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Chapter 481: Vampire War

The elder vampire king's body fell to the ground and turned into powder with a soft 'thud' when it hit the ground.

Rudy looked down on everyone and shook his head in disbelief. For some reason, he was angry and disappointed in them.

"This is... stupid," he muttered quietly.

Fear spread throughout the entire battlefield as Rudy defeated one of the elder vampire kings without even lifting his finger.

"Listen, you bats! Turn around and return to where you crawled out from! There is no need for this war! We can end this peacefully, and no one will be hurt if you retreat!

Why are you even here? Why do you want to attack this kingdom? I am sure you all have family, friends, or lovers waiting for you to return home. You wouldn't want to make them sad, am I right?

I know most of you don't even want to be here but are forced for duty or whatever reasons. Therefore, I am giving you an opportunity to run away. I am giving you this one last chance to run to your caves. I won't say it again."

"..."

They all started talking with each other. Some were talking in whispers, while the arrogant ones were talking loudly.

"What should we do?" someone whispered.

"Who does he think he is?" others talked loudly.

"Maybe he only had one attack, which he already used, and now he can't do anything?"

"Yeah, he has to be bluffing."

"Surely, he doesn't think that he can take us all at once, right?"

"That has to be the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard."

"He is making excuses."

"Lame."

"What are we waiting for?"

"Let's all attack him at once and show him who is the boss here!"

SIGH!

Rudy let out a big sigh and uttered, "Alright. You had your chance. Now, I will feel no remorse for my action, although it's not like I would have felt a thing even if I hadn't given you a chance. If you wage war and are ready to kill, you must also be ready to die."

He raised his hand in the air and looked down at all of them.

'They are more than a million in numbers. If I remember correctly, they are from the third biggest continent. The Alucard kingdom is the second biggest after the Orion Heart kingdom, so their army will be even bigger.

And the fourth one is the smallest continent, so Jane should be already, although it's not like their army won't be in the hundreds of thousands.'

Rudy was flying so high that the army of a million seemed like ants. However, he could see and hear each of them crisp and clear.

"Running away would be hard between such a huge army, so those who don't want to die, raise their hands. I will spare your life in return for something," Rudy asserted.

Meanwhile, Virgil had just reached the far north to confront the Alucard army. He stood on the top of the mountain and gazed around at the surface and the sky filled with millions of vampires.

"Why are you here, Luis? And... his dogs," Virgil asked calmly.

"To kill you!"

"You know you don't have what it takes to kill me. No one has. Or do you think this army can kill me? They will be dead even before they get close to me."

"Leave that confidence to yourself!" Luis retorted. "You are going to die today!"

"Why is it so hard to understand?" Virgil muttered. "What will you gain from this war? You are just risking the lives of millions of others. War never brings happiness. Stop this nonsense at once and go back."

Even though Virgil wasn't speaking out loud, his voice was audible to millions.

"Say that when I send you to where your mother is!" Luis scoffed out loud.

"Wha...t?" Virgil's eyes widened after hearing that.

Luis raised his blood sword and yelled, "Look at the blood on my sword! It belongs to your mother! I chopped her head off her body, and she died helplessly! Everyone knows that out of all her children, you were her favorite. You resemble your father, after all."

Virgil stared at Luis' sword and took a deep breath. He covered his mouth with his hand as his body trembled.

"Heh! Look at him now! He is trembling in fear! He will soon start crying over his mother's death!"

A strange noise came out of Virgil's mouth, but the noise was muffled since he was covering his mouth.

"And he started crying!" Luis sneered.

"...aa..aa"

"..."

"...h...a....a"

"..."

"...a...h...a"

"Great. He has his guard down. Act according to the plan and attack him," Luis instructed the other kings and his soldiers, who later forwarded his order to the other soldiers.

"Hahaha." Virgil removed his hand from his mouth.

"..."

"Ahahahahaha!"

"....!"

"Ahahahahaha!" Virgil laughed out loud like a maniac.

"It looks like he has lost his brain. Good for us. We can kill him effortlessly."

"Ahahahaha! What— Ahahaha! What blood are you talking about? Ahaha!"

"Did you lose your eyes with your brain too?" Luis pointed his gaze at the blood on his blood sword, except there was no blood.

"Wha...t?" Luis' face turned pale as he turned the sword around and looked for Nyxia's blood on it.

"Did you really think you could kill my mother? Ahahaha! You, of all people? That's the most ridiculous and hilarious thing I have ever heard. You don't even know what my mother is. No one can defeat her, not even the Lord.

After all, she is the child of the blue moon, who possesses unfathomable knowledge. And she is also the Lord who has unparalleled power. But she couldn't be both at the same time, so she sealed the power of the cursed child and lived as the Lord's incarnation.

But after meeting my father, she also sealed the power of the Lord to live as a normal vampire. She is the second strongest in the vampire world when she is neither the Lord nor the cursed child.

And I forgot to mention one more thing. I... am also the Lord."

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Chapter 482: Son of Lord

"Y-You... you are bluffing! How can you be the Lord?!"

"That's right. I was bluffing. But was I?" he smirked. "When I was around a year old, my father took me to the Lord's summit, where the Lord named me. That Lord... was none other than my mother, Nyxia.

But she was the Lord's incarnation at that time, not my mother. Even when she had sealed the Lord's power, she had to wake up as a Lord for the summit. And soon after, the Lord was killed. You all thought my father was the Lord because none of the vampires had ever been to the Lord's Summit.

The Lord has stated that one person from one race is enough as a representative, and none of you oldies wanted to face the Lord.

Why would you? After all, every single being had to fear the Lord, but people like you didn't want to fear anyone. You all thought he was the Lord because he had always attended the summit.

You kept close eyes on him and noticed he was absent at certain times when the Lord was awake. Thus, you jumped to the conclusion that he was the Lord. And you got him killed. After his death, mother let go of her powers of Lord.

Lord was said to do anything, but he couldn't save my father even after that. She was disappointed in the Lord, so she manifested the power of the cursed child and got rid of the Lord's power.

She killed the Lord inside her, and because of that, you all thought my father was truly the Lord. And that you were free from the Lord, but you were well aware that a new incarnation will be born. You all waited and waited for the day of incarnation and killed innocent newborns.

You never even tried to put them on the throne to confirm. You... you all don't deserve to live, but your citizens need you. I had no proof for your crimes, even though I knew you were behind them.

Of course, when all that happened, I was still naive... as always. But you all were stupid.

The Lord's incarnation was never said to be born as a newborn. It was 'the birth of the Lord's incarnation', not 'the birth as Lord's incarnation', although I got confused many times about it.

So the next incarnation could have been a dying old vampire or a kid. Yet, you target someone who has just come to this world.

After the absence of the next Lord's incarnation, I had hope that I was the next Lord. After all, I was the son of the Lord, so it would make sense for me to be the next Lord. However, I hadn't received a single power from the Lord.

I asked my mother about it, and she said that's not how it works. The Lord's power couldn't be shared or transferred from parent to child. And, of course, she was a normal vampire when she gave birth to me.

Every year, I would go to the Lord's chamber and try to sit on the throne, but I would be disappointed each time. I had given up on it. But I still possessed a mysterious power that was akin to Lord. It never made sense to me, and I eventually stopped looking for an answer to the question that didn't exist.

And then... I found the next Lord, who is not very happy right now. And neither am I nor anyone.

So Luis, leave this instance, and I will forget everything. I am ready to forgive you for all your sins. If you turn around and never show your face again, you would be glad that I forgave you."

"Hehehaha! Everything you said about us is true! But you were wrong about one thing. I or anyone here didn't kill your father. It was Vesier! He was behind everything! Even this war and all the sins we have

committed, Vesier had suggested the idea. He is the smartest vampire in this world or even the universe.

And I am sure he is planning something at this moment too. Even if you kill us, Vesier will get your head one day. And in the end... he will resurrect us using the forbidden magic, and we will reign this world for eternity!"

"What a joke..." Virgil shook his head in disbelief and uttered, "Vesier is... enjoying his time in a shiny box. I went to look for him after he was missing, and I found him. He was taking a trip in space, which was organized by none other than the Lord."

"Huh? What are you talking about?" Luis asked with a baffled look on his face.

"If I have to say it... the Lord punished him for his crimes."

"..."

"Oh, by the way, did you know it is forbidden to say 'Lord' aloud unless you are saying 'Oh my Lord!?' And that calamity would ensue on those who say it without any respect or in mockery.

I guess... you have filled the pot of your sins, and now it's overflowing. I changed my mind. No one is leaving alive. You have lived enough and committed enough crimes. If I let you live more, you will do more sin, and I will regret letting you live.

As the humans say, 'You can't teach an old dog new tricks.'. It is time for you to depart from this world and vanish for forever. Goodbye, old friend."

Virgil turned around and walked away after saying.

"Where do you think you are—!"

Luis' voice stopped mid-sentence, followed by dead silence.

Virgil looked back at the battlefield and muttered, "...and so... it begins."

The battlefield was empty, with not a minute sign of any life. They all disappear into nothing as though they never existed.

"Now I have two continents to rule. Or should I just say... this entire world? Well, let's go check up on Rudy. Knowing him, I am expecting to see a bizarre scene on the battlefield."

Even though Virgil was prepared to see something bizarre, what he saw sent chills down his spine, quite literally.

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Chapter 483: Lord's Judgement

"If you don't want to die, raise your hand, and you will be spared."

Rudy watched the army and waited for at least a few hundred to raise their hands, but only one in a million raised his hand.

"Well, I see one smart person in the crowd. A diamond in the rough," Rudy muttered.

Rudy raised both his hands in the air and began creating a fireball, but he stopped midway and wondered:

'I want to make a sun, but I have to put it above me, and I am high enough to see half of this continent. If I place a sun above it, it's obviously going to incinerate every vampire on the battlefield, but it might also kill the vampire citizens on this continent which I am trying to protect. Not to mention, it will also kill that person who just raised his hand.'

What can be a better way to kill them as fast as possible without wasting my time here? They are not worthy of it. Should I just drop a meteor on them? Or send them all into space?'

Rudy was having interesting ideas to annihilate an army; he was feeling the same as a kid suggesting new ideas in the class for a festive event in the school. He was feeling excited, but at the same time, he was disappointed with them.

'I can't conjure silver in the vampire world as it doesn't exist here. I will have to go to space to do that, and if I leave this battlefield, these bats will invade this kingdom further. Oh! I have got a nice idea.'

Rudy teleported his 'conjuring' power into space and began gathering silver. He turned the silver into various weapons such as a spear, sword, bow, dagger, sickle, even bullet, and every possible weapon ever existed in the world.

Then, he teleported his 'duplicate' ability to space and duplicated the weapons into thousands to millions. After that, he dropped them all from space into the battlefield. He waited for them to enter the vampire planet's atmosphere before forming their shapes again, as they had become dull because of the high friction.

He duplicated them in the air as they closed the distance with the battlefield. While the army had no idea what was going to happen to them soon. Even the sky was covered with clouds, so they couldn't look up and see their demise.

"What's he doing?"

"I don't know."

"Maybe he is casting a spell?"

"Then shouldn't we attack him while he is in the middle of casting it?"

"Yeah. The flying army has already begun their attack."

"He might not have realized, but the flying army was slowly spreading, and now he is surrounded by all the sides."

"He can dodge, block and escape a few attacks, but not all of them."

"His death is confirmed."

"What a waste of time."

"Poor guy, he was sent alone to fight the army of a million!"

Once the weapons had reached the innermost atmosphere of the planet, Rudy lowered his hand.

"...!"

The flying army could feel something coming at them; they could feel the danger and sense the silver.

To vampires, silver was akin to fire. Just like a normal human being would be able to sense fire because of its hotness, the vampires were also able to sense silver.

Even the army on the surface could feel it now as the silver weapons were in a massive quantity. Their minds had stopped working as the only thing they could sense was... danger.

In the next second, the weapons ripped through the clouds and impaled the flying army and the bats. They fell to the ground, and it was then that they all realized that they were no more than dead bats walking.

They all regretted not accepting Rudy's mercy before. They now wanted to run away, but of course, it was already too late.

The army watched their fellow soldiers getting stabbed by the weapons, and all they could do was to wait for their death to arrive.

They all made a run and spread in every direction, but Rudy never missed his target. The army was crushing their brothers, fathers, and friends in mayhem as they looked for an escape.

Some of them thought they were smart and tried to fly away, only to get hit by a weapon the next second.

Rudy even stopped making the weapons sharp as the fire surrounding the silver worked the same as acid for them. Due to that, Rudy got a new idea and mixed the silver weapons with fire and lightning.

It was a rain of fire, lightning, and silver. The clouds had holes all over the sky as lightning kept roaring. The surface was painted red with their blood, and weapons were plunged all across the horizon.

It was undoubtedly a bizarre scene that would go down in vampire history, and the battle would be remembered and recalled by the elders to the kids. Anyone who witnessed the war with their own eyes would surely end up being mental with traumas and nightmares for eternity.

And there was one.

Amid the silver weapons, dead bodies, blood, and fire, there was one person who had dropped to his knees and was rubbing his head to the ground.

It was the same person who had raised his hand when Rudy was handing out his 'mercy' like a newspaper on a busy street.

Within less than ten seconds, the battle had ended.

"Seriously... this was so stupid. Did they not have land before? Did they not have a house before? Why did they wage war if they had everything? They wanted more, of course," Rudy talked to himself as he answered his own question.

"But what did they get in return? Why must they not be satisfied with what they have? I just single-handedly massacred an army of over a million soldiers. I destroyed the lives of the people close to them. I feel like shit.

No wonder they need a ruler to rule over them. No wonder they need someone who they can fear. No wonder they need someone who can make laws and rules for them. No wonder they... need a Lord."

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"Ridiculous...." Rudy sighed.

He gazed at the one man he had spared and thought, 'Maybe I should have killed him too? Is it really a good idea to leave him alive? Well, we will see in the future.'

Rudy landed near the man and said, "Raise your head."

"But..."

"Don't worry. I won't hurt you. You are the only one who embraced my mercy. You have earned yourself freedom and praise from none other than me."

Without raising his head, the man grabbed Rudy's leg and began groveling.

"Thank you!"

"Don't thank me yet." Rudy stepped back and raised the man's body in the air using telekinesis.

He wanted the man to look him in the eyes so he could command him.

"My mercy didn't come for free. I just freed you from a small cage and tossed you on a bigger one." Rudy wrapped his hand around the man's shoulder— like a friend would, and looked into the man's eyes before continuing, "What is your name?"

"My name doesn't matter for someone such as you!"

"Now, now, there is no need to be humble. It's not always good. Tell me your name," Rudy asked calmly.

"M-My n-na-name is Divase Jhimoire..."

"So Dimoire, what was your status before you joined the army? What is your story? Tell me about yourself."

Rudy's voice was calm and soothing, but at the same time, it was intimidating and demating too.

"I...I was born in the south-west kingdom of the—"

"Nevermind that. I don't have time for this. I am not interested in who you are, I am interested in who you are going to become." Rudy tapped on the man's shoulder while saying that.

"Wh..at?"

"Do you know what you are going to become soon?"

"No..." he shook his head.

"From now onwards, you are the king of the entire West continent and all its kingdoms. Everything belongs to you. You can do anything you want. I don't care. However, you must never set your foot on his continent, let alone lay your eyes on it. Do you understand?"

The man nodded violently as if his life was dependent on it.

"Oh, one more thing. You must also let them know what happened today on the battlefield. Tell them the Lord has returned, and he passed his judgment and punished those who disobeyed my rules.

Tell them the stories, tales, or whatever the hell they are called in this world. Write everything down in a book and note it down in history. Read it to the old and young. Teach them in school, and let them and others know what happens when they mess with the Lord.

And tell them that I have returned and awakened in my finest form. Tell them if they even think of disobeying my orders, calamity would ensue on them. And tell them to not make me angry."

Rudy then let go of the man after saying, "Go now. Live happily and peacefully in the bigger cage."

Those exact words were later noted down, and new rules were enforced. Those who had never seen lost began fearing him just by hearing about it. They all had lost their faith in the Lord and treated it like folklore and a fairytale, but now they began worshiping and praying to the Lord, so they don't get abandoned by him.

SIGH!

Rudy let out a big sigh and stretched his hands in the air.

'This ability kind of loaded my brain. I had never used telekinesis from that distance. Hmm... So if I try hard enough, I can even pull the moon, stars, or planets from space to the surface. Let's hope I never have to do that.'

"Let's go to Virgil and see how he is doing."

"Oh, there is no need for that," Virgil suddenly replied while hovering in the sky.

"I know you were on your way here, but you sure took your time," Rudy remarked.

"I had to make sure you didn't leave the silver in the sky somewhere."

Virgil gazed at the battlefield, but all he could see was the silver weapons plunged into the horizon. All the dead bodies of the vampires had turned into ashes and flown away.

"I don't think I need to say this, but I want you to get rid of the silver from this world. It's extremely toxic for us vampires," Virgil requested calmly.

"Ehh... ain't no way I am picking up all these weapons."

"Well, you are the only one who can touch the silver here. If you leave them here, someone can get their hands on it and use it as a lethal weapon to exterminate our entire race."

SIGH!

Rudy snapped his finger, and all the weapons were forcefully plucked from the surface. Then, Rudy swiped his finger up and sent all the silver back into the faraway space.

"..." Virgil shrugged his hands and opened his mouth to say, "It didn't even take you three seconds to do it. Why were you making such a big deal about it?"

"You only consider the time. What about the energy I wasted, huh?" Rudy asked with a judging look on his face.

"You have a point," Virgil nodded. "But you should learn some power-efficient ways."

"I could do that if I wanted to, but I had to make sure I kill them in one hit as I didn't have time to waste on them, nor were they worthy of my time."

"Let's go to Jane. I am worried about her," Virgil suggested.

"I am more worried about her, but rest assured. She is handling pretty fine."

"Hmm?"

"I have been and still am watching the war in the east. Obviously, I had to make sure Jane didn't get hurt. I wanted to watch over you too, but I can't teleport my vision to two places, especially when I myself was on a battlefield. So I decided to teleport my hearing to the north where you were," he finished the last sentence with a soft scoff.

"Wait... are..." Virgil landed in front of Rudy and asked, "Are you telling me that you heard everything we said?"

"Crisp and clear."

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Chapter 485: Confronting Virgil

Virgil recalled how he had laughed like a maniac on the battlefield when Luis mentioned that he had killed Nyxia.

"You now know my embarrassing secrets too."

"I don't care about all that. Tell me about Nyxia. Is everything you said true?" Rudy asked with a curious yet calm look on his face.

"If mother didn't tell you, that would mean she doesn't want to tell you."

"Well, you already told me everything, so unless you want me to tell Nyxia that you told me everything, tell me everything so I won't have to tell Nyxia that you told me everything."

"You could have said it in simple words instead of making it complicated like that," Virgil remarked with a sigh.

"So Nyxia is also the cursed child, huh?" Rudy muttered. "No wonder she doted on Jane more than Rias."

"..." Virgil wanted to avoid having this conversation with Rudy as he was the last person he wanted to tell.

"And she was also the Lord? How does that work?" Rudy asked Virgil. "As far as I am aware, the blue moon people and the Lord don't get along. I don't know why but most likely an old grudge or something. So... wait..."

Rudy raised his brows and wondered, "How do I know that?"

"I... also wasn't aware of that fact. Is that true?" Virgil asked curiously.

"I am not sure, but if I am saying it... it might be true. This has happened before too. I knew about something even though I shouldn't know it."

"So if what you said is true, that explains why she couldn't be both the cursed child and the Lord at the same time. Their existence and powers contradict each other."

"Let's put that all aside for now and tell me more about what you meant by she killed the Lord inside her?"

"She used the power of the cursed child and killed the Lord's incarnation inside her."

"That's literally what it says..." Rudy muttered. "I thought she gave away her powers or something. Does that mean that the cursed child possesses the power to kill the Lord? That's actually interesting, not going to lie. I am glad Jane is in my harem."

"..."

"So, one more question. If she was the Lord all along, so would a new Lord's incarnation occur?"

"I don't quite understand your question, but I have an answer. Think of it as a... supervisor. Like, in the human world, you have ministers and presidents, but someone is appointed to ensure that the leaders are doing their job properly and not misusing their powers, am I right?" Virgil asked with a curious and confused look on his face.

"Uhh... yeah, I guess?"

"My mother was that supervisor. She had been watching over the universe and the Lord's incarnation throughout time. She witnessed everything. She was aware that she was the Lord, but she lost her senses when she was in her Lord's form."

"I don't know how much did mother tell you about herself, but did she ever mention that there was one Lord who had gone berserk and wanted to rule not only the vampire world but the entire universe?"

"I think she did," Rudy nodded. "When we were in the bathhouse. She mentioned that the Lord's incarnations were always aware that they were the host, but one Lord was evil, and since then, they were no longer aware that they were the host."

"Can we go back to where you mentioned something about sharing a bathhouse with my mother?"

"Come on, how long are you going to hang up on that? Sooner or later, it will happen, and you know it."

"First, you laid your hands on my granddaughter, then you laid your hands on her sister— my other granddaughter. And now you want to lay your hands on my mother?"

"Well..." Rudy shrugged his hands while saying, "I am the Lord, and she is... ex-Lord? Don't you think we would make a fine couple?"

SIGH!

"Leave it. I don't even want to imagine that."

"You are the one who nagged. Now, what were you talking about the evil Lord?"

Virgil chuckled softly and uttered, "My mother... was that evil Lord."

"..." For the first time in a long time, Rudy was left speechless by a big reveal.

"I expected you to figure it out, but it seems that staying in the human world made your mind numb," Virgil remarked.

"Son, I just found out like two minutes ago that she was the Lord. How do you expect me to connect the dots like that?"

"After meeting my father, my mother changed. I don't know why she decided to become evil, to be honest. I had asked her many times when I was a kid, but she never told me. She would often tell me stories about her adventures, but she would always ignore my questions she purposely skipped to not answer."

"Who else knows about all this?"

"You and me, only. And, of course, my late father did too."

"Hmm~" Rudy hummed in amusement and wondered, "Where is she right now? I tried to search for her using one of my abilities, but I couldn't find her. She is alright, though, right? That Luis mentioned something about killing her. Please don't tell me that it was true."

"Of course, it wasn't true," Virgil chuckled. "Don't forget that mother is the master of illusions."

"Yeah... but that doesn't stop my worry..."

Virgil smiled bitterly and lowered his gaze as he thought, 'I guess he truly does love her.'

"Let's go to Jane now. I know you said she is handling it fine, but that doesn't stop me from worrying about her either."

Rudy and Virgil flew to the east to meet up with Jane, but it took them a while to get there. When they reached the far east, it was already too late.

Jane had already taken care of everything, and she had won the war with the help and support of the army.

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Chapter 486: War Report

After reaching the battlefield of the east, Virgil sighed in relief.

"I told you she is handling it just fine." Rudy remarked. "She is my wife, after all."

"Yeah... wait..." Virgil turned to Rudy with a confused look on his face and asked, " Did you say wife?"

"Uhh... I am pretty sure I called her my wife before too. Why do you look surprised?"

"When and where did you even marry her?"

"On the bed... during sex..."

"You know... if you weren't the Lord, I would have fought you..."

Rudy cracked his knuckles and said, "If you want, we can still fight."

"No one is fighting!" Jane shouted. "Stop talking about fighting!"

Rudy pulled Jane close to him and said, "You should be taking my side here, wifey."

"I am not taking anyone's side here. I just don't want fights between families."

Virgil gazed up at the sky and muttered, "Why are the clouds still here? I can't see the moon."

Rudy blew air from his mouth, making a giant hole between the clouds.

"They should pass away soon," he then said.

Virgil looked at the moon and said, "You have a limited time here. You should get ready to leave if you don't plan to stay here."

"How long do I have?"

"About fifteen minutes, I would say. It would take us more than that to return to the palace. Not to mention, opening the portal takes ten minutes," Virgil informed.

"I can get back to the palace in one second, so that's not an issue." Rudy gazed down at the army and asked, "Any casualties from your army?"

"A few, yes," Jane nodded. "I had cast a protection spell on them, but it couldn't save them from heavy and strong attacks."

Rudy placed his hand on his chin and muttered, "I have never tried teleportation to such a big number, but let's try it. I am also curious to find out."

Rudy signaled Virgil, and Virgil nodded in return before turning to the army.

"Everyone! Grab each other's hands, or make sure you are touching each other!"

Rudy hugged Jane and placed his hand on Virgil's shoulder while Virgil grabbed one of the soldiers.

"Are you ready?" Rudy asked. "Let me warn you beforehand that it will feel awful."

Rudy teleported them all to the arena without waiting for anyone's response. He wanted to teleport them to the palace, but he wasn't sure if it would work out on a large scale, so he teleported to an open arena instead.

After that, he flew higher with Jane in his arms and said, "I am going to the palace. Virgil, can you open the portal in the meantime?"

"..." Virgil glared at Rudy, but he let out a sigh and said, "Okay."

"Thank you, son," Rudy scoffed softly.

After that, he flew to the palace instead of teleporting there.

Jane hugged Rudy tightly and rubbed her face on his chest.

"What are you doing?" Rudy asked calmly.

"I just realized something."

"Hmm?"

"Do you think Rias would let me come to the human world with you?"

'Oh yeah... I wonder what Rias has planned for that.'

"Why don't you tell everything to Rias?" Rudy suggested.

"No way... she will hate me and never talk to me again."

'She doesn't want to tell anyone, but she also expects others to tell her. I, of course, tell everything when it's due. I told Jane everything, and I told Rias everything. I never had any intention of hiding about my harem.

Jane accepted and joined my harem, and so did Rias, but Jane doesn't know that. And why hasn't Rias told her anything yet? She said she would take care of it, but she clearly hasn't. What are you planning, Rias?'

Even though Jane could fly, she didn't let go of Rudy and kept embracing him until they landed at the palace.

Jane looked at her clothes and said, "I want to take a bath since I am feeling somewhat irritated after the war."

"You can do that in the human world. For now, just go and grab your stuff."

"Okay."

"And grab Niti too. She should be waiting for the invitation," he added.

"I know." Jane turned around after saying, "There is no way I can survive without a maid."

Rudy watched Jane leave and then muttered, "Spoiled princess."

He hurriedly made his way to Rias' chamber and found it guarded by several female guards.

"...."

Rudy got near them, but he was stopped by the guards.

"No one is allowed to go near Princess Rias' chamber without the permission of the Vampire Monarch," they said.

"Step aside."

Rudy ignored them all and opened the door without caring for anything.

"You can't—!" The guard stopped, and all of them dropped to their knees when they realized who he was.

Rudy walked inside Rias' room and closed the door behind him using telekinesis. He glanced around the room but couldn't find Rias.

"Rias?" he called out to her.

"Here!"

She was in the closet, but the door of the closet was closed for some reason.

Rudy opened the closet door and walked inside, which was similar to another small room.

"Are you still packing your stuff?" he asked while walking to her.

"No. I already did that a few days ago. I am here to have a last look at my closet and take out the clothes that I don't wear anymore, so I can give them to the maids or maybe the citizens," she responded without looking at Rudy.

"I see." Rudy hugged her from behind and kissed her on the side of the neck and then on her cheek.

"What happened to the war?"

"It ended a long time ago."

"Is that so? Then what took you so long to come to meet me?" she teased jokingly. "I was waiting for you."

"There was a minor turbulence in my flight due to bad weather, so it got delayed a little," he chuckled softly as he answered.

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Rias leaned on Rudy and enjoyed his warmth. Then, she turned around and hugged him without saying anything.

"Are you alright?"

"Hmm. I was scared when Jane informed me about the armies marching here from all sides. It was impossible for us to win without losing. Even if Grandpa and Jane had taken care of two sides, we were going to lose from one side."

"Yeah. That's true."

SNIFF~ SNIFF!

After hearing the sniffing sound, Rudy assumed Rias was crying, so he placed his hands on her shoulder and pushed her back so he could see her face, but she wasn't crying.

Rias squinted her eyes at him and said, "You smell like Jane."

"Yeah, she was all over me when I came here."

"You better not have fooled around with her while I was anxiously waiting for you."

"Does kissing count as fooling around?" Rudy asked curiously with a grin on his face.

"Depends on the amount of kissing."

"Well, I only kissed her like twice or thrice, so I guess the answer is no. I wasn't fooling around with her. And hey, she was as anxious as you were about me," he said calmly.

"I know."

"Anyway, why haven't you told her anything yet? She is worried, you know?"

"I never actually got a chance to tell her. And I didn't want to tell her in your absence. I want you to see how she reacts."

"..."

Rias glanced around the closet room and muttered, "I think I will give away all the clothes."

"What, why?"

"I am never coming here again, so instead of letting them dust, it's better if someone wears them."

"Who said you are not coming back here?" You can come here at any time you want— although the portal only opens once every full moon, and that too for only an hour. But still... you are free to come here."

Rias shook her head and said, "I don't have anyone here except grandpa Virgil and great-grandma Nyxia. I have friends, but it's not like I will miss them every day. And I am sure you don't meet your friends daily too."

"I am in school, so yes... I meet them daily, but I get what you mean."

"Alright then, I will tell the maids to give the clothes away. And to be honest, I haven't ever worn 90% of my clothes here," she sighed.

"Keep your underwear with you, though."

"Of course. In fact, 70% of my stuff is nothing but underwear."

"Are you sure it isn't 69%?"

"Maybe..." Rias shrugged with a confused look on her face.

"Damn, you didn't get it, huh? I wonder if Jane would have understood it," he muttered.

'I understood it!' Angelica chirped from inside.

"Yeah, yeah. Of course, you would get it."

"Hmm?" Rias placed her hand on Rudy's chest and asked, "Were you talking to the ghost?"

"Her name is Angelica."

"Okay."

"How did you know I was talking to her?" Rudy asked curiously. "You know that I have a habit of talking to myself."

"Erm... how do I explain it? I felt a sensation?" Rias didn't know how to explain it, and even if she tried to, she couldn't put it into words.

"Rias? Where are you?" Jane's voice asked from outside.

"She is here. Let's go."

Rudy and Rias left the closet room and went to Rias' chamber, where Jane was waiting for them.

"What... what were you two doing in the closet room?" Jane glanced at the closet and asked with a suspicious look on her face.

"Just some stuff that lovers would do," Rias answered.

"Oh..." Jane seemed a bit agitated after hearing that, but she didn't react much to it.

A few seconds later, Niti entered the room with a small bag in her hand.

"I am ready," she said while smiling at Rudy.

"That's awfully a smaller bag than I imagined. Are you sure you don't want to take something else with you?" Rudy asked calmly.

"I have my two maid dresses in the bag. I don't need anything else."

'Well, I have already bought modern clothes for all of them, so that's not an issue. But if I was leaving my home or moving to a different place, I would bring many more things than just clothes,' Rudy uttered inwardly.

"If everyone is ready, then let's go. Virgil should have opened the portal by now."

Rudy, Niti, Rias, and Jane left Rias' chamber and flew away. But there was one more person who shortly chased after them.

They landed in the arena where Virgil was waiting for them.

"You have three minutes left. Leave before the portal closes!"

Rudy raised his hand in the air, and half of his hand (till the elbow) turned into dust and flew into the sky.

"What... was that?" Virgil asked in astonishment.

"I spread my cells on this continent. So I will now know what exactly is going on here. Of course, these cells will be active and only get activated when they sense a surge of power in the atmosphere. I can

also teleport here without the portal, although the process is tedious and takes some time," Rudy explained calmly.

"And..." Virgil pointed his gaze at Rudy's hand and asked, "Are you okay with no hands?"

Rudy instantly grew his hand back and said, "That was a spare."

"..."

"How can you leave without me, princess Rias!" a female voice yelled.

Everyone turned around and saw it was Vriti, and she was also carrying a small bag similar to Niti's bag.

She landed near Rias and said, "How could you leave me behind?"

"Well... I left the decision to you, remember?"

"I am talking about this moment. I had planned to come, but you never even informed me that you were leaving!" she retorted.

"We had a limited time. And I believe everyone in the palace knew that we were leaving today. And even if you didn't, you could have known that the portal to the human world opens every full moon."

"She is trying to waste our time here, so the portal closes," Rudy remarked as he shot a glare at Vriti.

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"You are trying to stall us here, so the portal closes, am I right?" Rudy asked with a judging look on his face.

"O-Obviously n-not!" she said while averting her gaze to avoid eye contact with everyone.

"Do you seriously think you can convince anyone with this behavior"

"You can fight after going to the human world," Virgil remarked. "Look, the portal has already begun to close up. Don't blame me if you are stuck here again for fifteen more days. And even if you have the ability to teleport, you cannot use it on the girls. So even if you return to the human world, you will have to wait fifteen days again."

"Bye, grandpa!"- Jane.

"Goodbye, grandpa Virgil!" - Rias.

"See you, Vampire Monarch." - Niti.

"Goodbye, Vampire Monarch." - Vriti.

They all bid farewell to Virgil and flew to the portal one by one.

Rudy patted on Virgil's back and said, "Take care, son. Don't cry when you miss them. I don't know when we will meet again, but I am sure as hell that it won't be too soon."

Rudy didn't wait for Virgil's response and flew to the portal.

The girls passed through the portal, but Rudy stayed on the other side and gazed in the direction of the palace.

'Where are you, Nyxia?'

Jane pulled Rudy through the portal as it closed in front of him.

"That was so close!" she yelled as others— except Vriti— sighed in relief.

Rudy and the vampire gang were hovering in the air above a forest.

'Should I come out now?' Angelica asked. 'I don't know why, but for some reason, I am nervous about meeting them.'

"You can meet them once we get home," Rudy replied.

"Hmm?" - Jane.

"Huh?" - Rias.

"What?" - Niti.

"...." - Vriti.

"Let's get you home first. Follow me."

The girls followed him, but only Rias was flying beside him.

"Isn't your home that way? Where are we going?" Rias asked after noticing Rudy was taking a different route.

"I am obviously not taking you to my home. We don't have that much space."

"Where are you taking us then?"

"Just follow me, you will know." After a brief pause, he said, "I could teleport you all, but I want the girls to see how beautiful the human world is."

After flying for a while, Rias nudged Rudy and said, "What are you going to do about the sun? I am only a 10% vampire, so I can live under the sun, but the others can't."

"About that, I... saw an anime about vampires where the main girl was also a half-vampire, and she could walk under the sun by applying sunscreen. Would that actually work?" Rudy asked curiously.

"Obviously not."

"That was a joke."

"Yeah, right."

"Anyway, Nyxia had told me a spell that let the vampires live under the sun. I mean, before the partition of the races, when all the races lived on earth, the vampires lived under the sun, you know?"

"No, they didn't. They never came out in the sun. They lived at night."

"Awkward..."

"So, in other words, you haven't thought about it, am I right?" she asked with a knowing look on her face.

"No, I did. I thought you would know that spell. And if it's about the sun, then don't worry, my love. I am the Lord; hiding the sun is no big deal for me," he said with a proud and confident look on his face.

A few minutes later, they reached the place.

"What is this? There are so many pools," Rias muttered.

"This place is owned by one of my har..." he cleared his throat and said, "One of my friends. I asked her for permission, and she said it's okay."

'That was close. I was going to say 'harem member' but I forgot that in Jane's eyes, Rias is supposedly unaware of everything.'

They all landed near Reina's office and glanced around.

"Hmm~ Not a bad place," Jane uttered while glancing around. "If it had more trees and grass around, it would have given the same feeling as the palace's garden— minus the pools."

"So everything," Rudy commented.

Rudy stood in front of them and said, "Listen, girls, my friend lives alone here, and she runs the pool. She has too many responsibilities on her shoulders, and we should be grateful to her that she is giving you all a place to live for a while.

And it goes without saying that she is a human. So if possible, don't show off your vampire powers in front of her. Even though I have already told her everything, it would be natural for her to be a little scared of you all.

Whatever you do, do not tease her. Don't annoy her, and most importantly, do as she says. This is her place, so you all must follow her orders. If she asks you to stop doing something, you have to stop without her needing to repeat herself.

There are other things I want to say, but it's common knowledge. You are guests here for a few days, so mind your manners."

Rudy explained the rules, terms, and conditions to them for staying over at Reina's place, just like parents would when sending their kids to their maternal or paternal home.

"Do you all understand?" he asked. "If I hear complaints about any of you from Reina, you will be punished accordingly."

"What type of punishment?" Jane immediately asked.

"You will have to clean the pools."

"That doesn't seem like a punishment, but okay."

Rudy turned to the door and knocked on it. And a few seconds later, Reina opened the door with an awkward smile on her face.

She had heard everything from the other side of the door. In fact, she had been waiting for Rudy to arrive as he had messaged her about it before departing for the Vampire World.

"Please, come inside," Reina welcomed them with a gentle smile on her face. "I have ordered a lot of food too."

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Chapter 489: Dinner With the Girls

The girls and Rudy were sitting on the chair and using Reina's desk as a dining table.

Reina had ordered at least one dish of each type and even different types of drinks.

"..."

"..."

Jane, Niti, and Vriti were glancing back and forth between Rudy and Rias. For them, the human food was nothing but weird.

"What's wrong?" Rudy asked while sucking noodles. "Start eating. Noodles taste good only when they are hot. And don't forget the spicy soup."

"How do you even eat this thing?" Jane asked as he raised a noodle with her finger.

"Don't touch it. Use the fork. And at least, try having a few bites before judging them."

The girls began to eat, and so did Reina, who was waiting for the girls to start. Rias had no problem in eating as she had spent a fair amount of time in the human world and had eaten various human cuisines.

"How is it?" Rudy asked the girls with a curious look on his face.

"I don't know. It doesn't taste bad, but it's weird. And definitely not better than the food in the vampire world," Jane responded.

"I can make a few similar dishes here if you want me to, princess Jane," Niti stated.

"You can?"

"It won't taste exactly the same, but a little similar, yeah."

"Okay then. Make it when we have a home. We can't make it here."

After eating for a few minutes, Jane suddenly stopped and turned to Rudy with a curious and surprised look on her face.

"Wait, does that mean you felt the same when you were eating vampire food?"

"Uhh... kind of. But that was no big deal for me. I have always been a good eater, and I rarely nitpick when it comes to food. So you can say I can eat anything you serve me," Rudy responded with a soft chuckle and a smile on his face.

After eating dinner, Rudy helped Reina with the dishes and talked to her for a while.

"Alright, now that everything is taken care of, I want to ask you guys if you have something to say."

Jane raised her hand and asked, "When are we going to an actual house."

"Soon. I am working on it. I can get one now, but this is not a fictional story. The government and officials will notice it, and they will come after me, who will also go after you girls."

After a brief pause, he continued, "Actually, there is a big estate if you are curious. But that's far away from here, and I don't own that place. I brought you all here as it's closer to my town and we can meet whenever you want.

And before you say anything, yes, I can teleport anywhere I want, but you can't. If you want to meet me, you all would have to fly all the way here or to my house. Uhh... let's say..."

Rudy took out his phone and opened the 'Underworld' app. He scrolled down and said, "Wait for five days, I guess? There is an auction in the underworld, and there are chances that they might be auctioning some unused lands and homes. We will be lucky if I can get my hands on them."

Niti raised her hand and asked, "What is underworld? Do you mean hell?"

"No, of course not. I don't want to go to hell, willingly or unwillingly," Rudy groaned. "Underworld is a place where... umm, all thugs and gangsters gather. Although that's just a layer, it's much more than that.

The underworld is a country of people... well, mostly humans. And all kinds of stuff happens there. You might think, why and how is that a safe place for you girls and the answer is that I know the ruler or... you can say, the monarch-ess? She rules over the underworld, so I can ask her for security.

And they know everything about this world and the world before that. They know about the Lord and the untold stories of this world. And I personally think you would like it there."

"Okay."

Rudy turned to Reina and said, "I contacted the builder this morning, and he said he would come to look at this place and the other land for our project. I only want a blueprint from him. We will also have to take permissions from the government and such."

SIGH!

"Everything is so complicated..." He shook his head in frustration. "Part of me just wants to hypnotize everyone. But let's take a natural and legal approach for now to avoid unnecessary drama in the future. If things get even a little more complicated, I will resort to mind-controlling them. No one can stand in my path to my dream. Otherwise... I will crush them."

Rudy pointed his fingers at three beds in the corner and said, "I could only arrange three beds, which I think will be enough for you three girls."

"But..." Niti counted everyone and said, "There are five girls."

"Reina will sleep at night and do work during the day. While you girls will be sleeping during the day, right? Since you can't come in daylight. And if you are not sleeping, then you can always wander around."

"I will handle the sun," he shortly added.

"But even if we sleep during the day, there are four vampires," Jane stated.

"Oh!" Rudy smirked at Vriti and said, "I totally forgot about you, Vriti."

"..." Vriti gritted her teeth and glared furiously at Rudy. "I really really really hate you!"

"Yeah, I can see that."

"Vriti!" Niti shook Vriti and whispered violently. "That's no way to talk to him!"

"I have no respect for him, mother."

"That doesn't matter. You can't talk to him like that. Don't you know who he is?!"

"So what if he is the husband of princess Rias? This man is despicable, and that's a fact," Vriti commented.

"What are you talking about?! Master Rudy is the almighty Lord!"

Vriti's face turned pale after hearing that, and her facial expression suddenly changed.

"Wha...t?"

'This girl is so ignorant and oblivious of everything, it's surprising,' Rudy uttered inwardly.

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Chapter 490: The Vampire Gang Meets Angelica

"What? How can he be the Lord?" she asked with a baffled look on her face. "He is a human, is he not?"

"He is, but... he is not."

"You are lying, right? You are trying to scare and discipline me like you used to when I was a kid."

"No. He is truly the almighty Lord. You can ask princess Rias and princess Jane. Also, why else would the Vampire Monarch allow him to bring us to the human world? You know better than anyone how much he fears the Lord.

He even punished princess Rias so the Lord wouldn't punish her. In fact, even talking with a human is a crime, so there was no way he was going to let any of us come to the human world.

However, master Rudy is the Lord, and the Vampire Monarch couldn't dare to go against his wishes."

"I don't understand!" Vriti panicked. "Since when is he the Lord? And why did no one tell me about it? I had no idea!"

The fear of the Lord was naturally inside every living being, whether they believed in him or not. And that fear increased drastically if they somehow angered the Lord.

Vriti realized what she had done, and she couldn't help but tremble. She was prepared to die for her vulgar attitude towards Rudy. However, Rudy had different plans for her.

"There is no need to yell at her like that, Niti. I had asked Virgil to keep it a secret, so it's obviously normal that Vriti wouldn't be aware of it. In fact, I had only told Jane and Rias about it after I was accidentally sent to the human world," Rudy said calmly.

"That's right." Jane nodded and turned to Niti. "Rudy only told Rias, and I happened to be with her at that time. But how do you know about it, Niti?"

Jane asked her with a judging and suspicious look on her face.

"Umm... I overheard you and Princess Rias talking about it. I swear I never told anyone else!"

"If that's the case, then it's our fault for talking out loud. Don't worry."

That was a lie. Rudy had contacted Niti the same way he had contacted Rias and Jane to inform them about the matter. Niti was doing her duty at that time, but Rudy contacted her and told her everything at night.

He had promised Niti to give his fresh milk to her every morning, so he wanted to apologize to her as he would be unable to do that.

Vriti sighed in relief after knowing that her life wasn't in danger, but it was too soon for that.

Rudy turned to Vriti and said, "Still, I can't forget the humiliation you brought to me. Not to mention, you had purposely interrupted my time with Rias on the balcony the day she woke up. And just today, you tried to play dumb and stall the time to keep everyone in the vampire world. I can forgive you for the first two, but what you did today is unforgivable."

Vriti hugged herself as her body trembled. She gulped down anxiously and meekly uttered with tears in her eyes, "What can I do to ask for your forgiveness, my L-Lord?"

"....!"

Rudy hadn't expected that reaction.

'What is this feeling I am experiencing right now? Do I have some kind of fetish that turns me on when I see a cheeky and haughty girl act meek all of a sudden?'

And thus, one more fetish was added to Rudy's fetish list.

'Anyway, what should I make her do? I don't really have a need for her, but let's not be too harsh on her. I know her reasons for having such a personality, and I don't blame her.'

"Ahem!" Rudy cleared his throat and said, "I want you to accept me."

"Huh?" Vriti's face suddenly turned red.

'Hmm? Why is she blushing? I just asked her to acknowledge me as a man suitable for Rias. Why do I think that she misunderstood something? I should clear it up before it's too late and I get to—'

"Okay..." Vriti squirmed a little and nodded meekly. "I will accept you."

'Uhh... yeah. She misunderstood. But oh well, I don't mind if she keeps acting meek like this.'

'I can't believe you managed to seduce her too,' Angelica remarked.

"You can come out now, Angelica."

'I don't feel like revealing myself to them.'

"Come on, stop being all shy. You are acting like how Reina did when I first met her," he chuckled and glanced at Reina.

'Fine~' Angelica groaned.

Typically, it wouldn't be a big deal for Angelica to show herself to the other harem members. But that was when they were humans, and she was another being. She felt superiority over them. But she couldn't feel that in front of the vampire gang.

A few seconds later, Angelica came out of Rudy's body and stood in front of the girls. But after receiving stares from them, she hid behind Rudy and said, "Why are they looking at me like that?"

"You forgot to make yourself visible to them. They can sense you but can't see you."

"Oh!"

Angelica made herself visible by manifesting her human form but still stayed hidden behind Rudy.

Rias raised her eyes and said, "Is this the ghost who has possessed you?"

"Not possessed. And please, call her Angelica."

"Right. I keep forgetting her name for some reason. Does she have a spell on her that makes me forget her name?" she asked curiously.

"Uhh... what?"

Rias turned to Jane and asked, "What do you think? Am I right? I have very limited vampiric powers, but you have vampire's eyes. You should be able to tell."

"Can you stand in front of us? I need to scan you?"

Angelica looked at Rudy for his permission and stood in front of the vampire girls.

Jane scanned Angelica and said, "No. She doesn't have any spells on her. And... well, Rudy also happened to tell me her name when you were still in the slumber, and I remember it clearly."

"So it's only me?" Rias muttered.

Rias stared at Angelica and asked, "Have... have we met before? You look awfully familiar to me for some reason."