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Chapter 341: Tingling Sensation

"What is that thing?" Rudy wondered after spotting something far away that was approaching them at an insane speed.

"Is that some kind of bird? Doesn't seem like it's flying, though. It's surely an animal since it's so big, but..."

Rudy flew even closer while squinting his eyes to see the maximum distance.

"I haven't seen a single animal in the vampire world. So that might be one of them too. But..." Rudy placed his hand around his ears and muttered, "This sensation is getting louder."

Rudy decided to go even closer, and he soon realized that the monster was even bigger than he had imagined. If it managed to enter the kingdom, it could crush hundreds of houses without even trying.

When Rudy was close enough, he noticed it was not one but two animals. Their bodies were made from hard scales and thorns, one had six legs, and the other had ten legs. One had one eye and one horn in the middle, and the other one had 12 eyes and eight horns all over its head with its mouth on the body.

They looked disgusting rather than terrifying, although a normal human would surely find them petrifying.

"Uhh... I don't want to judge, but they look like monsters. And... yeah." Rudy cracked his fingers and uttered, "Time to whip them."

Rudy flew even closer and higher— in case they had special attacks or exploded upon dying. He conjured a huge fireball and was about to shoot it, but he saw an individual walking on the grounds toward them.

"What the—!"

Rudy was so high that the person looked smaller than an ant. If he shot the ball, it would incinerate the person with the monsters.

Rudy absorbed the fireball and rushed to the individual, only to realize that it was none other than Virgil.

Out of nowhere, a whirlwind storm appeared in front of Virgil and headed toward the monsters.

Rudy stopped on his way and watched as the whirlwind shredded the monsters into pieces.

"..."

Rudy landed beside Virgil and asked, "Nice move."

Virgil jolted and turned around in surprise.

"Rudy?! What are you doing here? And you popped out of nowhere," he said with a sigh. "I would have attacked you by mistake, you know?"

"Eh? I was here this whole time. And no offense, but I don't think your attack can hurt me in any way," Rudy replied with a shrug.

"Oh? I didn't sense your presence, but I sensed these monsters when I was on my way to the hall room to join the function." Virgil turned to Rudy and asked, "What about you? Why are you here, on the border of this kingdom?"

"Same as you. I was dancing with Jane, and my ears suddenly twitched, and my senses were going nuts. I decided to check on them and spotted the monster from far away. But I had to confirm before attacking them in case they turned out to be domestic animals," he sighed with a short scoff.

"It's ironic if you can sense the monsters from the palace but couldn't sense my presence when I caught you twice with my mother and granddaughter," Virgil remarked.

"Maybe you are not a threat to me?" Rudy shrugged with an arrogant smirk on his face.

"That's what you think..." Virgil looked at the shattered pieces of the monsters with a solemn look on his face. "But maybe your senses can only sense the dangerous monsters and not a person?"

"Is this a normal occurrence for the monsters to... you know, attack the kingdom?" Rudy asked curiously.

"No. As I have once said, vampires are on top of the food chain in this world. No monster is a threat to us, at least for the strong ones. And the monsters live in their own territory. They avoid civilizations and stay away from the sources of life."

"Hmm." Rudy pondered for a while and muttered, "Unless they are provoked by someone or something, they won't come this way. What are your thoughts?"

He asked Virgil.

"My conclusion is that this monster was sent by the Alucard kingdom," Virgil stated with a straight face.

"Why do you think so?" Rudy asked curiously. "I know they were here for Jane's hand in the marriage, and that king left in a fury. But surely, they wouldn't be that dumb, right?"

They know that the three strongest vampires of the entire vampire world reside in this kingdom. Why would they even send a monster that can be defeated in less than a second?"

Virgil turned to Rudy with a knowing look on his face and said, "Why don't you guess it? I heard from my mother that you are pretty good at guessing."

"I am in no mood to play a guessing game, but sure." Rudy let out a weary sigh and pondered for a few seconds. He thought of hundreds of possibilities but couldn't find a reasonable one.

"Oh! I think I got it!"

"That was fast. Go on, I am listening."

"They didn't send the monster for you, but for the citizens who can't defend themselves, am I right?"

Virgil's eyes widened in surprise after hearing Rudy's response. He clapped his hands and nodded while saying, "Wow. That was a correct guess. I am impressed, and no wonder my mother has taken a liking to you."

"I just said a random guess..."

Virgil turned to his kingdom and said, "Say, what's a king's duty?"

"To protect and rule everyone?"

"Indeed. If even one of my citizens gets hurt because of the monster, that would be my incapability as a king. I know I can't save everyone, no one can. But I just did.

If they get hurt or I fail to protect them, they will lose their hope in me. For me, that would be the biggest humiliation of my life. Suppose one of them is unsatisfied with my ruling. In that case, they will incite the others, eventually leading to major internal conflicts and civil war.

A small mistake or a failure can cause major casualties."

"But surely, you don't think that even currently, everyone is satisfied with your—"

Rudy's ears twitched again, and he had the same sensation. His first instinct was to turn to the dead monsters to check on them, but they were still dead.

Rudy and Virgil glanced at each other as Virgil asked, "You feel it too, right?"

"Yeah..."

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Chapter 342: Monster Hunting

"These monsters were top-ranked monsters. Even a normal vampire warrior can't handle it because of its potent body structures and deadly skills.

I will recommend if you use ranged attacks instead of using any close attacks," Virgil stated.

He flew in the air and pointed his finger at the sound, saying, "There is one coming from there. And the other one is from the north. It seems they launched the monsters from all directions."

"What about the west?" Rudy asked curiously.

"There is nothing in the west. Only a never-ending sea and this kingdom are on the mountains."

After saying that, Virgil flew to the south while Rudy rushed to the north.

"I have only strolled around the west as that's where the palace, chamber of the valley, and the vampire academy are located. I never went north, south, or east. Otherwise, I would have teleported there instead of flying," he muttered with a sigh.

When Rudy reached the northern borders of the kingdom, the two monsters had already penetrated through the defense, and the soldiers who were guarding the boundaries were injured.

'If only I had come a bit sooner...'

Rudy first recused all the soldiers and placed them on top of a mountain where the monsters couldn't reach, but now their attention was only on Rudy.

One monster was twenty times the size of an average adult human. It had a hairless skinny body with long legs and hands. It had a massive head about the size of its body, with one big oval-shaped eye on the front and another on the back. It had no mouth or fangs, but its claws were as sharp as a razor.

The other monster was about the same size in height, but its width was almost double of its height. It had no hands, but it had three legs and one tail that was acting as a fourth leg. Its mouth was in the back, and it was crawling on the ground. And It had three eyes, one on each leg.

"Oh come, they are uglier and disgusting than the last ones..." he groaned.

Rudy took a deep breath and fired laser beams from his eyes that burned everything it fell on without leaving any ash. He completely razed the monsters without leaving any sign of them.

"Hmm~" He let out a short sigh and muttered, "This is a drawback of being overpowered. I can defeat anything or anyone without even trying. I can't enjoy the fight, but hey, I am not complaining."

Rudy headed to the injured soldiers and asked, "Are you guys okay?"

"Uhh... who are you?"

"I am the new Vampire Monarch," Rudy stated with a straight face.

"What?!" the soldiers exclaimed in unison.

"That was a joke. But you guys seem okay. Do you have a healer or medic around?"

"Yeah. They should be here at any minute," one of the soldiers replied.

"Good. So I can now return to—hmm?" Rudy stopped when his ears twitched.

'Argh! I hate this feeling. It's so fcking annoying! It feels like someone is hammering my brain from inside!'

Rudy flew higher and glanced to the south.

'Is it coming from the south? But Virgil should have taken care of the monsters there. However....'

Rudy glanced at the west and muttered, "My gut tells me that it's coming from the west."

Rudy teleported to the palace, and his sensation got stronger. He flew to the coast side, hoping to encounter the monster, but there was nothing but a peaceful sea and the waves hitting the bank.

Rudy looked up at the sky, assuming it could be a flying monster, but it was all clear too,

"Hmm? Not on the ground, not on the sea, and not in the sky either. So there is only one place they can be."

Rudy flew up for a few seconds and dived into the sea with a razing fast speed that broke the sea upon the impact.

The vision in the sea would generally be blurry and somewhat foggy for everyone, but not for Rudy. He spotted the monster in a second.

He had already expected to find the monster in the sea as it was the only remaining place, but he was still disgusted by its look.

The monster in the sea was something similar to a Kraken, but with eyes and worm-like a gooey creature on its body.

'I always wanted to go dry diving as I was a big fan of such things. But I never expected my first diving would be monster hunting.

Virgil advised me to not go close to them and only use ranged attacks. But what can I use in the water? Is that even a question I should ponder about?'

Rudy scoffed inwardly and used telekinesis to toss the monster into the air. He also leaped out of the sea and took a deep breath, but not because he was out of air.

The monster rolled into the air and started to fall down.

'Let's see if this works!'

Rudy's body suddenly began to glow orange and red in a strange manner. His throat was glowing the most, and it seemed like it was the source of the glow.

When the monster was close enough, Rudy exhaled sharply and shot out a fire out of his mouth like a dragon.

He exhaled again, and this time it was even more intense. If some human were to see him, they would think of a flamethrower.

The Kraken's size was as big as the other monsters, but Rudy's fire engulfed it whole and burned its body, including the ashes.

COUGH! COUGH!

Rudy placed his hand on his throat and uttered, "Let's never try this again. My throat feels so numb. It's like one of those days when you wake up with a swollen or sore throat for no reason, and your entire day feels like shit because of that."

"Rudy!"

Rudy turned around to see Virgil flying at him.

"Was there a monster here too?"

"Apparently, unless this sea always had Kraken, and I just killed one thinking it was a deadly monster," Rudy replied awkwardly.

"No, they don't."

"Then my answer would be yes. There was a monster here too."

"I saw a surge of fire coming from the sea, so I rushed here, but it seems you already took care of it."

"Yeah."

"Now that everything is taken care of, shall we go?" Virgil asked calmly.

"Yeah. I want to enjoy the party more."

"Oh, I wasn't talking about the party, though."

"Hmm?"

"The Lord's throne. Didn't I say I would take you there?"

"Oh..."

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Chapter 343: The Lord's Chamber

"Uhh... is there any need to go there?" Rudy asked. "Can't we do that tomorrow or the day after tomorrow? The part can end at any time, and I want to enjoy it more with Rias and Jane."

"Not anymore." Virgil shook his head and said, "It's already late night, and it will be morning before you realize it. I have things to do, and I will be busy in the upcoming days."

"Then Rias or Jane can take me to that place. And honestly, I have no interest in going there. I only asked where it was, and you suddenly planned to take me there," Rudy shrugged.

'I want to confirm something there,' Virgil uttered inwardly.

"The monsters attacked just now. This happens more often than you think, and I already know they are planned by the other kingdoms.

There are many kingdoms in this world, but four are the main and the biggest ones. The rest of the small ones are under the rule of the other three kingdoms.

Each kingdom is located in each direction; north, south, and east. But...'

Virgil looked at the sea and uttered, "There shouldn't be any land in the west. I will have to send my men to have it checked. And I am now tired of the petty schemes of the other kingdoms.

I can't blame them for the monsters' attacks as I have no proof. There is no way to prove it unless they themselves admit it. Or I catch them.

Now, it's time for the counterattacks."

"Can't you just go there and kill the kings? The simplest solution. You are strong, so it should be easy for you, right?" Rudy suggested.

"The action sure is easy, but its execution is not."

"Well, whatever. But remember that if they tried to pull any funny on Jane, there would be a single-handed war... no, war is when the opponents get a chance to attack and defend themselves— here, they won't. There will only be a single-handed massacre."

"Heh." Virgil chuckled and said, "You worry too much about Jane. She is the third strongest vampire in this world, and she can easily handle thousands alone without getting exhausted."

"That doesn't change anything for me. It's natural for lovers to worry about each other. You of all people should know that already," Rudy commented with a knowing look on his face.

"Yeah, you are not wrong. Anyway, follow me. We have to make it quick. You want to make it back to the party before it ends, right?"

"Yeah, let's go and be done with it," Rudy uttered with a short sigh and followed Virgil.

After flying to an unknown location and various strange portals, they reached the middle of nowhere. There was nothing around them and as far as their sights could see.

The sky was black but with no stars or moons. The ground seemed to be made of water at first glance, but it was hard when they stepped on it. However, with every step they walked, the ground rippled like how water would upon throwing something in it.

"What is this place?" Rudy asked while glancing around.

"There is no actual name for this place, but you may call it the netherworld."

'Jane mentioned this name too!'

"So this is the supposed rendezvous point where the summit of the mighty ones happens every thousand years in the presence of the Lord?" Rudy wondered. "Not going to lie, it sounded more appealing than it looks. I had high expectations."

"Oh, we are not there yet. We have to pass the final door to enter the place. This place is considered the edge of the world. Similar to the place between two portals of the world. One can't stay here for long, or their existence would start to fade away."

"But where are we supposed to go? There is nothing here for hundreds of miles."

"The rendezvous point is not accessible by everyone. Only those who are worthy can enter it, or if someone takes them with them." Virgil said while walking, "Come, we are almost there."

After a few minutes, Virgil stopped and chanted something.

"..."

The ground changed its shape, and it raised from one spot. A few seconds later, it took the shape of a door with borders but with no door.

Virgil made a cut on his finger and spread his blood on the door. With a loud chiming sound, it began to shine, and a portal appeared.

'Why do they have to make everything so dramatic?' Rudy uttered inwardly.

"Let's go."

Virgil entered the portal first and Rudy after him. As soon as he stepped his foot, he was hit by a strong gust of wind that was carrying a nostalgic scent with it.

The portal closed behind them, and they found themselves in a massive dark chamber. The floor was covered with the fog that was constantly moving even though there was no wind passing by. The place itself was cold, but the mist seemed colder.

After walking for a while, they reached an open chamber with no ceilings. Stars and moons were visible, and the air was fresh. The fog also slowly decreased as they walked even further.

Virgil stopped and pointed his finger at something in the distance.

"There are many thrones here for the world and race representatives to sit," he stated.

"Where is the Lord's throne?" Rudy asked curiously.

"Look up."

Rudy looked up and saw a massive throne was floating in the air with no support. But one could go there with the help of the pieces of rocks that were seemingly stairs.

'I have been in the Lord's Presence only once, which was when I was 2 years old. After that, I have come here many times, but I never forgot that dreadful feeling. I can't forget it. Every time I come here, it triggers my fear and renders me unable to stay calm.

But the reason I am here is...'

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Chapter 344: Lord's Throne

Around two thousand years ago. In the rendezvous point.

Drums and loud banging noise of various instruments repeatedly echoed in the distance.

At first, the sound seemed random, but it was a rhythmical, followed by the chiming chords of soothing tunes.

That noise alone could stir up various emotions in those who listened to it.

Leaders and representatives of various races were sitting on the throne with their heads lowered. It was a tense situation followed by an ominous feeling.

Suddenly, everything went quiet, and an indescribable ethereal voice sounded.

[Art ye aware of mine presence?] It asked.

The voice neither belonged to a man nor a woman. It was mixed-pitched and sounded as though multiple entities were speaking from one voice.

"..." None of them dared to speak.

[Very well, ye shouldst stay quiet. Let us start the—]

The Lord's voice was disrupted by the crying noise of a baby.

[Who durst to interrupt me! Hmm? A baby?]

"My deepest apology, my Lord. He is my son," a red-haired individual spoke.

[Vlad? Thy hath a child?]

"Yes, my Lord. He is my youngest son."

[Hmm~ Why didst thee bring it here? What's its name]

"We haven't named him yet."

[Hmm? But it looks old. Hath thee not named thine son?]

"That's why I brought him here, my Lord. I want you to name him and give him your blessings," Vlad stated.

[Oh? Why? Thy art aware of my terror, art though not?]

"It's okay if you don't want to. Please forgive me."

[I can dost that.]

"You have my thanks, my Lord."

[Throw it on the ground.]

"What?!" he exclaimed.

[Didst I stutter?]

Vlad gulped down nervously and let go of the baby to the ground. However, it was teleported into the Lord's lap before it could hit the floor.

The Lord raised the baby in the air with his hands, which didn't have a particular color or shape.

[Hahahaha! Thee hast beautiful eyes. Thou shalt be called Virgil, and thou shalt one day become the strongest vampire of all time.]

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"Virgil!"

Virgil jolted and came back to his senses from a distant memory.

"Are you listening?" Rudy asked in frustration. "I have been calling your name for ages, but you were staring at the Lord's throne with a dazed expression on your face."

"Ah... yes. What is it?"

"Can anyone enter or leave this place?" Rudy asked with a sigh, seemingly it was his fifth time asking the same question to Virgil.

"Yes. But coming here is tough and leaving from here is not." Virgil pointed his finger at a closed door at a distance and said, "There is only one way to leave from here, which is through that door. However, it leads to a different destination every time someone passes through it."

"I see. So if someone is from the dragon world, will they go back to the dragon world?"

"Indeed," Virgil nodded in response. "It's good to see you catch on quickly. It saves me from an explanation."

"But what if there are three people from the dragon world, and each of them is from a different kingdom or something?" Rudy asked curiously. "Will they all be transported to the same place or the kingdom they belong to?"

"Where they belong. The door knows where they are from and where they belong."

"That's interesting, not going to lie." Rudy placed his hand on his chin and muttered, "But it's also similar to the portal at a statue in the vampire academy."

Rudy gazed at the Lord's throne and stared at it for a few seconds.

[...]

"...?"

[.....]

"..."

Virgil noticed Rudy staring at the throne with an alluring gaze and asked, "Rudy? Is everything alright?"

"So, how does all this work? Every year people from different kingdoms and different races come here and sit on the throne to check whether they are the incarnation of the Lord or not?"

"You were almost correct. The only thing you got wrong is that no one can sit on the throne."

"Uhh..." Rudy finally moved his gaze from the throne and turned to Virgil to ask, "So... how do they confirm?"

"Only the Lord can sit there."

"Yeah, I get that part. But how do they check if they can't sit there?" Rudy asked with a visibly confused look on his face.

"Let me show you a practical example." Virgil climbed the floating rocks— which were the stairs— and asked, "What do you see?"

"I see you jumping here and there," Rudy responded.

"Do you see me progressing? Am I getting closer to the throne?"

"Uhh.. no, actually. You are jumping back and forth on the same two rocks."

"Exactly! From my eyes, it looks like I am getting farther and farther away from the throne. The straits would never end as long as I tried to get closer to the throne. It's an infinite staircase that doesn't lead anywhere."

"Hmm~ Now I get it," Rudy muttered while nodding.

GASP!

He raised his brow and asked, "But what if someone flies and lands on top of the throne?"

"Let me show you that too!" Virgil flapped his wings and hovered above the throne.

"What do you see?"

"I see you flying above the throne."

"Now, watch me closely." Virgil retracted his wings and landed on the throne.

However, as soon as Virgil landed on the throne, he was teleported to the floor in front of Rudy.

"Oh..."

Virgil shrugged his shoulders and said, "There you have it. That's what I mean by no one can sit, let alone reach the throne."

"That was kind of awesome. Let me try it too."

Rudy walked past Virgil and stepped on the first stair.

"...!"

Virgil's body shivered as chills ran down his spine. He fell to his knees as he slowly raised his head and saw Rudy sitting on the throne with a haughty look on his face.

He saw a shadow overlapping Rudy that took the shape of horns and wings.

"So my guess was true..." Rudy and Virgil muttered at the same time.

DRUM~ DRUM!

Once again, the Lord's chamber was filled with the noise of the drums banging in the distance with various other instruments.

"I... am the Lord."

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Chapter 345: Omniscient and Omnipotent

"What?!" Virgil exclaimed in shock and asked, "You knew you were the Lord?!"

"No, obviously not. I just had my suspicions, but this confirmed it," Rudy responded while making himself comfortable on the throne.

"Then why were you reluctant to come here?"

"Well, whether I am the Lord or not, it changes nothing. I am Rudy, the son of Rebecca. And a human. And besides, I trashed talked about the Lord so many times, it was embarrassing to think I was one of his incarnations."

"But... I don't understand..." Virgil muttered. "You are a human. How can a human be the Lord? And more importantly, you only have the Lord's powers, not his conscience."

The Lord's host shouldn't be aware that he is the incarnation, but you clearly are. Something went wrong with the Lord's incarnation."

"That's where you are wrong." Rudy clapped his hands for some reason and continued speaking, "The previous Lord's incarnations were always aware that they are the incarnation, but things changed."

The last incarnation was killed, as you already know. But what about the next incarnation?"

"That is... you... right?" Virgil responded while stuttering.

"No." Rudy shook his head and said, "Answer me one thing. How does this incarnation work, exactly?"

"Are they born as one or selected as one after being born?"

"Umm... I... am not sure, actually."

"And I may have been able to sit on the Lord's throne, but I don't possess the omnipotent powers as you mentioned. I haven't even discovered 1% of the power. There are many things to know, many things to learn, many mysteries to unravel, and too much trash to clean from all the worlds."

SIGH!

Rudy got up from the throne and walked down the stairs while staring at Virgil with a straight face.

"Being a Lord sure is an exhausting job, so let's keep it a secret, shall we?"

"You want me to keep something this big a secret?" Virgil asked with a baffled look on his face. "You have no idea how long people have been waiting for the Lord to—"

"As I said, I am not the Lord you mentioned. And I have no intention of babysitting all the races. I am busy cuddling with my girls, and I am going to be busy doing that for the rest of my life."

You can't force me to take responsibility for the entire universe and rule it out as I am the Lord's incarnation. It would take more than that to convince me."

Rudy said in an emotionless voice.

"However, you must—"

"Quiet." Rudy glared at Virgil from the corner of his eyes and said, "This is an order from me."

"..."

Virgil clenched his fists in frustration and muttered, "As you wish."

"And the throne feels so uncomfortable~" Rudy groaned. "How did the previous Lords sit on it? I sat there for like five minutes, and my butt was numb."

"There is something you should know," Virgil quipped.

"Hmm?"

"I mentioned on our way here that only those who are worthy and strong enough can enter this place. You just sat on the throne, so those who are strong and worthy enough, are now aware of your presence."

"What the..."

"They know that the Lord has returned."

"Oh, come on~!"

"However, they only know that much. They don't know who or what race is the current Lord. Nor do they know your location. So even if they are aware, your identity is anonymous," Virgil asserted in a calm voice.

"Hmm. Now that puts me in relief. As long as no one knows, I don't have to go the extra mile to keep it a secret," Rudy muttered under his breath.

"Can I ask why you want to keep it a secret? Naturally speaking, if anyone else was the Lord, they would be announcing it to everyone to assert their dominance over all the beings in existence."

"I already told you the reason."

"That's not the only reason, though," Virgil commented with a judging look on his face.

SIGH!

Rudy let out a weary sigh and shrugged his shoulders before saying, "First of all, I don't need a reason to assert my dominance. I dominate everything I step on.

And secondly, the previous Lord was murdered, and the next too."

He turned to Virgil and asked, "Do you really think they are actually waiting for the Lord? No. They fear the Lord. They may be strong. They may be the kings and rules of their worlds. But the Lord rules over them.

Do you think that they would want someone to rule over them? No. There is not one but many who want the Lord dead. And I may have an idea of who they are.

I am not worried about myself. They can't do shit to me. But if my identity as the Lord is known, they can go after my loved ones. And if that happens, I will destroy the universe without a second thought."

Virgil pondered for a few seconds before asking, "Do you think you have the power to know who killed the previous Lord?"

"Of course not. I am not all-knowing, or you may call it omniscient. Not currently. Give me some time to plan everything. The best way to catch the culprits would be for them to realize that the Lord has returned.

They already know of it, but they don't know my identity yet. Once I have secured all my loved ones, you may reveal my identity. And those who come after me will be the culprit."

Rudy shrugged his shoulders and added, "It's a simple trap."

"Let's do that once you are ready," Virgil nodded. "Now, shall we go? I don't want Rias to get mad at me again for keeping you away for long. Especially on your wedding night."

"Yeah, let's go. Wait, how do you know about that?" Rudy asked curiously

Virgil and Rudy walked to the door that was a few meters away from them.

Virgil passed through the door while saying, "I expected that would happen. Rias was acting hostile towards Jane whenever you were mentioned."

"Well, that might also be—"

"Might also be?"

Virgil turned around to look at Rudy as he suddenly stopped speaking, but he found himself alone there.

"..."

'This door takes them to the world they belong to.' Virgil then recalled his words.

"Shit..." Virgil face palmed himself at his stupidity.

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Chapter 346: Return

A while ago, when Virgil was explaining things to Rudy in the Lord's chamber.

Jane was hovering above the palace and glancing around with an anxious look on her face.

Rias approached her and asked, "What happened? You suddenly dashed out of the hall room without telling me anything."

"Yeah... sorry..." Jane turned to Rias and said, "I just had this sudden sensation that something bad was going to happen. Like something was approaching the palace from the sea coast, but I just checked, and it's all clear."

"Oh, so that's why you came here," Rias muttered. "I thought you went after Rudy."

"Hmm? What did you say?"

"I said I didn't sense anything."

"Maybe it was just my imagination. I don't know."

"Shall we go back then?" Rias asked. "If Rudy returned, he would think I ditched him."

"Uhm... Rias..." Jane called out to Rias with an apologetic look on her face. "I need to... tell you about something important..."

Rias knew what Jane wanted to talk about, but she didn't want to listen to her confession like that. She had planned revenge for Jane, and if she ended up admitting her sins, her plan would fail.

"Not now. We can talk after the party has ended."

"But I don't want you to—!"

Jane stopped on her words when she heard the sound of the drums. It was the moment when Rudy had sat on the Lord's throne.

"What is this sound?!" Jane shouted as she thought Rias wouldn't hear her unless she yelled.

"What sound?" Rias with a confused and curious look on her face. "And why are you yelling so suddenly?"

"The drum. It's so loud! It's rupturing my ear!" Jane covered her ears with her hands and landed on top of the palace, thinking the noise would become less loud.

Rias followed her and asked with a concerned look on her face: "Are you okay?"

"This sound! How are you not feeling anything?!"

"I.. am not hearing anything. I can hear the distant sound of the song playing in the hall, but not the drums."

"It's so loud, and it keeps getting loud! It's like it's banging inside my head!"

Rias didn't know what to do, so she hugged Jane and patted on her back.

"..."

"I am fine now..." Jane said in a muffled voice.

"Has the sound stopped?"

"Yes."

"We vampires have always been sensitive to loud sounds, and that's why our music is also always calm and soothing."

Jane smiled distantly and said, "I remember you used to hate the chiming sound when you were kids and always skipped the dance practice."

"Yeah. Those were good days. Now we no longer get a chance to sit or talk like we used to."

"..."

"Well, let's go now." Rias grabbed Jane's hand and said, "The party hasn't ended yet. We will talk to Queen Nyxia about what just happened."

When Rudy sat on the throne and the drum began to bang, Nyxia was sleeping nicely on her bed. But her eyes suddenly opened and stared at nothingness.

A slight smile appeared on Nyxia's face that stretched wide from one end to another.

"Darling is back~"

A few minutes later, Virgil and Rudy passed through the door, which was the only exit out of there. Virgil was transported into the palace where he belonged, but Rudy, however, was transported to his room in the human world where he belonged.

"...."

At first, Rudy acted normal for a few seconds because his brain took a while to comprehend what had just happened.

"What...?" he glanced around with a dumbfounded look on his face and asked, "Angelica, is this a dream?"

Angelica came out of Rudy's body and fell to the ground.

"Hey..." Rudy helped her get up and asked, "Are you okay?"

"Yeah. I came out of your body after a long time, so my body took a while to manifest itself."

"So we are truly in the human world?" he asked with a devastated look on his face.

"Seems like it."

"That damned door!" Rudy yelled at the top of his lungs.

He took a deep breath and calmed himself down.

"Calm down, Rudy. Everything is alright. Let's try teleporting there."

Rudy closed his eyes and hoped to teleport to the vampire world, but when he opened his eyes, he was still standing in his room.

SIGH!

"I should have expected that it wouldn't work. I got my hopes high for nothing. Maybe Alice also never received the letter," he muttered to himself.

Angelica gulped down anxiously and asked with a concerned look on her face: "Are you okay?"

"I don't know. I should be happy that I am back in the human world earlier than I thought and that I wouldn't have to spend the rest of the days there. But the timing was awful.

Rias woke up, and I barely had a chance to spend time with her. I had so many things I wanted to talk to her about. I wanted to spend our wedding night. I wanted Jane and Rias to patch up and accept each other in my harem.

I wanted to ask Nyxia hundreds of questions. I wanted to unravel more mysteries about my powers and their connection with me. But now... everything is ruined..."

He said with a dejected look on his face.

"Don't say that. In the brighter light, you should be happy since you are back here. Didn't you say you had many plans to become rich? You don't even have a place for all the vampire girls to stay.

There are 10 days left for the next full moon, so how about you work on your plan. And when the night of the full moon comes, you can go to the vampire world and bring them here?"

Angelica was brimming with optimism. She only looked at the good things that had and could happen. However, she was doing that for Rudy, not herself.

Suddenly, loud footsteps could be heard approaching Rudy's room.

"...!"

Rudy looked at the doorway to see Rebecca standing there with teary eyes. She had heard Rudy yelling, so she came to check his room.

"Mom..."

"Rudy...!" Rebecca rushed into the room to Rudy and kissed him on the lips.

"...!"

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Chapter 347: Forbidden Kiss

When Rudy saw Rebecca in the doorway with tears in her eyes, all his anger vanished. Instead, he was relieved and happy that he was back in the human world.

When Rebecca dashed into his room, he thought she was going to slap him for being missing for three days, but deep down, he hoped that she would hug him instead. However, he was embraced with a kiss on the lips.

"...!"

His eyes widened in surprise while Angelica covered her mouth in shock and watched Rebecca press her lips against Rudy's.

Rudy tried to push Rebecca away gently and make some distance between them. But Rebecca forced Rudy onto the bed and kissed him again, but this time more passionately and aggressively.

Rudy lost the will to resist and let Rebecca eat his lips.

After about a minute, Rebecca stopped and looked at Rudy with a flushed red face.

Rudy placed this hand on his lips and asked, "What was—"

"I slipped!" Rebecca interrupted. "I was going to hug you, but I slipped. Don't think too much of it!"

"But—"

"Anyway!" Rebecca got up from the bed and said, "I am getting late for work. There is some food left. I will leave the money on the table in case you want to buy something from outside."

After saying that, Rebecca rushed out of the room at full speed without giving Rudy any chance to speak. Rudy's hand was still on his mouth. He could still feel Rebecca's soft lips on his lips and her taste on his tongue.

He slowly glanced at Angelica, who was sitting beside him, and said, "Don't say anything."

Angelica shrugged her shoulders and said, "That was obviously a lie. I saw her—"

"I know. I know. If it was truly an accident, then she wouldn't have pushed me on the bed, pulled my face, and kissed me again. I know. So... don't say... anything..." he uttered while avoiding eye contact with Rudy.

Angelica shook her head and muttered, "I don't know if it's normal for a mother to kiss her son like that. Maybe it is, or that's what you would say."

Rudy glared at Angelica from the corner of his eyes and asked, "What do you mean?"

"This is the first time she has shown you this kind of affection. And the same goes for you, of course," she stated with a straight face.

"What?"

"Haven't you noticed how she looks at you? She has never looked at you as her son but as a man. Not to mention how she gets jealous when you mention the other girls. And how would you explain why she kissed you just now?" she asked with a judging look on her face.

"Look, you might be thinking too much. She is my mother. She gave birth to me and raised me. I am the only man in the house currently, and she expects many things from me. I don't know why she just kissed me, but this is not my first life.

Nothing like this happened in my previous life. Mom was exactly the same as she is in this world. Except..."

"Except?"

"Except... I am not the same..."

Angelica patted Rudy on the back and said, "You should rest for now. You can ask her tomorrow."

"She won't answer. Didn't you see how she tried to dodge the topic?"

"Then you have to ask her again and again until she answers you."

"I am... I am afraid to know. What if it's something I shouldn't know?"

"You will eventually learn everything. And you can't run from the truth forever. And what exactly do you mean by that, though?" Angelica asked curiously.

"Like... what if she is not my biological mother...?"

Angelica shrugged her shoulders and said, "Then you add her to your harem."

Rudy glared at Angelica without saying anything.

"What? You are the one who asked me the question, and I replied with the most logical answer."

SIGH!

Rudy let out a weary sigh and got up from the bed.

"Where are you going?"

"To meet everyone."

Angelica rushed after Rudy and passed through his body, reaching downstairs sooner than him.

"Take me with you."

"Duh! Why are you even asking that?"

"But... I don't want to go back into your body for the time being..." she muttered under her breath.

Rudy walked into the living room and noticed that more stuff had arrived from Joe's place, and some of the stuff had already been arranged in the house.

"Oh... look." Rudy pointed his gaze at the cabinet and said, "Television is here. But I am not sure if it's working or not. I can't see any line attached. Well, who cares. I don't have time for all that."

Rudy walked into the kitchen and saw the food and money Rebecca was talking about.

"I don't particularly feel angry, but I haven't eaten mom's cooking in four days."

He heated up the food using his powers and sat on the chair to eat it. However, he couldn't forget the sensation on his lips when Rebecca kissed him.

Instead of eating, he licked his lips and gulped down. He was experiencing an unfamiliar feeling in his chest that moved to his liver and stomach. He couldn't describe it as if it was his first time, but if he had to explain it in two words, that would be a guilty pleasure.

Sure, he had felt that many times before, but it was something similar to it.

Even though he was shocked and surprised after getting kissed by Rebecca, he never complained, nor did he say he hated it.

When Rebecca kissed him, it wasn't only their lips that were touching, but their bodies were also rubbing against each other. Rudy had felt Rebecca's body in a way he had never imagined before.

Rudy looked between his legs and realized he had gotten a boner thinking about the kiss and recalling the feeling of Rebecca's body.

'What's wrong with me?! Am I seriously lusting after her...?'

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Chapter 348: Universal Call

Rudy ate the dinner in a hurry, while Angelica stared at him with a knowing look on her face.

"So when are you going to comfort me about what happened in the vampire world? You got yourself four new harem members."

She asked with puffed cheeks.

"Well, as you know. My teenage hormones are weak against the charm of beauty, and vampiress beauty is absolute. They are blessed with eternal beauty, and no one can beat that."

"That's a very lame explanation. You should have said that your dick can't stay in your pants," she remarked.

Rudy shrugged his shoulders and said, "Mister Dick is young. And he always wants to explore the unexplored, locked, abandoned, and forbidden caves. Let him do his job."

'Then how about exploring the cave you came out from,' Angelica uttered inwardly. She wanted to say that out loud to Rudy, but she knew she would be in danger if she did.

However, much to her unfortunate luck, Rudy heard it.

He glared at Angelica but didn't say anything. Since she didn't speak out loud for a reason, he wanted to keep it like that as he himself had no idea what to say in response.

Angelica also realized that Rudy heard her just by looking at the expression on his face.

They both stared at each other while Rudy kept chewing on the food. After eating, he washed the dishes without getting up from his chair, but he still kept staring at Angelica.

Angelica broke eye contact many times and averted her gaze, only to look into his eyes again.

SIGH!

Rudy closed his eyes and tried to use his 'find my prey' ability to see how Rias and Jane were doing.

He teleported his vision to the vampire world, but as expected, it was blurry. However, Rudy forced his vision to get clear and didn't stop until he began to see everything with decent quality.

He saw Rias was in Jane's room, and they were talking about something with anxious looks on their faces. So he teleported his hearing too to listen to them.

"There is no way Rudy would leave me behind without informing me!" Rias yelled.

"I understand why you are angry, but as grandpa said, he had something urgent and left for the human world. Remember, he has a family there," Jane reassured.

'Hmm? Wait... could it be that Virgil didn't tell them what happened. Oh, come on. That guy is too disciplined to follow the rules, law, and orders. There was no need to keep it a secret from them!' Virgil uttered inwardly.

"But how did he leave?! The portal only opens once every full moon! And even if he wanted to leave, he should have taken me with him! He promised me!"

Rudy transferred his voice too and said, [Let me explain.]

"...!"

Both Rias and Jane glanced around with baffled looks on their faces.

"Am I hearing things?!" Rias asked herself.

"No, I heard his voice too."

[I am speaking for the human world using my powers. I can see and hear you guys. And before you ask me hundreds of questions, let me reply all with one answer.]

Rudy told them everything, and now they looked even more baffled than before.

"You... are the Lord...?" Rias asked nervously.

"Apparently, yes."

"Does that mean you will punish me for breaking one of your strict rules?"

[Of course not. Rules are meant to be broken and for once convenient. Since I am the Lord, I can bend and break them without any consequences.]

"So you are saying that you were transported to your world when you passed through that door?" Jane asked curiously.

[Yes.]

"Then why aren't you coming back here?" Rias asked.

[I tried to, but it's not working.]

"So, what am I supposed to do now?"

[Well, wait for me until the next full moon. I will be there to pick you up.]

"How am I supposed to wait for ten days without you?! If that was the case, I would have preferred to wake up from the slumber after ten days."

[Rias. Stop being so selfish and spoiled. And why do you always bring up the slumber? You realize that it's not easy for me to stay away from you either, right? And you are aware that other people are also waiting on me here in the human world, right?]

Rias bit her lips and uttered with a gloomy face: "That's not what I meant. I was looking forward to spending more time with you..."

[I know. So please, wait for me. When you come here in this world, I will spend the rest of my life with you. I will do as you say. I will take you wherever you want me to.]

"Umu. I will wait for you then, my Lord," she said with a grin on her face.

[Don't call me that!]

"But you are the Lord."

[Ah, I forgot to mention. Don't tell anyone about this, okay?]

"Obviously."

[And Jane, take care of Rias for me, will you? I know Rias can sometimes act like a little kid, so be a good little sister and smack some sense into her.]

"Okay, My Lord."

[I said, don't call me that!]

"Bye."

[Bye. Love you.] A few seconds later, he added, [Rias.]

He opened his eyes and said, "Let's go."

"Hmm."

"You should enter my body for a few seconds. You don't like it when I teleport when you are outside, right?"

Angelica nodded and reluctantly entered Rudy's body.

'Where are we going first?' she asked.

"To Alice."

Rudy teleported into Alice's room and found her sleeping nicely on the bed.

".." He looked at the clock beside her bed and saw it was past midnight.

'Mom probably wasn't planning to go to work, but since she kissed me and everything became awkward, she decided to go.'

Rudy walked to Alice and looked at her with a smile on his face.

'Are you going to wake her up?' she asked.

"No. I will let her sleep and return in the morning to pick her up for school," he said after kissing Alice on the cheek.

'Hmm?' Rudy was about to leave, but he saw a familiar letter on the desk.

"So my letter reached her. I am glad I didn't make her worry."

After that, Rudy teleported to Reina's place.

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Chapter 349: Future Plans

When Rudy teleported to Reina's place, he assumed she would be sleeping as well as it was a late night, but the lights of her office were on for some reason.

'It could be that she kept them on after the last incident, but let's check it out.'

Rudy walked to her office, but the door was locked from inside. He used his see-through ability to look past the door and saw Reina was still awake and doing some work on her desk.

"Well, she is awake, so let's knock."

KNOCK~ KNOCK!

When Rudy knocked for the first time, Reina jolted in surprise and got up from the chair. She moved her hand to the drawer in her desk and grabbed a paper cutter.

"Put that down. It's me."

Reina squinted her eyes and asked, "Who?"

"Rudy, obviously. Did you forget me already?"

"How would I know if it's really you? Tell me the password."

"What password? We don't have such—"

"What's big, thick, and long?" Reina asked.

"My little brother."

Reina placed the cutter on the desk and rushed to the door to open it.

CLICK!

"Can I come in?" he asked.

"Of course."

Rudy entered the office, and Reina closed the door behind him.

"Alice visited me a few days back and told me everything. I was honestly worried about you. I even thought that you forgot your promise to me and left me behind," she said in a low voice.

"I wouldn't blame you for thinking something like that. But let's put that all aside. I am back now."

"Yeah... and..." She pointed her gaze at his clothes and hair and asked, "What's all that?"

"Long story short." Rudy placed his hand on Reina's head and showed her everything. "Many things happened."

"Three... most likely, four new harem members..." That was the first thing to come out of Reina's mouth.

SIGH!

"Can I... hug you?" she asked.

"Sure. Why did you even ask? You can do it any time you want."

Reina hugged Rudy and said, "I missed you so much."

"Did you masturbate thinking about me?"

She averted her gaze and said, "No..."

"That doesn't sound convincing coming from a girl who was caught kissing my picture on the phone," Rudy remarked with a grin on his face.

"I really didn't masturbate! I never got time even though I wanted to..." she muttered after yelling.

Rudy kissed her on the lips and said, "Why are you still awake?"

"Too much work. I was planning the events to attract more customers," she responded with an exhausting sigh.

"That's the manager's job, which is me. I will take care of everything. And do you think you can close the pool for a week or something?"

"Why? Closing for a week in the first month of opening will be bad for the business, right?"

Rudy nodded and said, "That's true. But we still have to do the maintenance of this place. There are no lights in the locker room and bathrooms. There is also the water issue sometimes.

And if you keep running the pool with such problems, some might end up leaving low-star reviews. Many people first check the reviews of the place before coming. And ultimately, the business you are trying so hard to run will flop even before you get your chance."

"Is that...so..?" Reina's face turned pale after hearing that. "I didn't have any complaints so far, so I thought it was alright..."

"That's the one thing, and you don't think that people will keep coming here once the summer ends, do you? This place will be dead, and you will get no revenue," Rudy stated.

"I know. That's why I am trying my best to attract as many customers as possible while it's summer."

"That's not a solution. Listen, as I have previously said, people who want to come here will come here regardless. Advertising this place will only help it boost, but it would be up to them to come or not."

After a brief pause, he asked, "Do you remember I said I will make this place an amusement park?"

Reina nodded without saying anything in response.

"We will start that later this week once I have taken care of your debt."

"But building an entire amusement park can take years, while you only asked to keep this place closed for a week," she muttered in confusion.

"Don't forget that I am superhuman. I will take care of anything, so you don't have to worry about anything. You just plan ahead on what type of rides and structures you want in the amusement park," he said calmly.

"Okay..."

Reina squirmed and said, "Since you are here after so many days, and I have been stressed, can we have some fun?"

"Sure. I will never say no to that. But before that, can you give me your phone?"

Reina unlocked and handed Rudy her phone.

"What do you need it for?" Reina suddenly gasped and said, "Don't tell me you suspect me of cheating!"

"Of course not." Rudy dialed Maria's number and called her.

After a few rings, Maria answered the call with: [Hello?]

"Hey... this is me."

[Uhm... Rudy?]

"Yes. Sorry I didn't contact you before. I was busy with stuff. Do you think we can meet later?" he asked in a calm voice.

[Later as in right now?]

"Only if you are free, of course."

[I am currently in the casino, playing against the strangers and stacking money to pass some time.]

"Great. I will meet you outside the casino after an hour or so."

[Okay. I will win a few thousand in the meantime.]

Maria hung up the call after saying that.

"Here." Rudy handed the phone back to Reina.

"..." Reina squinted her eyes and said, "I could hear the girl's voice from the phone."

"Yes. She is a mafia princess and supposedly a billionaire. She will be helping me out in everything money-related."

"I..." Reina lowered her gaze and said, "I know you are strong, but I don't think you should get involved with the mafias. They are bad people who kill and spread terror everywhere."

Rudy kissed Reina on the lips before kissing her on the forehead and said, "The only one who will spread the terror is... me."

After spending 'quality' time with Reina and having some 'fun' with her, Rudy teleported near the casino.

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Chapter 350: Meeting Maria

'Reina told me about Scott and how his family has filed a missing person report.' Rudy smirked and muttered, "Too bad they will never find him even though he is publicly visible."

After teleporting near the casino, Rudy glanced around and saw Maria waiting for him in the back alley.

"There she is."

Rudy approached her from behind without making any noise and said, "Hey."

Maria turned around in surprise and looked at Rudy. After staring at him for a few seconds, she took out a hidden dagger from under her dress and attacked Rudy.

Rudy, obviously, blocked her attack and asked, "What are you doing?!"

"Who are you?!"

"Oh... right." Rudy let out a weary sigh and said, "I am Rudy."

"I don't remember Rudy looking like that. And there is no way one can grow such long hair in such a short time," she said with a glare in her eyes.

When Rudy came to the casino last time, he had changed his appearance to that of an adult, which was similar to his real appearance but different at the same time.

"This is a wig," Rudy stated.

Maria raised her brow with a judging look on her face and asked, "If you are really Rudy, then tell me something only Rudy and I know."

"You talked about the underworld's history and your family background on our way back," Rudy replied instantly.

"But anyone can know that. What if you abducted the real Rudy and learned that from him? Tell me something else."

"Uhh..." Rudy pondered for a while on what to say since there wasn't anything that could be considered a secret.

"What's wrong?"

"You named your contact on my phone as 'Sugar Mama'..."

"Hmm~" Maria hummed in amusement and placed the dagger back in her dress. "I believe you."

SIGH!

"That reminds me, you never actually called me after that night. Not going to lie, I was starting to believe that you lied to me. But then I remembered you are a kind person and how you gave me the money you won using my money," she said with a smile on her face.

"I am not exactly kind. I am only kind to those who are kind to me."

Maria moved her hand towards Rudy and said, "Give me your phone."

"Hmm? Why?"

"The number I gave you was my public number. I will give you my private number."

"Well... my phone is broken. And now I have to buy a new one."

"Oh? Then let's go buy one."

"Right now? I don't think the stores will be open. And what about the casino?"

"There is a big match going on inside for the tournament I talked to you about."

"Great. I wanted to participate in that."

"You do?" she asked curiously.

"Yes. And if I win this tournament, I get a casino pass and access to the VIP club, am I right?" Rudy asked curiously.

"Yes." Maria nodded and said, "I am surprised you remember that."

He smiled at Maria and said, "I remember every single thing we talked about that night."

Maria's face flushed a little after hearing that.

"You also said there are other yearly tournaments. When is that?"

"Currently, there is a poker tournament going on inside the casino. There are hundreds of gamblers trying to get to the top. And not only this casino, but all the casinos in this entire country are also currently crowded because of the tournament."

"How many winners are selected?"

"Only one."

"Oh!"

"And the winner of this tournament will gain access to the VIP club tournament, which is also in two days," she informed.

"And if I win that, I will get access to the underground VIP club?"

"Indeed. And the underground VIP club tournament is also later this week," she stated.

"What about you? Did you participate?"

Maria shook her head with a dejected look on her face and said, "It's not fun gambling alone. That's why I wanted you."

"I am here now. So let's win this thing!"

"Before we participate, I want to make some things straight." Maria looked into Rudy's eyes and said, "I will be the one providing all the funds. It doesn't matter if you win or lose. I just want to gamble, so you should have fun too."

And if, by chance, we end up winning today's tournament, you will return the money I provided. However, you can keep all the winnings, including the tournament prize, which is one million."

"..."

"Deal? I won't take the money like the last time. And if you force the winning money on me again, I will burn them and never talk to you, ever!" she threatened with puffed cheeks.

"Heh!" Rudy chuckled softly and said, "I know you are trying to act scary, but that's just making you look more cute."

"Wha—!" Maria's face flushed even more than before. She bit her lips to hide her embarrassment and said, "I can be scary too!"

"Oh?"

"Did you not see my attack on you just now? No one has ever been able to stop that.. attack..." Maria raised her brow and asked with a curious look on her face: "How did you stop it?!"

"Magic."

"Tell me!"

"I have superpowers."

"Come on! Tell me! I swear, if you turned out to be someone hired by my brother or father for my protection, I am going to be so pissed that I will hate you forever!" she hissed with a flushed face.

"Oh, no. Don't worry about that. And as you had said the other night, you truly don't need protection. And I can vouch that your attack was indeed powerful," Rudy said with a smile on his face.

"Now, let's go inside and register for the tournament before it ends. I cannot miss this chance."

"Yeah."

Maria took Rudy into the casino and registered his name for the tournament. They played one game after another, but Maria had only funded the first game that was betted at \$100.

That night, after hours of gambling and playing numerous kinds of games, Rudy won the tournament without using his powers or any sort of cheating. He netted one million dollars from all the game winnings and got another one million as a reward for winning the tournament.