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Chapter 291: Marriage Proposal

"You, what?" Virgil asked with a puzzled look on his face.

"I, Luis Alucard, the king of Alucard Kingdom, propose a marriage of my son Liam and the child of the blue moon," Luis declared in a loud voice, seemingly wanting his voice to be heard by everyone present in the hall.

"Oh, I heard that for the first time. But what's the..." Virgil cleared his throat and uttered, "May I ask why so suddenly?"

"We were looking for a perfect bride for my son, and we thought marrying him to either of the princesses would be beneficial for both kingdoms. Don't you think it's finally time for the world's two biggest kingdoms to become one?"

"With no offense, this kingdom doesn't need an ally, nor my granddaughter is going to marry your son," Virgil responded nonchalantly.

"Hmm? Are you saying that you are going to defy the alliance pact signed by our ancestors?" Luis said with a judging look on his face.

"I don't remember such a pact having a mention of marriage anywhere," Virgil responded.

"You must not know about it. That was even before you were born."

"I have—" Virgil was about to say something, but a soldier approached him from behind and whispered something in his ears.

"Oh? I see."

The soldier then retreated and stood behind Virgil like the rest of the soldiers who were his elite guard, protecting Virgil from any surprise attack. Not that Virgil required anyone to protect him.

"What's wrong?" Luis smirked and said, "It seems the soldier knows more than you."

Virgil raised his hand in the air, and everyone else stepped back in surprise. Luis and Liam had a petrified look on their faces, and the guards had come forward to protect them.

After watching that, Virgil scoffed arrogantly and conjured a sealed scroll in his hand. He showed it to them and opened the seal in front of them, seemingly opening it for the first time after it was written.

He opened the scroll and read the contents in his mind to confirm before reading it aloud.

"This is the written alliance pact that shall come into effect one day if time and fate serve us well. I, Vlad the 7th, the seventh heir and the 17th king of OrionHeart Kingdom, hereby announce a marriage between the heir of OrionHeart family and Alucard's family," Virgil read.

"See?" Luis pointed his finger at the scroll and said, "This is the written proof. And I, we, the Alucard family, honored the promise while you forgot about it. How disgraceful."

"No one forgot about it. The contents of this letter are not the same as you mentioned," Virgil responded and resumed reading.

"However, there will be certain conditions about this. Firstly, both the bride and the groom have to agree on the marriage and have mutual feelings towards each other; love.

Secondly, in any condition, neither the groom nor the bride should be forced into this marriage.

Thirdly, either of the parties must inform the other party about this three years prior to marriage. Give them time to get to know each other if they don't, and let them decide their future.

Failure of any of the above conditions will cancel this alliance pact."

Virgil finished reading and stared at Luis and Liam with an unamused look on his face.

"That can't be true! There were no such conditions!" Luis yelled.

Virgil tossed the scroll at Luis and said, "You can read it yourself."

Luis angrily read the paper and muttered, "Impossible."

"Even if it didn't have these conditions, I had no plans to marry my granddaughter against her wishes." Virgil raised his brows and uttered, "And besides, I opened the seal in front of you. Are you implying that this sealed scroll is fake?"

He asked with a judging look on his face.

"Yes, I am! I don't remember it having any conditions at all!" Luis retorted.

"Then maybe you never actually read the scroll properly," Virgil commented. "I am sure your family also got one copy of this scroll."

Luis ripped the scroll into pieces and yelled, "This is a fake one! I will provide you with the real one soon enough."

"So you came all the way from your kingdom to this kingdom for a marriage proposal to honor your late grandfather's promise of alliance with my forefathers but didn't bring the so-called 'real' scroll with you?" Virgil asserted with a furious look on his face.

"That's because I never expect the OrionHeart Kingdom to back out on their words and tamper with the content of the scroll to avoid the alliance pact," Luis responded angrily.

Virgil and Luis glared at each other until a voice rang in the hall.

"Arara~ So you are telling me that the person who wrote the content of the scroll is also lying?"

Everyone present in the hall trembled in fear after hearing that voice. Luis's legs grew weak, and he needed his soldiers to support him, while Virgil's eyes widened as he muttered:

"Mother...?"

The voice belonged to none other than Nyxia, the Mad Queen.

She casually passed through the soldier and stopped in front of Virgil.

"When... when did you return from your trip?" he asked in a calm voice.

"Yesterday morning," Nyxia replied.

"Then why did you inform you or come to meet me?"

Nyxia frowned her face and uttered, "Why do I need to inform you about my arrival or departure?"

"I didn't mean—"

"And for your information, I came to the palace to meet you yesterday morning, and I searched for you for 30 minutes, I repeat, 30 minutes! And I couldn't find you. Where were you?!"

"I... had something to do. Anyway, welcome back, mother," Virgil welcomed her with an awkward smile on his face.

Nyxia ignored him and turned to Luis, whose face had turned pale because of the fear. She frowned her face at him and asserted:

"You should be glad that 'he' is not here."

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Chapter 292: A Presence that Rivals the Lord

"Luis... I remember you used to pee your pants and wet your bed even at the age of 70s. And now you think you have any authority to stand in my palace and call my son a liar? Not only that, but you ripped the honored scroll that was preserved for thousands of years. Leave this place in this instance, or you shall face the consequences."

"With all due respect, I had no idea about the conditions of the scroll. Maybe the Alucard family tampered with it and removed the conditions. But my proposal still remains the same," Luis said in a meek tone.

All the arrogance Luis had vanished into thin air as soon as Nyxia entered the conversation.

"I wish to marry my son with the child of the blue moon," he proposed once again.

"And I do not wish to do that." Nyxia turned around and casually uttered. "You may enjoy your stay here, but we are not having any conversation about marriage."

Luis bit his lips and glared at Nyxia for a few seconds before saying, "Why are you going against the conditions of the scroll?"

Nyxia raised her brow and turned to Luis with a furious look on her face.

"What did you say?"

"The letter said to let the bride and groom decide, so we shouldn't interfere." He smirked from the corner of his lips and continued, "Since you value the vampire culture so much, you wouldn't interfere, am I right?"

"Sure." Nyxia shrugged her shoulders and said, "Go ahead and ask her if you want to. I already know her answer, and I was simply trying to save time. After all, my time is important to me, but I don't know about yours since you are as useless and worthless as ever."

Nyxia commented with a straight face with a remorseless expression.

Luis gritted his teeth and endured his anger by taking a deep breath. Then, he turned to Jane with a smile on his face and uttered:

"What do you say, child of the blue moon? Are you interested in marrying my son? He is a prince and the only heir to my kingdom, so if you marry him, you will become the future queen."

Jane opened her mouth to reject him, but Luis didn't let her speak.

"Before you answer, do remember that you are the child of the blue moon. You are the cursed child. No one would even want to talk—no, no one would even want to look at you. Yet, I am offering you a one-in-a-million golden chance. If you let this chance slip from your hand, you will remain single forever," Luis added while smirking inwardly.

"I have no intention of marrying someone," Jane rejected instantly as soon as Luis stopped speaking.

"Wha—!" Luis was left speechless, and he couldn't comprehend why Jane would agree even though he was doing a 'favor' to her by marrying Liam with her.

'Dammit! Where did I go wrong?! Everything was perfectly planned!' Luis glanced around the hall as though he was looking for someone.

'Where did that Vesier go?! He said he would humiliate the cursed child and make her so hopeless that she would agree to marry anyone to seek love and attention. But I don't see any sign of remorse or despair on her face. She has the same haughty look on her face as this hag Nyxia!'

"Heh!" Nyxia scoffed softly and remarked, "Now, if you have any shame left in you, don't embarrass yourself more and enjoy your stay here or kindly leave. I would prefer the latter one as I don't want someone to step foot in my kingdom who clearly doesn't belong here."

"I can't believe it! I thought I would be welcomed here, but I am being shunned! I came all the way to honor an old promise, but this is unfathomable. I feel insulted, and I am offended by the hospitality I received here!" Luis yelled.

"I am glad my feelings finally reached your thick skull," Nyxia smirked arrogantly.

Luis' face twitched from all the sides as he glanced back and forth between Jane and Virgil, hoping either of them to say something, but neither of them paid any heed to him.

SIGH!

He glanced at Liam and shook his head in disbelief.

'Incapable of defending his own father! I have the worst possible heir ever! Maybe I will give my throne to one of my illegitimate children when the time comes.'

But still, where is that asshole Vesier?! Did he double-cross me? I shouldn't have trusted him after all! Dammit!

I look like a clown standing in the middle of the three strongest vampires. However, I am not going to stay silent. One way or another, I will get my hands on the cursed child. She is essential for me to be able to—'

Luis stopped on his words when he sensed an immense pressure in the air and a murderous glare from somewhere.

'What is this feeling? It feels as if my soul is getting shredded by an invisible force!' Luis scanned the hall and panicked:

'Where is it coming from?!' He first looked at Nyxia, but she seemed normal. Then, he turned to Virgil, who was standing with a calm look on his face.

'It's not coming from these two, then who is it?! The cursed child—' He looked at Jane, whose face seemed excited and happy for some reason.

'Hmm?! Why is she making a face like that? And I don't feel that pressure coming from her. Then who is it?! I have never felt something like this in my entire life! No, wait... I have felt something similar, but this is very intense.

I have been to the Lord's summit and been in his presence three times, and my body never stopped trembling as long as he was awake. What monster could rival the presence of the Lord?!

SIGH!

Nyxia let out a weary sigh and stared into Luis' petrified face before saying, "I advised you to leave when you had time. Now, 'he' is here."

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Chapter 293: Sheer Emotions

'He?' Luis raised his brows and wondered, 'Who is 'he'? Does she mean... the Lord? No, we killed the Lord's incarnation, so it shouldn't be possible. There shouldn't be a new incarnation for the next ten thousand years. But even then, we will get rid of him.

However! What is this dominating presence?!

The hall was filled with force, and Luis couldn't trace it because it was out of his expertise.

'It's suffocating me! But why am I the only one getting affected by it?!' he panicked. 'What is going on?! Did Nyxia cast one of her magic spells on me?'

Of course, it was Rudy.

After Rudy left Jane's room and told Niti that he was going on a stroll, Niti waited for him to return for a few minutes, but after realizing she got fooled, she went to look for Rudy. At the same time when Rudy was torturing Vesier.

Niti searched the entire palace and asked the maid she ran onto on her way, but she didn't get the lead. She knew that Rud won't be in any of the rooms, so he would either be in the hall or outside the palace.

However, just to confirm, she went to the hall and saw Luis asking for Jane's hand in marriage for his son. Niti didn't know what to do, so she rushed out and went to Jane's room on a whim, hoping that Rudy would have returned.

'I don't know why they are here and why they want to marry Princess Jane, but I am not handing her over to someone other than master Rudy. They love each other so dearly, and I won't let anyone come between them!

Sadly, I don't possess any power or authority to interfere in royal matters. But master Rudy can!

I don't know if he has returned or not, but I have to find him. Princess Jane needs him! I need him! If it's master Rudy, then he can kill everyone who tries to steal princess Jane away from him!

Niti was so immersed in her thoughts that she didn't realize how casually she talked about killing someone. Her usual self would never even think of harming a fly, but she was so panicked that nothing else mattered to her other than Rudy and Jane's relationship.

'I just hope he has returned!'

After running for a while, she finally reached Jane's room and opened the door with a panicked face. Fortunately, Rudy had just come back from the trip to space.

"Thank Lord, you are here!" She let out a loud sigh and rushed inside the room.

Rudy opened his eyes, but he couldn't open them as the nerves of his body were going berserk. It was a side effect of staying exposed in space for too long.

Usually, his powers would have taken care of all that, but the capacity of his mental strength had reached practically Zero, making Rudy even weaker than a normal human for the time being.

He used the last bit of his mental strength in teleporting from space. Had he been a few seconds late, he would have passed out in space, and who knows what would have happened to him afterward. But it surely would have taken an interesting turn, just not in a good way.

"What's wrong...?" he asked in a low voice. Even his voice wasn't coming out properly.

"Princess Jane! She needs you!" she said with the same panicked look on her face.

Rudy forced his eyes open, but they stayed the same.

"What happened to her? Is everything alright?" he asked in an anxious tone.

"It's not! You have to follow me to the royal hall!"

"..." Rudy tried to sit up, but his body was close to being paralyzed.

It reminded Rudy of his past life, where he was rendered paralyzed and bedridden on the bed. Where he couldn't do anything but helplessly watch his family struggling financially to continue his treatment.

"Please!" she bellowed.

Rudy knew that something serious had happened since Niti— who was always uptight about everything, even after running into Jane and Rudy having sex— was panicking like that.

'I need... powers....'

"What are you doing?!" Niti yelled furiously. "Why are you still relaxing on the bed!"

She thought Rudy wasn't taking the situation easily, even though it was the exact opposite.

"I can't... move my body. Can you carry me there?" he asked in a fading voice.

Suddenly, Rudy sat up straight on the bed in a strange manner, and even he was surprised.

"Oh..."

But he soon realized that Angelica had taken over his body and was seemingly helping him.

"Let's," Angelica said from Rudy's mouth.

'I will just let Angelica do everything. But Niti still hasn't told me what happened.'

"Please follow me to the royal hall!" Niti left the room in a hurry, and Rudy (Angelica) soon followed him.

After a while, they reached the hall, and Rudy heard Luis say:

"You are the cursed child. No one would even want to talk—no, no one would even want to look at you. Yet, I am offering you a one-in-a-million golden chance. If you let this chance slip from your hand, you will remain single forever."

"....!"

Even though Rudy walked into the middle of the conversation without knowing the topic or the context, he realized what was going on by hearing a mere sentence.

It was said that one realizes their true potential when they are hopeless; one would know they have reached the limit, and they would have to surpass their limits to keep moving forward.

Rudy was in a similar condition, but the only difference was that his powers were already limitless, but they were limited by his mental capacity, which has been drastically increasing daily as the more power he used, the more it evolved.

However, Rudy was currently feeling hopeless but not helpless.

"Angelica, give me the control back," he said in a quiet voice that even Niti couldn't hear even though she was standing right next to him.

"But your body is—"

"Please..."

The moment Angelica revoked the control of Rudy's body, the hall was covered by an invisible force, which was nothing but Rudy's sheer emotions— one of the base of his powers.

"Oi! I don't care who you are, but if you value your life, get out of my sight, or your existence will cease to exist."

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Chapter 294: A Kind Threat

Luis turned to Rudy and raised his brow with a puzzled look on his face.

"Who are you?" he asked with a curious and confused look on his face.

"Allow me to introduce him to you." Nyxia stood beside Rudy and leaned on Rudy with a smirk on her face. She glanced at Rudy before saying, "He is Jane's husband, and he... is a human."

"Hah!" Everyone, including Rudy and Jane, was surprised.

"I don't mind being introduced as Jane's husband, but we are not married yet," he muttered to Nyxia.

"Oh, my naive boy..." Nyxia pinched, pulled Rudy's cheek, and uttered, "You actually are."

"Uhh...."

"Mother!" Virgil pulled Nyxia's hand and took her away from Rudy. He made some distance between them and said, "What do you think you are doing?"

"What did... I do?" Nyxia asked.

"Stop acting so brazenly shameless in front of all the royal elders and guests. And how do you know Rudy? This should be your first time meeting him, am I right?"

Nyxia shrugged Virgil's hand and glared at him. She crushed Virgil's feet with her feet and asserted, "You should stop acting like this. I am your mother. You don't get to control me. You may be the Vampire Monarch for this kingdom, but for me, you are nothing but my youngest child."

"Again, you are misunderstanding what I am—"

"Enough!" Virgil hugged Jane from behind and pushed her onto Rudy.

Jane's face flushed red as everything happened so suddenly. She kept his relationship secret— no, she kept Rudy hidden from everyone, and now everything was exposed.

However, that wasn't the only reason why Jane was embarrassed. She was in love with a supposed human, who was also her twin sister's lover. Everyone now knew that both of the twin sister princesses were in love with the same man who was a human.

Still, she knew that the cat would be out of the bag sooner or later, and what could be a better chance than the royal function where everyone that matters was present.

Jane threw away her worries and embraced Rudy in front of everyone. Then, she wrapped her arms around Rudy and glanced at Virgil, Nyxia, and Luis from the corner of her eyes before kissing Rudy on the lips.

"...!"

The elders and the guests started chattering; where some were with Jane, and some were against her, while the rest didn't care. But those who were with Jane knew how strong Rudy was, and going against them would be asking for suicide.

"What treachery is this?!" Luis yelled at the top of his lungs. "A human?! Seriously? What is a human doing in this world?!"

"..." Everyone stayed silent, not because they were afraid to answer him, but because they didn't care.

Luis gazed around, seemingly looking for an answer. He looked at Nyxia and then at Virgil, who let out a sigh and uttered:

"This kingdom is doomed. It has degraded so low to its glory. It's honestly disappointing and pitiable to see the end of OrionHeart kingdom. But then again, if the vampire monarch had broken so many rules and bred a human, so why not his descendants!"

"Oi!" Rudy grabbed Luis by his collar and glared into his eyes before saying, "Didn't I ask you to get out of my sight?"

"....!" Luis' soldier's immediately rushed, moved their weapons, and surrounded Rudy.

"Okay, that's enough!" Nyxia clapped her hands and uttered, "Luis, what did I tell you about enjoying or staying here without making any ruckus or getting out of here? You did none of them. You can't barge into someone's house, openly demand something, and then expect them to treat you with good hospitality. Now, if you are content, leave."

Luis glared at Rudy and wondered, 'Where was that immense pressure coming from? I don't feel any magic or anything from this human whatsoever. He is a puny human! Even I can crush him easily if I want to!

Heh! It's not a big problem. I am getting my hands on the cursed child no matter what happens. And it would make a great show in front of her human lover, who would beg for mercy.

I will extract all of his blood and chop him into pieces, making a fine dish out of his flesh!

Luis turned around after saying, "I will still give you all a chance to think about it."

Then, he turned to Jane and continued, "I believe you are mature enough to know what's good for you."

Jane didn't say anything in reply but kissed Rudy again.

'Tch!' Luis licked his tongue and thought, 'She is a bitch as well! Well, it doesn't matter. I enjoy breaking and dominating strong girls. I will discipline her too.'

Luis and the rest left the hall, but Liam shot a glance at Jane before leaving, but Rudy caught him red-handed, and he ended up tripping as he fell flat on the floor, face first.

Then they got into their chariots and flew away.

"..."

The royal hall was filled with nothing but silence. Everyone was still stilled to comprehend the situation.

"What will happen now?" one asked another.

"Maybe a war?" someone replied.

"Who cares. We are not going to fight in a war, and I am sure our kingdom will win. We have the three strongest vampires of the world with us."

"Yes."

"Come to think of it, where did Vesier go after getting his ass beaten by the human?" someone asked.

"He must be crying in the corner or maybe hiding so that the human doesn't find him."

After that, the function continued for a while before everyone slowly started to leave.

Rudy, who was sitting on the chair with Jane and drinking the blood moon milkshake, let out an exhausted sigh and muttered, "I thought drinking this would make me feel better, but I don't feel satisfied. I will have to sleep to restore my powers and allow my body to heal..."

'Anywho, I will discuss everything with Virgil first, and if I feel like it, I will just have to go on a single-handed massacre.'

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Chapter 295: Nyxia's Domineer

In the last two days, Rudy had used his powers more than he ever did in his entire life. He still hadn't completely recovered (mentally) from the overuse of his powers in the world of illusion, and he once again used a lot of his powers today.

Since the function was near its end, Jane got up to greet the royal guests who didn't come to the palace so often. Rudy was left alone, and he couldn't wait to go back to Jane's room so he could get a nice sleep.

While waiting, his gaze fell on the ripped pieces of the scroll on the ground.

'What's that?' he wondered.

He got up and grabbed the piece nearest to him to see something written on it. But since it was a vampiric language, he couldn't understand it.

He showed it to the maid on the counter behind him and asked, "What's written here?"

The maid squinted her eyes before reading out loud: "Nyxia..."

"I see." Rudy carefully looked at the letters and learned the vampiric language, although he needed more words to grasp it fully.

He picked up all the pieces he could find and showed the random ones to the maid. After learning a few more words, Rudy began to sort out the pieces and arranged them accordingly. But he was missing a few parts, and he couldn't find them anywhere.

'Well, whatever.'

Most of the scroll's content was already restored, so Rudy slowly began to read it. He had a few mistakes in the vowels but understood what it was about.

"So they were from the Alucard kingdom, huh? I thought they were royal guests. Well, that doesn't matter. Even if the Lord himself tries to groom my Jane, he shall fear me."

After reading the conditions, Rudy sighed in relief and muttered, "Not going to lie, I was pissed off at Jane's ancestors for making a contract like that, but after reading the conditions, I can tell he didn't mean any harm."

Three people had signed the contract along with a signature seal with their names.

One was, of course, Vlad the seventh, the second was Luis the twenty-second, and the third was Nyxia.

'Hmm?' Rudy raised his brow with an amused look on his face and wondered, 'So this is where Nyxia's name was. But why is her name here? This contract is old. There is no date written, but it's the era of Vlad the seventh, and Virgil is Vlad the thirteenth.'

Nyxia said she had seven sons and two daughters, so let's assume Vlad the seventh was Nyxia's eldest son. So that would make Virgil the thirteenth Vlad.

However, I remember Virgil mentioning that his father was considered as Vlad the twelfth. This is so disorienting that it's making my brain hurt. I should go to sleep.'

Rudy glanced around to look for Jane, but she seemed busy.

SIGH!

'Maybe I should leave?'

Rudy waited for a few more minutes, but Jane was surrounded by even more royals now. So he turned to the maid at the counter and uttered:

"If Jane asks you where I went, tell her that I am sleeping in her room."

The maid nodded in response with a smile on her face.

Rudy got up and slowly walked out of the hall. For the first time after getting the powers, Rudy didn't feel like walking.

'This reminds me of my university days when I used to walk my way from the shelter facility to the university and from there to my workplace.'

Dammit! This sucks. I have become so dependent on my powers that the usual stuff seems tedious and tiring to me now.'

SIGH!

"I should find a way to increase my mental strength and make it limitless just as my powers. Of course, eating healthy food is not going to help me here. The only way to increase my mental strength was to use as many powers as possible."

It's just like going to the gym and doing reps. Your strength increases as you regularly increase the weight and all. I don't know much about fitness as I never went to the gym in my past life, nor do I plan to go there in this life."

"Arara~ What are you muttering, boy?"

"...."

Nyxia hugged Rudy from behind and flew him away with her.

"Oh, come on! What are you doing!" Rudy groaned.

"Hmm? I thought I would give you a ride. Where do you want to go?" Nyxia whispered in Rudy's ear.

"Drop me off at Jane's room."

"Arara~ How about coming to my room?"

"I really want to sleep, and I am in no mood to entertain you right now."

"Someone is in a foul mood. It's saddening. I thought we had formed a nice bond after what we did yesterday in the royal bathhouse. But here you are, treating me as a stranger."

Rudy leaned his back on Nyxia's body, feeling her soft mountains pressing against his back, and uttered, "I am not. I am just not in the mood. You may meet me again after I have woken up. I will entertain you as much as you want."

"Arara~ You have to specify what type of 'entertainment' you are talking about. My innocent self might misunderstand and expect something else, only to get disappointed afterward."

"How about this? You can ask me anything you want, and I will do it without a single complaint."

Nyxia smirked from the corner of her lips and seductively whispered in Rudy's ear:

"Let's see if you are a man of your word or not. And if you try to play dumb, I swear, I will make you pay for it."

"Oh? What would you pay with? Your body?" he scoffed softly.

Even in a state like that, Rudy's 'Rudyness' was still the same.

After flying all the way to the balcony of the hallway where Jane's room was, Nyxia landed with Rudy.

"Here you go," she said as she let go of Rudy.

"Thanks for the ride."

Rudy began to walk to Jane's room, but Nyxia pulled his clothes and muttered, "Where is my reward for giving you a ride?"

"...."

Nyxia closed her eyes as though she was waiting for Rudy to do something to her.

Rudy moved his face close to Nyxia's face before opening his mouth. He moved his lips to her lips, but suddenly, his fangs elongated, and he buried them in Nyxia's neck.

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Chapter 296: Recharge

Nyxia closed her eyes and puckered her lips, expecting to receive a kiss from Rudy, but all she got was a sharp, throbbing pain in her neck.

When she opened her eyes again, she realized that Rudy was sucking her blood at a crazy speed.

"....!"

She tried to push him back, but Rudy's grip on her was tight. Her legs eventually gave out, and her body grew weak.

When Rudy came back to his senses, he saw Nyxia passed out in his arms and blood dripping from her neck as well as his mouth.

"..." He moved his trembling hand to his mouth and wiped it to see it was smeared with blood.

Without wasting a single second, Rudy used his restoration ability and managed to bring Nyxia back to her normal condition.

He grabbed Nyxia and fell to the ground on his butt before placing her on his lap.

'What just happened?' he asked himself.

When he gulped down anxiously, he savored the taste of Nyxia's sweet blood, which made him want to drink more of it. So he licked his hips and wiped the blood from them with his tongue.

"I never knew blood could taste so delicious. And obviously, it wasn't my first time tasting blood. I had drunk my own blood many times when I got cut while making food, mostly at Elise's apartment. I have also tasted Elise's and mom's blood, so why did Nyxia's blood... no, why did I even drink it?"

Rudy couldn't comprehend the situation, and he didn't realize that he had grown fangs before he sucked her blood. But they turned normal once he stopped drinking her blood.

"I was going to kiss her on the lips, but before I knew it... I..."

Rudy lowered his gaze at Nyxia and rubbed her head, hoping she would wake up soon.

He looked at his hand and pointed it at the sky that was covered with clouds. He flicked his finger, and the clouds were razed to a certain extent.

'I knew it!'

"I no longer feel weak or exhausted. And even my powers returned. So... that's why my body urged me to drink Nyxia's blood?" he wondered.

"But how would drinking blood give me energy? If that was possible, I would have found an alternative to restore my powers after running out of my mental strength. Food or drink shouldn't possibly be able to do that.

It's just like eating or drinking something and suddenly getting six-pack abs without any hard work," he muttered in confusion.

'Come to think of it, I still don't know much about my powers and their origin. I am still not entirely convinced that I got these powers because of the supergene experiment. Because for that, the scientists would have needed to get their hands on the genes or something.

Or maybe they actually managed that? I am sure that these supernatural elements existed in my past life too, but I never encountered them as I lived a human life. So if the supergene is the reason behind my powers, why did I come to this world?

If I truly acquired powers after supergene, why did I die in my previous life, and why did I travel back in time?

There are so many questions I want answers to, and I think the best way to get them is to break into one of the secret supergene experiment facilities to know the truth. I should do that once I go back to the human world.'

Rudy was stroking Nyxia's head while thinking that, and he didn't realize that she had woken up.

"How dare you put me in such a disgraceful state!" she yelled with a glare in her eyes.

SIGH!

Rudy let out a sigh of relief and uttered, "I am glad you are alright."

"You are the one who did this to me!" she yelled.

"You sound so energetic for someone who was unconscious a few seconds ago," he remarked.

"Again, that was you!"

"I need answers. Since you claim to be so knowledgeable, tell me, why did I suck your blood?" Rudy asked sincerely.

"You didn't just suck my blood, you sucked my vitality too. If you hadn't regained your senses at the right time, you might have killed me."

"..." Rudy took a deep breath and asked, "Please tell me you are joking."

"I am not."

"So... why did I do that?"

"Why do humans drink water?" Nyxia asked with a knowing look on her face.

"Because they feel thirsty?"

"And why do they eat?"

"Because they feel hungry?"

"It's the same for every race in the universe. You, or rather your body, or should I say your powers, wanted to be fed on something that could recharge them instantly. Hence they forced you to suck my vitality," Nyxia asserted.

"This has never happened before, so I had no idea. But I guess I should be careful from now on." Rudy raised his brow and asked, "Uhh... does that mean I can attack a fellow human too?"

"Yeah. They also have vitality, but not as much as the other races. So if this happens in a human world, you would probably kill a few dozen to get your powers recharged," she stated in a solemn voice. "You even grew fangs to suck my blood."

"What?!" he exclaimed.

"They are back to normal now, though."

"Hmm. Actually, this isn't the first time my powers have changed my body physically. I grew long hair too, so I guess growing fangs wouldn't make a difference. But I am glad they are back to normal."

"Kissing would be a pain in the ass with long fangs," he added. "Vampires' fangs also turn back to normal unless they are drinking blood."

"But I do want to get a blowjob with long fangs..." he muttered with a serious look on his face. "I wonder if it would hurt."

"Uhh..." Nyxia let out a sigh in disbelief and uttered, "Are you always like this?"

"I am genuinely curious, that's all." He shrugged his shoulders and asked, "Anyway, is there any way to stop that?"

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Chapter 297: Cultivation

"Is there any way to stop me from doing that?" he asked curiously.

"Don't burn yourself out using your powers. Simple."

"That's common sense. I was asking if there is a way to stop this. Like, there could be times when I would need to go all out, you know? And during that time, if I worried about hurting others, I wouldn't be able to do that."

"So I was wondering if you could provide me with a way or maybe some technique that could give me free vitality without killing or hurting anyone," he asked calmly.

After a moment of silence, Nyxia uttered, "There is, actually."

"Oh? Please tell me."

"It's simple. You just have to increase your mental capacity, so you never get mentally exhausted," Nyxia answered with a smile on her face.

"..." However, Rudy didn't seem impressed by her response.

"What?"

SIGH!

"That was an obvious answer. You need to tell me a way to increase my mental capacity. I have tried to think of various ways but failed all of them. The only way I can think of is exhausting myself again and again, but now that seems dangerous as I can go berserk. So now, I am left with no option," Rudy asserted with a weary sigh.

Even though he no longer felt exhausted, his face seemed tired as he couldn't comprehend anything. It was out of his knowledge, and he felt stuck for the first time in his life.

So far, his powers and intellect have helped me overcome every challenge he faced, and his knowledge and experience from his past life helped him considerably.

"You need to cultivate it."

"Uhh.... what?"

"Cultivate your mental capacity. If your mental capacity can increase the more you use your powers, then it should also increase if you manually cultivate it instead of resetting," she stated.

"So this 'cultivate' is the same as recharging, am I right?" he asked with a curious and confused look on his face.

Nyxia nodded and continued, "Not entirely, but yes. When you take a rest, your mental strength recharges, but that takes a lot of time, and you need to rest compulsorily. But in cultivation, the recharging speed would be much faster, and the more you cultivate, the more your mental capacity will increase."

She explained in a calm voice.

"You still haven't told me how to do that, though."

"There are different types of cultivation methods depending on what you want to cultivate. Let me ask you, what do you want to cultivate, and how far can you go for it?"

"You already know the answer."

"Are you interested in dual cultivation?" Nyxia asked curiously.

"By the name, I guess it's cultivating two times or something?"

"No. Dual cultivations basically means sex," she said nonchalantly.

"Uhh... then aren't I dual cultivating all the time?" Rudy wondered.

Nyxia shook her head and uttered, "No. To dual cultivate, your partner has to be someone with great powers. Humans are powerless, so obviously, you can't dual cultivate with them."

"What about vampires? Jane and I have fooled around more than you think."

"You can't do that with vampires either. You see, there are many requirements. We, vampires, don't have any spirit in our bodies. If we die, we turn into ashes, and we can't revive them."

'But didn't you try to reincarnate your husband?' Rudy wanted to ask Nyxia, but he knew that doing that in the middle of an important conversation might make her mad, and he would never get another chance to discuss cultivation with Nyxia again.

"Then can I dual cultivate with ghosts?"

"No."

"What about dragons?"

"Only a few who have dragon magic."

"Then who do you think is a compatible partner for me to dual cultivate with?"

"Try elves. You can never go wrong if elves are involved. But unfortunately, you can't find them. They closed all the portals to their world and secluded themselves with the rest of the races."

"Any other race?"

"Fairies should work too, but they are super toxic in nature," she informed.

"That doesn't match the description of the fairies I had. But there are many types of people in the world."

Rudy recalled what the landlord had told him about the fairies, and from that, he assumed that they were naive in nature.

"Are there any other ways?" Rudy asked curiously.

"For what, cultivating or dual cultivating?"

"Hey, what about vitality?"

"What about it?"

"Since you said I sucked your vitality with your blood. Can't I create vitality with my powers or something? Or maybe even cultivating it?"

Nyxia stared at Rudy for a few seconds before replying, "Even I have limited knowledge about it. And believe me, that's not something you should be seeking."

"Why... not?"

"There are things better left unknown. There is a limit to how much knowledge one can hold; expose them to reality, and they go insane. I am saying this for your own sake," she said with a calm yet concerned look on her face.

"I understand. Thanks for telling me about this new way to increase my mental capacity. I will look into it more thoroughly and find a better alternative if needed."

All this time, Rudy was stroking Nyxia's head, and she was still on his lap. Whenever Rudy spoke, he moved his right lap up and down, making Nyxia look like a baby in her father's lap.

After they stopped talking, Nyxia sat up and wrapped her arms around Rudy's neck while still sitting on his lap. She pushed him back on the pillar he was leaning on and looked into his eyes before uttering:

"You never apologized for suddenly attacking me and never rewarded me for giving you a ride."

"I.. was going to do just that."

Nyxia glanced at Rudy's lips before moving her gaze to his neck. She licked her lips and gulped down before asking: "Can I drink your blood?"

"Sure."

Nyxia instantly opened her mouth and buried her fangs in his neck. She sucked his blood for about a minute and pressed her lips on his lips.

"..."

Rudy didn't stop her and kissed her back, and they enjoyed the mixed tastes of each other's blood and saliva.

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Chapter 298: Blood and Saliva

Rudy could taste his own blood through Nyxia's mouth, and Nyxia was tasting hers. After a pleasing kiss, their lips parted, and their eyes met.

They stared into each other's eyes as though that was the only thing that mattered and existed in the world.

Nyxia smiled with a flushed face and muttered, "You don't seem to mind it."

"Obviously. Who wouldn't want to be kissed by a hot girl like you?" Rudy replied with a grin.

Nyxia squinted her eyes and uttered, "Who was it that was questioning my character in the royal bathhouse?"

"Certainly not me."

Nyxia moved her hands to Rudy's face and held it carefully. She caressed his face with her cold hands and rubbed her thumbs on her cheeks while gazing into his eyes with a gentle smile on her face.

"I might have been charmed by you," he said calmly.

"Oh? I don't think so. I would know if you were charmed by you. I could order you, control you, use you. But that's not happening."

"I didn't mean it that way, but yeah. I wouldn't mind doing anything for you, as long as it doesn't affect my relationship with other girls."

Nyxia played with Rudy's ears with her fingers while rubbing her thumb on his cheeks.

"Maybe... it's me who is charmed by you... darling~"

Rudy chuckled after hearing that and muttered, "Do you love me?"

"I would rather not answer that question. We only kissed, so don't get your hopes high."

"Oh? And here I thought I got one more vampire in my harem," Rudy remarked with a grin on his face.

"Don't get so cocky." Nyxia pulled Rudy's cheek and said, "I am not an easy girl. You will have to work hard to have me as your lover."

"I thought you were already madly in love with me. I guess I shouldn't have let you kiss me and left you desperate. Only then you would realize how much you need me."

"You do realize that I am thousands of years older than you, right?"

"Of course."

"I have met all types of people and experienced a million types of feelings in my entire life. If you think that I would give into mere desperation or temptation, then you are wrong. I am used to such things, and to be honest, I had forgotten all that."

She smiled wryly at him and said, "Thank you for reminding me that I can still live and enjoy my life."

"Is that a yes to join my harem?" Rudy asked curiously.

"No." Nyxia played with Rudy's face without caring for anything and said, "I won't join your harem unless you have managed to learn your powers fully."

"That's a tough condition."

"Hmm~?" Nyxia hummed in amusement and uttered, "How about convincing Glorias and Jane about accepting me in your harem."

"Challenge accepted, but it will take time. I will first have to convince Rias to join my harem," he scoffed softly and sighed. "I am anxious, not going to lie."

"I visited Glorias this morning. She should wake up in less than a day, so you better plan your speech to convince her."

"I have already done that. I also have a backup plan in case of my original plan. And I have more backup plans if the backup plan fails. Let's hope that one of those plans works, or I might be in trouble."

"Is that your biggest fear?" Nyxia asked curiously.

"Not really, but I am indeed worried about how Rias might react after finding out that I slept with her twin sister and kissed her great grandmother."

"Can I ask what is your biggest fear, or rather, what are you anxious about the most in your life?"

Nyxia's face was brimming with curiosity.

"Telling my mom about my powers. Actually, that's not a big deal, but I have no idea how I am going to tell her about my harem. To her, I am still her innocent high school boy who studies all day without thinking or caring for any worldly matters. But I am far from her ideal son."

However, I intend to tell her everything once I go back to the human world. You might not believe me, but I never intended to keep it a secret from her. She is the only person I would never want to deceive or lie to."

Nyxia raised her brow with a judging look on her face and uttered, "The way you talk about your mother makes you look like you have something for her."

"Hmm?"

"Like... you love her..." Nyxia averted her gaze while saying that.

"Duh! Obviously, I love her. Every son loves his parents," he shrugged.

"I meant... romantically..."

"What the—!" Rudy took a deep breath and uttered, "What are you even saying?!"

Nyxia said something even Angelica would never dare to speak.

"It just looked like it. I may be wrong."

"No, no. You are obviously wrong!" He retorted with a frowned face. "Please don't question my relationship with her. If it was someone else who told me that, I would have gotten so angry, you have no idea. But because of my respect and admiration for you, I somehow managed to stay calm."

"I apologize if I offended you. It simply seemed like that to me, so I thought I should mention it. I even thought you already had that kind of reaction with her, but okay. I won't ever mention anything related to your mother again."

"Thank you."

Nyxia bit her lips as she ruined the romantic atmosphere they had around them.

"Oh!" Rudy suddenly exclaimed as he recalled what Nyxia had told him in the royal hall. He moved his hands to her breasts and squeezed them as he asked:

"What do you mean by Jane and I are married?"

"You two got married."

"I seriously don't remember doing that. But by the looks of it, it seems that when we had sex, it triggered some kind of mating ritual?"

Nyxia furrowed her brows and said, "How do you guess everything correctly?!"

Rudy shrugged his shoulders and said, "I catch on the clues and connect them with various possibilities before narrowing them down as guesses."

"It is indeed what you said. Did Jane drink your blood while being connected to you and sitting in a similar position as us?" Nyxia asked with a knowing look on her face.

"Yes. And she even wrapped her arms around my body, if that also counts."

"There you have it."

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Chapter 299: Red-Handed

"Hmm..." Rudy hummed in wonder and muttered, "It seems Jane was not aware of such ritual? She seemed oblivious to me, but she might be acting dumb. This isn't her first time."

"Not only that, but she also marked you as hers," Nyxia informed.

"And what does that mean? Does that mark represent that I belong to her?"

Nyxia nodded with a sigh as Rudy guessed the answer again, although it was obvious.

"What's bad about it?" he asked with a confused and curious look on his face.

"It's not just a mark, it's a lethal forbidden mark, which is alive. The mark won't let you get close to the opposite sex."

"But..." Rudy squeezed Nyxia's breasts even more with a straight face and said, "I think we are getting pretty close right now, and we even kissed. Are you sure that mark is alive?" he asked. "It seems dead to me."

He scoffed softly.

"I think that's because of your powers. It's not letting the mark work."

"Just curious, but what does this mark do if one gets close to the opposite gender?"

"It gives them paralyzing shock on their body and cripples them from inside, making them lose their libido, rendering them unable to get hard to do the deed. And it's pretty affecting," She said in a neutral tone.

"What if it's the other person who is trying to get close while the one with the mark is trying their best to avoid or stop them?"

"That changes nothing, and they would go through the same pain even though they weren't at fault," she responded calmly and enjoyed her breasts getting squeezed by Rudy.

"That's not fair."

"Why do you think it's forbidden to use now?"

"Makes sense.." he sighed. "But that gave me an amazing idea to protect my loved ones from predators. I will cast something similar on them, but it would only affect the opposite person."

"You probably shouldn't do that. It can cause a lot of trouble. Like if a brother or father touches them. Or a friend or even a stranger trying to help them."

"Oh, no. I would make it so that it only triggers when someone touches them with ill intentions. And the punishment would be that they would be shredded into pieces before each of their cells in the body turns into ashes, and they vanish into thin air," he uttered nonchalantly.

"Don't you think that's a little severe punishment?"

"Not in the least." Rudy shook his head and said, "Anyone who dares to harm my loved ones shall cease to exist, no exception or forgiveness. That's the biggest crime for me, and the punishment should obviously be severe."

"..."

"However, I do not know how to cast such a spell," he added.

Rudy began squeezing Nyxia's breasts even harder and pinched her erect nipples.

Nyxia squinted her eyes and asked, "What do you think you are doing with your hands?"

"I am not doing that. My hands are moving on their own after seeing such a voluptuous figure in front of them," Rudy replied with a grin.

"Stop this instance!"

Rudy smirked from the corner of his lips and asked, "What's wrong? Did my massage make you horny? Are you going to orgasm?"

"Hah! Dream on. Something like this would never make me— anh~!" Nyxia immediately pulled her hands from Rudy's face and covered her mouth.

"Oh? Was that a moan I just heard?" he smirked wider.

Rudy could see Nyxia's flushed face even though she was hiding it with her hands.

"No!" She yelled. "That was a groan! You are so bad that I ended up groaning," she retorted.

"Is that so? Then you wouldn't mind if I continue, right?"

"Of course not."

Rudy stealthily moved his hands under Nyxia's clothes and touched her bare breasts.

"Hey!" She yelled. "You can't touch them—mnh!"

She tried to speak, only to end up moaning, but she managed to hold her moan.

"I didn't give you permission to touch me directly!" she hissed.

"What's wrong? Are you afraid that you won't hold your moan and eventually orgasm?" he asked haughtily with an arrogant smirk on his face.

"Gah!" Nyxia gritted her teeth while glaring at Rudy with teary eyes.

Rudy pinched her nipples and muttered, "Even though you claim to be a mature and old person, you act just like Jane and any other girl when it comes to all this, huh?"

"....!"

"It's rather cute if you ask me," he added with a grin on his face.

Nyxia's face flushed red, and she tried to cover it, but Rudy used telekinesis to stop her from moving her hands. She struggled for a while and gave up. While Rudy enjoyed the feeling of Nyxia's soft marshmallow-like breasts and thorny nipples.

She kept glaring at him, but that just made Rudy want to tease her even more.

"Mnh~"

She tried to hold her moans but to no avail. She was feeling so good that she couldn't fool herself.

She denied feeling good a while ago, but now she was forced to admit it. And even if she didn't, her flushed face and sexy moans were proof.

However, Nyxia surpassed Rudy's expectations and kissed him on the lips. That way, her face wasn't visible to him, and her moans were automatically getting muffled by the kiss.

Nyxia was getting close to orgasming after hundreds of years, so she became aggressive and began kissing Rudy like there was no tomorrow.

Rudy tried to stop her, not because he didn't like it, but because he heard footsteps approaching them, and if anyone saw them in such a situation, especially Jane, things could only get worse.

However, Nyxia didn't stop and pushed Rudy to the ground from the pillar. She got on top of him and rubbed her body against him.

That was until he saw a pair of legs walking in the hallway in front of him and stopping before him. He moved his gaze up, and his heart began to beat loudly, almost as though it would pop out of his chest.

Rudy totally forgot about the possibility of getting caught red-handed by that person once again. The person was none other than Nyxia's youngest son, Virgil.

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Chapter 300: Caught in 4K

Rudy's gaze moved up as he recognized the outfit. Without even seeing the face, Rudy was more than sure that it was none other than Virgil.

His mind stopped once he realized he got caught making out with Virgil's mother. Even for Rudy, it was an awkward moment, much more compared to when he was caught on the bed naked with Jane on top of him.

Still, what was worse was that he got caught twice by the same person in the most awkward way possible. First things first, Rudy never intended this to happen, unlike with Jane, where he wanted to fuck her.

He was on his way to Jane's room to get some rest, and one thing led to another. Before they knew it... no, it was Rudy who made Nyxia horny and forced her to kiss him to hide her moans and flushed face. But that changed nothing.

Usually, he would think of ten plans to get out of any situation, but currently, he had no plans. He did think of teleporting and running away, but that wasn't a solution to the problem. He wanted to confront Virgil like a man and make everything clear.

That would be possible if he got a chance to speak. However, Nyxia was still kissing him aggressively while rubbing her body against him. Not only that, but she had started rubbing her cave against his crotch as she was close to orgasm.

For Rudy, it was an indescribable situation. He was feeling both anxious and thrilled at the same time. Of course, it wasn't as though he wasn't enjoying the aggressive kisses from Nyxia. He couldn't ask for anything more than that, but he would have preferred to do it when they were alone.

Luckily, Rudy wasn't touching any part of Nyxia. He touched her breasts before, but he moved his hands when he tried to push Nyxia back after hearing the footsteps and stopped soon after.

Rudy grew anxious, and more and more time passed in Virgil's presence, but it didn't last long.

"What do you think you are doing, mother?!" he yelled.

Nyxia, whose eyes were closed to enjoy the pleasure of the kiss, even more, opened her eyes and glanced at Virgil from the corner of her eyes.

She kissed Rudy for one last time and stopped.

SIGH!

She frowned her face and slowly got up while using Rudy's body as support. She flicked her hair and glared at Virgil but didn't say anything.

"What the hell were you doing?!" Virgil yelled again.

"You have eyes to see, do you not?"

"..."

"Then, why do you ask such a stupid question?"

"You are aware that he is a human, right?"

"Of course, I do."

"And that he is Jane and Rias' lover?"

"What of it?"

Virgil gritted his teeth and shouted, "Do you have no shame? Consider your age and status. You can't—"

"Enough!" Nyxia furrowed her brows and uttered, "What right do you think you have to talk to me like this? It's my life, I can do whatever I want. It's none of your business!"

After saying that, she walked away. It was the exact opposite of what one would expect. Usually, it would be a father walking into his son or daughter doing something inappropriate, and they would reply

with 'It's none of your business' or something along those lines, but here it was Nyxia saying that to her son.

"..."

"..."

Both Rudy and Virgil were speechless. They looked at each other, but Rudy averted his gaze after feeling awkward.

Rudy respected Virgil and Nyxia, and there was nothing wrong with it. It was a mature act to acknowledge someone for something they did right. However, he respected family bonds more than that.

He didn't want to put himself in the same shoes as Virgil, but he wouldn't want to see Rebecca doing the same thing to someone. He got jealous whenever he thought of Rebecca interacting with the opposite sex aside from something work-related.

Of course, that was never going to happen. He was going to make sure of it. But Rudy could feel how Virgil must be feeling right now.

'Nyxia got cockblocked by her son. She was really close to orgasming. I can relate to that, but in my case, it was mom who caught me twice.' Rudy couldn't dare to say that out loud, so he uttered inwardly.

"Uhh... I can explain..." Rudy couldn't count how many times he had said the same thing whenever he was caught in an awkward situation, even in his previous life.

"There is no need to explain," Virgil sighed. "She pushed you down and tried to take advantage of you, right?"

"Uhm...." Rudy had two voices; one was to lie and blame everything on Nyxia, or man up and tell him that he got the hots for his mother. He wasn't sure what would be the wise choice for now. He had no intention of risking anything until Rias woke up, and he managed to convince her to join his harem. Before that, he wanted to keep the 'status quo' from adding any more girls to his harem.

However, it was Rudy, and he always had his own extra option in almost every situation. Right now, his third option was to dodge the question so he wouldn't need to answer it.

"It seems you and Nyxia don't get along so well..." he uttered in a low voice.

"Yeah. I won't blame you if you think that," he sighed again. "Our relationship was good until my father died. But I wasn't the only one. She became bitter toward everyone after his death. She started ignoring her descendants and neglecting her duties."

Virgil looked at the sky and muttered, "I wouldn't blame her for becoming like that."

"..." Rudy slowly opened his mouth and asked, "Wouldn't it be better if she finds her happiness and does something she wants to?"

"Are you referring to what she did to you just now?" Virgil asked without looking at Rudy.

Even though he managed to divert the topic, he couldn't keep his mouth shut. But he didn't regret it.