher world, they are dangerous; this person seems to be prepared for war.

"How many races are over there? And what race is the most dominant?"

Seeing a rare opportunity to gain information on the other side, Alex did not hesitate to ask a few questions. Naturally, Eri understood this well and didn't hide what she knew. She was lucky to be part of a big family, and as a genius, she knew many things.

"I don't remember the exact number, but I will tell you what I know."

Everyone rolled their eyes upon hearing the first half of Eri's sentence; they wondered if she was not doing it intentionally; it was the second time she said the same thing. This made them doubt if she was knowledgeable as she tried to portray.

Eri blushed, feeling embarrassed by those stares she was receiving; she cleared her throat and decided to tell them what she knew; after all, she was not a living library; she only knew a little.

Chapter 688 - Information About The Other Side 2

Alex and the others waited patiently for Eri to talk; among them, there were two people extremely excited; it was none other than Artemia and Lilith. They were closer from getting news about their hometown. Their ultimate wish when they tried to open the world door back then to end up awaking a disaster was to find a way home.

While for their dead comrades, it was because of adventure, for those two, it was because their real roots existed outside of Mysthia, so in order to unveil who they truly are, they wanted to ascend.

Unfortunately, they couldn't, but fate was giving them another chance; it was even generous by sending someone to give them so information before they could manage to ascend.

Completely oblivious to the fact that those two took her as some kind of information bringer, Eri opened her mouth and began explaining.

"The races that existed on the other side that I know of are the following:

The High Human they rule the human race. The Dragon race, the Angel race, the High Elves, the Demon and devils, the beastmen. As for who is the strongest currently, it is the High Human, they possess strong physics almost comparable to the dragon race, but they mana capacity is outrageous, sometimes surpassing the dragon; the angel race should not be underestimated either, especially those from the Fallen clan."

Lilith's breathing quickened, her heart started pounding; she almost shouted, that's it, I've finally found a lead, but in the end, she succeeded in controlling herself.

Alex's blood began to boil uncontrollably; he wanted to rush forward and immediately ascend because only in such a world would he be able to fully awaken his potential and soar, standing at the apex.

Meanwhile, Silveria frowned; after hearing Eri's information on the existing races on the other side, she couldn't help but think that this lineup looked exactly like the truth original world lineup. Was there someone trying to reproduce the original world? If it's true, then what this person's goals are?

Silveria had a headache just by thinking about those things; she massaged her forehead, trying to calm down her throbbing head. Whether this person was playing or was serious, he must know that he was bound to fail because the original world could not survive back then, she didn't believe if by copying the world which had failed once they had a chance winning, besides there was a truth this person probably doesn't know or if he knew and were still trying to merge the worlds then it would mean he had never once taken into account the survival of the races.

"Sigh! How troublesome!" Silveria mumbled before stopping thinking about those kinds of stuff. Alex, who had been paying attention to her for a moment, wondered what happened to her face to change so drastically.

"Sil, what happened? Is there any problem?"

Silveria felt warmth spreading through her chest; she knew Alex was asking this out of concern for her, not because he wished for more information.

"Don't worry, it is nothing to worry about, at least not now you will know once we ascend."

"I see. Go rest then!" Unexpectedly Alex did not push her for more; he understood that he would learn more soon once they successfully ascended.

Silveria did not say anything; she simply nodded before vanishing, leaving the girls surprised for a second before they started bombing Eri with questions

Among them their questions, one of them caught Alex's attention; he was about to leave but stopped upon hearing Noire's question.

"Miss Eri, who the strongest of all, the one governing the other races?"

Eri stayed silent for a while before shaking her head to others' disappointment.

"I don't know."

"Tch!" Gracier clicked her tongue in annoyance; she was about to throw a few insults at Eri when she suddenly froze, feeling an intense gaze on her back. She didn't need to turn around to know it was her

brother; she gulped and immediately remembered what had happened earlier. While her brother does cherish her once he became angry and asked her to behave, then better behave, or else he would become angrier and ignore you.

"Eri, please continue!" Gracier asked politely.

Eri nodded while inwardly chuckling, thinking only the big bad wolf the only capable of subduing the little devil.

"As I said, I don't know; nobody seemed to know that person's identity. This person is too mysterious; the only thing known about this person is that he is extremely powerful, so powerful that a lot of people are afraid of him."

Suddenly Alex, who was listening to Eri's explanation, turned his head towards the entrance where Lilith could be seen leaving; he looked at her departing back then at the others who were busy listening to Eri's tales, he decided to follow. He wished to talk with her for a while.

Outside Lilith sat on the rooftop and left her feet dangling in the air; she was not surprised by a presence coming from behind. While Alex was checking on her when she was leaving, she was also checking on her almost as if she was deliberately luring out.

"Welcome, Alex. I was waiting for you." She said with a smile; she seemed to be following Alex's suggestion back then, he had said to smile often, and she never forgets, smiling had become something natural no,w and like usual, her smile was beautiful, especially when it let it show the mole near her cute mouth.

Alex sat beside Lilith and watched the stars in the sky; he couldn't help but mutter.

"Beautiful!"

Lilith knew he was talking about the stars, so she nodded.

"Indeed beautiful, but they still die." She said, and Alex chuckled.

"Like everything else." He added.

"You are right. Alex, I'm not the one to beat around the bush. I want your help." Lilith suddenly declared while directly staring into Alex's eyes; he didn't avoid her eyes; he calmly asked.

"It's about the curse, isn't it?"

From the moment he cured Maria, he had expected such a question; Artemia was not in a hurry to ask for his help because she knew he would help her once the time arrived, but it was different for Lilith.

"Yes!" Lilith nodded without hesitation.

"I see, I understand but at only one condition." Alex declared with a smile on his face; Lilith's face did not change; she was ready to do anything if it meant she would increase her chance of ascending.

"Tell me."

Alex smiled even more and lowered his head and whispered something into her ear; her eyes widened before she burst into laughter and declared.

"Deal."

Chapter 689 - Night Talk

Late in the night, today Alex decided to sleep with the princess, and Maria agreed.

Artemia used Alex's arm as a pillow, yet she could not sleep. Finally, she decided to chat a bit; maybe this way, she might fall asleep.

"What were you and Lilith talking about?" Artemia asked this question; she had noticed those two sneaking away while they were listening to Eri briefing them about the higher plane. She had used her senses and knew they were talking, she couldn't stop her curiosity, and now that she could not sleep, she wanted to use this opportunity to let what they talked about.

Naturally, Alex heard her; like her, he was not sleeping not because he was unable to but because he chose not to sleep; there were too many things running through his head, he must first sort them out before sleeping. It was what he was doing when Artemia's question arrived; he couldn't help chuckle, he decided to play with the princess.

"Ah! We chat casually. Nothing serious." Alex responded with a smile before suddenly crying.

"Ouch! It hurts. What that's for?" Artemia had just pinched his waist hard while his skin was normal thicker than a normal human; facing Artemia Artemia's vicious grip filled with mana, it was no wonder Alex suffered.

"I will continue if you take me for a fool again, so spit it." Artemia declared while trying to sound menacing; it was so funny that Alex burst into laughter, making the princess blush.

"You are cute." Alex blurted out, and Artemia rolled her eyes at him.

"Don't try to change the subject."

Although she was saying those words, she was feeling sweat inside. Which woman would not after receiving praise for someone they were developing feelings for?

"Ah! Take it as I have said nothing then." Alex said, dejected; the princess immediately frowned.

"How can you retire something you just said? Are you still a gentleman?"

Alex's lips twitched when he saw her twisting what he said; he almost shouted, woman, you just don't want to be honest and says you were happy to be praised; however, in the end he didn't say anything other than responding to the princess previous question.

"We talked about the curse. She asked me to help her get rid of it."

"I see. What do you ask in return?" Artemia immediately fired this question at him, leaving Alex speechless; he first looked at Artemia for a few seconds, wondering what do you take me for but after seeing she didn't avoid his gaze; instead, she was glaring at him, he sighed.

"I said I want her." Alex didn't hide what he asked Lilith in order to erase the curse inside her body; even after reincarnating, it still followed her; what a vicious curse.

"Wow! You are courageous. Seeing you with your head still intact, I guess she must have accepted then." Artemia said this to tease AI; hehe said nothing, only nodding.

"It's good. It would be best if you did not let her go. After all, it's me that suggested that you must go after her."

"I have always been curious as to why you would suggest that. Care to explain why now?" Alex asked while locking eyes with Artemia.

"Firstly it because I don't want my man to let go of such excellent woman, secondly it's because I can't bear to be separated from her and thirdly but the most important reason, I know you are special while I'm not privy to the exact details I felt something the first time we slept together, something seemed to have been stolen in order to awaken something inside you, but obviously, it was unable to awaken it. Since then, I started speculating, after me, there were Sakuya and Maria, you may not have noticed, but you changed after sleeping with them. Not only did you become stronger, but your gift also became stronger, that faint feeling I perceived when the first time had sex increased, becoming detectable, so I thought you needed to bond with strong females, Lilith being one of them; thus, my suggestion."

Alex was utterly flabbergasted, not knowing what to say.

[This woman is sharp. I like her. You need a woman like her.] Nyx's voice unexpectedly echoed inside Alex's head after a long time, but he was too shocked to say anything.

The others might think Artemia's words were just a bunch of rambling, but deep down, Alex knew she was right. Despite not knowing what kind of power was sleeping deep within him, he could still feel something; even if it was faint, barely noticeable, he could still feel like it. It started when the siblings (Nyx and Silveria) pointed out that he had a unique ability sleeping deep inside him.

What shocked Alex the most was what Artemia had said; she said she changed after sleeping with new girls, a change not even Silveria noticed; Alex also noticed this change but was unsure if it was related to his unique ability. Because he was not sure how his ability worked, he was still thinking about it; he didn't inform the girls yet, but who would have thought that Artemia would be the first one to notice this change and would start planning some methods to help him?

Seeing Alex remaining silent after what she said, Artemia wondered if she had guessed wrong.

"Is there a problem? Did I guess wrong?"

Finally, Artemia's words snapped Alex out of his thoughts; he quickly shook his head.

"No, your guessed right. I was just shocked that you could accurately guess what was happening to me. You are quite sharp, and your mind is shrewd like your father. Immediately your first thought was to make use of your friend."

Artemia shrugged her shoulders, admitting everything Alex said was right. She was no saint, and she would always think of herself and those dear to her. If using others for her own sake would be considered as sinning, she would gladly accept to become a sinner, beside it was not like she was

pushing Lilith to her death; becoming Alex's wife had its benefits. Lilith must have noticed this; it was why she accepted his condition.

"Well, no matter how shrewd you are, you are still my girl. I will still love you nonetheless. I'm truly blessed to have a girl like you beside me." Alex declared while caressing Artemia's cheeks.

She said nothing but smiled; not only did he change, becoming powerful, but his tongue also became sweet, he didn't hide how he felt toward the girls anymore, meaning he was less reserved when declaring his love. A change Artemia and the other girls would gladly welcome as it let them feel loved and precious.

"What are your plans?" Artemia asked, switching the subject to something more important.

"I want to join the others, and together we will ascend higher as we came or we will choose a specific floor and train until we are all Demigod or closer to that level."

Artemia nodded, thinking Alex's plan was not bad, but she had the feeling that there was more than that.

"There is another reason why I want everyone to be together. There is someone I must go." Alex suddenly declared shocking Artemia as it was her first time hearing this; naturally, she became curious.

"Where are you going?" She asked.

"I don't know the exact location, but since entering the tower, I can feel something calling me, and from various clues I've gathered, I think the reason I came to Exodus is because of this thing. Someone has planned all of this. Naturally, I don't know the identity of the person behind all of this."

Artemia frowned upon hearing Alex's explanation. The feeling of someone controlling their every moves, pushing them where this person wants. It was really an unpleasant feeling, and Alex could feel how she felt but said nothing. If she knew their reincarnations, that prophecy, everything was planned, how would she feel? He didn't want to know; therefore, he continued with what he was saying.

"The first time I stepped into the tower, I was teleported to an unknown realm where I saw a dragon, then a nine-headed monster, a hydra. The dragon seemed shocked; he recognized but said it was not the time yet. Then I was sent away. Each time I ascend, the calling would increase. I know I'm getting closer to whatever is calling me."

"I see; you wish to take everyone with you to go where is that thing calling you is?"

Alex shook his head, Artemia who thought she was guessing correctly, frowned but said, waiting as she waited for Alex to continue explaining.

"My goal after reuniting with the others is to select a few while the rest would train until we come back," Alex explained what he had in mind, and Artemia nodded, she immediately announced.

"I will stay behind together with Maria."

Alex was shocked at first because she guessed what he wanted to do, he had already talked with Maria, and she was okay to stay behind. He chose them because those two have more experience in training

other people than most of them. As for who would stay behind with them and who would go only after reuniting with the others (at least the majority), would Alex establish a list?

"I'm tired of talking let's play" Alex declared before suddenly embracing Artemia's body; she rolled her eyes at him because she knew what kind of game he wished to play, not that she was against playing this game.

Chapter 690 - Master-....?*

Upon hearing Alex's words, Artemia rolled her eyes at him but still decided to play; it had been a long time since they did, besides tonight was a bit special. Thinking about what would happen soon, the princess grinned; she thought how surprised her man would be, just by imagining his expression excited her.

While Artemia was lost in thoughts, Alex acted swiftly; like usual, his fingers were faster than flash.

Artemia couldn't sigh facing Alex's fast fingers; she helped him to get undressed, while not faster as Alex she was not slower, and soon both were naked. Alex began attacking Artemia's weak spots, and soon the sounds of moans filled the room.

Alex must admit the princess was a very sexy girl. The way she let herself go while enjoying sex was very enticing.

Her usually serious voice had turned into sweet moans that resounded in the room.

"Anh...~" Artemia moaned, hugging Alex's head while he sucked on her nipples. At the same time, he moved his hands towards her legs.

He first touched her thighs, using his fingers to stroke her beautiful legs. The princess shivered and slowly opened her legs as though luring him to continue.

But Alex did not hurry. Instead, he continued stroking her thigs, caressing and pinching them slowly. At the same time, Alex moved his hand closer and closer to her moist cave, but he made sure of not touching it.

But such caresses stimulated Artemia even more. She grunted and twisted her body, trying to rub her cave with Alex's hand, but he continued teasing her, moving his hand away each time it was about to touch her slit.

Finally unable to endure it anymore, the princess pouted. She looked at Alex with a look of exasperation as though asking him what he was doing.

But Alex just smiled and continued sucking on her right breast. Meanwhile, one of his hands played with her other breast, and his other hand teased her legs.

Alex caressed her pubic hair softly, but he still made sure of not touching Artemia's slit. Such teasing irritated Artemia greatly and increased her lust and itch.

It reached the point where the princess tried to use her own hand to touch her cave and relieve the itch she was feeling, but how could Alex let her do that? He grabbed her hand and stopped her.

Artemia glared at Alex in anger, but the latter grinned evilly and shook his head.

"No, no. That is my task, princess. Let's me do it."

Immediately after saying those words, Alex moved; he used the tip of his finger to touch her clitoris.

The princess shivered. It was because Alex created a technique recently; he imbued his fingers in mana to make them more sensitive. Sex is about adventure creativity; the same techniques are quickly boring; one should try new things not to kill the excitement and never get bored of your partner.

This technique seemed effective as

the thread of mana Alex put on his finger bought Artemia at the edge of an orgasm.

But when she was about to come, Alex removed his finger. If he let her cum so easily, it wouldn't be a game any longer.

"Ah?" Artemia was stunned. Instinctively, she twisted her waist to search for his finger.

Unfortunately, he was not planning to let her be. Instead, Alex moved his hand away and caressed her thighs instead.

The princess glared at Alex in rage. If she could not understand what he was planning, then she was an idiot. Clever as she was, she understood but couldn't bring herself to be easily subdued.

Therefore once more, she tried to use her hands to touch her moist cave, but Alex stopped her again. How could he let her end the game so soon?

Helpless, Artemia feeling extremely uncomfortable, could only rub her thighs against each other in an attempt to satisfy the cravings of her body, but that was not enough to bring her the orgasm her body was desiring.

She was at the edge of the orgasm. But no matter how much she tried, she could not reach it.

It was like torture for her.

Finally, Artemia bit her lips and stared at Alex, but when she saw his teasing expression, she rolled her eyes.

The next second, though, she seemed to think of something.

Then, she put on an aggrieved look and stared at Alex pleadingly.

"... Please."

The princess uttered those words with a weak expression and her head lowered.

Damn, this expression has such a high killing power.

Alex, who almost succumbed to the princess charm, tried to rapidly calm down but thinking.

'However, you underestimated me, Eretria. This is not enough to bring me down.'

Then he stared at Marana for a few seconds before grinning.

"What do you want?" He asked with a playful smirk on his face.

Artemia bit her lips in frustration but still squeezed out those words.

"... Please, hurry up."

"Why should I?" Alex asked with a smirk. "I think I enjoy your current expression a lot."

Artemia did not reply for a few seconds. Then, she seemed to make up her mind and bit her lips.

One second later, she spoke up with a pitiful expression.

"... Master, please punish this lascivious slave."

Alex was completely startled. He had never expected this kind of move from the princess.

This is...

Master and servant play?

Immediately Alex became amused.

'So you are going to play like this, huh.' He thought with a smile.

However, he likes it.

In fact, when Alex heard her calling him master, he felt all his blood boiling.

Without hesitation, he brought his burning hot weapon and put it against Artemia's wet cave.

The process shivered. She used her hands to hug Alex's back with an expectant expression while rubbing her slit against his rod.

Watching her like it, Alex smirked before thrusting his spear forward.

That was everything Artemia needed. It was as she had been waiting for this for thousand years already. Her reaction was slightly exaggerated, but not that he was against it.. Alex was pleased with himself having made the princess like this.