

## Esper 431

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#### Chapter 431: Absolute Vision Impairment

'What's going on? I still can't see anything.' Rudy wondered. 'Could it be that my brain can't process so much information? I should reset the ability for now.'

Rudy blinked a couple of times, but his vision never returned.

"..."

"Rudy! Your eyes are bleeding!"

Rudy immediately used the restoration ability on himself, but it had already been more than one minute since he had become blind, so the repair didn't fix anything.

"The bleeding stopped, but your eyes have no colors," Angelica informed in an anxious voice.

'Calm down, Rudy. Think about it with a clear mind. I was worried about my brain handling too much information, but I forgot about my eyes, which captures that said information.'

This was a mistake. I have become blind. But there should be a way to fix this. I have all the powers... right. There is a way. It's my body, so I can control it however I want.'

Rudy had a super regeneration ability that could heal and regenerate each and every part of the body.

'Angelica, what's Maria doing?' Rudy asked Angelica via telepathy.

"She is busy with her phone."

'They gave us a few glasses of red juice earlier. Are they still there? I only drank two.'

"Yes. Two glasses are filled."

'Alright. I want you to spill them on me somehow.'

"How?"

'Wait for my signal.'

Rudy nudged Maria and said, "Can you pass me the glass of juice?"

"Sure."

"Give me two, so I don't have to disturb you again."

Maria got up and grabbed two glasses of red juice.

'Now, Angelica.'

Just as Maria was about to hand the glasses to Rudy, Angelica made Maria spill the juice on Rudy's head.

'Nice!'

"I am so sorry!"

Rudy's hair, face, and clothes were covered with red juice, so he used that opportunity to gouge out his eyes from his eye sockets and crushed them in his fist before burning them into ashes.

Then, his super regeneration ability began growing new eyes, but the process was taking time, so he boosted the time of his body.

However, that also boosted the growth of his hair and nail, but since he was wearing a hoodie over his head, no one could notice.

All that happened within three seconds while Maria was looking for a towel to wipe Rudy's hair and face.

"..." He slowly opened his eyes and sighed in relief as he was able to see everything again.

'I am glad that worked.'

When Rudy looked at Angelica, he found her covered in red juice, but that's not what he was surprised about. His eyes widened when he saw her crying; Angelica had seen everything.

He wiped her tears and said, "I am fine."

The staff brought a towel and gave it to Maria so she could wipe Rudy.

"I am so sorry!"

"Hey, it wasn't your fault. My hand touched your hand, so it's my fault. Don't worry about it."

"The staff brought new clothes for you. Go with them to the changing room. I will wait for you."

"Thank you."

After changing his clothes, Rudy looked at his reflection in the mirror and muttered, "That was reckless."

"Did it hurt when you plucked your eyes out?" Angelica asked hesitantly.

"Well... yeah."

"But what made your eyes bleed?"

"Let's say I tried to use a new ability I wasn't familiar with. And my eyes couldn't handle it. But it's strange..."

"What is...?"

"Usually, when my body reaches its limit, it gives me a warning. Like when I use too much of my power, my head starts aching. But my eyes never gave me any sign or warning."

"Perhaps because it was your first time?"

"No. My body knows what's happening and acts according to it. It's like a self-defense mechanism of my body that even I can't control. Remember the time in the forest when we were about to have sex for the first time?"

Apparently, Jane had attacked with a deadly curse, but my body protected me. But that didn't happen when Jane sucked my blood for the first time. If my body had strengthened at that time, Jane's fangs would have broken into pieces.

There are other times, too, but you get what I mean."

"Say..." Angelica hugged Rudy and muttered, "Are you sure your power is protecting you?"

"What do you mean?"

"Just now, when your eyes started bleeding, your right eye had turned into a rainbow color with a lot of stars in it. While your left eye had become pitch black like an abyss.

What if your powers are not protecting you or your body, but it's protecting itself?" Angelica asked in a low voice.

"That's... possible..." Rudy mumbled. "If something happens to me, my powers will disappear too. But that will never happen as long as I have this power. And hey, my powers have helped me so much. It changed my life, quite literally."

"Yeah."

"For now, I have to think of a plan to expose Kate and Leo."

"Hmm?"

"Oh, right. I didn't tell you. They both are cheating."

"Is that so? But the security is super tight. How did they manage to cheat?"

"That's the reason I was testing my vision ability." After a brief pause, Rudy exhaled softly and said, "The cards are marked with an invisible liquid that can only be seen through a colored lens."

"I understand that you can see the liquid on the cards, but how do you know Leo is wearing lenses?" Angelica asked curiously.

"When Maria showed me the underworld ranking, I looked at Leo's profile. His eyes are mentioned brown, but his eyes are currently blue. So it's obvious that he is wearing some special lenses," Rudy shrugged.

Angelica kissed Rudy on the lips and said, "That's the smart Rudy I love."

"What do you mean? I am always smart," he said with a confident face.

"How is Kate cheating?"

"She has a small chip behind her ears covered under her skin. It's probably one of the futuristic gadgets sold in the underworld."

"So, what's your plan now?"

"I don't care who wins this match. I am going to win the next one with a bang! And I have already hacked into Kate's chip and marked it. So I can know her location." He smirked and cracked his fingers as

he said, "Once this tournament ends, I am going to track her down to get some information about the supplier."

Rudy heard the crowd cheering out loud and screaming Leo's name.

"Guess he won. I can't wait to destroy him financially, mentally, and socially."

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#### **Chapter 432: Asserting Dominance**

'`It's not cheating if you aren't caught. Cheating is fine as long as no one catches you.' Those are the words of a coward. It's not even about morals or ideals, it's about the undeniable thing.

Those who cheat are worthless and useless. I am not saying that; they themselves are proving that. I mean, why would one want to cheat? To win, obviously.

However, why do they need to cheat to win? Doesn't that mean they have no confidence in themselves that they would never win unless they cheat? Do they have no pride in themselves?

Even I am confident in myself. If I wasn't, my super luck wouldn't be working. When I say I don't want to cheat, I don't mean I am a good guy who doesn't want to do those things; I say it because I don't need to cheat. It's not about 'justice to your opponent' kind of shit, I just think they are worthless and useless pieces of shit.'

After changing his clothes, Rudy went to the stage and requested the dealer to start the finale right away, and they did.

Angelica had fallen asleep inside Rudy after they had a quickie in the changing room.

"What game would you like to play?" the dealer asked Rudy.

Rudy shrugged his shoulders and said, "I don't care about the game because I know I am going to win."

Rudy purposely made himself sound arrogant as he wanted to get on Leo's nerves. But that wasn't the only reason.

So far, in all the matches, Rudy had never selected a game, and he always let his opponent choose. That was his first step to asserting dominance over the opponent, and it had somehow become his signature move in the eyes of his fans.

"You said it!" Leo scoffed out loud and uttered, "I was waiting for you to say that!"

Leo turned to the dealer and said, "I want to play the same game we played."

'Heh. Stooooopid! You just dug your own game. Now see how I destroy you,' Rudy scoffed softly.

The dealer turned to Rudy and asked, "Are you okay with the card guessing game?"

"Of course. I am quite confident about my memory."

"Alright then. How much will you be betting?"

"Ask Mister Leo first."

"I know I am going to win, so I bet fifty million dollars!" Leo shouted at the top of his lungs so everyone could hear even though there were mics on the table and the stages.

'Right of the bat, huh? I have a little more than sixty-six million dollars, but I don't want to bet all of them,' Rudy uttered inwardly.

"I bet sixty million dollars."

"Ahahaha! You seriously don't get it, do you?" Leo slammed his card on the table and said, "Why do you think I am top #4 in the underworld ranking?!"

"I am not quite sure," Rudy said calmly. "I only pay attention to the top 3. Sorry."

Kill the enemy with kindness— that was something Rudy always wanted to try.

"You..." Leo clenched his fist and thought, 'I checked his ranking after he won the last match. He doesn't have more than sixty-five million dollars. If I bet more than that, I will automatically win!'

Leo tapped on his card and said, "I increased my betting amount to one hundred million dollars."

"Whoa! One hundred million?!" The crowd began to make noise.

"Even the winning amount of this tournament is fifty million, and he is betting one hundred million in a game?!"

"You idiot. Why do you think Leo is in the top 4? He doesn't fear anything. And no one can beat him in this game. He has already won this match!"

"But he is up against the 'Mad Gamber', you know? He shot up in the underworld ranking like crazy. And didn't you see his match with Roid?"

"Yeah, that was a bone-chilling game. I still can't believe he beat Roid."

"Come to think of it, isn't Leo doing the same thing Rudy did in his match with Roid?" someone asked.

"Now that you mention it... yes. He increased his betting amount more than the winning amount, just like Rudy did in his match with Roid."

"What's going on? Is Leo copying Rudy?"

"No, you asshole. Leo is at the top. He doesn't need to copy. I think Rudy copied Leo."

"What the fuck? That makes no sense."

'You worthless piece of shit...' Leo uttered inwardly as he heard someone comparing him with Rudy. 'Your opinion doesn't matter. What matters is my fame and money. It doesn't matter how I win. As long as I win, I don't care what people think of me. And everyone knows that no one looks at a loser.'

Once I beat this arrogant outsider, I will rise even more in the underworld ranking and become top 3. I have finally come so close to achieving my dream. I just have to win this tournament, and then I will enter the top 3!

Leo snickered at Rudy and said, "What will you do now?"

Rudy pondered for a while and took out the black card.

'This card...! He used it in his match with Roid too! But I couldn't see it clearly!' Leo's eyes widened when he saw 'Ross' written on the card.

"Call," Rudy said calmly.

The dealer called two staff members who helped her arrange the cards on the table.

"Wait a minute..." Rudy grabbed one of the cards and smirked at Leo before looking at the dealer. "Don't you think the cards should now be changed?"

"If you want that, then sure." The dealer clapped her hands, and another staff member brought a plate with various decks on cards.

Rudy glanced at Leo and smirked at him from the corner of his lips to let him know that he was aware of his trick.

Fear— that was something all the living beings had experienced. But no one would want to experience it again. However, they would have no choice or control over it, and they would encounter various fears throughout their lives.

Rudy just let Leo taste a bit of fear. Now, Leo was aware that Rudy knew he was cheating. Leo was going to play this match in fear that Rudy would expose him and destroy his career as a gambler.

Rudy had done what he had said. He had won the match even before it began.

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#### **Chapter 433: Fearless Mad Gambler**

Once the dealer had placed fifty pairs of cards on the table, she gave one minute to memorize the placement of the cards. Once one minute had ended, the dealer and the two staff flipped the cards.

The dealer raised her hand and declared, "The final match of the 69th Underworld Tournament between Rudy Ross and Leo Lusher with the betting amount of one hundred million dollar beg—"

"Wait a minute," Rudy interrupted the dealer. However, he did that on purpose. He waited for her to finish declaring and then interjected at the last second.

But he didn't do it to mess with the dealer, he let her announce the match because he wanted everyone's attention on the game.

"What is it, Rudy Ross?"

"Don't you think this game is a little boring?"

"Hmm?"

"Hey, hey! If you think you can change the game after all this, you are wrong!" Leo yelled.

"Oh, no. I don't plan to change the game," Rudy said calmly. "But I want to add a rule, can I?"

"Of course, you can't!" Leo retorted.

"I did not ask you, Mister Leo loser."

"It's Lusher!"

Rudy turned to the dealer and asked, "Is it possible?"

"Well, the match didn't officially start, so you can. But it's not guaranteed that your rule will be agreed by the board of the Underworld Committee."

'It doesn't actually matter if it gets accepted or not. I have won, regardless. But why was Leo opposing the idea? I already gave enough hints to him that I am onto him. He can't be that dumb. Could it be that he has another cheating card?' Rudy wondered.

How about we play blindfolded," Rudy suggested.

"What?!" Leo exclaimed.

"Please explain," the dealer nodded.

"It's simple. You blindfold the player who is flipping the card."

"But that would make this game extremely hard."

"Oh, come on!" Rudy spread his arms in the air and turned to the audience before shouting, "This is the finale of the Underworld Tournament! Shouldn't it be hard?!"

"Yeah!"

"He is right!"

"Yeah!"

"Do it!"

"I don't care, but okay!"

"That's a crazy idea!"

The audience began to make loud noises in Rudy's favor.

"See?" Rudy shrugged his shoulders at Leo and the dealer. "Everyone agrees. What does the 'Underworld Board Committee' (UBC) say?"

The dealer placed her finger on the earbud she was wearing in her left ear.

A few seconds later, she nodded and said, "The UBS approves."

"Wait a minute!" Leo slammed his hands on the table and yelled, "This is ridiculous!"

"How?"

"That's a stupid rule!"

"You can add a rule too if you want."

Leo clenched his fists and gritted his teeth while glaring furiously at Rudy.

"Shall we start now?"

The dealer once again raised her hand and declared, "The final match of the 69th Underworld Tournament between Rudy Ross and Leo Lusher with the betting amount of one hundred million dollars begins!"

The high-beat music started again, and the crowd began cheering. However, to everyone's surprise, most of them were cheering Rudy's name.

'I already destroyed you mentally and socially. And now you will destroy yourself financially,' Rudy smirked inwardly.

Rudy's blindfolding rule won the heart of most of the audience. The game was selected by Leo but overwhelmed by Rudy.

That night Rudy gained yet another title in the underworld— Fearless Mad Gambler.

The leader took out a coin and said, "The winner will go first."

"Heads for me," Rudy uttered.

Without waiting for Leo's reply, the dealer flipped the coin in the air and caught it when it fell down.

"It's head."

'Oh, come on. I don't need luck here. I wanted to lose the coin so Leo could have the first round. Well, I can fix that.'

A staff member wrapped a thick and black blindfold around Rudy's eyes.

'I will get it wrong on the first try to make this match more interesting and impactful.'

Rudy flipped two random cards, but he got the pair right.

'Are you fucking kidding me?!' Rudy took a deep breath and inwardly uttered, 'Calm down, Rudy. Think about thighs; Jane's thighs. They were so soft and rubbery.'

'I have a good memory, and I know where most of the pairs are, So all I have to do is flip the wrong cards on purpose.'

Rudy flipped one card that he knew and flipped another random that he was sure wasn't a pair.

"Boo!" the audience booed.

'Looks like I got it wrong.'

Rudy took off the blindfold and said, "Damn, it's hard."

The dealer raised her brow and looked at Rudy with an amused expression on her face.

'What's with that face?'

Now, it was Leo's turn.

'Let's see, what else does he have up his sleeve,' Rudy uttered inwardly.

Leo flipped two cards and got the pair right. Then, he flipped two more and got them right too. Then another, and another.

'Once can be a coincidence, two can also be a coincidence, three two. But there is no way he can get four pairs right. He is undoubtedly cheating, but how?

I already got a new deck of cards, so that invisible liquid is no more. I even got him blindfolded, so he shouldn't be able to see. So how exactly is he cheating?'

Rudy used infrared vision and saw Leo's eyes were shining under the blindfold.

'Oh! I see! Those are not some ordinary lenses! They are also futuristic lenses, and they recorded everything Leo saw. He must have captured the picture of the cards before they were flipped.

Damn. This level of cheating is honestly pitiable. This guy seems so desperate to win, what the fuck! Well, that makes me even more excited to destroy him!'

Rudy covered his mouth to hold his snickering and used electrification to disable the lenses. Now, they were no different than ordinary lenses.

Just as Rudy had expected, Leo got the next pair wrong.

"Leo is ahead of Rudy by three points. The current score is Leo- 4. Rudy- 1."

Rudy cracked his neck and muttered, "Guess what's going to happen now?"

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#### **Chapter 434: Flipping Cards || Breaking Tables**

"It's your turn now, Rudy Ross," the dealer said calmly.

"I know."

Rudy was once again blindfolded by the staff.

'Hmm~ Let's see. There are a total of fifty pairs. I only remember 42 of them, out of which Leo flipped four of them. So I now have 38 pairs to flip, but Leo and I both got one wrong, so discarding that, I only know 36 pairs. Alright, I know what to do.'

One by one, Rudy flipped the cards in pairs and got them right. The colosseum was dead silent as Rudy flipped the cards. Even the other matches in the colosseum were stopped because of how intense Rudy and Leo's match seemed.

FLIP! FLIP!

The card flipping sound rang and echoed around.

With every correct pair, the expression on the spectators' faces changed. And just like that, Rudy flipped thirty-five pairs right and got the thirty-sixth pair wrong on purpose.

"Whoo!"

"Let's go!"

"That was amazing!"

"I need that kind of memory!"

Even the ones who booed earlier had started celebrating Rudy's feat.

Rudy took off the blindfold and said, "That was so nerve-wracking."

Of course, he was only acting to provoke Leo.

"Rudy's turn has ended. His score in the last round was 35, and his total score is 36. Leo's score is 4. Seven cards remain unflipped."

"...!" Leo gritted his teeth and clenched them on the table.

'How?! How did he get so many pairs, right?! He is cheating! I am sure of it! Could it be that he is wearing the same type of lenses as me? Yeah, that has to be it. Mine stopped working for some reason!

I have already lost this round. Even if I get all the remaining pairs right, I will still lose! Dammit! I even bet one hundred million dollars! Dammit! Dammit!

He glared furiously at Rudy and thought, 'I hate this guy. I am going to destroy him! But how?! If I lose this game, I will lose everything. I will fall in the Underworld ranking and never climb back!

This son of a bitch defeated me in my own game! I will never forget this humiliation! If I am going down, then I will take him down with me!

Leo slammed his hands on the table, which caused some cards to fall down.

"What is the meaning of this, Leo Lusher?" the dealer asked. "Just because you have lost doesn't mean you can do such inappropriate things."

Leo pointed his finger at Rudy and yelled, "This guy is cheating!"

That was enough for the spectators to go wild. It didn't take them time to switch their opinions on Rudy even though Leo hadn't provided any proof.

Rudy stared dumbfounded at Leo and thought, 'This guy.... did exactly what I expected!'

Everything was according to Rudy's plan. If he had pointed out that Leo was cheating after the match ended, he would have been questioned as to why he didn't tell them sooner.

So he wanted Leo to accuse him of cheating so he could use that opportunity to turn the tables once again.

The dealer glanced at Rudy and asked, "What is the meaning of this? Is he telling the truth?"

"Come on, Miss dealer, you truly don't believe him, right?" Rudy shrugged his hands and said, "He is just being a sore Lusher... oh, I mean, sore loser."

"You son of a bitch!" Leo yelled, "There is no way—"

Rudy was leaning on the table, but when Leo cursed him after Rebecca, he lost control of his power and ended up breaking the table into various parts.

"...." The noise was so loud that everyone present in the colosseum stopped breathing for a second.

'You are dead, you piece of shit!' Rudy uttered inwardly with an empty glare at Leo.

"I would appreciate it if you don't destroy our property," the dealer remarked. "You will be fined for that."

"That wasn't me." Rudy raised his hands in the air and said, "Don't you remember he slammed his hands on the table a minute ago? he must have cracked it. I didn't even move a finger."

"Putting all that aside..." the dealer turned to Leo and asked, "Do you have any proof that he is cheating?"

"I do." Leo pointed his finger at Rudy's face and said, "He is wearing lenses!"

'Got you, dumbass!' Rudy smirked. 'Even if I had pointed out that he was cheating and no one had asked any questions, they would have still asked why and how I knew that. I already had excuses planned in case Leo hadn't accused me, so it didn't really matter how my plan worked.'

"Lenses?" The dealer contacted the UBC and they sent a few men and devices for the body check-up.

They arrived shortly after and checked Rudy, but nothing was caught.

"He is clear," they said to the dealer.

"What?!" Leo exclaimed and gulped down anxiously. "How is that possible?! He must be cheating somehow!"

Leo pointed his finger at Maria and said, "Check this bitch too. This whore must be helping him out somehow!"

'Yeah, you are dead, buddy. I might have forgiven one offense, but twice means slice. But don't worry, you won't be missed.'

They checked Maria too, but she was also clear.

"Nothing."

"By the way, Miss dealer." Rudy smiled forcefully to hide his anger and said, "Checking only me and Maria is not fair. You should check this looser too."

"No—!" Leo tried to run away, but he was caught by the guard. They grabbed him back on the stage and performed a check-up.

BEEP~ BEEP~ BEEP~!

"No!"

They took out Leo's lenses and said, "He was cheating."

"You are wrong!" Leo shouted. "These are my contact lenses!"

"Contact lenses don't beep."

The dealer talked with the UBC for a few seconds and grabbed the mic to announce something.

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#### **Chapter 435: Span of Seconds**

[The UBC has decided to disqualify Leo Lusher from this and the upcoming gambling tournaments. The amount he won today will be deducted from him, and he will be removed from the underworld ranking.]

"No! Anything but that!" Leo bellowed.

[Not only that, he will be kicked out of the underworld, and his citizenship of the underworld will be taken from him.]

"No!"

[Moreover, his gambling license has also been disparaged, and he won't be allowed to enter any casinos, even in the outside world.]

"No way! What am I going to do then?!"

[He will also have to pay five hundred million dollars as a fine.]

"I don't have that much money!"

[From now onwards, Leo Lusher is no longer a gambler.]

Rudy had done what he had promised to do. He had destroyed Leo mentally, socially, and financially.

[Now to the following announcement!] The dealer signaled Rudy to stand beside her.

Rudy walked to the dealer, but he walked past her and took Maria with her to stand with him.

"You are my partner," he said to Maria.

[The 69th Underworld Gambling Tournaments ends here! Rudy Ross has won the grand prize of fifty million dollars. And of course, the betting amount, one hundred million dollars from the last match!]

"Yeah!"

"I knew he would win!"

Everyone celebrated Rudy's victory and Leo's demise.

'Damn, the UBC just destroyed Leo. Now I don't feel like killing him. I thought he would just be disqualified and live the rest of his life as he has been living, but he got stripped from everything.

He got the punishment of suffering, and if I kill him, I will end his suffering. I don't want that. He will most likely be homeless now. If not, he still has five hundred million dollars to pay to UBC. I am actually curious what will happen to him now.

Keeping that aside, let's see what my ranking is now.'

The Underworld ranking list appeared on the big screen. After Rudy won the tournament, his fame points and fan numbers increased immensely.

Since Leo was banned from the ranking, most of his fans became Rudy's fans, and he gained even more popularity. He turned the haters into fans with his fantastic feat.

His ranking jumped from #7 to #5.

Rudy nudged Maria, who was standing beside him and then pointed his gaze at her breasts.

"Get them ready."

[The UBC has one more announcement to make,] the dealer said. [They have granted the underworld citizenship to Rudy Ross!]

"Wow... now that was not in my plan..." Rudy muttered.

After that announcement, Rudy's underworld ranking increased even more, and he became #4.

Underworld Ranking- Name- Fame Points/ Fan numbers/ Worth.

- 1) Hiem Lu Bela- 876,468,569/ 87,287,633/ 8,293,847,569
- 2) Kart Mashelle- 472,231,141/ 29,742,211/ 5,111,486,322
- 3) Raimi Dickson- 151,142,178/ 17,922,133/ 1,222,345,685
- 4) Rudy Ross- 699,696,969/ 61,473,600/ 216,300,000

'Hmm~ Now I want more. Leo was at #4 with four hundred million dollars, but now he is kicked out. Still, the difference is too much. I will need a billion to rank up.

The underworld ranking is an average of three factors; fame, fans, and money. Fame is obviously the 'hot/trending' topic where they discuss something related to me in the underworld community. Fan numbers are... well, fan numbers. A fan can't be another gambler's fan, so the fan numbers are individual fans. I can't control the first two factors... actually, I can by hacking, but I am too lazy to do that.

What I can do is increase my worth. Which is decided by the amount of money I have won in gambling so far. That's why Rusher, Ruby, or Maria's name wasn't on top. Most of the money the Ross Syndicate have is from old times.

I want to increase my worth, which can be done through gambling. But it's hard to make that much money in such a short time.'

Rudy pondered for a while and tapped on the dealer's shoulders.

"Don't touch me," the dealer said and made the distance between them.

"Ouch." Rudy sighed and said, "I want the mic."

The dealer handed the mic to Rudy, and he used his power to increase the output volume of the speakers. He wanted the entire city to listen to what he had to say.

"Listen to me, my brothers and sisters, young and old, ladies and gentlemen. I have a challenge for you all, and anyone can participate in this.

The challenge is simple: I am betting I will win the VIP underworld tournament too and enter the VVIP underworld tournament that many dream of but can't achieve.

However, no one knows the future. Anything can happen; I may lose in the first round of the next tournament. But I want you all to bet on me. If I make it, whatever amount you bet on me will be mine. But if I don't make it, I will give you a hundred times more than that.

If you bet one dollar on me, I will give you one hundred dollars in return if I fail the challenge. If you bet one million on me, I will give you one hundred million dollars. If you bet one billion on me, I will give you one hundred billion dollars if I fail the challenge!"

"Do you even have that much money?" someone asked.

"I don't. But..." Rudy pointed his gaze at Maria and said, "She does. I am a member of the Ross Syndicate, and you know better that they are the wealthiest syndicate in the underworld. This is your chance to make big money without doing anything. However, don't blame me if I complete the challenge."

Everyone took out their phones and began betting on the event organized by Rudy. His worth increased drastically, and he ranked up.

2) Rudy Ross- 819,696,969/ 83,473,600/ 7,216,300,000

Rudy made seven billion dollars in a span of a mere 3 seconds. His fame points and fan numbers also increased, and he ranked up to #2 in the entire underworld.

Suddenly, the content on the screen changed, and a live broadcast played. It was dark, but a shadow of a person could be seen sitting on a chair.

[Rudy Ross, my name is Heim Lu Bela, and you have caught my attention.]

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#### **Chapter 436: Engagement**

[You have caught my attention, Rudy Ross.]

"Well, well, if it isn't the number one. Why are you hiding in the shadows? Too shy to show your face to everyone?" Rudy said jokingly.

[You want to see my face?]

"Isn't that obvious? If you want to talk to me, you have to show your face. How do I know that it is really the Heim Lu Bela."

[You may have a point, but I have no reason to do as you say. And you have no choice but to listen to me.]

"Why is that? Because you are number one, and I will soon take your spot?" Rudy wondered with a calm and curious look on his face.

[I am Heim Lu Bela, the head of the Underworld Board Committee.]

"Oh... so you are the top of the top in the entire underworld?"

[You may assume that, yes.]

"I see."

[It seems you little missy didn't tell you about this, hmm Maria?]

Maria frowned her face and said, "You won't stay on top for long now."

[Oh, please, I would be more than happy if someone were to take my spot. It's too exhausting. And thanks to that, I couldn't even participate in this gambling tournament.]

"Does that mean I won't get a chance to gamble with you?" Rudy asked calmly.

[You want to gamble with me, hah?! It has been years since someone even asked me to gamble with them.]

'Seriously? So her ranking hasn't increased for years, and she was still at the top?!'

[But if you truly want to gamble with me, let's meet in the VVIP tournament, shall we? I will wait for you in the finale.]

"Sounds good." Rudy nodded and said, "But can you show your face now?"

[...]

"..."

SIGH!

[What will I get in return?]

"Umm..." Rudy checked his pockets and took out something. "I will give you this toffee."

[...]

Everyone turned silent and thought Rudy was asking for a death wish.

"It's tasty, you know?"

[What flavor is it?]

"Strawberry?"

[I don't like—]

"But I also have others. Mango, orange, apple, pineapple, banana. You can have them all."

[Very well, then.]

The screen suddenly turned bright, but the camera lost focus. But it was fixed a few seconds later, and a person was seen sitting on a throne next to a window.

'She just folded the curtains...' Rudy glanced at Maria and looked at the screen once again. 'Yup, she looks exactly like she was in the photo.'

[Are you happy now, Rudy Ross?]

"If you don't mind me asking, are you a male or a female?"

[What do you think I am?]

"It's hard to tell, but if you are female, then... my condolences," Rudy said while glancing at Hiem Lu Bela's chest.

[Hah! Who do you want me to be?]

"Hmm~" Rudy hummed in wonder and said, "Girl, perhaps."

[And why is that?]

"You are too beautiful to be a man. And if you are, then I will lose my confidence as a man," Rudy scoffed softly.

[Don't say that, you are handsome enough.]

"I am honored."

Maria nudged her elbow to Rudy and shot a glare at him before saying, "Are you seriously flirting with her in front of me?"

[It seems your little missy is getting jealous.]

"She is my fiance."

[Oh? I didn't know you had a serious relationship with her.]

"I am always serious about everything. My words are my commitment, so I need to work up to it," he said calmly.

[When exactly did you get engaged to her?]

"Tonight... after we go home."

[Then she is not your fiance currently, am I right?]

"And?"

[Nothing. I just felt like correcting you.] She smiled slightly and said, [You see, people often tend to sigh in relief before the problem is solved. You cannot guess the side of the coin unless it stops spinning.]

"..." Rudy chuckled softly while nodding and said, "I will keep that in mind."

However, the coin you speak of has only one side, so I don't need to guess anything." Rudy shrugged his shoulders and said, "I already know the answer."

[...]

Rudy unwrapped the toffee and ate it. Then, twisted the wrapper and turned it into a ring shape.

[...]

He held Maria's hand in his hand and smiled gently at her before asking, "Maria, would you like to be my wife?"

[....!]

Once again, everyone in the colosseum had turned silent.

"I..." Maria's face flushed as she glanced around in confusion.

"Hmm?"

"I..."

"Before you answer, I want to tell you something." He moved his face close to her ears and whispered, "I have been hiding this from you, but I had no intention to hide it. I was going to tell you once everything is settled down, but I don't want you to feel I betrayed you or I was playing with your heart."

"..."

"I am not a regular human, and I have superpowers. I will explain all that later, but what I want to tell you is... I have a harem."

"....!"

"You know what harem means, right?"

Maria nodded in response.

"Now it's up to you to decide. I won't force you to make any decisions. Even if you turn me down, we can still stay as close friends, and nothing will change. And, of course, I will try my best to convince you to join my harem."

"I..."

"If you are unsure and need time to think about it, feel free to turn me down."

Rudy pretended to whisper into Maria's ears; however, he wasn't. He couldn't risk the mics catching his voice, so he used telepathy to share his voice using mind reading as he was already touching her.

After pondering for a while and asking, "Will anything change in our relationship?"

Rudy shook his head and said, "Absolutely, nothing."

Maria inserted her finger in the wrapper and said, "I would love to be with you."

Rudy glanced at the screen with a grin on his face and asked, "Can I sigh in relief now?"

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**Chapter 437: Exhilarating Challenge**

Heim Lu Bela stared at Rudy with a penetrating glare in her eyes. It almost seemed like the screen was about to shatter, and Heim Lu Bela was going to jump out.

Rudy ignored that and kissed Maria on the lips in front of the crowd, which wasn't an ordinary kiss. He kissed her passionately using his tongue and gave her the toffee he was chewing.

After the kiss, Maria chewed onto the coffee with a dazed expression on her flushed face.

Rudy once again turned to the screen and said, "This makes everything official, right?"

[....]

"I wouldn't mind marrying her right here and now. If you can arrange a priest or a court official, that is," he said calmly.

[Rudy Ross, do you realize what you have done?] Heim Lu Bela asked with a glare in her eyes.

"Yes?"

[That toffee was mine.]

"But you said you don't like the strawberry flavor."

Rudy took out the toffee of all the flavors from his pocket and handed it to the dealer.

[Why did you give her?]

Rudy smiled slightly with a knowing look on his face and uttered, "You know better."

[....]

'I am glad I picked up some toffees from the basket changing room. I don't know who they belong to, but oh well.'

Rudy had supersense, supervision, and electrification. The moment Heim Lu Bela made her appearance on the screen, Rudy hacked into the system and found her location. She was in the room above the stage.

He used his supervision on electrification when Heim Lu Bela hadn't revealed herself. And he saw her sucking on a lollipop. Therefore, he offered her a toffee to reveal herself as he knew that she wouldn't turn him down.

[Rudy Ross, you are undoubtedly a formidable man. I look forward to our match,] she said with a slightly furious look on her face.

Rudy made a 'peace' sign with his fingers and said, "Same."

[The 69th Underworld Tournament concludes here!] Heim Lu Bela announced.

SIGH!

Rudy turned to the dealer and handed her to the mic.

"..."

After that, Rudy and Maria waited for the crowd to leave. But they walked off the stage and blended in with the crowd.

That was a perfect situation for Rudy to teleport, but he had to make sure no one else was touching him.

'I got into the crowd as no one would have noticed if I had teleported with Maria. But everyone is touching me in the crowd.'

Rudy used telekinesis to make some empty space around him and teleported instantly.

"...!"

Maria glanced around in confusion and said, "What happened?!"

"I told you, right?"

"That's your power?!" Maria exclaimed. "I thought you meant like power power..." she said while showing her fist.

"I don't blame you for thinking that. But for now, shall we get into our car? The driver must be bored as hell waiting for the tournament to end," he said jokingly.

"Yeah."

"I would have teleported us directly to Ross Estate, but I want to tell you everything in the car as I may not get a chance at your estate."

They both got into the car, and Rudy began to tell her everything. However, Maria got confused, so Rudy showed her everything by sharing his memory.

Meanwhile, the colosseum had become empty, with not a single soul around, except the dealer who was standing on the stage with a mic and toffees in her hands.

She was looking at the toffees with a curious look on her face.

"Don't eat them, Kim," a voice said as he got louder with the sound of footsteps.

It was Heim Lu Bela.

"I don't plan to anger you, Heim Lu Bela." Kim handed the toffees to Heim Lu Bela and asked, "Why did Rudy Ross give them to me?"

"I wonder why...." Heim Lu Bela took the toffees and muttered, "He couldn't have known, right?"

"I don't know. He seemed mysterious to me. It was as though he was hiding so many things even after revealing most of the secrets," Kim uttered.

"That's what a person with planning does. He knew everything. It can't be a coincidence that all these things happened at once. He had everything planned and knew what he had to do and say."

"Do you think he also knew that you would make your appearance?" Kim asked curiously.

"I have no idea." Heim Lu Bela sighed and muttered, "You know I hate overthinking."

"So him giving me the toffees was a coincidence?"

"It might have been. Perhaps he didn't know who else to give it to, or maybe because you were standing close to him. However, I think he knows who you are." Heim Lu Bela took out a lollipop from her pocket and said, "What do you think, Kim?"

Kim knelt down before Heim Lu Bela and said, "Perhaps... Master."

"Oh, come on. Don't call me that. You are the only one allowed to call me Bella, and I like when you call me that," Bella groaned.

"I cannot dare to call you that, Master."

Bella squinted her eyes and said, "Alright then. I will ignore you unless and until you call me Bella."

"But—"

Bella shut Kim up by stuffing the lollipop in her mouth. Then, she looked at the toffees and raised her brows.

"Kim... these are my toffees..."

"Yes," Kim nodded. "Rudy Ross gave them to you."

"No. They are mine. I forgot my toffee box somewhere, and these are the toffees." Bella frowned her face and said, "Rudy Ross.... you played me. I seriously can't wait for our match."

"..."

After unwrapping them, Bella ate all the toffees at once and said, "I will show you what it means to be the top gambler of the underworld."

On the other side, Rudy had finished showing everything to Maria.

"I... don't know what to say..." she muttered.

"You don't have to say anything. I just showed you everything so you can learn more about me." He kissed Maria on the lips and continued, "I look forward to knowing more about you."

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#### **Chapter 438: Back To Estate**

Maria leaned on Rudy's shoulder and closed her eyes.

"I am feeling sleepy after all that."

"What about my reward?"

"You will have it after the next tournament."

Rudy raised his brow and said, "That's going to cost you interest."

"Hmm?"

"You will have to suck me too," he said with a straight face.

Maria opened her eyes and looked up at Rudy with a judging look on her face.

"What's with that look?"

"You are a pervert," she said in a low voice.

"Uhh... I will take that as a compliment. Thank you."

Maria rested her head on Rudy and muttered, "I was not a compliment."

After a few seconds of silence, Rudy asked, "Are you not going to ask anything about my harem?"

"Hmm."

"Is that a yes or no?"

"Hmm."

"..."

"To be honest, I kind of expected something like that," she said.

"Hmm?" He copied Maria.

"When I asked you about your relationships, you said it was complicated. I thought about it all night and came to various conclusions, but I wasn't sure which one was the real one.

I hate to admit that you having multiple lovers did cross my mind when I was about to fall asleep. Then, I had a dream after I drifted to sleep. In that dream, we got married, and you introduced me to your family.

And... then you introduced me to your other lovers. I was honestly shocked and woke up from my sleep. I... couldn't decide whether that dream was a nightmare or not.

After that, when we met in the VIP casino tournament, I was curious about your relationships, but I never got a chance— nor did I have the courage— to ask you."

"Is that why you asked me to play the 'gamble of life' with you?"

Maria nodded and said, "I am not angry or sad after knowing about your relationships. I was the one who was imposing myself on you. I first forced you to gamble with me, then I forced you to become friends with me, and now a lover. If anything, I am the one you should be angry at."

Rudy lowered his gaze and smiled slightly before muttering, "You are too innocent."

Maria fell asleep after that and didn't wake up until the estate arrived. Rudy carried her in his arms and took her into the estate. However, he was stopped by the guards at the gate.

"Uhh... what?"

"Master Rusher has asked us to stop you at the gate," the guard stated.

SIGH!

'Rusher's match had ended a way before my semi-final match started, so it's no surprise that he got here early.'

The guard informed Rusher that Rudy and Maria had arrived, and a minute later, Rusher came to pick them up in a car from inside the estate grounds.

"Well yeah, this is better," Rudy muttered.

Rusher stopped the car on the other side of the gate, and Rudy walked in.

"What's wrong with her?" he asked.

"She fell asleep."

Rudy placed her in the backseat and said, "Uhh... I have nothing else to do here, so I will take my leave."

"Wait, I have something to discuss."

Rusher parked the car on the side and took Rudy to the garden.

"What is it? Do you plan to ambush me?" he said jokingly.

"It's about what you did today."

"Oh! I had already informed you that Maria and I will get engaged after the tournament ends."

"Not about that. I don't want to talk about anything related to Maria or you; I will let you decide everything," Rusher stated but shortly added, "And it's not like I have my say in that. You are giving Maria a happy life, and that's all that matters for me."

"So... I assume it's about my challenge to Heim Lu Bela?" Rudy asked with a curious yet calm look on her face.

"Indeed. You someone managed to become the top 2 celebrity in the entire underworld. And your fame points and fan numbers will keep increasing without doing anything.

You even gained that citizenship to the underworld— which you would have gotten anyway if you had married Maria.

And lastly, you challenged her, and that was something no one dared to do in years."

Rudy stared at the sleeping flowers and asked, "Is she that good at gambling?"

"Not sure, but her games are," Rusher responded vaguely.

"She is the leader of the strongest syndicate in the entire world and also the head of the UBC. She certainly has so much power in her hands, but she doesn't look that old. At most, she is close to 25. How does she have so much power at such a young age? Inheritance?"

"No." Rusher shook his hand and sat on the bench to relax. After a brief pause, he continued, "At the age of fifteen, she had become a celebrity in the underworld. At the age of sixteen, she became the top gambler. At the age of seventeen, she became the head of UBC, and at the age of eighteen, she had become the leader of the 'Lu Bela' Syndicate."

"Wow... when I was fifteen, I was..." Rudy stopped and sighed, 'I still can't remember anything about the last five years. After I remembered everything about Rias, the in-between memory was back, but nothing prior to that.

"You were?"

"I was playing games," he said in a neutral tone.

"I called you here to warn you. I don't doubt that you will enter the VVIP tournament, but none of the contestants has ever smiled after that. I hope you are ready for that."

"Yeah. Don't worry about it. But since there is zero evidence about it, I assume that the VVIP tournament has never been officially live broadcasted?"

"Yeah."

"Hmm~" Rudy looked up at the sky and muttered, "It's past 3 AM."

Rusher looked at his watch and said, "Yes. It's 3:33 AM."

"Oh, by the way..." Rudy turned to Rusher and asked, "About this tournament, it was also being broadcast live broadcasted, right?"

"Yeah, obviously."

"Does that mean everyone in the world saw it?"

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#### **Chapter 439: Way Back Home**

"Was everything broadcasted everywhere in the world?"

"Everywhere in the underworld, yes," Rusher responded.

"What about the outside world?"

"It's broadcasted there too."

"What?!"

'What are the chances that someone saw me? That would honestly be terrifying and troubling. Imagine me going to school today and everyone looking at me like trash. Not to mention, I am technically still not eighteen yet, and I was gambling and interacting with the mafias.'

"Wait, are you asking if the citizens of the outside world also saw the broadcast?" Rusher asked to confirm.

"Yeah...?" Rudy raised his brow in confusion and asked, "What else would I mean?"

"Oh, then the answer is no. The tournament was indeed broadcasted to the outside world, but only in the casino and certain areas which are influenced by the underworld."

"Noice! Well, that makes sense since I had no idea about all this." Rudy stretched his arms in the air and said, "I will take my leave now."

"Please wait for a few minutes. I will send Lilim to drive you back. It's late at night, and I don't think it's particularly safe for you to travel alone after your grand performance before the tournament ended.

Everyone knows how much you are worth and will try their best to target you. Not to mention, you made a challenge about winning the VIP underworld tournament, and everyone bet against you.

They will get 100x money if you fail that challenge, but what if you never make it to the tournament?"

Rusher asked with a knowing look on his face.

"You mean... they will try to keep me away from the tournament?" Rudy asked the obvious.

"Obviously. So you are the target of every evil mafia right now. And I have to ensure your safety. I would have sent any random driver from my syndicate, but Lilim is the most trained and trustful person I know," he stated.

'I had already anticipated everything Rusher said, but I never thought something like this could actually be possible,' Rudy uttered inwardly.

"But Lilim is sleeping, and I don't think it's wise to wake someone who is..." Rudy stopped on his words when he saw Lilim standing at the gate.

'....'

"She was awake when I returned from my tournament."

'I was going to teleport directly to my house, but oh well. I guess the night is still young, and there is time to have fun. Hmm~ That kind of rhymed, didn't it?'

Rudy walked to Lilim and asked, "It seems someone is in a good mood."

"Yeah, I had a nice sleep, or rather the best sleep in a while."

Rudy got into the car, and Lilim began driving it. After crossing all the check posts and leaving the underworld ground, Rudy got on the passenger seat beside Lilim.

"So. Any plans for later today?" he asked, making himself comfortable.

"I have something to do in the morning, and currently, I am busy driving you home," she said with a soft scoff.

"You know I can always teleport myself home if you want."

Lilim sped up the car and rolled down the window from Rudy's side before saying, "Don't you want to spend time with me?"

"That's exactly why I said I can teleport home anytime."

After driving for a few minutes, the car stopped in a dark area and began shaking wildly as moans echoed in the forest around.

Meanwhile, it was still early night in the other part of the world. The streets were empty with vehicle engines sound traveling on a distant highway.

It was an underdeveloped area where gangsters and crimes were normal. Even the streets were filled with holes, and the gutters were overflowing.

The street lamps were mostly off, while the working ones were constantly going on and off. Stray animals were everywhere. Dogs were chasing after cats and cats after rats.

No one was around except the swarm of insects was everywhere, and the buzzing sound rang on the streets and alleys.

Suddenly, loud footsteps were heard running on the street, followed by many more. A bunch of thugs was chasing a young woman in an office suit, seemingly returning from her work.

She ran and ran, but she was out of breath as if she had been running for a while. She hid in one of the alleys to save herself, but she didn't realize she had stepped into the trap.

The thugs surrounded her from both sides of the alley.

"No!" she yelled.

Four men came from one side, while three from the other side. The woman took out a spray from her purse and said:

"Don't come any closer!"

The thugs took out knives from their pockets, while one of them took out a napkin and drenched it with some liquid.

"Stay quiet, darling~ It won't hurt. By the time you wake up, we will be long gone, and you will experience heaven while we play with your body.

CLACK~ CLANK!

A weird noise came from the backside of the alley, so everyone looked back and saw a pale pink-haired girl looking for something in the garbage.

"...."

"Hey, hey. There is another hottie right there," one of the thugs said.

"What is she doing there?"

"Is she homeless?"

"Look at her hair, dude. They look dyed. She is probably a prostitute or something."

"Who cares? Let's get on with it."

One of them walked to the girl, saying, "I will take care of her. You guys enjoy the other one."

"Hey, you! What are you doing here?!" he said. "This is our territory! You have to pay for—"

THUD!

His body fell to the ground in a bizarre way, and foam began to come out of his mouth.

Then, the girl looked at the woman and asked, "Do you need help?"

The woman nodded violently and said, "Please help!"

The pale pink-haired girl moved her hand to the thugs and muttered something before forming a fist. Suddenly, the thugs' bodies fell to the ground after they were twisted in the air.

'I didn't kill them. I only damaged them, so I didn't break my promise, master~'

She walked to the woman and asked, "Are you okay?"

"Thank you! I don't know who you are, but you just saved my life!"

"Umm... I have seen a lot of humans doing this lately, so..." The girl reached her hand to the woman and said, "Nice to meet you. My name is Lilith, and I am looking for my master."

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#### **Chapter 440: Early Morning With Lilim**

Hours passed by, and the sun had risen. It was early morning, and the car was still parked at the same spot.

Rudy was standing outside of the car with the door open while facing the passenger's seat, and Lilim was sitting on the passenger's seat, cleaning Rudy's snake after hours of exploration.

Rudy was chatting with Alice on the phone after he got her message a few minutes ago.

[I just got out of the bath,] she replied after ten minutes.

[That was a quick bath. Only 10 minutes?]

[It will take me 20 mins to get ready and 10 more minutes for breakfast,] she responded instantly, seemingly she had expected Rudy to ask that.

[So I pick you up after 30 minutes?]

[Yeah. Are you ready yet?]

Rudy lowered his gaze and saw his snake going in and out of Lilim's mouth.

[Yeah, I am ready. Just call me when no one is around. I will teleport right away and kidnap you.]

[Oh, by the way. Do you know anything about the sightings?]

[What's that??] Rudy asked with double question marks.

[I am not sure, but I saw a video online that showed a dragon flying over. It was very blurry and at a distance. Perhaps, it was zoomed in before recording the video. And obviously, most of the comments said it was fake and edited.

But since you are familiar with vampires and ghosts, I thought you would know about it. Do you think it was real?]

[This is my first time hearing about this. Can you send me the video link?]

[I was going to send it as soon as I saw that video last night. But it was taken down by the uploader. I searched on social media and yourtube, but that wasn't helpful.]

[Now that's suspicious. Let's talk about it when we are on our way to school. I will also get ready. And I also have something to tell you about last night. I can tell you right now, but I want to see your live reaction.]

[I bet it's about another girl.]

[Wow. You have become smart after drinking my cum.]

[Bye.]

[Yeah.]

Rudy again looked down and couldn't help but chuckle after seeing the delightful smile Lilim was making while sucking him off.

"Say, I have actually never done this before, and I was never a fan of it, but can I record this?" Rudy asked calmly.

Lilim raised her brows and asked, "Why would you want to do that?"

"I don't know. I just felt like it. And this angle actually turns me on."

"Well, you can, I guess? As long as you don't show it to anyone."

"I mean... I will show it to the girls in my harem," Rudy shrugged. "Or they might just find the video while checking my phone."

"Can I ask you to do something before you start recording?" Lilim asked hesitantly.

"Sure."

"Can you pat my head and say 'Good girl', daddy?"

"Uhh..." Rudy patted Lilim's head as she sucked him off and then said, "Good girl."

Rudy could feel how happy Lilim was by looking at her flushed red ears that twitched as he did that.

He began recording and continued recording until he shot his load in her mouth. However, Lilim still didn't stop and continued sucking him off.

"I wanted to record you swallowing my milk, but you gulped it down as soon as I nutted it in your mouth," he muttered.

Rudy glanced around and thought, 'It's been more than four hours since we parked here, and not a single vehicle has passed since. I did sense a sensor at every one-kilometer distance, so I guess this is private land owned by the Ross syndicate.'

He once again patted Lilim and said, "Alrighty. I need to leave now. I will teleport home, take a bath, and get ready for school."

Lilim ignored Rudy and continued sucking his snake like her favorite lollipop. But she stopped after a few seconds and said with a grin on her face, "Let's meet again soon."

"Yeah, the day after tomorrow."

"You mean tomorrow, right? It's already the next day after the tournament, and the VIP tournament is tomorrow."

"Uhh... yeah. This happens quite often when you don't sleep," he sighed. "Anyway, I had an amazing time with you. Thank you."

"I should be the one saying that. Getting marked by the Lord is like an honor for me," she said with a proud face.

"Hmm?"

"Think about it. Wouldn't you be happy if your favorite celebrity gave you an autograph?"

"Yeah, I would, actually."

"Just like that, every living being who commends your existence would want to meet you at least once in their lives. And I got a golden chance to sleep with you. It's like a trophy I will carry on my head."

"... I kind of get what you mean, but... you are thinking too highly of me. Good ones have no need to be wary of me, but the evildoers must fear me," he stated in a solemn voice.

Lilim grinned and asked, "How do you know I am not evil?"

"That doesn't matter. I have taken a liking to you, so even if you are evil, I will make sure to keep you in control."

"You can't be rougher than you were today."

"I wasn't using my full strength on you, though."

"Huh? But I asked you to go all out," she said with a confused face.

"You did, but had I got any rougher, it would have broken your body."

"No way."

Rudy flicked his finger on the other side of the street and razed everything on its way. The ground had formed large cracks, while the trees in the forest were nowhere to be seen.

If someone saw it without any information, they would think a meteor had fallen and destroyed the forest.

"See?"

"..." Lilim was left speechless by what she had just witnessed.

"Even that wasn't my full strength."

Rudy touched the ground and restored it back to how it was a while ago.

"How strong are—" Lilim's eyes widened, and she covered her mouth in shock.

"What's wrong?"

"Your face..."