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Chapter 361: Fetching Cash

"When is the next tournament again? Was it today or tomorrow?" Rudy asked.

"Tomorrow is the VIP club tournament. Then the next day, nothing. The day after that is the underworld tournament. After that, there is a VIP underworld tournament— which is our goal. But if we somehow win that, we will be qualified for the VVIP underworld tournament, which is two days after the underworld VIP tournament," Maria stated.

"Tomorrow is Saturday; match. Nothing on Sunday. Match on Monday. Nothing on Tuesday. Match on Wednesday. Nothing on Thursday. And the last match on Friday. So basically next week at this time, we will be preparing for the VVIP underworld tournament, huh?"

Rudy wanted to organize his time properly and ensure everything was going according to his grand plan. He still had 2 more days after the final tournament to the full moon. And before that, he wanted to shake the underworld.

HONK~ HONK!

"Oh, it looks like my car has arrived. Let's go."

"No, you go. I still have to go to the casino to grab my 2 million dollars. And then I will go home."

"Yeah, I will have you dropped off there. Let's go."

"You should go alone. Aren't you in a hurry?"

"Well... okay then. I will see you tomorrow at the casino."

"Yeah— oh wait, at what times are all these matches?"

"They will start at 9PM, so you better be there on time, or they will disqualify you."

"Alright. I have never been late in my life."

Said the guy who had never been to school on time even after getting his superpowers.

Maria opened the door and turned to Rudy to say, "Don't forget to wear the wig."

"..."

"Come on. Don't make that face."

'Well, I also have a plan to blackmail mister Rusher if he tries to mess with me,' Rudy smirked inwardly.

Rudy turned around and prepared to leave, but Maria suddenly dashed to him and hugged him from behind.

"Uhh... am I getting kidnapped?"

"No, you dummy." Maria moved her face close to Rudy's and kissed him on the cheeks.

"..."

Maria dashed into her car after saying, "I told you I would give you a reward if you guessed the name right."

"But I didn't guess it right..." he muttered under his breath.

Rudy watched as her car left, then he muttered as he touched the cheek Maria had just kissed.

"You have got to be kidding me!"

'DING!' Angelica came out of Rudy's body and said, "Congratulations. You have acquired a new harem member."

Rudy's face twitched as he said, "You should have stayed inside me."

"Good job at the bank, by the way. You handled everything nicely without messing up," she praised Rudy.

"What do you mean by 'without missing up', huh?" he asked with a judging look on his face. I have never messed up anything in my life."

"Heh! What a hilarious joke. You have gotten good at making jokes, too, huh? Good development," she said while nodding.

"Seriously, you have been kind of mean to me since we returned from the vampire world. If you are angry, tell me. I will let you vent your anger on the bed."

"I am not angry. We didn't spend much time together, so I was just... frustrated."

"Hmm. Well, let's go home then."

Angelica went inside Rudy, and he teleported to his home after getting behind the tree. But then he remembered he had to go to the casino, so he teleported outside and walked into the casino, or that's how it was supposed to go, but he was stopped by the guards at the door.

"Excuse me, sir. You have to show your ID or pass first," one of the guards said.

'It seems that the security got tighter because of the tournament. but oh, well.'" Rudy showed them the casino pass and entered the casino.

'I have never messed up in my life, he said.' Angelica commented.

"Shut up. I remembered it a second ago, but you made me forget it."

Rudy went to the counter and placed his casino pass on the platform.

"I am here to fetch my two million dollars."

The man at the counter was different than when Rudy had gone there last time.

'Looks like he got fired.'

"I won it in the tournament."

"Yeah, I got it. Wait for a while." The man was putting the chip in their respective drawers.

"..." Rudy patiently waited for five minutes, but the man still wasn't done.

"How long will it take?"

"Five more minutes." He shot a glare at Rudy and said, "You were supposed to come at night. You are early."

"Well, past 7PM is a night for me. And I wasn't given an exact time. But sure, take your time. I will be right back."

Rudy went to the washroom to take a leak.

Angelica came out of his body and said, "He said it would take five minutes."

"I heard it."

"We can have a quickie in five minutes," she said with a seductive smile on her face.

"Heh." Rudy scoffed while zipping his pants and said, "The quickest quickie we have ever had was seven minutes and thirty-six seconds. And that was when we were at the school."

"Then don't you think it's time to break that record?"

Rudy grabbed Angelica's hand and tossed her into the cubicle before entering. He unzipped his pants and said, "I will be rough."

"That will be a treat."

A while later, Rudy came out of the cubicle while zipping his pants and said: "That felt good. I am refreshed now."

Angelica followed him, but she couldn't walk properly, so she entered Rudy's body instead.

"That was six minutes and nine seconds," he said.

'That's a record-breaking time. But let's not try to break the current record. You were too rough. I was orgasming with every thrust.'

"Well, since vampires are not as delicate as humans, my rough meter increased. I could go all out with Jane. But I guess you can't handle it yet."

When Rudy returned to the counter, there were two briefcases on the platform, seemingly each of them containing one million.

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Chapter 362: Home Visit

"You may count the money if you want, but our bill counter is not working, so you will have to count them by hand," the man said. "I counted them with my hands, and that's why it took a while. Otherwise, you would have gotten your money when you won."

"There is no need for that. I trust the casino," he said with a gentle smile.

Even though Rudy said that he had already counted the money inside using his see-through ability and even confirmed their authenticity— when he was on his way to the counter from a distance.

"But I am surprised you gave the money so easily without even confirming everything. I am even wearing a different get-up."

"That's not the casino's responsibility. The money was linked to your casino pass, so anyone with that pass can claim the money. So in case you had lost the card, you would have lost the money too," he stated in a neutral tone.

"I will come tomorrow to win the VIP tournament too. And I am going to take that money in cash too, so you better get that bill counter fixed, or you would have to count with hands again," he smirked with a smug look on his face.

After that, Rudy left the casino and teleported to his room. He hid the briefcases under the bed.

Angelica came out of Rudy's body and jumped on the bed.

Rudy looked at her and said, "Let's go some more round."

"No. My pussy is aching in pain."

"Hah!" Rudy scoffed out loud and arrogantly said, "That will be a treat, she said."

Rudy used Angelica's line on herself. He never forgot to take his revenge, even on his loved ones.

He sat on the bed and called Alice as he had promised.

After a few rings, she picked up the call: [Hello?]

"Hey."

[Is it really you?]

"You don't believe me even after hearing my voice? What do you want next? Or should I teleport to your house to prove it?"

[No, don't. Dad is here,] she whispered. [He is watching television in the room. And there is news about the robbery at the central bank today.]

"Yeah, I will tell you when we meet next time." After a brief pause, he asked, "So, what's up?"

[Nothing. But hey, tomorrow is the weekend, so we don't have school. Are you free?] she asked curiously.

"Well... actually, yes and no. I have got plans. But I will come to your house tomorrow at nine. So be ready."

[Okay~]

BEEP~ BEEP!

SIGH!

Rudy placed the phone beside him, but Angelica picked it up and connected it to the neighbor's wifi.

"Eh? The salesman lied about the phone!" she groaned.

"What happened?"

"He said it will have faster internet, but it's still slow!"

"..." Rudy shook his head in disbelief and said, "Wifi has nothing to do with 3G networking."

"And here I thought I would binge this new harem anime!"

"Stop watching weird things. You get weird ideas from them, and then you try to use them on me."

"No way! I have missed so many episodes since we were in the vampire world, and your phone was broken even before that," she retorted.

"This phone is not the best device to watch videos on. We have got a television downstairs. I will buy a new subscription for you so you can watch all day."

"Wouldn't it be weird if the television stays on with no one watching it? Unless, of course, you plan to watch with me."

"Uhh... maybe wait for a few days. We will get a laptop from the school. You can watch it on a big screen."

"Okay..." Angelica still began watching the anime.

"..." Rudy shook his head and let out a sigh. "I can't wait for tomorrow. It's going to be so much fun~"

"Oh, by the way." Angelica got on top of Rudy and asked, "What did you do to the two robbers who went to take the gold from the vault but disappeared?"

"Eh? That wasn't me."

"Then how did they disappear?"

"I don't know. But I did use my see-through ability and scanned the vault to check whether they were hiding somewhere or not. They are criminals, and they have no morals. So I thought maybe they were trying to betray and take the gold for themselves. However, they were truly not there."

"Then aren't you curious to find out?"

"I am curious but not desperate. What will you tell me next; why didn't you go after the robbers in the van?" he sighed softly.

"Well, you could have asked them from where they got the futuristic technology."

"We already know the answer. The seller or the supplier is in the underworld. My plan is already in action, so changing its course would ruin everything that comes after it. All we need right now is time and patience," he stated in a calm voice.

He closed his eyes but soon opened them when he heard voices from downstairs.

"Hmm? That voice sounds familiar..."

Rudy got up from the bed while Angelica stayed on top of him by wrapping her arms and legs around him.

He went downstairs and saw Lucy and Joe talking with Rebecca in the living room.

'They were moving in today? Mom didn't tell me about it!' Rudy snatched the phone from Angelica's hand and put it in his pocket.

"Oh, come on! It was just getting on the good part~!" Angelica groaned.

"Not now. You can watch it later all night."

Rudy took a deep breath and entered the living room.

"Hey there..." he greeted Lucy and Joe.

"Rudy. You were upstairs in your room?"

"Yeah."

"But your mom told me you weren't home," Joe said while glancing at Rebecca with a confused look on his face.

"..."

'I have never messed up in my life, he said.' Angelica taunted Rudy.

"Oh, yeah, I just returned a minute ago from school. I went to my room to change my clothes and drop the bag," he answered awkwardly.

"Oh, okay. That makes sense."

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Chapter 363: Moving In

"So you guys are finally moving out, huh?" Rudy asked with a smile on his face.

"Yeah. Everything is finally sorted out, and we are ready to move," Joe answered.

Rudy glanced at Lucy and gently smiled at her, but Lucy turned her face to the side and glanced around the living room.

"..."

'Well, that's exactly how she was in my previous life too. At first, I thought she wasn't okay with the marriage. But when I found her getting along with mom and helping her out with everything, I thought maybe she was just treating me coldly.

I even thought she was an arrogant, spoiled brat, but it turned out she was just shy. It took her a few weeks to start talking to me. However, once we began to talk regularly, we became close like a real brother and sister; well, sometimes, at least.'

Rudy suddenly remembered something and couldn't hide his smirk. He took a deep breath and asked:

"By the way, where is... umm, Paul? He was looking forward to moving in here," Rudy asked with an innocent face.

Angelica shot a soft glare at him and squinted her eyes.

"You have gotten better in acting."

"Who knows..." Joe shrugged his shoulders with a sigh and said, "We haven't seen her since then. Most likely, he is hanging out with his friends and destroying his life."

"Hah! Sucks to be you, Paul. Even your father doesn't give a shit about you!" Angelica scoffed out loud.

"You are not worried about him?" Rudy asked.

"This is not his first time. He was once away for a month, and then one day, I got a call from the cops saying they had arrested him because someone filed charges against him for assaulting a middle school girl.

I regret having a son like him. If only you were my son," Joe said with a sigh and shaking his head in disappointment for Paul.

'He turned out to be a bigger asshole than I thought he would be. Now I am more than glad that I gave that piece of shit the suffering he deserved. Maybe I will visit him and curse him even more.'

"Don't worry, Joe." Rudy gave a thumbs-up sign and said, "You can think of me as your son."

"You bet. Rebecca talks a lot about you and can't stop praising you. I know you are a good son who wants to take care of family," he said while glancing at Rebecca. He then turned to Lucy and patted her head before saying, "And I hope you can get along with Lucy too and give her the brotherly love she never got."

"Yeah, don't worry about it. I always wanted a sister too."

Angelica hugged Rudy and said, "That's news to me. If you had told me before, I would have become your sister."

She licked her lips seductively and added, "A sister who would do anything for her brother."

Rudy ignored Angelica like a professional and said, "Have you guys eaten yet?"

"Oh, no. Lucy and I actually already ate out on our way here."

Rebecca noticed Rudy staring at Lucy, so she came in between and said, "Lucy, you should sleep in my room, okay? I will always be out at night for work, so my room will be empty."

"Okay..." Lucy nodded meekly.

'In my previous life, Lucy and I shared a room, and we took turns sleeping on the bed— although we got a bunk bed later on. But I am glad mom offered her room to Lucy.

I don't think I can share my room with her now. Angelica does night activities for me, and I don't think she will stop even when someone is in the room. Not to mention, I occasionally sneak out of the house, and if Lucy stayed in my room, she would catch me.'

Lucy opened her bag and took out a pair of clothes. But while doing that, her underwear fell down.

"..."

Her face flushed, and she quickly picked them up. He hid them between her clothes and said, "I will take a bath."

"Oh." Rebecca pointed her finger at the bathroom and said, "The bathroom is at—"

"I know."

"..."

Lucy entered the bathroom and locked the door from the inside.

"Please don't think of her as rude. She is just shy. Give her some time," Joe said apologetically.

"I know. It's always weird when you get a new family," Rebecca said while glancing at Rudy.

"Okay. I need to leave soon," he said while looking at the watch on his wrist.

"Hmm? Are you going somewhere?"

"I am going on a business trip, and I have to rush to the next city to go to the airport to catch the flight."

"Oh..."

Deep down, Rudy felt happy and relieved that Joe won't be around.

"When will you come back?"

"Maybe a week. We were going to move in after that, but Lucy insisted on coming here, and I thought it wouldn't be a great idea to leave her alone in an empty apartment. She usually goes to her friend's house when I am away."

He got up from the couch and said, "But this place is now her home, so I guess it's the best choice."

"Obviously," Rebecca nodded.

"Alright. I will take my leave now. I don't know if I will get a taxi here at this hour."

Joe grabbed his suitcase and left after bidding farewell to everyone. Now, only Rudy and Rebecca were in the living room.

"..."

"..."

They both stared at each other, but Rebecca was constantly averting her gaze to avoid eye contact with Rudy.

"Uhh... mom. I wanted—"

Rebecca turned around and said, "Oh my, I am getting late for work. I must leave."

Rudy glanced past Rebecca's shoulder and looked at the uneaten food served on the table.

"But you haven't even eaten yet," he said.

"I will eat something at the store. Goodbye."

Rebecca grabbed her purse and ran out of the house.

"..."

SIGH!

"Mommy's boy is getting avoided by mommy," Angelica commented.

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Chapter 364: Alone with Lucy

Angelica shrugged her shoulders and said, "It seems your beloved mother still doesn't have enough courage to face you after she showed 'too much love' to you yesterday."

"I can't let her keep doing this. I understand that she might feel guilty for what she did, but this can't go on. I can't live without seeing her smile. Today, when she returns from work, I will console her," he said in a solemn voice.

Angelica shot a knowing glance at him and said, "I know you will get angry at me for saying this, but... that is not normal."

"Whatever. I am in no mood to have this conversation."

Rudy locked the front and back doors and headed toward the bathroom.

"Hey, hey. What are you planning to do?" Angelica asked curiously and peeked from the couch.

KNOCK! KNOCK!

"Wh-What is it?" Lucy asked while stuttering.

"It's me, Rudy."

"W-What do you want?"

"Nothing. I just wanted to say that I have locked the doors. I will keep the food in the refrigerator if you feel hungry. And you can keep the lights on if you want to. I will be sleeping in my room. You can wake me up if you need anything."

"Okay."

"Good night."

"Night..."

Rudy went to the kitchen and got himself some food on a plate while he placed the rest in the refrigerator.

"Where should I eat?" he asked Angelica.

"I want to watch the anime I was watching, and I can't do that here, so let's go to your room."

Rudy went to his room and finished eating while Angelica watched anime on Rudy's phone.

She had caught up to almost all the ongoing series episodes she had missed when they were in the vampire world.

She was sleeping on top of Rudy but turned to the side after he got a boner.

"That was so much fun~" She looked at the time and noticed it was exactly 3:00 AM.

"Hmm... There are still like four to five hours before Rudy wakes up. I can binge 12 episodes of anime."

As Angelica was watching, she stopped the video and slowly glanced at Rudy.

"...!" her eyes widened when she noticed a black aura emitting from Rudy's body.

She gulped down nervously and watched in horror, wondering what she should do next.

"Amn..." Rudy turned to the side, and the emission stopped.

PHEW!

Angelica sighed in relief and muttered, "That scared me. This had stopped happening lately, so I wasn't ready for it."

She kissed Rudy on the cheek and thought, 'He must be having a nightmare. Perhaps, reuniting with his entire family tonight made him remember his past life's painful and horrible incidents.'

Angelica lay beside Rudy and rubbed his back while watching anime on the phone.

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A few hours ago, John and his team returned to the police department.

John left his office and made his way to the office in the center that had a head chief written on the door.

He knocked on the door and opened it.

"Sir, you called?" he asked.

"Ah, yes. John, come here."

John sat on the chair and asked, "Is it about today's bank robbery case?"

"Yes. But first of all, congratulations on solving your first case. You are as clever and quick as your father.

"That's not true. I didn't do anything..." he muttered.

"Also, congratulations for getting promoted to chief. You deserve it."

"I don't really—"

"Oh, come on. Stop being humble. You have made it so far. I am proud of you. If your father was alive, he would have laughed out loud while patting your back and congratulating you.

I know it's not my place to say, but you have always been a good kid, and I treated you as my son as I don't have one of my own. And now that I am retiring next week and someone else will be coming to take my place— although I know who it's going to be.

So I just wanted to say that keep doing what you are doing, and I wish you the best of luck. May you reach the success your father couldn't. Make him proud, son."

John nodded quietly and uttered, "I will do the best I can."

"That's what I wanted to hear. Now, you should go home and rest. Today must have been tiring for you," the head chief suggested.

"Thank you."

John left the office and made his way out of the police department to his car in the parking lot.

He closed the door loudly and yelled after closing the window.

SIGH!

"I didn't do anything! I don't deserve any of those praises! I don't deserve to be a chief!" he shouted.

John's father was the former head chef of the department, and he died seven years ago in a terrorist attack while saving the civilians.

It was the same situation as John faced today where one of the terrorists had planted a bomb himself and was going to commit suicide— which is why John mentioned them today in front of Rudy.

His father was able to save everyone by giving his life.

"He was my hero. I wanted to become like him, and I did. But I am nowhere near him. As soon as I joined this department, I was greeted with respect. And before I knew it, I was promoted to chief.

However, this all happened because of my father. I didn't do a thing. They respect me because of what my father did for them, for everyone! But I want them to acknowledge me for my own strength!"

John placed his hands on the steering wheel and muttered, "Rudy Ross. I will become like you one day and prove to everyone my worth. I will not betray the trust they have on me!"

RING~!

John checked his phone to see the message regarding the bombs. It was only a four-word message, but it skipped John's heartbeat.

[The bombs were real!]

"Wha...t?"

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Chapter 365: Master

Early morning, at the mountains where Rudy's rage had erupted volcanoes, and later, he covered them in snow.

It was windy and cold for obvious reasons, and the first sunlight fell on the peak of the mountain.

Slowly, the snow from the peak began to melt, and a drop of lava came out of it. No, it wasn't because of the sunlight, but the volcano had begun to erupt again.

One after another, drops of lava rolled down the mountain, eventually melting the snow from the entire peak.

CRACK~ CRACK!

It rumbled loudly with the noise of cracking, and something was shot into the sky as it erupted. A few seconds later, it fell to the ground, revealing itself to be a massive tail of a Scorpio.

BANG!

Once again, something fell to the ground, and it turned out to be a severed head of a horned beast.

Then, a loud banging and thumping sound came out of that volcano as though something big was emerging from it. However, as the soul got closer, it suddenly stopped.

A few seconds later, something that seemed to be a skeletal hand came out of the volcano and grabbed the top. Another hand came out, and the thing pulled itself up and out of the volcano.

However, it wasn't massive. It was around the height of an average human being. Its entire body was covered with fleshless skin, and the skeleton was visible, seemingly burned too.

No organs were left in the body, not even a brain or heart, but it still seemed alive. It stood on the peak of the volcano and glanced around even though it had no eyes.

Then, it raised its hand and snapped.

SNAP!

It was so loud and clear that even if it wasn't in the middle of nowhere or in a crowded area, it would make everything silent.

The skeleton began to regenerate rapidly as its flesh covered its bones and skin wrapped around the body. Within a minute, the ugly and creepy skeleton turned into a beautiful girl with pale pink hair and a naked body.

SNAP!

With another snap, she stopped erupting.

"Hmm. Where am I?" she wondered. "And Why was I awoken?"

She touched her body and muttered, "Why do I feel like I was also awakened recently but sealed again?"

How much time has passed since I was last sealed? Is this place the same as before, or am I in another world?

Why was my seal weakened recently, and why did it break 2 days ago? Still, it took me two days to come out. There were so many seals, traps, and monsters to defeat to pass the test.

Regardless, I am free now. I will once again reign this world! But before that, I must find a master! I wonder where he is right now.

I am alive right now, and I can still harness my powers, which means my master is alive. But why can't I sense him? Is he currently not in this world? Or perhaps he is hiding his trace so the enemies can't locate him?

No matter where he is, I will find him. Even if it takes me a decade. But first, I must gather intel about this world and learn what happened in my absence."

She jumped down and landed near the tail of the scorpion as her breasts also bounced upon landing.

She picked up the tail and roasted it with fire.

"Hmm~ It should now be edible."

She took a bite but spat out the next second and burned it to the ashes.

"I was sealed for millennia or perhaps billions... eons, maybe? Whatever, I will learn everything soon. I just hope that humankind has invented new types of food in this era, or I shall annihilate them all for how worthless their lives are."

SNAP!

She snapped and conjured clothes around her body.

"Let's go. Master~ I am coming for you~"

Rudy opened his eyes in his room and stared at the ceiling.

"..."

He sat up and let out a short sigh.

"I almost didn't recognize my room..."

He got out of bed and looked out of the window to breathe and fill his lungs with fresh morning air.

He glanced around the room and muttered, "Angelica went to sleep? But... why do I feel like someone was calling me just now?"

'Was that Lucy?!' He rushed out of his room and went downstairs to see Lucy making breakfast in the kitchen.

She was startled by the sound of Rudy's loud footsteps.

"You scared me!" she yelled.

"Sorry..."

"I am making breakfast for three people, but it will take some time. You should take a bath in the meantime," she suggested.

"Alright..."

Rudy went to his room and returned with clothes in his hands. He entered the bathroom and stripped himself within a second.

"..."

'Why is Lucy so talkative? She shouldn't even be looking at me! This is not how it went in my past life. She was acting like she had been living here for months.'

But to be honest... I should stop comparing everything to my past life. Many things have changed, and I am responsible for most of them.'

A while later, he came out of the bathroom while wiping his hair with the towel.

"Wow. That smells great~"

He threw the towel on the couch and rushed to the kitchen, but Lucy glared at him and said, "Get that towel off the couch, or you won't get breakfast."

"Whoa. Okay."

Rudy sat on the chair opposite Lucy and smiled at her while Lucy served breakfast to Rudy.

"This is..."

'This is my favorite dish that only Lucy could make. Nice to see I will be eating this often now.'

After eating breakfast with Lucy, Rudy went to his room to grab his phone and the briefcase filled with two million dollars in cash.

He put his phone in his pocket but took it out a second later to check the time. However, the screen didn't light up.

"Hmm? Why is it not turning on?" he wondered. "Don't tell me it's broken already."

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Chapter 366: Alice Meets Reina, Again

Rudy pressed the switch a couple of times, but nothing happened.

"Uhh...." Rudy let out an angry sigh and muttered, "Angelica..."

"I know you are awake. Reply to me!" His face twitched repeatedly.

'Angelica is currently sleeping,' she said from Rudy's body.

"You watched anime all night until the phone died, didn't you?"

'No. It died while I was watching.'

"Same shit! You knew I had plans today, so why would you do this? And even if the phone had died, you could have at least plugged it into the charger. You didn't even tell me when I woke up, or I would have done it myself.

At least, I would have had like 10% charge on the phone to make important calls."

He uttered while repeatedly sighing after every sentence.

'I did plug it in, but nothing was happening. You can look at the socket on the wall...'

Rudy confirmed it and said, "Fine~ Sorry for yelling at you. I wasn't really angry, just frustrated."

'No, it was my fault too. I am sorry. I won't touch your phone ever again,' she said in a sad voice.

"Stop being a drama queen and go to sleep. We already have plans for tonight. But right now, it's time to pay off Reina's debt."

He first teleported the bags to Reina's office and went downstairs.

"Lucy, I am going out, so make sure to keep the doors locked. Mom should be home soon, and if she asks where I went, tell her that I will be back in the evening."

"Okay." After a brief pause, she asked, "Hey... do you... can I have your number?"

"Oh... yes. Sure."

Rudy had texted and told his number to everyone, but not Lucy. He thought it would be strange to text her like that when they had never even had a proper conversation before.

"Here." He gave his number to Lucy and said, "You can call me anytime if you need something, alright?"

"Okay," She nodded.

After that, Rudy left the house through the front door. Lucy locked the door after Rudy left and sat on the living room couch.

SIGH!

She looked at her phone and added Rudy's number with the name R-U-D-, but she stopped and deleted the name.

After pondering for a few seconds, she smiled slightly from the corner of her lips and added his number as 'S-t-e-p-B-r-o'.

Meanwhile, Rudy teleported near Alice's house and went to pick her up. He wasn't sure if he should ring the doorbell or just wait for her as he had already texted her that he was on his way.

But he decided to ring the bell to let her know that he had already arrived. He moved his hand to the switch, but the door suddenly opened, and Alice walked out.

"I saw you from the window~" she said with a smile on her face.

Rudy kissed her on the lips and said, "Good morning."

"Are we going on a date?" she asked cheerfully.

"Umm, no." Rudy grabbed Alice's breasts and teleported to Reina's office.

"Wha--! Don't do that suddenly without warning!"

"I wanted to see your reaction. Do you feel okay, though?"

"Yeah. I feel like I just got off a ride."

Rudy glanced around Reina's office, but Reina wasn't there and nor were the briefcases.

"Where did she go?"

Rudy was about to leave the office and search for her, but she came with the briefcases in her hands and closed the door.

"Did you send them?" she asked with an anxious look on her face.

"Obviously," he replied with a shrug.

PHEW!

"There is so much money in there!" She placed them on the table and opened them, revealing thousands of notes of \$100.

"Wow! That's so much money!" Alice grabbed one of the notes and checked it while asking, "Are they real?"

"No."

She squinted her eyes and said, "I just checked, and they are real."

"How did you get so much money?" Reina asked curiously.

"Heh!" Rudy sat in a haughty position on the couch and said with a proud and confident look on his face: "I have my secret ways."

"Wait a minute..." Alice raised her brows and squinted her eyes as she asked, "Don't tell me the bank robbery was done by you."

"Wow. You made me a criminal. How rude. I won that money in gambling." Rudy turned to Reina and said, "Didn't I tell you about it?"

"Yeah, but this is so much money. How much is it anyway?" she asked curiously.

"Why don't you guess."

Reina pondered for a while and said, "Fifty thousand in one briefcase."

"What about you, Alice?"

"Umm... around five hundred thousand in one briefcase?" Alice guessed.

"It's one million in one briefcase."

"What?!" Alice and Reina exclaimed in unison.

"Anyway, Alice. Reina and I are going to the bank to pay off her loan. Can you take care of this place in her stead?" Rudy asked calmly.

"But... I don't know what to do..."

"Just give tickets until you run out of them. You don't have to leave the office. In fact, I advise you to keep the door locked," Reina responded.

"Are you sure?"

"Yeah. If Rudy trusts you, then I do too. And besides, we are now sister wives, aren't we?"

"Well, he only married the two vampire sisters. The rest of us are still his girlfriends," Alice asserted while shooting a soft glare at Rudy.

"What? If you girls want to get married, then sure. Let's go, I am ready anytime," he shrugged his shoulders nonchalantly.

Both of them averted their gazes and said, "We are not ready yet."

"Yeah, yeah. I will be marrying you all soon."

"Oh? What will you say to my dad? And your mom?" Alice asked with a judging look on her face.

"That's..." Rudy dodged the question and turned to Reina. "Shall we go? The earlier we go, the earlier we will return."

"Umm... I..." She squirmed a little with a flushed face and said, "Can we... go on a date today?"

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Chapter 367: Repaying the Debt

"Can we go on a date?" Reina asked hesitantly.

"Oh."

"You came here with Alice on a date last time. I also want to go on a date," she said.

"Of course." Rudy turned to Alice and said, "I guess you will be here for the rest of the day. Do you have anything you need to do?"

"We have homework that your beloved Rize gave us. But I can do that tomorrow too."

"Alright. Then we will be back by evening. Call me if something happens.

"I would, but someone's phone is unreachable," Alice commented.

"Right!"

Rudy took out his phone from his pocket and handed it to Reina after saying, "Can you plug this up?"

"Sure."

Reina took out her charger but noticed the cable pin was different.

She showed it to Rudy and said, "I don't think it would work."

"Yeah..." He let out a short sigh and said, "Here. Give it to me. I will use my power to charge it."

"You can do that?" Alice asked with a surprised look on her face.

"I have never tried it, but it should work. Theoretically, if I channel enough electricity into the phone, it should work."

"And practically?"

"We will see that now."

Rudy took a deep breath and released a minute amount of electricity into the phone. While Reina and Alice watched with curious looks on their faces.

The screen lit up, and a charging symbol appeared on it.

"It worked!" Alice exclaimed.

Rudy channeled a few more electricity, but the phone suddenly became hot, and smoke started to come out of it.

"Watch out!" Reina yelled.

Before they could do anything, the phone exploded in Rudy's hand, but obviously, he was unscathed.

COUGH! COUGH!

Reina and Alice repeatedly coughed as the smoke filled the room.

"Are you okay?!" they asked with an anxious and concerned look on their faces.

"Yeah. It felt like I touched something mildly hot," he said while restoring the phone,

"That's because you have powers! Your hands would have blasted into pieces, you know?!" they yelled.

"Oh, come on. You girls are exaggerating." He looked at the phone and said, "Let me try again."

Rudy released enough electricity, but of course, the charging speed of the phone was slow.

"Releasing more electricity won't do anything. But what if I fill it directly into the battery instead?" he wondered.

Rudy tried that, and his phone charged from 1% to 69% within seconds.

"That should be enough for the day."

He turned to Alice and said, "See you soon."

"Hmm. Good luck, I guess?"

Rudy kissed Alice on the lips and said, "Good luck to you too."

He grabbed the briefcases and Reina by her waist and teleported to Scott's family bank.

They teleported into a nearby alley, so they didn't have to worry about being seen.

"They should recognize you at first glance, right?" Rudy asked Reina.

"Yeah."

They made their way to the bank, however, it was closed.

"..."

Rudy walked to the security guard and asked, "Why is the bank closed?"

"They are restoring the hole in the ceiling and upgrading their security system. The bank will stay closed for the next three to four weeks," he responded. "But if you have anything urgent, you can go to their house and get it done."

"Got it."

Rudy turned to Reina and asked, "What should we do?"

"We can come after the bank re-opens. They gave us three months to repay the loan, so I think we have enough time," Reina muttered.

"How about we go to their house?"

"I don't know..."

"Let's go then."

Rudy and Reina went back to the alley and then teleported near Scott's house.

"Wow... their house is bigger than I expected..." Reina muttered while looking at the house with wide eyes.

"Excuse me, we are here to pay the loan. The bank is closed, and we were told to come here."

The guards looked at the briefcases in Rudy's hands and said, "Open it."

Rudy opened the bag and showed them the money with a smile on his face.

"Hmm." The guard nodded at the other guard and pressed the switch outside the gate, which opened one gate.

[All clear,] the guard said on the walkie-talkie.

More guards were on the other side of the gate, but they opened it and welcomed Rudy and Reina.

The chief guard pointed his finger at the guard and said, "This guard will take you to Mister Willow."

They followed the guard inside, and Rudy saw a familiar figure standing in the living room. He raised his brow with an amused expression on his face and smirked before handing the briefcases to Reina.

He rushed to the person and said, "Yo. What's up."

"..."

The person was none other than John, who was as surprised as Rudy upon seeing him.

"You... Rudy Ross. What are you doing here?" he asked with a puzzled look on his face.

"Even though I had told you yesterday, 'Let's never meet again.', we met again. Maybe it's fate," Rudy wondered.

"Answer my question."

Rudy pointed his gaze at Reina and said, "This girl is a close friend of Miss Maria, so I was told to accompany her on the errand. What are you doing here?"

"That's confidential information."

"Do you live here? Is this your house?" Rudy asked jokingly.

Rudy knew exactly why John was there.

'It's probably about Scott. His family must have hired them to search for him. Too bad they would never be able to find him,' Rudy smirked inwardly.

A few minutes later, Scott's father arrived with two agents.

"Take care of them," he said to the agents.

The agents took Rudy and Reina to a different room while John stayed with Scott's father.

Reina provided the documents required and signed them while the agents confirmed the authenticity of the money.

"Two million dollars is a big amount, and getting them in cash is not something everyone can do. Can I ask how you got this money?" the agent asked.

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Chapter 368: Show Time

"Do I have any need to answer that question?"

"It's the bank's procedure. We need to know your occupation, annual income, and other proof of your earnings. Otherwise, there will be problems later on," they responded.

"Actually..." Reina stepped forward and said, "As you know, my parents left the two million dollar debt on me, and it was impossible for me to pay after the stacking up of interest and the time limit.

So the only way for me to earn money was to reopen the pool, and I had to perform maintenance of the whole place. While I was doing that, I found this money with a note from my parents.

It turned out they had the money ready to pay, but after the apocalypse and everything, they never got a chance and passed away before they could do that."

Rudy had used telepathy to share this plan with Reina, and she executed it perfectly. Sure, Rudy could just tell the truth that he won a gambling tournament, but then he would have had to pay tax. Even if he

had spent the tax, he would be under the radar of the tax department, especially when more gambling tournaments were coming up this week.

"Even if that's the case, you have to provide the source of the money. Where did they get this much money?" the agent calmly asked.

"From running the pool, of course. I have lost many things in the apocalypse, so, unfortunately, I can't provide you with any proof. Not only that, but they hadn't spent all the money they had loaned," Reina responded as Rudy asked her to.

"But these notes are new. So how do you explain that?"

"I exchanged it for the new bills."

"Hmm." The agent hummed in wonder and said, "Congratulations. Your loan has been paid off. It will take up to a week or two for you to get the new documents of the property. We will let you know if anything comes up or we need something for a process."

"Thank you."

After that, Rudy and Reina left and casually walked out of the gate.

Reina stopped after walking for a while and lowered her gaze in the middle of the street. But it was an uphill area with mountains and forest on the side, where only luxurious people lived, so there was no one around.

"What's wrong?" Rudy asked.

"I have finally paid off the loan..."

"Yeah."

"I was bearing that pressure for all these years, but now... it's all gone. I feel so relieved and relaxed. It's like I have gained freedom," she stated in a low voice.

"However, it was you. I didn't do a thing. You paid the loan. It was your money, yet you used them on me. I don't know how I can ever repay you for your kindness."

Rudy scratched his cheek and looked at the side while saying, "We already discussed it the night I took your virginity. You gave yourself to me, and that was enough. I don't want anything else.

And besides, I have already told you that I didn't do this, especially for you. It was a part of my plan. I want to become this world's richest person within a year, and we... just took the first step."

"..."

He moved his hand towards Reina and said, "Now, let's not be gloomy and emotional, okay? It's our first ever date, so let's enjoy it together, shall we?"

Reina nodded and grabbed Rudy's hand.

"Where do you want to go?" he asked.

"I don't know... I don't have knowledge about this stuff. Since you have dated so many girls, I thought you would know where to go."

"Don't say it like that..." he sighed. "In my past life, I went to amusement parks, movies, and libraries for dates. But there are no amusement parks around yet, and you own a pool. We can go to the movies if you want."

"Let's go there."

"I can't teleport there as I haven't been there in this life. So we are flying our way there."

"Wait, what?!"

Rudy grabbed Reina by her waist and soared into the sky.

"No!" Reina closed her eyes and hugged Rudy tightly before saying, "Put me down!"

"Relax. Nothing will happen."

"But I am scared of heights!"

"Technically, everyone has a natural fear of heights. But you will get used to it. I was also scared until Rias took me to the sky."

"Well, I am not you. And if you don't put me down, I will get really angry and hate you forever!"

"Now I am tempted to see you angry. I don't think I have ever seen you angry, to be honest. What do you do when you are angry?" he asked with a grin.

"Hmph! I won't talk to you for the entire day now."

"Oh? So I guess we should cancel our date then."

"No!" She hugged Rudy even tightly and said, "I will stay quiet and keep my eyes closed. Let me know when we land."

Rudy wanted Reina to enjoy the experience of flying, but he didn't want to force it on her. He knew better than anyone how it felt like to face his fear.

After around thirty minutes, they reached a theater in the next city, which was newly opened after the pandemic.

Normally, Rudy would have reached there within five minutes by flying with the speed of light, but since Reina was with him, he flew slowly.

They landed near a construction site where no one was around and made their way to the theater.

"Have you ever been to a theater?" Rudy asked Reina with a hint of curiosity on his face.

"Only once with my parents when I was a kid," Reina responded. "What about you?"

"In my past life with Elise. I was baffled by the prices of popcorn and drinks there," he scoffed softly.

Rudy walked to the ticket window and asked, "What's the show time?"

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"What's the show time?" Rudy asked.

"For which movie? Currently, two movies are airing here. One is the second part of 'The Chronicles of Karnia', and the other is 'Twinlight'."

"How many screenings do you have?"

"We plan to have five, but since this theater has just opened, we don't have enough equipment, so only one screening is active," she said calmly. "If you plan to watch Karnia, then its showtime is 12:15, and Twinlight's showtime is 15:45."

Rudy turned to Reina and asked, "Which one do you want to see?"

"I haven't watched the first part of Karnia, so I don't think we will understand anything. As for the Twinlight, judging by the poster, I believe it's a romance movie." After a brief pause, she said:

"I am okay with anything. Which one do you want to watch?"

"Well, I haven't watched the first part of Karnia either, but the show time of Twinlight is around 4 PM, and it will be past evening by the time we get out," Rudy responded.

"Then let's watch Karnia. We will watch the first part later sometime."

"Alright."

Rudy turned to the ticket window and said, "Two tickets for Karnia, please."

"Do you have any seats in mind?" she asked.

'I might try to flirt with Reina inside, so it's best to get a corner seat,' Rudy uttered inwardly.

"Which seats are available?"

"All, actually."

"Oh? No one booked any seats online?"

"We haven't enabled online booking yet. And as for the viewers, we don't have that many yet."

'Well, this theater had become one of the best in the city later on. And the tickets were always fully booked, regardless of what movie was airing. Since it's close to my university, many students and couples came here to pass the time.

I also used to come with Elise every week, although it was hard to convince her since she didn't like to skip the lectures. Seriously, I lived the best moment of my life when I was in university. But now, everything has changed.'

Rudy reminisced with a distant smile on his face.

"Excuse me, Sir. What seats?"

"Give two reclining seats in the back corner, please."

Rudy gave her the money in cash and bought two tickets.

"Oh, by the way, I forgot to mention that there will be no screening if there are less than ten viewers by the showtime," she said with a smile on her face.

'That was obviously on purpose!'

"Will we get a refund if there--"

Before Rudy could even ask the question properly, the lady at the ticket window interrupted him and said, "There is no refund."

"Yeah. Figured." Rudy let out a weary sigh and looked at Reina, who seemed conflicted.

'It's our first date, and I don't want it to be shitty. Reina will have a terrible experience otherwise. Let's go all out!'

Rudy took out Maria's card from his wallet and said, "I will buy all the tickets."

"Wha...t?"

"Oh, did I stutter?"

"No..."

"Then get to work" RUDy clapped his hands and said, "Come on!"

Sure, Rudy could have booked only 10 tickets to keep the show running, but he didn't want anyone to disturb their fun time.

The lady began to press the keys repeatedly, followed by the mechanical sound of the tickets coming out from the machine.

A few minutes later, the lady was finally done and gave all the tickets to Rudy. And he took them and threw them in the dustbin on the side.

"You do know that they will ask for the tickets while entering, right?" the lady asked.

Rudy shrugged his shoulders and said, "No one else is going to come anyway. Now swipe the card and be done with it."

After paying for the tickets, Rudy turned to Reina and said, "It's still 11:03 AM. Let's go eat something in the meantime. I know a good restaurant nearby."

"Okay."

Rudy and Reina walked away while the lady watched them and muttered: "I wish I had a boyfriend like that."

After reaching the restaurant, Rudy and Reina had some light lunch and drank milkshakes-- that reminded Rudy of the blood moon milkshake, which also reminded him of Rias and Jane.

'All I want is...'

"Rudy, do you think we will be home by evening?" Reina asked.

"Why do you ask? Do you have to do something?"

"No. But today is the payday of the workers at the pool, and I don't think I should let Alice handle that. It's my job, so..."

"Can't you give them tomorrow?" Rudy wondered. "I have worked many part-time jobs in my past life, and yeah, I used to get annoyed whenever they delayed the payment by a day or two. How about I go and handle everything?"

"What will you do?"

"Arrange money?"

"Oh, I have already done all that, and the envelopes are in my drawer with the names of the workers written on them. I just wanted to be the person who gave them the pay, but I guess it's fine."

Rudy's ears twitched as he heard a commotion in the distance. He looked at the source and saw a pale pink-haired girl trying to run away from a restaurant without paying the bill.

"..."

"What's wrong?" Reina asked curiously.

"Nothing. Some weirdo was leaving the restaurant without paying, and now she is apparently threatening the guards that she will hurt them," he said with a soft scoff.

"Shouldn't you go and help them?"

"Why?"

"Because... you have superpowers?"

"Hey, I am not a superhero who saves people, okay? Listen, with or without me, in a world with superheroes or without superheroes, crimes always happen. It won't make a difference if I am there to stop or not.

They need to learn to save and deal with them by themselves. And incidents like this always happen. No need to worry about it. Besides, I am on a date with my lovely girlfriend, and I don't want any distractions."

After leaving the restaurant, they rushed to the theater and made it on the showtime before the movie could start.

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Chapter 370: Movie Time

It had been around 45 minutes since the movie started, and the room was filled with the sound of swords clashing in the movie, mixed with a slurping sound coming from the dark corner of the room.

"I can't believe we are doing this here," Reina said while kissing Rudy passionately.

Reina was sitting on Rudy's lap and kissing Rudy like there was no tomorrow.

"I bet you booked this entire room for this, too," she said.

"No, actually. I just didn't want anyone to be here," Rudy replied while playing with Reina's hair.

"Hmm?"

Rudy pointed his gaze at the second last row of the other corner and said, "That was my and Elise's favorite spot. We used to sit there most of the time whenever we came here.

One day, no one was in the room except a few others. The movie wasn't good and had gotten the lowest rating in a decade. But Elise and I only went there to spend time together.

So we watched the movie, and there was an interval. And I had this weird pattern that whenever I spent some time in the air conditioner, I would need to go take a leak every hour.

I held it in, but since it was an interval, I decided to leave. I asked Elise if she wanted to come, but she said her legs were numb and it would take her a while to get out. So I decided to go on my own and returned after a minute or two.

When I returned, I saw some dudes trying to pick up on Elise. I asked them nicely to leave her alone, but they didn't and asked me to leave. I snapped and punched one of them in the face."

He said with an emotionless expression on his face.

"What happened next?" Reina asked curiously.

"Nothing. Others who were present in the room backed me up and complained to the guard standing outside. And they were kicked out of the theater," he responded with the same look on his face.

"Isn't that... good? They got what they deserved."

"That's what we thought..." Rudy took a deep breath and uttered, "When we got out of the theater, it was already evening, and since it was winter, even 6 PM seemed like night.

We... we were on our way back to her apartment, but this feeling of uneasiness was growing inside me. I felt... alarmed. I thought someone was watching us, but I couldn't see anyone.

I can't describe how relieved I was when we reached her apartment safely. However, I was a fool."

Rudy frowned his face and said, "Those guys had followed us all the way to her apartment. They were waiting for us to come out so they could hunt us. They had even brought other thugs with them and had weapons.

I wasn't aware of that until I woke up to a thudding noise from the other room. To be honest, I was freaked out that day, and I couldn't sleep, so that sound was like a ripple in the water.

Elise was sleeping beside me, so I quietly made my way out of the room and caught a glimpse of a shadow moving from one end to another. At first, I thought I was seeing things. I even thought I saw my own shadow, but I wasn't that dumb.

There was no light coming, so there would be no shadow. Turned out those thugs had come well prepared and were dressed in all black. It was almost as if they were used to doing that kind of thing."

The mood in the room was no longer romantic. It was filled with suspense and the eerie feeling of despair.

Reina couldn't fathom how Rudy would have felt that night. He didn't even have his powers nor any way to protect himself or Elise from the bunch of thugs who were armed and more in numbers.

She anxiously gulped down and asked, "What... happened then?"

"I quietly went back to the room and locked the door from inside. Then I woke up Elise and told her everything. She was freaking out... I was, too... but I had to act brave. We immediately called the cops.

Fortunately, the police station was right around the block, so it didn't even take them two minutes to get there. We had told them to come with their lights off and don't ring their honk. They didn't want to do it, but they agreed. And... they successfully captured them.

The next day, we were called into the police station and informed that they were a group of serial killers who had committed similar crimes before. Their kill count was more than 50, and they always targeted couples."

"That's..." Reina didn't know what to say. And she knew that saying anything on such a sensitive topic could do more worse than good.

"At that time, I said to myself- 'If I had power, I would remove them from the world.'. But now, I possess that power. I can make them disappear. I just need to say it, and it will happen. If I run into them again someday, they won't get a chance to say their prayers," he asserted in a solemn voice.

Reina bit her lips and said, "I am sorry I reminded you of something terrible."

"You didn't. How would you remind me of something I was never able to forget? I remember my every moment with Elise, and I cherish them. Waiting for the day she will move into this city," he stated with a soft scoff and a distant smile.

"When will she come?"

"It should be around six months. I don't remember the exact date, and we only met two years later at the university. However, I am not going to wait that long."

After that, Reina and Rudy watched the rest of the movie together and left the theater.

"So, what's next?" Rudy asked. "It's hot as fuck, and I don't want you to get dehydrated. Shall we go to the mall and do some shopping?" he asked calmly.

"But... I don't want anything. Do you have something in your mind that you want to buy?" she asked.

"Hmm~" Rudy hummed in amusement and said, "I do, actually."