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Chapter 381: Ghosts of Lost Souls

"That way is a cemetery. Why is she going there?" Rudy wondered.

He got near and hid behind one of the trees, from where he could see everything clearly.

Rebecca walked past many graves while glancing around and stopped in front of an old grave.

"Whose grave is that?" Rudy squinted his eyes to read the name on the gravestone, but it was old and covered with dirt, so he couldn't quite see the name clearly. However, he was able to read the last three words.

"I-C-A..."

'I have so many questions, but first, whose grave is that, and how come I have never known of it?! Second, if mom is visiting this grave, that must mean it belongs to someone close or important to her.

Maybe father's grave? But when I asked mom about his grave, she told me that he died in a natural disaster and his body was never found. Sure, the family member still makes an empty grave for them, but mom would have brought me here if that was the case!

Wait...'

Rudy facepalmed himself and muttered, "Why do I have a tendency to overthink everything? She might just be visiting her old friend's grave."

'Dammit! I sound like an insecure boyfriend now!'

Rebecca cleaned and watered the grave, which made it possible for Rudy to see the name clearly.

"J-E-S-S-I-C-A." Rudy raised his brow in confusion and wondered, "Who the hell is that? I have never heard that name come out of her mouth, like ever."

He sighed in relief and muttered, "At least it's a woman's grave. I don't know how I would have felt if it was some man's grave."

After a few minutes, Rebecca left the cemetery, but Rudy stayed. He walked to the grave and stared at it in amusement.

"Jessica... who is that? And judging by the condition of the grave, mom doesn't come here that often. Maybe once a month? Well, that's still more than the other people who rarely visit their family or loved ones' graves."

"Hmm~" Rudy carefully inspected the gravestone, but he didn't find any clue. "There is no birth or death year. No family name either, which obviously is odd, although I am not the one to talk."

Rudy noticed there was something else written on the stone, but it was in tiny letters and had almost faded away. Still, Rudy was able to read a few words that said:

"I can't wait... to meet... again....? There is a name written, but it's been scratched hard..."

SIGH!

"I will ask mom about it someday once she decides to tell me."

Rudy used his see-through ability to see through the grave for some reason. He wanted to make sure someone was buried inside. While doing that, he noticed something on the upper layer of the grave that was peeking out of the ground.

"What's that?" Rudy thought for a few seconds about whether he should take it out or not, but curiosity got the best of him, and he pulled it out.

"Uhh..."

It was an old wallet that looked older than the grave.

"Did someone drop it or something?" Rudy wiped the sand and dirt from the wallet and saw a date on it.

"Wha...t? How is that possible?" Rudy brought the wallet closer to his eyes to confirm he saw it right.

"It's 2008? But this wallet looks so old and tattered. How can this be new? Sure, someone might have dropped it here, but the leather has holes all over. The microorganisms shouldn't have eaten it to this extent if it was a few months old.

Well, let's see what's inside. I don't expect money but maybe an address or something."

Rudy opened the wallet and noticed a brownish-yellow hard paper tucked in the wallet.

'A photo or something?'

Rudy took out the phone, or he would have, but he was stopped by an unfamiliar voice.

"I suggest you should stop," the voice said.

Rudy glanced to the side to see an old man with a long beard standing in front of him, wearing a long white robe.

"...?"

It took him a while to realize that the body of the old man was transparent, and it was not his see-through ability making it look like that.

The old man was a ghost.

Rudy looked behind him and saw he was surrounded by over a hundred ghosts.

"...!"

It was at this moment when Rudy recalled an old rumor of the cemetery going around when he was a kid. It was said to be haunted, and no one dared to visit there alone.

"You shouldn't look into lost people's belongings," the old man said.

"So it belongs to whoever is in this grave?" Rudy shrugged his shoulders and dropped the wallet from where he picked it up from.

"I was simply checking it. Ensuring it's not a lost item so I could return it to its owner."

If it was anyone other than Rudy, their soul would have left their body after encountering even one ghost, but Rudy, however, was unfazed.

'I didn't know I had the ability to see ghosts. Angelica was an earthbound ghost, so she was visible. She was basically haunting the tunnel. But I have never seen other ghosts.

Ghosts surely exist. And if they do, why did I never run into one?'

After thinking about it for a few seconds, Rudy solved the mystery and said, "You all decided to show yourself to me, am I right?"

"Indeed." The old man nodded.

"So..." Rudy glanced around at the rest of the ghosts and asked, "Is this place your hang-out zone or something?"

"No. We are the wandering ghosts. We wander here and there and guild the lost souls," the old man answered.

'He is the only one speaking!'

"What do you need from me?" Rudy asked calmly.

"Nothing. We sensed high spiritual energy and thought it was another lost soul, but you are not dead nor exactly alive."

"Well, you are not wrong," Rudy shrugged.

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Chapter 382: An (Un)Fortunate Incident

The old man stroked his beard and said, "You are a special kind of human. Oh, we ghosts are attracted to the spiritual energy like a moth is to the light. We don't mean any harm to you."

"Of course."

"But you should be careful," the old man added.

"Of?"

"The evil spirits. They feed on the negative emotions of people like you to get stronger. They bring bad luck to you. They eventually possess you at your weakest point and overwhelm you in every way possible."

"Thanks for the heads up. You should tell them to be careful and not cross their paths with me," he said with a blank expression on his face.

The old man pointed his finger at Rudy and said, "Currently, there is an evil spirit inside you."

Rudy frowned his face and said, "She is not evil."

"We know better."

"Even if she is, I don't give a fuck!"

"You should worry. You are emotionally vulnerable. Your old wounds are deep and will never heal until you meet the person you are seeking. Are you confident that you will be able to endure everything until the time that comes ahead?" the old man asked calmly.

"Whatever it may be." Rudy gritted his teeth and said, "Once I have accepted someone as mine, I am never letting them go. I already did that once, and I don't have the courage to do it again. And the evil you speak of; what is the evil for you, exactly?"

Rudy asked with a penetrating gaze.

The old man stayed silent and glanced at the other ghosts around Rudy.

"I don't think there is an answer to that. But whatever you may do or choose to do, never tell the cause of death to the spirit inside you. I am saying this for your own good."

"Do you know something about who killed her?" Rudy asked curiously.

"No. But I am sure it wasn't pleasant considering the rage and hatred the spirit has inside her."

"You should worry more about the rage and hatred I have for whoever killed her."

"..."

"Well, then. I will be leaving. Let's not meet again."

Rudy teleported near his house and waited for Rebecca to walk in. After waiting for a few minutes, Rebecca entered the house and closed the door.

Rudy waited for a few seconds before going in as it could become suspicious.

When he entered the house, he saw Rebecca entering her room.

'No, you won't!'

Rudy immediately rushed towards Rebecca's room as there were chances that she would never open the door again until night. And then he wouldn't get a chance to talk to her.

"Wait a minute," he said.

Rebecca turned around after hearing Rudy's voice and rushed into the room. She grabbed the door and tried to close it, but Rudy managed to overpower her effortlessly and entered the room after her.

"What do you think you are doing?!" Rebecca yelled. "Barging into my room like—"

She stopped when she saw the serious look on Rudy's face.

"We need to talk."

"No, we don't." Rebecca walked out of the room and acted like normal, but she was hiding her embarrassment behind her straight face.

Rudy followed her while saying, "Mom. Come on, you know what I am..."

While Rudy was speaking calmly, Rebecca suddenly started running.

"..."

"Alright. If that's how you want to play." Rudy chased after Rebecca in the house, but of course, she ran at normal speed.

"Stop chasing me!" she hissed.

"Then stop running!"

Rebecca first went to the kitchen and ran around the dining table before rushing towards the living room. Rudy could have easily grabbed her if he wanted to, but he wanted Rebecca to stop at her own will. Otherwise, she wouldn't listen to him.

After running around for a few minutes, Rebecca had gotten tired, and her speed decreased.

"Stop chasing me!" she yelled.

Rebecca tilted her head to the side to look at Rudy without paying attention to her front. She tripped on the carpet and fell flat on the floor, or she would have had Rudy not grabbed her and taken the damage.

There were too many new things in the house, and while they were arranged properly, it was still risky if someone fell down and hit their head.

Rudy swiftly grabbed Rebecca and carefully dogged all the things before falling to the ground with Rebecca on top of him.

THUD!

Rebecca's body was pressed against Rudy, and instead of pain, he felt pleasure. They both looked into each other's eyes before realizing their current situation.

Rebecca's breasts were completely squeezed by Rudy's hands, and their faces touched each other. Rebecca's lips were so close to Rudy's lips that if she moved even a little, she would end up kissing him.

Of course, Rebecca's face flushed red like never before. It was natural, after all, she was in such a humiliating state that she couldn't even escape.

However, Rudy also felt embarrassed. He gulped down nervously and looked into Rebecca's eyes.

'What the fuck is going on!' he yelled inwardly.

Rudy knew Rebecca wouldn't be able to move for obvious reasons, so the only option was for him to move. However, since Rebecca was on top of him, he couldn't move.

His hands were squeezing Rebecca's breasts, and with every little movement, his grip was getting tighter as he was also grabbing Rebecca's body from there. If he let go of them, she would fall on him, and they would end up kissing in the most awkward way possible.

'What should I do?' he asked himself. 'If I try to move, mom will fall on me, and even if I don't, she will fall on me. And my hands are... so soft...! No! No! Rudy! What are you doing?! You need to do

something, but what?! Even if I try to push her on the side, I will have to push her by squeezing her breasts harder.'

At that time, Rudy had forgotten that he was an esper with any power possible. If he wanted, he would have moved Rebecca even without touching her. But alas, he was enjoying the life of a teenager.

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Chapter 383: Lucky Pervert Moment

"Uhh..." Rudy opened his mouth to say something, but he had no idea what to say.

'Oh shit! My little brother has awakened! I have to do something before mom notices!'

"Just push me to the side!" Rebecca whispered violently.

"Okay..."

Rudy squeezed Rebecca's breasts for a few seconds as he pushed her to the side.

Rebecca instantly sat up and covered her chest with her hands.

'He squeezed them so hard!'

Rudy also sat up and smiled awkwardly at Rebecca.

"..." Rebecca glared at Rudy and said, "This wouldn't have happened if you hadn't chased me!"

Rudy was tired of hearing that. He was already stressed enough since Rebecca had been ignoring him, and they hadn't talked ever since he returned from the vampire world.

"If you hadn't run, nothing would have happened. Why are you ignoring me?" he asked in a frustrated tone.

Rebecca averted her gaze and said, "I am not... ignoring you..."

"No shit! You have been avoiding me since that... happened."

"..."

"I even tried to talk to you, but you still avoided me and found an excuse to ignore me," he added.

"Well..."

"And just now, when I tried to talk to you, you started running away from me. What were you going to do next? Never come home if I am inside?" he asked with a judging look on his face. "Oh, my bad. You were already doing that."

"I wasn't!" Rebecca finally broke her silence and looked into Rudy's eyes. "You suddenly dashed into my room, so I was scared."

"Scared?" Rudy couldn't believe what he had just heard. "Why were you scared of me? I am your son."

He asked with a puzzled look on his face.

"I..."

SIGH!

"Listen. You were the one who said you slipped and it was an accident. So why are you avoiding me? You are just making it more awkward than it has to be," Rudy said in a calm voice while smiling gently at Rebecca.

"You are right. Maybe I was overreacting."

Rudy decided to go along with Rebecca's lie if it meant their relationship would become normal again.

"So... everything good now?" Rudy asked to confirm.

Rebecca nodded and said, "Yes."

"You won't avoid or ignore me now, right?"

"Yes."

"Good."

"Also, I have decided to let you have some freedom," Rebecca suddenly uttered.

"Hmm?"

"You are a teenager, and you have your needs. I don't want you to think that I am being an annoying mother. So from now onwards, I won't ask you anything. You can go out and hang out with anyone you want. You can enjoy your life. I won't stop you.

But please, don't get into trouble. You are the only one I have left in my life, and without you, there would be no meaning in my existence. I am alive, so I could raise you and be your mother.

I know I haven't given you the attention and love you needed. If you ever felt like I was neglecting you in any way, then I apologize for that. I have tried my best to become a mother, but there might have been shortcomings here and there, but I don't you don't hold it against me."

Rebecca uttered with a wry smile on her face.

"No. I have never ever thought that. You are the best mother. You have done so much for me that I can't even repay you even if I try to. You are my... my life. Everything I do, I do it for you."

When Rudy mentioned Rebecca was ignoring and avoiding him, she felt a sting in her heart. She was trying to do the exact opposite of that, but it backfired. She was simply embarrassed, as one would have guessed already. But her way was wrong.

Rebecca got up and patted her clothes before looking and smiling at Rudy. She moved her hand towards him to help him stand up and said, "Get up."

Rudy was about to get up, but he noticed his little brother was still awake, and if he got up in that state, the bulge would be visible in his pants.

Rudy and Rebecca had just sorted things out, and if she saw Rudy having a boner after touching her body, things could get messy again.

"Uhh... you go. I will get up in a while."

"Come on. Why would you want to sit there? Sit on the couch instead."

"No, I am fine."

"Rudy~" Rebecca grabbed Rudy's hand and pulled him up.

"Wait—"

Rudy could easily break free of Rebecca's grip, but he didn't want to force it. Rebecca almost made him stand up, but Rudy pulled his hand back and ended up pulling Rebecca to him.

"Hey—!"

Rebecca once again fell on top of Rudy in the exact same way. She was on top of him, and his hands were on her breasts.

"...!"

However, one thing was different this time. Instead of their lips leaving a minute distance between them, they touched each other. And they were not just touching, they had collided and mixed.

Their lips had become one, and their tongues were inside each other's mouths. It was a perfect kiss.

However, it wasn't an accident. If Rudy had let Rebecca fall on him, their lips would have surely met, and they would have kissed, but their teeth would have slammed into each other, and it would have become bloody.

So Rudy used a negligible amount of telekinesis and stopped that from happening. Sure, he could have also stopped the kiss, but he didn't for some reason.

'What's wrong with me?! Why am I having a 'lucky pervert' incident with my own mother?! I know what I did was wrong but still... dammit! Her breasts are so soft, and her lips are so juicy! Oh, Lord! I am going to hell for doing this to my own mother! I cannot believe I have fallen so low!'

Even after feeling so guilty, deep down, Rudy wanted to have a proper kiss with Rebecca once again.

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Chapter 384: A Forbidden Relationship

Rebecca and Rudy kissed for a long minute which seemed like an eternity for both of them. Even if it was an accidental kiss, their lips were touching, and their tongues were in each other's mouths.

However, Rudy wanted an actual kiss. So he used the opportunity to move Rebecca to the side by squeezing her breasts a little. And as he had planned, Rebecca's attention was diverted from the kiss to the feeling of her breasts.

Rudy moved his head up a little as though he was trying to get up and gave a proper kiss to Rebecca this time without making it look intentional.

However, Rudy didn't get to enjoy that feeling for long.

Rebecca moved to the side on her own as this time, she didn't have to worry about accidentally kissing Rudy since they had already kissed.

Rebecca moved herself to the farthest side of the room and covered her mouth with one hand and her chest with another.

'Oh shit!'

After all that he had been through, they finally managed to return to normal. And now, they were back to square one.

"Mom, that was an accident..."

"I know."

"So... you are not going to avoid me again... right?"

"..." Rebecca stared at Rudy without saying anything.

"Right?"

"This is not normal..."

"Okay. That was my fault. If I had just gotten up, you wouldn't have—"

"No. It was my fault. I should have guessed that."

"Hmm?" Rudy raised his brow in confusion and wondered, 'What is she talking about?'

It was then that Rudy noticed Rebecca's gaze. She was looking at the bulge on his crotch.

'Wait. What did she say again?'

'This is not normal. I should have guessed that.' Rudy recalled Rebecca's recent words.

'Well, this is awkward.'

"What's going on here?" Lucy suddenly asked.

Rudy and Rebecca turned to Lucy, who had just come out of the bathroom.

"Nothing..." Rebecca replied.

"Then why are you two on the floor like this?"

"We were just looking for something," Rebecca answered.

As Lucy had just come out of the bathroom, her hair was still wet, and her body was dripping.

She was wearing a thin dress, seemingly, she was going to wear actual clothes after drying herself. She had a towel with her, which she was using to wipe her hair. Still, her wet body and thin cloth were making her body somewhat visible.

When Rebecca noticed Rudy was staring at Lucy, she furrowed her brows and got up.

"Lucy, go to my room and change your clothes first," she said while pushing Lucy to her room with her.

"Mom!" Rudy called out to Rebecca to confirm whether they were on good terms again or not.

Rebecca moved her head to the side and looked at Rudy from the corner of her eyes.

"..."

She didn't say anything, but she smiled with a flushed face before entering the room and coming out a few seconds later.

"I will take a bath and sleep," she said to no one while walking toward the bathroom, but Rudy was the only one present in the living room.

"..."

Rudy went to his room and sat on the bed. She held his head in his hands and let out a weary sigh before gazing at his little brother.

"I can't... believe it. What's wrong with me? And why did I..." Rudy shook his head and muttered, "That was going to happen anyway. I didn't do it. It was an accident."

Rudy wanted to convince himself that whatever happened, it wasn't his doing.

After a few seconds, Angelica came out of his body and said, "Maybe it was your doing."

"Oh, you are awake now?"

"No. I was woken up by the urge of emotions around you. But it seems it's a different kind of emotion," she commented with a judging look on her face.

"Go back to sleep if you are going to make fun of me."

"I am not. I am genuinely curious as to what happened?"

"You... didn't see?"

"No. I just woke up and saw you staring at your pp."

"I..." Rudy looked at his hand and recalled the feeling of Rebecca's breasts. "I kissed mom..."

"What?!" she exclaimed with an excited look on her face.

Rudy shook his head in disbelief and said, "At least try to hide your excitement, you pervert."

"Now is not the time for that! Tell me all the details. Who kissed who, and how did it happen?" she asked with a resolute expression on her face.

"Well..."

Rudy told her everything and let out a short sigh in the end.

"I don't know what has come over me. I... just felt like kissing her and doing.. stuff to her..."

"So you are admitting that you lust after her, right?"

Rudy nodded without saying anything.

"Finally! It took you so long to realize it!"

"What do you mean...? I just started to see her as a woman after she kissed me that day..."

"Yeah? You were pretty possessive of her even before that too."

"That's a different thing. I was just worried about her as a son. She is my everything, and if she ever got even a scratch, I will obliterate the reason."

"And that is not normal."

Rudy looked at Angelica and uttered, "If I am the Lord, then she is my Lady."

"I get it. Okay? You are making me jealous!"

"Why are you jealous? She is my mother."

"But now you admitted that you lust after her, so you no longer see her as your mother, right?"

"I... don't know..." Rudy lowered his gaze and said, "I might distance myself from her to avoid having these kinds of feelings towards her."

"You idiot! You are doing the exact opposite of what you are supposed to do!" Angelica remarked.

"What? Do you want me to make more moves on her?" he asked with a soft scoff.

"Yes. Go seduce her and add her to your harem."

"Do you even know what you are saying?" Rudy rolled his eyes and uttered, "She is my mother, dammit."

Angelica shrugged her shoulders and said, "And what does it matter?"

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Chapter 385: Confronting Rudy

"What do you mean by what does it matter?" Rudy raised his brow and said, "She is my mother. And I am her son. Don't you see how wrong and immoral it is?"

"Immoral? How exactly?"

"Come on. You are not seriously asking that, right? It's wrong on so many levels."

"Okay. Listen. You love her, right?"

"Well... yes..."

"You love her romantically, right?"

"Yeah."

"You love her as a woman, right?"

"Yes!"

"And you want to kiss her?"

"Hmm."

"And you want to fuck her?"

"I... imagined that..."

"Ehe~" Angelica licked her lips seductively and said, "Legally, it's questionable. Morally, it's disgusting. But personally, I like it~"

"That's because you are a pervert and a degenerate."

"Oh, my~" Angelica squirmed and said, "Don't praise me too much. You will make me blush."

"..." Rudy facepalmed himself and muttered, "I shouldn't have told you anything. I know you will make fun of me."

"I am not. Seriously. And I always expected something like this to happen. You might not have realized, but you had a thing for her, but I couldn't dare to say that."

"Nyxia said the same thing..." Rudy recalled. "Did I truly look at mom... like that?"

"Not as intense, but yes," Angelica nodded.

"Wow... so... what should I do?"

"Why are you asking me? And I already told you. Add her to your harem."

"No way..."

"Why? Are you afraid of something? Or is there anything that stops you from doing that?"

"Obviously."

"Who? Is it Joe? What can he do?"

"No. Not him. It's..."

"Oh, are you worried about what the world might think?"

"Not exactly."

"Since when did you start caring about what the world thinks? Perhaps, you are afraid of getting judged by the other harem members?" Angelica asked with a curious look on her face.

"Yeah. But I am more worried about what mom would think. We are finally on talking terms again, and if I try something funny... I am scared of being hated by her."

Rudy lay down on the bed and said, "I would rather have a normal relationship with her and stay with her for the rest of my life than try to make a move on her and get hated."

"You are the Lord. You are the harem Lord. Come on. You can make any girl fall for you. Why are you so afraid?"

"Well, the girl in question is my mother, and you don't know her well. But I will try to... make moves on her."

"How about you go now?" Angelica suggested with an innocent face.

"No. She is taking a bath right now."

"Then that's a golden opportunity! Dash inside and play dumb like you always do. Say 'I didn't know anyone was in there' or something."

"She mentioned in front of me that she is going to take a bath. That won't work. And just let her rest. I will think of plans later when I decide. It's still wrong."

Rudy touched his lips and sniffed his hands as he said, "Her lips were so juicy, and her boobs were so soft. She smelled nice too, and it was... otherworldly! I can't describe how excited I was!"

Angelica nodded and patted Rudy while saying, "You have finally become a man of culture. I am so proud of you."

"..."

"But you are still Mommy's Boy," she added with a grin.

Rudy sighed and said, "I don't think I can deny that now."

"Judging by what you told me. Are you sure it was an accident?" Angelica asked with a knowing look on her face.

"What do you mean?"

"Your powers allow you to do anything you want. Perhaps, deep down, you wished for something like that to happen, and it happened," Angelica shrugged.

"That's not how my powers worked. For example, currently, I am wishing for the night, so I can go and gamble. But there will be night when the time comes. You can't say my powers did that. That was supposed to happen, so it happened."

"I know. But even if something happens, it doesn't just happen. It gets triggered by something. And that was your power. They triggered this incident."

"By that logic, it means that the gambling I won was because I wanted to win, and my powers helped me win," Rudy remarked.

"Super luck."

"I do not exactly deny your theory. It might be possible, but there is no solid proof. Still, I will experiment with this and confirm it," Rudy nodded in agreement.

"I go back to sleep." Angelica entered Rudy's body and said, 'Keep our emotions in control.'

Rudy sat at his desk and began doing the homework that Rize had given to all the students. When he was halfway through, he received a message from Alice asking about the same.

But instead of replying, he video called her.

[Hey....] Alice said, but her screen, or rather the camera, switched to the rear camera.

"Switch your camera. I can't see you."

[No...]

"Why not?"

[I look weird on video calls. The quality is not that good, and everything looks horrible. My nose looks big, and the--]

"Change it."

[Fine~!] Alice groaned.

Alice switched her camera to the front while saying, [Don't laugh.]

"Oh, come on. You look so pretty."

[What were you doing?]

"Nothing. Reading Rize's love letter," Rudy replied with a short scoff.

[Huh?]

"I am talking about the homework."

[Oh! I just finished it a few minutes ago.]

"How about you send me the answers so I can save my time?"

[No. Do it for yourself. But if you are having a problem solving the equations, you can let me know. I will help you.]

"To be honest, even if I don't do the homework, I don't think Rize would do anything to me."

[Oh, she will. She will punish you with all her heart's content.]

"That's a great idea!" Rudy suddenly exclaimed.

[What is...?] Confusion was visible on her face.

"I just have to get on Rize's nerves, so she punishes me!"

Alice had to take a minute to understand what Rudy was saying. She was worried something might have changed him in the vampire world, and he became a masochist.

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Chapter 386: Will You Go Out With Me?

"At school, I can't be alone with Rize for obvious reasons, and I can't meet her outside of school. So the only way to spend time alone with her is at school when she punishes me!"

[Are you seriously planning something like that?]

"I am thinking of it."

[I doubt that would work, but okay. You do you.]

"Thanks for the well wishes."

Alice grinned and hung up the call.

SIGH!

Rudy finished the rest of the homework and took a nice nap until it was afternoon. He felt refreshed and energetic as his mind had become free and lighter.

"Rudy, can you come here?" Lucy called Rudy.

He went downstairs in a hurry, only to find Lucy waiting for him in the living room. She had a calm yet nervous look on her face as though she was anxious about whatever she wanted to say or do to Rudy.

At the same time, Rebecca walked out of her room with lazy steps and half-open eyes. Seemingly, she was still sleepy but woke up for something.

She rubbed her eyes and walked into the kitchen to grab a water bottle from the refrigerator and began drinking from it without using a glass.

"What's wrong?" Rudy asked Lucy with a confused look on his face.

Lucy looked into Rudy's eyes and bit her lower lip from the side before asking, "Will you go out with me?"

SPAT!

"..."

Rudy and Lucy turned to Rebecca, who had spat the water she was drinking.

COUGH! COUGH!

She stared at Lucy with a baffled look on her face without saying anything.

"You were saying something?" Rudy asked Lucy.

"Yeah." Lucy nodded and said, "I want you to go out with me."

"Where do you want to go?"

"To the next city. I just got a call from the vet, and they told me that I can come to get my cat."

"Oh? A cat?" Rudy raised his brow with a knowing look on his face and asked, "What's its name?"

"Her name is Freya."

"That's a nice name."

"If you two are planning to go out, make sure to return before the evening," Rebecca said to them.

"Of course."

Rebecca then returned to her room after saying, "And don't forget to lock the doors."

Rudy turned to Lucy and said, "I will get my phone from my room. You should also do something if you want; like pee, or you know."

"Just go."

A minute later, Rudy returned and saw Lucy already waiting for him outside. He locked the door and looked up at the sky with a confused look on his face.

"What's wrong? Do you think it's going to rain soon?" Lucy asked curiously.

"I don't think so."

"But the weather forecast said it will rain today after around 7 PM, so as long as we return before that, we will be okay."

"I told you it's not going to rain."

Rudy glanced around and asked, "So how are we going? We will have to walk outside the town to get on a bus. There are no buses here around this time."

"Let's walk then," Lucy shrugged. "I also wanted to see this town, so it would be the best opportunity."

Rudy and Lucy walked and walked. He initially planned to take the shortest route, but after seeing the cheerful look on Lucy's face, he changed his mind and decided to take a long route to show her around.

'I forgot when was the last time I had seen her smiling. Whenever she came to visit me in the hospital, she wore sunglasses to hide her tears. I feel happy to be able to walk and talk with her like this.'

Lucy caught Rudy staring and smiling at her and made some distance between them.

"Is everything okay?" she asked with a judging look on her face.

"Yeah. We are almost at the—" Rudy suddenly stopped and glanced at the sky again.

Lucy raised her brow in confusion and asked, "Are you sure everything is okay? You have been looking at the sky, again and again, every ten seconds."

"Yeah..." Rudy increased his walking pace, so Lucy had to walk faster too.

'I don't want to say it's just my imagination, but I feel like we are being watched. Am I being too cautious? Even after using my see-through ability, I cannot see anyone, and I don't sense anything either.'

After walking for a while, they reached the pick-up point and waited for the bus to arrive.

"When will the bus arrive?" Lucy asked impatiently.

"Maybe in five minutes." Rudy glanced at Lucy from the corner of his eye and asked, "You seem to be in a hurry to meet Freya again."

"Of course. I love my cat."

'Lucy also had a cat in my past life. But she didn't adopt it until two months after moving to my house. But in this timeline, she already has a cat, and even her name is the same. I have compared many things from this timeline to my past life, and most of the things have matched, including the events that have and are about to happen.

The only anomaly is Lucy and Joe. First, mom remarried earlier than she did in my past life. And now the cat. Of course, some things are bound to change since it's a parallel world. But why only this? The apocalypse obviously is the main reason and the difference between this world and the other.'

Lucy suddenly nudged her elbow to Rudy and pointed her gaze at the bus that was arriving in their direction.

"Is this the bus? Is it going to the next city?!"

"Yes."

The bus stopped at the pick-up point, and they both got in with several others who were waiting for the bus to arrive.

However, much to their shock, the bus was packed, and only one seat was empty, which was soon taken by the old lady.

Lucy puffed her cheeks and glared softly at Rudy with teary eyes.

"What?"

"I was tired after walking the entire town, and now I have to stand on the bus too?"

"Maybe someone will get up on the next stop, and we will get a seat."

"But there are many others who are also waiting for that opportunity."

"Don't worry. Your brother will surely get you a seat soon."

"Step." Lucy squinted her eyes at Rudy and said, "You are my stepbrother."

Battle for the seat!

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Chapter 387: Crowded Bus

Rudy and Lucy were standing on a crowded bus, waiting for someone to get off so they could get a seat to sit. But they weren't the only ones thinking that.

Rudy cleared his mind and sharpened his senses to use telepathy and read the minds of the people on the bus to figure out who was going to get off at the next stop. So he could stand right beside the seat.

However, more than fifty people were on the bus, and Rudy was hearing all of their thoughts simultaneously. He couldn't pinpoint the thoughts of a person even if he understood them.

Of course, not all of them were thinking about where they would get off, so that wasn't the best ability to use at that time.

SIGH!

Rudy immediately activated his see-through ability and inspected everyone's body to look for their tickets and see their destination, but he stopped after a few seconds as it was useless.

'Why should I bother doing all this when I can simply use my other powers when someone gets off?' he uttered inwardly.

The bus was going at a stable speed, and as it was a highway, there was no real traffic, so everyone standing on the bus was steady.

Rudy and Lucy were facing each other, but Rudy was taller than her, and whenever he looked down at Lucy, he could see a bit of her cleavage.

'Dammit!' Rudy was wishing for someone to get off from the bottom of his heart.

'I could have just used teleportation or flew there with her! But should I tell her about my powers?'

Rudy was still unsure whether he should tell Lucy about his powers or keep it a secret. He still didn't know the good and the bad of telling her.

Of course, he trusted Lucy and knew she wouldn't tell anyone about this, but was there a need to tell her?

Absolutely!

However, he was waiting for a chance. He couldn't just tell her out of a sudden.

Rudy was familiar with Lucy and everything related to her, but Lucy wasn't. They had only started talking yesterday, and she didn't know anything about him.

Before telling her, he first wanted their relationship to get better and become a brother and sister. He didn't want to freak her out, which could possibly result in her getting scared of him.

Rudy looked out of the window at the sky and furrowed his brow.

'I might need to sweep the sky once I return from this outing,' Rudy uttered inwardly.

The bus suddenly pressed a break, and everyone standing on the bus collided and were slammed into each other. But Rudy stood still on his spot.

Lucy was slammed into Rudy, and her body was rubbing against him.

'Oh, come on! Why is this happening today?! All the events so far are the lucky pervert moments that usually happen to the main protagonist of a story. But I am no protagonist!

I don't have plot armor to save me whenever I am in danger! Wait... do I even need one? I make my own plot armor using my powers!

Even though he thought about all that, he enjoyed the few seconds when Lucy's body touched him.

'Angelica has corrupted me! I should go to a church to cleanse my mind!'

Even though he was well aware that the reason behind Angelica's perviness was none other than himself, he blamed her for no reason. If he truly visited a church, he would corrupt the nuns too.

After a few seconds, the bus' speed decreased and eventually stopped at a pick-up point.

Rudy glanced around the bus to spot anyone moving, but no one got off. Instead, a few passengers got in, and the bus became more crowded.

Rudy was pushed from behind, and they were pushed by the ones behind them. Now, Rudy and Lucy's body was more than touching. He could feel every part of Lucy's body touching him. Especially the two big mountains with two peaks.

He hoped someone would get off at the next spot, but that didn't happen. Even after five more pick-up points, the passengers only increased instead of decreasing.

Rudy and Lucy were getting crushed against each other from all sides.

'I am sure Lucy feels uncomfortable as hell! But she hasn't said anything yet. She must be so disgusted that she is not even—'

Rudy stopped talking to himself when he accidentally read Lucy's mind.

'Uhh... let's pretend I never heard that.'

Rudy and Lucy had to stand the entire ride on the bus as no one got off at any of the pick-up points. However, when they got off at their stop, most of the passengers got off with them.

"..."

"...."

Rudy glanced at Lucy from the corner of his eyes and saw her pouting at nothing. She was annoyed and frustrated, but at the same time, her cheeks looked flushed.

'I am sure as hell I didn't want to experience what happened on the bus. Yet, it still happened. If Angelica's theory was true, then my powers would have made someone get off, and we would have gotten seats.'

"Let's go to the vet. Which way is it?" he asked calmly.

"It's near the market. But can we go to a pet shop first?"

"Sure. What do you want to buy? Cat food?"

"Yes," she nodded and said, "And a collar for her. She has a habit of sneaking out."

"I see. Let's get going then."

'The same as in my past life...'

They crossed the street and made their way to a pet shop that was having a discount sale as it was the shop's third anniversary. So Lucy decided to buy as much food as she could while staying within her budget.

Then, they went to the collar section to get a collar.

Lucy turned to Rudy and asked, "Which one should I get? There are too many of them."

"Don't ask me."

Lucy smiled from the corner of her lips and said, "How about you try the collars on me?"

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Chapter 388: Pet Shop

"What?"

Lucy leaned forward and said, "I said try the collars on me and tell me which one do you like the best."

"Why? It's not even my cat. And why would I try on you? You are a human, and the cat is a... well, cat. It doesn't make sense."

"I know it's my cat, and that's why I am asking you to try the collars on me so I can know which collar feels like what."

"...."

Rudy wasn't convinced by her answer and simply stared at her in response.

"If you don't want to do it, then it's okay." Lucy shrugged her shoulders and said, "If you don't want to try on me, then I will try on you."

"Wait, what?" Rudy raised his brow and said, "I will try on you."

Lucy grinned and pointed her gaze at the different kinds of collars on the counter.

"Go ahead and try it."

"..."

SIGH!

Rudy grabbed a red collar and tied it around Lucy's neck.

"How do you feel?" he asked.

"Hmm. I don't really know. Let's try more."

He tried five more collars and asked her how it felt. And Lucy's answer was the same as before:

"Let's try more."

It seemed as though she was enjoying that.

After trying two more collars, Rudy grabbed the last collar and said, "You better choose one of them."

He tied the last collar around Lucy's neck and locked it.

"Hmm~" Lucy hummed in amusement and said, "This one feels better. It also has an adjustable lock and grip so I can loosen and tighten it when in need or when Freya's grows more."

Rudy squinted his eyes with a judging look on his face and asked, "The other collars have the same functions. So why did you not select them?"

"Uhh... I like the grayish color of this collar," Lucy responded awkwardly.

"Oh? There were two other collars with the same color too."

"I... like how this collar feels."

Rudy gave up and let out a weary sigh.

"Let's take it off now."

Rudy unlocked the collar and took it off, or he wanted to, but it was stuck and wasn't getting off.

"..."

"What's wrong?"

"It's not getting off. It's stuck."

"Stuck...?" Lucy's face suddenly flushed after uttering the word 'stuck'.

"Can you turn around? I can't see where it's stuck."

"Okay."

Lucy turned around and lifted her hair in a ponytail.

"....!"

No man could resist a glance at a girl's slender nape, and Rudy was one of them.

Rudy inspected the collar and noticed that it was still locked even though he had already unlocked it.

'I am not cut out for this delicate stuff. If I try to force it, it will break into two.'

Rudy felt something between his legs, so he looked down and saw a dog was rubbing its head on his leg.

"...."

"I am so sorry for my dog. Please don't—"

Rudy recognized the voice in an instant. He turned around and saw John looking at him with a baffled look on his face.

"What's with you? Wherever I go, you are there. Are you following me or something?" Rudy asked with a judging look on his face.

"Of course not! I am a regular customer here!"

"Right."

John looked past Rudy's shoulder and saw them around her neck.

"...." He pondered for a few seconds while staring at Rudy and suddenly took out his communication device.

Rudy grabbed his hand as his face twitched.

"What do you think you are doing?"

"You are clearly involved in some illegal activity."

"I am not. Seriously, how did you become a cop?" Rudy sighed. "I was just testing out collars on her."

"Why would you even need a collar for a girl? If you are into this kind of stuff, then go to an adult shop. Leave the pet shop alone," he remarked.

"You are misunderstanding something. This girl is my sister."

"Uhh..." John looked back and forth at Rudy and Lucy and said, "You sure don't look like one."

"Obviously." Lucy hugged Rudy's arm and said, "I am his step-sister."

'Step sister and a collar... This guy has weird kinks...'

"Rudy, take it off now," Lucy said to him.

"Ah, yeah. It's stuck, but let me try."

"Oh. This collar has this issue," John interjected. "I had the same one for my dog, but the lock is faulty, and it was annoying to struggle every time, so I got another one for him."

"If it's faulty, then why are they still selling it?" Rudy sighed and turned to Lucy to say, "It seems this collar is a bad choice. Select another one."

"I will suggest the one I have for my dog. It's super soft and light," John quipped.

Rudy ignored him and tried to take off the collar from Lucy's neck, but it wasn't budging.

John stepped forward and said, "Let me help. I have dealt with that collar for three months, so I am kind of used to it."

Rudy furrowed his brows and said, "No thanks. It's almost off."

Rudy forcefully ripped the collar from Lucy's neck and said, "See?"

"...."

"You... just ripped it. And how did you even do it? Even my dog couldn't damage it after chewing on its belt all day."

"Hmm? What are you talking about?" Rudy asked with an oblivious look on his face. "I just unlocked it. I didn't rip it."

"No, I heard the sound of it ripping."

Rudy showed the collar to John and said, "See?"

John carefully inspected the collar with a confused look on his face and muttered, "But I..."

Of course, Rudy had ripped the collar forcefully, but he restored it the next second.

Rudy turned to the man at the counter and pointed his finger at the collar John's dog was wearing.

"Give me a similar collar with the name Freya on it." He turned to Lucy and asked, "What else do you need on the collar?"

"Only the name. We can add a tag or a sticker later."

"Okay."

"It will take around ten minutes for the name. You can walk around the market if you want," the man at the counter said.

"Hmm. How far is the vet?" Rudy asked Lucy.

"Uhh... around a five minutes walk?"

"Then let's go there in the meantime."

"Okay."

'I am looking forward to meeting Freya again. She hated my guts and snarled at me whenever I went near her.'

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Chapter 389: Seeking Rudy's Help

Rudy and Lucy left the shop, but John came running after them and called out Rudy's name.

"Rudy!"

SIGH!

Rudy turned around and asked, "What?"

"Can I talk to you?"

"Go ahead."

"It's a confidential talk."

"..." Rudy nodded at Lucy and said, "Wait for me for a minute."

Rudy hurriedly walked to John and asked, "What is it?"

"It's about the bank incident."

"..."

Rudy had already expected what John was going to say.

"Those bombs weren't fake. They were real."

"No way! I had no idea!" Rudy exclaimed, but of course, he was acting.

"You put hundreds of lives in danger. Do you have any idea how severe the punishment would be?" John asserted in a solemn voice.

"A week in jail?"

"You can go in for life imprisonment."

The bombs didn't explode, though."

"That doesn't matter. What matter is that hundreds of innocents would have died that day if the bombs had exploded!"

"Keyword- If." Rudy quoted. "And hey, if the bombs had exploded, you, me, and everyone in the bank would have died. No one would have ever known they died because of my assumption."

Of course, the bombs would have done nothing to Rudy. And he said it arrogantly because he wanted to sound like one. He would never risk anyone's life if he didn't have everything in control.

"So what now? Are you going to arrest me and put me in prison till the day I die?" he asked jokingly.

"Don't forget that I did your job that day and solved the case effortlessly, while you guys would have taken months, if not years, to solve that case."

Rudy's words were indeed true. By the time the cops arrived, the van had escaped, and the unconscious robbers were caught. Not to mention, it was Rudy who knocked them out. If he hadn't done anything or if he wasn't at the bank that day, the robbers would have successfully managed to steal all the money and gold from the bank.

There were also high chances that even after stealing everything, they would have triggered the bomb and collapsed the building, killing everyone inside and around it.

"The robbers wouldn't have told you the name of the mastermind. You wouldn't have caught the guard or the manager. Nothing would have been solved, and the criminals would have been roaming freely in the world," Rudy stated.

"Don't worry. I am not going to arrest you. I reported to the higher-ups that the bombs were indeed fake. I destroyed all the evidence and got rid of the bombs too. So you are safe," John reassured Rudy, although he didn't need reassurance.

"So, did you call me to inform me?"

"No, actually. I need your help," John asked in a calm voice.

"With what?"

"Ryan, the bank manager. We interrogated him once he was released from the hospital, but he is not talking."

"Where is he now?"

"In custody at the police department."

"And what do you want me to do?"

"Help us interrogate him."

"Why? Isn't it your job? And am I even allowed there?"

"You are the only one who can get him to talk. And yes, I have acquired permission from the head chief."

"Why do you just... you know..." Rudy showed his fist to John and said, "Just beat him up real good, and he will start speaking. Don't you cops always do that?"

"No, we don't. And Ryan is the guy who was ready to blow himself up with the building. We even gave him a lawyer, but he said he doesn't need one. It's almost like he doesn't care what happens to him. I don't think beating someone who doesn't care about himself would help us gain intel," John stated.

SIGH!

Rudy sighed while glancing at Lucy and said, "I will drop by there if I have time."

John gave a card to Rudy and said, "This is the date. Be there."

Rudy looked at the date and said, "Yeah, not happening. I can't come on that day."

It was the same day as the full moon, and there was no way Rudy would choose someone or something else over his girls.

"Can't you at least have some free time on that day? An hour will do."

"No means no. If you really want me to come, then postpone it to the later week after the mentioned date. Otherwise, I am not coming."

"You will just be wasting time. The robbers might commit another robbery."

"That won't happen. Only two of their gang members are left. And even if they have or get more members, they won't just go into a random bank and rob it. They will first make a plan, and planning takes time, a lot of time."

Rudy turned around after saying, "I will leave now."

"There is my contact information on the card. Call me if you somehow become free on that day."

"That won't happen."

Rudy rushed to Lucy and stopped in front of her.

"Let's go."

"Hmm."

They walked to the vet, but Rudy's attention was on the sky.

'I no longer feel like we are being watched. It stopped after we got off the bus, to be exact.'

After walking for a while, they reached the vet.

Lucy handed a receipt to the receptionist and said, "My dad has already paid for the treatment."

"Ah, yes. Mister Joe called us this morning. You can go in and talk with the staff. They will give you the cat."

"Thank you."

Rudy and Lucy walked in, and they were greeted by puppies cuddling their legs.

"Aw~ They are so cute~!" Lucy grabbed one of the puppies and said, "I wanna buy them."

"Let's not. Mom is allergic to dogs."

"I know."

Lucy placed the puppy back and walked further in.

"Excuse me. I am here to get my Cat. her name is Freya."

"Please wait a minute. We were bathing her, so she is currently getting dried."

"...."

A minute later, a staff member came with a beautiful white Persian cat. She had different eye colors, with her right eye being blue and left being red.

Rudy and Freya locked eyes and stared at each other without blinking.

'She seems so spoiled as ever....'

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The employee handed Freya to Lucy and said, "She is all good. But please bring her for a check-up every two weeks, or at least once a month."

"Sure."

Rudy and Lucy left the vet and made their way to the pet shop to get the collar for Freya.

Fortunately, it was already named, so they paid for it and the food they had bought and left in a hurry as the last bus was arriving soon.

They reached the pick-up point soon and waited for the bus.

"Why don't you sit on the bench while you can?" Rudy commented.

"Hmm?"

"Well, there are chances that we won't get a seat this time either since this is a rush hour and the transports are usually crowded by this time," Rudy stated.

"No way! I am not standing again! My legs are so tired! They are going to hurt a lot tomorrow when I wake up! How will I go to school then?"

"I can carry you if you want," Rudy said jokingly.

"I will trust you on that," Lucy responded.

"..."

Lucy sat on the bench and glanced at Rudy without saying a word. Seemingly, she wanted him to sit beside her.

Rudy wasn't tired, but he decided to sit and enjoy the nice view of the cloudy sky.

"I told you it was going to rain soon," Lucy commented.

"It won't."

"How can you be so sure?! I know that the weather forecast is not always accurate, but come on. The sky is so cloudy, and the wind is so... windy."

"I am sure because I know it won't happen."

"Whatever!" Lucy puffed her cheeks and muttered, "Hmph!"

"..."

A few seconds later, she glanced at Rudy from the corner of her eye and said, "If it rains, you will have to do one thing, as I say."

"..."

"And what if it does?" Rudy asked curiously.

"Then I will give you a candy."

"Oi! Make it fair."

"Fine~ I will also do one thing as you say."

"Are you sure about this?" Rudy asked with a knowing look on his face.

"Yes. Because I know it will rain."

Rudy smirked from the corner of his lips and inwardly uttered, 'Now, I must make sure it doesn't rain.'

Rudy glanced at Freya and found her glaring at him.

'Of course, she doesn't like me.'

"Want to hold her?"

"No."

"Wow. You refused instantly. Were you just waiting for me to ask that?" she commented with a judging look on her face.

"No. But it's a normal question any pet owner would ask."

"Do you not like cats?"

"It's not that. I am just... not good with them..."

"Aww~ So you are afraid of them?"

"No..."

"Then try holding her. She is calm and nice, and she likes everyone."

'I know. But she didn't like me in the least! Whenever I tried to hold or pat her, she scratched my hands.'

Lucy pointed her finger at her lap and said, "Go ahead and pick her up."

'I don't think she can scratch me this time even if she tries, so there is no harm.'

Rudy slowly moved his hand to Freya and held her in his arms. Surprisingly, she did nothing to Rudy, but the glare in her eyes stayed unfazed.

"What now?" he asked Lucy.

"Nothing. Play with her, I guess?"

Rudy squeezed Freya's face and changed her expression, but the glare didn't change.

After a while, the bus arrived, and they quickly got on the bus. However, there was only one empty seat. Fortunately, no one got on the bus with them, so the seat was safe.

But, now, one of them had to sit, and one had to stand. Of course, Rudy was going to let Lucy sit as she was tired.

"Go sit," he said while pointing his gaze at the empty seat.

"What about you?"

"I will stand. Maybe someone will get up at the next stop."

"Or they will get on, and the crowd will increase," she commented.

Lucy agreed to sit on the seat, but she couldn't watch Rudy stand, so she got up and whispered, "How about you sit on the seat, and I sit on you?"

"What?"

"That way, we both can sit."

Rudy wasn't up for it, but he didn't care, so he sat on the empty seat and let Lucy sit on his lap. However, he soon regretted his action after his little brother woke up from a slumber.

Rudy thought Lucy would simply sit on the edge of his lap, but she was sitting on top of him, quite literally. Her hips were perfectly aligned with Rudy's crotch.

'Yeah. Something is surely up. One after another, such events keep happening. I honestly don't mind it, but come on. Why with my mother and sister?'

The bus they were riding was old, shaking up and down a lot, especially on the back seat where Rudy and Lucy were sitting.

The more time passed, the more Lucy's body moved up and down and stimulated Rudy's body with a feeling he was familiar with. Still, he kept his calm and tried his best to make his little brother fall asleep again.

However, it was impossible.

'I know I said this line like a dozen times today already. But this is bad. Like really, really bad! If this keeps on going, my dick will eventually rise and poke her ass. And if she notices that, it would be hella awkward.'

'Should ask her to stand up? But I already know she won't.'

A few minutes later, Rudy's little brother had completely woken up, and it began to poke Lucy's butt.

"..."

A few seconds later, the bus picked up the speed, and it began to shake more, resulting in his snake and Lucy's butt interacting with each other again and again.

It didn't take a while for Lucy to notice, and she tilted her head back from the side to look at Rudy with a knowing look in her eyes.

'Uh oh! I know that look in her eyes.'