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Chapter 551: An Unexpected Meet

Rudy landed in the forest with nothing but anger. And he landed so forcefully without caring that the ground cracked on impact as the force blew away his surroundings.

The trees and dead bodies were tossed aside like dust in the wind.

"I know you are hiding in the shadows. I don't know who you are or what you were planning to do with Jessica, but I can hear her heartbeat, so that means she is fine. I will give you a painless death if you come out now!"

There was no response from the other side, which made Rudy more furious than before.

"If you want to do it the hard way, then so be it. How dare you even think of hurting her!"

Rudy released his aura to intimidate the shadow, and it was so strong that it physically destroyed his surroundings even more. It felt like his aura was alive and ready to devour anything in his path.

"You are not a human, and that's obvious. But whichever race you belong to, you cannot escape me. I will chase you down to the depths of hell and find you! I rule everything! I rule every race! How dare you defy my orders!"

The Lord inside Rudy was awakening, fueling his anger even more.

"You think you can hide from me?" Rudy asked with a scoff. "I can still sense your presence. Even if you physically hide, I can see you. I will count to three, so come out obediently.

I don't want Jessica to wake up and see me like this. So let's be done with it. If you don't come out, I will have to rip your shadow out of the horizon, and that won't end well for you."

A few seconds later, the shadow emerged from Jessica's shadow and stood in front of Rudy.

The reason Rudy didn't do anything first instead of threatening the shadow was because it used Jessica's shadow to hide. So to take it out, Rudy would have to use his powers on Jessica, which might have hurt her.

Rudy simply bluffed, but it was a true bluff.

When he released his intimidating aura, the realms quavered in fear. They couldn't see Rudy, but they could sense his presence. And if the faraway realms dropped to their knees after sensing Rudy's aura, what would have happened to the shadow who was standing in front of Rudy?

One would expect it to rub its head on the ground and grovel before Rudy, but surprisingly, it stood its ground.

Rudy's fangs automatically enlarged as he ordered, "Kneeeeee!"

The shadow couldn't help but kneel in front of Rudy.

"Now, let's see who you truly are before I kill you by peeling your skin off your flesh!"

The shadow was still covered in the mist, but when Rudy touched it, the mist was absorbed by Rudy's body, and it revealed a girl wearing a hoodie. And her head was lowered as she was kneeling to Rudy.

"Raise your head and look at me," Rudy ordered.

At first, the girl didn't move, but she eventually had to. She slowly moved her head up as her hoodie fell off, and Rudy saw her full face.

"...!"

Never in his wildest dream had he ever expected to see or meet 'that' girl in 1989. His eyes widened in bewilderment as all his anger vanished completely as though it had never existed.

"What..." He slowly moved his hand to the girl's face as her red hair swayed in the air. "What are you doing here... Rias?"

The girl was none other than Rudy's vampire wife— Rias.

"How do you know my name?" Rias asked with a confused look on her face.

"Why... oh... you are this timeline's Rias. But why are you here in the human world? No, more importantly. What were you going to do with Jessica?"

While Rudy's anger had indeed vanished, he had to know the answers of Rias' actions.

"First, answer me." Rias furrowed her brows and asked as she pointed her finger at the sleeping Jessica, "What are you to this girl?"

"I don't have to answer your question."

Rias frowned and asked, "You're not a human, are you?"

Rudy shrugged his shoulders and said, "Do I look like one to you?"

"Who are you? And why couldn't I defy your words? Are you a warlock?" Rias asked curiously.

"Warlock? What is that? It's actually my first time hearing that. Is that a race?"

"Warlocks are mostly humans who steal the power of other races and use them for evil purposes. There are many types of warlock, but there is one thing common in all of them, and that is that they are humans.

Only humans can become warlocks. I read stories about them but never saw one. In fact, no one has ever seen one for thousands of years, and they have become a myth, a legend. But it seems they were all true," Rias uttered with a judging glare.

"I am not a warlock, but tell me more about them."

"Blood warlock; they steal the powers of vampires to hunt the vampires. Dragon slayers, who are warlocks, steal the dragon's power to hunt them down. Basically, the slayers of the races are mostly warlocks.

Seriously, humans are such despicable creatures. I have no idea why the Lord has kept them alive. They are the reason for the wars eons ago. They are the cause of every war in history. I hate them to my core!"

"..."

Rias looked at her hand and muttered, "But I can't believe my mother was half-human and half-vampire. I have human blood inside me, and that's disgusting. I ran away from the vampire world so I could meet my mother and ask her why she married a human!"

'Whoa. Her hate for humans is immeasurable. And now I see the perfect influence of Nyxia in her,' Rudy uttered inwardly.

"So you killed all the humans?" Rudy asked while pointing his gaze around at the dead bodies.

"No. They were bad people who were bringing innocent humans into the forest and killing them. Today was their grand meeting, so I annihilated them all!"

"If you hate humans so much, then why did you avenge the death of innocent humans? Furthermore, why did you save Jessica's life?"

"Well..." Rias averted her gaze and muttered, "Not all humans are bad..."

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Chapter 552: Intresting Discovery

"What was happening here? And did you bring Jessica here?" Rudy asked calmly.

"Yes, I brought her here because she was walking alone at night when the evil people were roaming in the town. They could have abducted her as she was walking around their territories," Rias answered.

"This town shouldn't have something like that, but..." Rudy raised one of the bodies and found a syndicate symbol. "I knew it."

"What? Do you know these people?"

"Yes, and no. They are from the underworld."

"Hell?!" Rias exclaimed in shock.

"No," Rudy shook his head and chuckled with a distant smile on his face.

"What's so funny?"

"It's nothing."

Rudy recalled the same reaction when he had mentioned the word 'underworld' in front of the vampire gang for the first time.

"These people were from the syndicate of mafias. There is an ongoing war there, and they are coming out to spread terror to the outside world. There are other cities they can go to, but this one seems like a safe place for them.

The other cities are developed enough and have police stations and stuff, but this town is still underdeveloped with no security for anyone. However, crimes are non-existent in villages, or so... I thought."

Rudy counted the bodies and asked, "So what exactly were they doing here? Bringing people here and killing them?"

Rias shook her head and said, "They were dumping dead bodies here. But they did bring a dozen alive people here a few days back and kept them chained."

"Probably people from other organizations." Rudy pondered for a while and muttered, "I will get rid of the bodies. You should go back to your house."

"Wait a minute." Rias grabbed Rudy's hand and asked, "You didn't answer my question. Who are you?"

"I will tell you whatever you want to know, but not right now. I will drop by your house tomorrow. But for now, know that I am not an evil person."

"Who are you to this girl?"

"Umm... think of me as her guardian. And you shouldn't abduct people like that anymore, okay?"

"I didn't..." Rias clenched her fists and said, "She was being followed by something."

"Hmm?"

"I was here in the forest when I sensed something watching me. So I went to check, but couldn't find anyone. And when I saw this little girl alone at night, crying and frightened, I... brought her here to save her," Rias exclaimed.

"When did you sense something? It could be me trying to find Jessica, but just to be sure, I will scout the area before leaving." Rudy smiled at Rias and said, "Stay safe."

"...I don't understand. Why do you know so much about me? How did you know my name? Have we met before?" Rias looked into Rudy's eyes and suddenly gasped.

She covered her mouth and said, "Don't tell me, grandpa Virgil sent you to punish me!"

"No, it's nothing like that," Rudy chuckled softly. "Just go home for now. I want to chat with you, but I must take Jessica back to her house."

Rias puckered her lips and muttered, "I no longer feel any hostility from you, so I guess I can believe you."

"Well, thank you. You should be glad that I unmasked you first and didn't kill you on the spot. I am glad too. You shouldn't have worn the mist like that."

Rudy carried Jessica in his arms and turned to Rias.

"You look beautiful as always."

After saying that, he jumped in the air and disappeared into the clouds.

"What was that?!" Rias shouted with a flushed face.

SIGH!

She glanced around and raised her brows before shaking her head in disbelief.

"He didn't do anything about the bodies..."

Just as Rias said that the bodies slowly turned into ashes and left no sign behind.

"...!"

Rias gritted her teeth and muttered, "He gets on my nerves for some reason! I don't like him at all!"

That was the beginning of the tale of Rias and Rudy's love story.

"Hmm~ All clear. Rias sensed me." Rudy flew above the clouds towards the house while smiling.

'This was my first time seeing Rias use her vampire powers. Since she is 90% human, her powers are very limited. Still, she looked so beautiful.'

Rudy landed near the house and saw Jessica and Elena at the door. Fortunately, they didn't see him landing as they were at the door, and Rudy landed a few meters away from there.

"Elena, what are you doing here?" Rudy asked.

"Jessica!" Elena and Rebecca rushed at Rudy and asked, "What happened to her? Is she okay?"

"Yes. She is just sleeping. Don't worry."

They went inside and placed Jessica on the bed. Rebecca also fell asleep soon after, and Elena stayed the night at their house.

"Are you sure about staying here? What about your grandparents?"

"It's okay. I will wake up early and leave before they wake up. It's too late to go back, and besides, I don't want to leave you alone."

"Hmm? Are you worried about me?" Rudy chuckled softly. "I am perfectly fine."

"So make yourself look fine, but you are not actually fine, are you?"

"..."

They left the bedroom and went to the kitchen.

"Do you want to drink something?" Rudy asked her.

"No. I just want to sleep with you."

"Oh?" Rudy pulled her close and asked, "Is that an invitation?"

Elena pushed Rudy back and squinted her eyes before replying, "I didn't mean it like that. And we are not doing it here. I also have school tomorrow, so I need a good sleep."

Rudy carried Elena in his arms and took her to the couch.

"Huh? Don't tell me that you sleep on the couch?!"

"Yes. It's very comfortable to sleep."

"That's not the point. You should sleep on the bed, or you will have body aches."

"I will buy another bed tomorrow. But for now, let's get you to sleep."

Rudy sat on the couch and placed Elena on his lap.

"What... are you doing? There is no way we can sleep like this."

"Just trust me."

Rudy laid down, and Elena slept on top of him.

"Are you feeling comfortable?" Elena asked Rudy. "This is not an idle position to sleep."

"Toss your facts and knowledge out of your head for tonight. And close your eyes."

Within a few minutes, both of them had fallen into a deep sleep.

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Chapter 553: Telling Elena

The night passed, and the sun woke up, but Elena and Rudy didn't.

Even Rebecca woke up late after everything that happened last night. She was still sleepy when she got off the bed, but when she went into the living room and saw Rudy and Elena sleeping on top of each other while hugging, her sleep vanished.

At first, she stared at them for a few seconds before realizing what was happening. She even thought that they were pretending to be asleep because she woke up, but they were truly fast asleep.

It was noted that the quality of the pillow or the bed can affect the sleeping time of a person. The better the quality, the longer they would sleep. For Elena, Rudy was the bed pillow and the bed, and for Rudy, Elena was his soft and squishy blanket.

When Rudy opened his eyes after his nose caught the familiar smell of breakfast, he realized that it was late, but not too late to freak out.

Regardless, Rudy had no need to worry about waking up late, but Elena had to get to her house to make breakfast for her grandparents and get ready for school.

The faculties were supposed to arrive earlier at school before the students, after all.

Rudy already knew what would happen if he woke Elena up, so he let her sleep and made extra breakfast for three people with Rebecca. However, for some reason, Rudy felt as though he was getting a cold shoulder from her.

Rudy didn't pay too much attention to it as he didn't want to overthink on every slightest matter and make it big, but he should have done that as his hunch was correct, and Rebecca was indeed giving him the cold shoulder.

Once everything was ready, Rudy woke Elena up. At first, she was confused to see Rudy and glanced around for a few seconds before her memories finally caught up to her brain, and she recalled the event from the last night.

Then, she slowly moved her gaze to the clock on the wall, and her face turned pale after realizing it was already morning.

"Why didn't you wake me up!" she shouted and immediately got off the couch.

As she was in a hurry and didn't give time to her body to activate its functions, her legs couldn't carry her, and she fell into Rudy's arms.

"There, there. I know you want to embrace me, but now is not the time," Rudy teased her with a grin.

Elena pushed Rudy back and said, "Now is not the time for your jokes. I am so late!"

"But it's only 7:21 right now."

"It will take me fifteen minutes to reach home. Ten minutes to bathe and get ready. And a minimum of twenty minutes to make breakfast. And some other things!"

"What time do you have to go to school?" Rudy asked curiously.

"Sharp 8:00. And the students start coming after 8:15, but the time is 8:30."

"Remind me to thank my certain teacher," Rudy muttered.

He pointed his finger at the packed breakfast and said, "Your breakfast is already ready, so I just saved you twenty minutes."

"Still... I will be late! And I am always at the gate duty, so I have to make sure I am the first one there."

"Don't worry about it." Rudy grabbed breakfast and held Elena's hand. "I will drop you home."

Rudy turned to Rebecca and said, "You can wake Jessica up and take a bath together. I will be back by eight."

Rebecca turned her face to the side and went to the bedroom to wake Jessica up.

'Well, I would feel awkward too if a family member suddenly brought their lover home. Let's hope everything will go back to normal by the time I return.'

Rudy left the house with Elena and walked. But Elena was in such a hurry that she was basically dragging Rudy with her rather than walking with him.

"Calm down, my butterfly. Umhh.... yeah, that was bad. I regretted it the moment it came out of my mouth. I was trying to give you a nickname but... nevermind that. I forgot I suck at naming."

Rudy pulled Elena close and said, "No need to hurry."

"Are you trying to get me kicked out of my job?" Elena asked with a judging look on her face.

"Well, I wouldn't mind doing that if you ever felt like your job was too much, or you thought it was a burden. But I know you love your job, and I would be at ease if I knew that you were watching over Jessica.

What I am trying to say is... you don't have to do something you don't want to. We are now lovers, so we should share responsibilities and burdens too. And I want to make you happy.

You don't have to worry about money and stuff. I will take care of anything. And if you ever need something, I will get it for you in no time," he said calmly with a gentle smile on his face.

"Right now, I want you to let me go so I can reach home and not get too late for school."

"Hmm? Why do you want to go home?" Rudy asked with a grin on his face.

"Are you seriously asking that?"

"Look around, you idiot."

"Hah?!" Elena glanced around and found herself standing in her room. "Wha...t?"

"Since you were complaining so much about getting late, I expect praise for saving your time."

"Wait... what just happened? We were on the street and... how...."

Rudy smiled at Elena and said, "I did that."

"What?" Elena was confused and curious at the same time.

"I... have superpowers. And I can do stuff."

Earlier, when Rudy pulled Elena close to him, he had teleported to Elena's room, and Elena never noticed as she was too focused on Rudy.

That showed how much she loved Rudy, as even though she knew she was late and her job was at risk, she didn't put anything above Rudy. Even though she pretended she didn't care, she only cared and thought of Rudy whenever she was around him.

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Chapter 554: Meeting Grandparents

"Super... powers? I don't understand."

"I don't blame you. I was planning to tell you this anyway, but I thought this was the best time." Rudy looked into Elena's eyes and said, "I didn't want to hide anything from my lover."

Elena pondered for a few seconds and nodded before saying, "Okay."

"Okay?"

"Okay!"

"No... what, okay? You are not going to ask more questions?"

"No. I just want to know what you want me to know. I won't ask you things you don't tell me. And besides...."

"Besides...?" Rudy eagerly waited for the following words.

"Besides, I am getting late, so now is not the time."

"...."

Elena grinned at Rudy and remarked, "What? Are you going to sulk now?"

"I never sulk."

Elena grabbed Rudy's hand and said, "Come."

"Hmm?"

"Don't you want to meet my grandparents?"

"No..."

"..."

"I was joking. But... not really. I don't think I should meet them."

"Why not?"

"I mean.... they are old, and they probably have the old mentality of the 1900s." Rudy shrugged and said, "What would they think if their granddaughter woke up late and brought a guy home from her bedroom? I don't see that ending well, to be honest."

"Don't worry. They are okay with all this."

"Is that so?"

'Did she already tell them about me?' Rudy wondered.

Elena took Rudy downstairs, where her grandparents were waiting for her at the dining table.

"Hey, gramps!" Elena fist bumped with her grandfather and grabbed a plate from the kitchen to serve them breakfast. "Here you go. This breakfast is made by my boyfriend, so let me know how it is. And... I will go take a bath."

After saying that, Elena rushed to her room to grab her clothes.

'What the—! She left me alone with them?!'

Rudy looked at her grandparents and found them staring at him.

"So you are that young man she keeps talking about," the grandmother said.

Rudy awkwardly smiled at them and nodded.

"No need to be nervous." The grandfather moved a chair for Rudy and said, "Come sit."

Rudy reluctantly sat on the chair and said, "Thank you."

"So, what is your name?" the grandfather suddenly asked.

"It's..." Rudy stopped and thought, 'Has Elena not told my name to them? But what if she has and I get the name wrong?'

"My name is Robert."

"Robert... that was the name of my bud back then."

"I see..."

The grandparents began to eat, but Rudy sat there. He felt awkward and wished that Elena would finish her bath soon.

"When did you two meet?" the grandmother asked this time.

"Around three weeks ago."

"Three weeks?! And you two are already a thing?!" the grandfather exclaimed.

"Yes. Elena is very straightforward, and things just... happened."

"Haha! I know what you mean. She is very spoiled, and her anger is... just like her grandmother," the grandfather remarked while laughing at the grandmother.

"...."

"Have you two already done the deed?" the grandfather asked. "You came from her room, so I would expect a yes."

Rudy felt uncomfortable talking about all that to them, but he tossed everything aside and nodded.

"Yes."

"You should consider yourself lucky that you have someone like Elena to take care of you," the grandmother said.

"Oh, I am. I am glad that she is my... lover. She is very kind and considerate of me. And she—"

"Are you sure we are talking about the same person?" the grandfather remarked. "Because Elena is none of the things you mentioned."

"..."

"Anyway, I am impressed that you have already done the deed. Had you said no, I would have been angry."

"Can I ask why?"

"If a man stays in the same room as a beautiful girl like Elena and doesn't do anything to her, then that man is not a man."

"If you put it like that, then yes. You are not wrong."

"Back in my day when I was your age..." The grandfather stopped to take a bite.

'Oh, there we go. The 'back in my day' comparison. I can already guess what's going to happen next,' Rudy uttered inwardly and prepared his poker face.

"Where was I...? Ah, yes. Back when I was your age, there were not many schools. Only academies are far, far away from towns. Many cities share one common academy, and there will be thousands of students."

He looked at Rudy and asked, "Do you understand what I am trying to say?"

"Uhhh... back then, students focused more on their studies?"

"Oh, Nah. Thousands of students mean too many pretty girls on campus."

"..."

"When I was your... wait, how old did you say you were again? You look no older than eighteen."

"Yes." That's all Rudy could say.

"When I was in the academy, I was one of the most attractive males on the campus. The girls used to call me prince charming, and they all fawned over me. Oh, my days. I wish I could go back to that time and enjoy my life even more.

So as I was saying, I had too much fun in my youth. I met girls and enjoyed my nights with them. But all that came to an end when my fiance reached the age and enrolled in the same academy as mine.

Of course, I am talking about this old lady sitting beside me. She is my cousin. And back then, parents loved to set up arranged marriages when we were only toddlers. But hey, I am not complaining. I don't see how that was a bad thing over the current generation's culture. Marriages lasted long back then, but there were also other factors that played a role. Still, I am sure the future generation would be much worse.

Love has lost its meaning, and it's sad to see that it has become a word with no value. Anyone can say it to anyone without genuine feelings. Oh, there. I am going off the topic. I shouldn't care about the future generation. I would be dead by then. Haha!"

"..."

Rudy talked with them until Elena came out of the bathroom and ate a few bites of breakfast before leaving with Rudy.

Rudy teleported her near the school and somehow managed to get there on time without getting late. Afterward, he returned to the house and ate breakfast with the girls.

Rebecca left for her school, and later, he dropped Jessica to her school. Once he was done with everything, he decided to meet Rias and see what she was up to.

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Chapter 555: Visiting the Haunted House Again

Rudy teleported to the forest to the spot where he had met Rias last night.

"I am getting nervous for some reason. I was truly baffled when I saw her last night, but I kept my cool, and I was totally focused on Jessica, so I prioritized Jessica over Rias for obvious reasons.

But now that everything has settled and I am going to meet Rias, I feel...conflicted. I have already realized that time traveling to 1989 was supposed to happen... or should I say, it has already happened once... for Rudy in the future— that would be me.

If that wasn't the case, I wouldn't have found my new wallet on Jessica's grave. So whatever I do in this timeline— or what was supposed to happen in this timeline— has already occurred in 2008.

That would explain so many things. And there is a chance to find my real parents too. Were they humans? And why do I have the Lord's power? I have so many questions left unanswered.

However, I know the answers to the other questions I had.

Why did I feel the warmth and the connection when I met Angelica for the first time in that tunnel? Because, even if she had no memory, deep down, she recognized me? No wonder I was so eager to save her.

But... who is Elena? If everything has already happened in 2008, then she should know me in 2008, right? But up until now, I have never met her. She was 18 years old in 1989, so in 2008, she should be 37 or something.

I am also currently 18, although I am pretending to be 23 to seem like an adult.

Wait, what if I had actually met Elena, but she never told me anything? And since she is 37, she would look mature and different because of her age. I wish to return to 2008 for a few minutes and find Elena."

Rudy lowered his gaze as he slowly walked towards Rias' house. He wasn't in a hurry because he was nervous and lost in different thoughts.

"Still, ever since I found out that the flow of time in 2008 has basically stopped for me, I am not worried about the girls since they would never realize that I have been missing.

I do miss them a lot, though.

Coming back to the topic, since whatever I did in 1989 has already happened in 2008, should I even be worried about the consequences of my actions? Whatever I do is supposed to happen.

Seriously, this is so mind-boggling. It's best if I don't think about it, but I can't help myself. Moreover, I now know the answer to the biggest mystery question I have had for a long time.

Why and how did Rias fall in love with me in 2008? When I told her my name, she jumped on me and began hugging me to show her affection.

The answer is that I had already met her in 1989, and she fell in love with me at that time. Maybe I later wiped her memory and made it so she would remember everything when she learned my name in 2008?

But wouldn't that mean she already knew everything? Did she know that I was the Lord? Perhaps, I never told her in the 1989 timeline?

I have always been eager to know why Rias fell in love with me, and whenever I asked her, she avoided the topic or passed it off as a joke. And when I asked Jane, she called me stupid.

She must have noticed it after she drank my blood, and I showed her my memory." Rudy let out a sigh and muttered, "And I thought she was just drunk (high) on my blood.

So, in other words... Rias has waited for me for that long? That's a long... really long time. Once I return to the 2008 timeline, I should treat her something. Let's hope she has finally decided to tell everything to Jane.

She has been holding my threesome card in her hand. Now, enough about 2008. Let's focus on 1989 and make Rias fall in love with me. It shouldn't be that hard, right?

I mean..." Rudy shrugged with a confident look on his face and said, "I make the haughty girl like Jane fall for me, so it shouldn't be that tough to make Rias fall for me. And I hate to admit but... our first meeting last night wasn't exactly what I would call romantic.

For the first time, I had used the Lord's command and intimidation on someone. Wish me luck, 2008 Rias and Angelica."

Rudy knocked on the door, but as he had expected, he received no response.

'If possible, I truly don't want to enter this house. It brings back some nightmarish memories that I don't want to remember. But I didn't have my powers at that time, so it should be easy this time.'

Rudy unlocked the door using his powers and entered the house.

BANG!

When he looked back, the door had disappeared.

"Oh, great."

Rudy walked around the house, this time nailing all the traps, and nonchalantly sat on the chair in the middle of the living room.

"Hmph! Not bad," Rias' voice echoed in the house, although she was nowhere to be seen.

"Can you come out now? I am here to meet you, not your house."

"Why do you show no sign of fear? Even the strongest warriors from the vampire world, who had come to take me back, were so afraid after entering this house that they ran away after promising that they would never return."

Even though Rias wasn't there, Rudy could easily feel the curiosity in her voice.

"I will tell you if you show yourself in front of me."

"Nice try, Mister. But I am not appearing in front of you. You were so scary last night that I had nightmares about you all night when I slept."

"Oh? So I am already coming in your dreams?" Rudy scoffed softly. "That's a development."

"Shut up!"

"Okay, let's be serious." Rudy conjured a tennis ball in his hand— that he had copied at home— and asked, "What do I have to do to make you appear in front of me?"

"Strip."

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Chapter 556: Steady Development

"Strip."

"What?"

"Strip. Didn't you say you would do anything to call me out?"

'I did not expect Rias to be so sassy, but I am not complaining.'

"Well, if that's what you want, then..." Rudy stood up and stripped himself in less than three seconds. Then, he casually sat on the chair while playing with the tennis ball.

"You really stripped?! Don't you have any shame?!"

"I sold my shame for \$69."

"Cover your thing!"

"Hmm? Weren't you the one who asked me to strip? I thought you wanted to see my dick."

"I did not want to see your... y-your thing! I asked you to strip, thinking you would give up on calling me out, but I had no idea I was dealing with a shameless person!"

It was obvious from Rias' voice that she was flustered.

Rudy wore his clothes, but slowly, so he could flash his snake to Rias. It took me three seconds to strip, but it took three minutes to get dressed.

Of course, Rudy could easily locate where Rias was hiding in the house or forcefully call her out. But he didn't want to do either of those as he wanted Rias to come out on her own.

His goal was to make her fall in love with him, not to make her hate him.

Rudy tossed the ball to the wall and caught it with the other hand.

"Now that I have done what you asked me to do, will you come out now?" Rudy asked nicely.

"No."

"What else do you want me to do?"

"For now, I want you to leave."

"Come on..."

Rudy tossed the ball on the wall again but didn't catch it and let it bounce around in the room. Then, he got up from the chair and said, "Alright, I am leaving. But I will return again tomorrow."

"What makes you think that I will show myself to you tomorrow?"

"We will see."

After that, Rudy left the house as he said and went to explore the town to find new things.

The ball in the room eventually stopped bouncing near the wall. It stayed like that for a few seconds before starting to roll and circling around the chair.

The next day, Rudy returned as he had promised and talked with Rias for a few minutes before leaving.

That continued for two weeks, and instead of getting impatient and angry, Rudy was surprisingly happy.

He planned to make her fall for him, which was going smoothly, according to him, at least. It didn't matter if he couldn't see her, but they talked daily. And each day, their chatting duration increased.

On the first day, she asked him to leave after ten minutes, which increased to twenty minutes on the second day and thirty minutes on the third. Rudy considered that progress and made that his challenge.

It was obvious from the progression so far that Rias was slowly opening her heart to Rudy. So if she decided to show herself in front of Rudy, that would mean that she had taken a liking to him.

On the 15th day, Rudy was sitting on the chair as always, tossing the ball and playing catch.

"Hey, you there?" Rudy asked. "Or are you still sleeping? I think I got here a little too early, but I couldn't wait to see your face."

"I am here. I just don't know what to say," Rias responded.

"How about you appear in front of me? I am sure you will suddenly remember a lot of things to talk about."

"No. If I look into your eyes, I will have to obey your commands again. And I am not that stupid. What if you make me do something I don't want to?"

"You are just giving me more ideas."

"Shut it!"

SIGH!

Rudy stretched his arms in the air and said, "It has been two weeks. Don't you feel sorry for me and do as I say?"

"No. Because you don't look sad at all. In fact, you seem to be enjoying yourself."

"That's not true. Even if I don't look sad, you never know if I am just hiding my emotions from the world," he said with a distant smile on his face.

"Well, it has been two weeks, and you still haven't answered my questions. You can't expect me to trust you if you don't trust me."

"I have already answered most of your questions. There are a few things that I can't tell you, and you will have to deal with it."

"Okay then, answer my next three questions without lying, and I will appear in front of you," Rias promised.

"Alright. But you better keep your promise, or you know what will happen."

"What is your real name? You told me your name is Robert, but I don't believe that's true."

"I was going to tell you my real name, actually." After a pause of two seconds, he uttered, "My name is Rudy."

"Rudy? What type of name is that," she scoffed. "Why do humans name their children like this?"

"I can say the same to you." Rudy scoffed back and said, "Glorias. What type of name is that?"

"Watch it!"

"You too, my love."

The house shook as Rias' voice shouted, "Don't call me that!"

"You do this every time I call you that; it's quite funny, not going to lie. Now, onto your second question."

"I know. You don't have to remind me." A brief pause later, Rias asked, "How do you know my name? Are you truly not a warrior sent by my grandpa to take me back to the vampire world?"

"Hey, that's two questions," Rudy remarked.

"Answer, please. I don't want you to be a warrior."

"I am not. I am a human, physically, at least. And I know your name because... uhm... I know you."

"That's a vague answer. Tell me a little more, and I will count it as two answers."

"Since I promised to tell the truth, I will tell you the truth."

"Thank you."

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Chapter 557: How to Tame a Vampire

"I..." Rudy let out a short sigh and said, "I am from the future."

"..."

"And I have time-traveled to this timeline for some reason."

"You..."

"Hmm? Oh, I know you are shocked after learning that but don't worry."

"You promised to tell the truth!"

"I am telling the truth!" Rudy groaned. "But it's up to you to believe me."

"Fine. I believe you. You don't seem to be lying."

"I also know what you are in the human world to find your mother."

"I told you that the night we met!"

"Yes, you did, but I knew it even before... that."

At that time, Rudy realized something. He clenched the tennis ball in his hand as a sudden thought crossed his mind.

'Right now, Rias is in the human world to find her mother. But she would obviously return to the vampire world. And when I met Rias in the 2008 timeline, she was apparently looking for someone important to her.

After my night with Jane in the vampire world, when Jane told me a few things about Rias. I assumed 'that' someone important Rias was looking for was her mother. But there is a high chance that she was waiting for me!

I can't tell for sure, but I will ask her once I return to the 2008 timeline to confirm.'

"What's wrong? You went quiet all of a sudden?" Rias asked curiously.

"I am just waiting for your third and final question."

"Look back, you idiot."

"Hmm?" Rudy was so lost in his thoughts earlier that he never noticed Rias' voice coming from behind him.

When Rudy turned around, he saw Rias standing there, squirming with a flushed face.

"What happened to the third question?" Rudy asked with a dazed expression on his face, seemingly speechless after seeing Rias after a long time.

"I asked two questions earlier, remember?"

"Hmm."

"But... I would like to ask one more question... if you don't mind..." she uttered hesitantly.

"Sure, go ahead."

"If you are truly from the future, and thus, know me very well. What type of relations do we have in the future? And why are you here?"

"That's two questions again," Rudy chuckled softly.

Rias stared at Rudy without reacting and waited for his answers.

"Well... we have a special relationship. And I am here to make you fall in love with me," Rudy answered honestly.

"But why..."

"Do I need a reason to fall in love with someone?"

"If you know me, then you must also know my sister, right?"

"I do," Rudy nodded.

"Then you should fall in love with her. She is better than me in everything. She is beautiful, she is strong, and she is more vampire-ish than me."

"I know."

"Then... why..." Rias clenched her fist.

"As I said, I want to fall in love with you and make you fall in love with me. I have no other reasons or excuses."

"Why would you fall in love with me?"

Even though Rias had said she wanted to ask one question, she had asked many.

"Firstly, I love you more than Jane. And lastly, Jane is not here. If she was, I would make a move on her as well," he answered with a straight face.

Rias squinted her eyes and asked with a judging look on her face, "You are after our bodies?"

"No. I believe in love and peace, and that's why I opted for the harem," Rudy stated with a peace sign.

"A... harem...?"

"A harem is a man having multiple girls as lovers."

"I know what it means, but... that's disgusting!"

"Oh, come on. You weren't so against it in the future~" Rudy groaned.

"That's because this is not the future! And the future me must be stupid to let you have a harem!"

"You would regret saying that in the future. And if you don't, I will make sure to remind you."

After that day, Rudy and Rias met daily, which continued for a few more weeks. They had gotten a lot closer, and whenever Rudy was free, he would go to Rias' house to spend time with her.

Of course, his relationship with Elena was going well, and they would have fun every night.

Rudy had a lot of chances to have sex with Rias, and he was convinced that Rias wouldn't say no to him if he ever tried. However, he didn't do more than hugging. He didn't even kiss or touch her appropriately.

He knew Rias was a virgin in 2008, so he couldn't have sex with her in 1989. he could kiss her, but if he did, he wouldn't be able to control himself and go all the way.

Rias had waited for him for 19 years, so it was fair for Rudy to wait for her for the same.

Rias had fallen in love with Rudy, and she always waited for him to come. She would even make food for him sometimes, and she learned a lot about the human world so she could have more conversations with Rudy about the human world.

A few more weeks passed, and everything was going well until one day, Rudy didn't visit Rias at the regular time. She got anxious and wanted to see Rudy but waited for him regardless. She thought he would come soon, but he didn't, so she decided to pay him a visit.

She didn't know where Rudy lived, so she had to search for him. After searching for him for a few minutes, she decided to head back and try to find him at night, when she could fly without worrying about anyone seeing her.

However, when she returned, Rudy was waiting for her at the chair.

"Where were you?!" she yelled at him with teary eyes. "I waited for you!"

"Something came up, so I had to take care of it first. And I am only an hour late."

"I was so lonely! You idiot! I hate you!"

Rudy kissed Rias on the lips for the first time and held her hands in his hands.

"Come with me."

"Where...?" she asked with a puzzled look on her face.

"To my house. I want you to meet someone."

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Chapter 558: How to Kiss a Vampire

"You.... you kissed me..." Rias placed her hand on her lips and asked with a flushed face.

"I did. Want one more?" Rudy said jokingly so Rias' mood could quickly change from embarrassment to haughty.

"Umu," Rias nodded.

However, Rudy failed miserably. It was a 'mission failed successfully' situation for him.

'Seriously. I already have a boner by kissing her. Dear mom, please help me with this tempting test!'

Rias puckered her lips and waited for the kiss, and Rudy knew he had to do it, or his image in Rias' eyes would be labeled as a 'NoBaLLzMaN'. He had to prove that he had the balls of gold and not all talk.

Rudy slowly moved close to Rias and kissed her once again.

"...!" Rias' face flushed a little more after the kiss and she licked her lips. Then, she slowly opened her eyes and said, "I am angry."

"What the—! You are the one who asked me to kiss you again."

"No, not that." Rias shook her head and said, "I am angry because you kept me waiting and came late."

"Oh, I see we are still hung up on that."

"I was so anxious! I felt like I was going to die in loneliness!"

"I understand. So what do I have to do or what do you want me to do so you can forgive me?" Rudy asked calmly.

Rias fidgeted a little and said, "Kiss me."

"Uhh... I should have seen this coming."

Rudy didn't waste time and immediately kissed Rias on the lips.

"Are you happy?"

"You didn't let me finish. I was going to say 'Kiss me ten times'. And the earlier three kisses don't count," Rias stated while averting her gaze.

'What is this? Seriously, I am barely controlling myself from jumping on her, and she wants me to kiss her ten times? Kissing her was a bad idea, but how could I hold it after seeing her cute face.'

Rudy took a deep breath and pulled Rias close to him.

"Are you ready?" he asked.

"Who will count?"

"You do."

"I... maybe bad at counting," Rias said with a grin.

'Here it is. The Rias I know, who always know how to get on my nerves at the right time. Dammit! Why is she so cute?'

"Do you still want me to do the counting?" she asked with the same but a wider grin on her face.

"I will do the counting, thank you very much."

Rias wrapped her arms around Rudy's neck and stared into his eyes.

"I never knew your eyes were so beautiful."

"I have black-slash-brown eyes, and literally most humans in the human world have the same," Rudy remarked.

"I didn't mean the colors. I am talking about how beautiful your eyes are. I don't know why, but I can tell it has seen many happy and sad things. The color is so deep that it feels like I would fall into an abyss if I stared at them for too long. How can someone with such sad eyes smile like you do?"

Rias uttered all that one ago without pausing to even breathe.

"..." Rudy smiled at Rias and kissed her on the lips. He kissed her once, twice, and moved his hand to her waist.

He could feel her body and her chest rubbing against his body. Still, he continued kissing her. With each kiss, the duration between the two kisses became longer. It turned into long and deep kissing from simple and short kissing.

Rias had never felt the pleasure of a kiss before, and each and every kiss felt different than the last one. For some reason, Rias had a feeling that kissing Rudy more would make him happy, so she began to kiss him back.

Once the ten kisses were completed, Rudy made some distance between them and said, "Shall we go now?"

Rias reluctantly nodded and said, "Yes."

She wanted to kiss him more, but she couldn't ask for it.

Rudy grabbed Rias' hand and said, "Let's go."

"Where are we going?"

After a brief silence, Rudy answered, "Home."

They left the house, and Rudy asked Rias if she would like to teleport there or fly and Rias chose to fly.

They flew above the clouds, and Rias couldn't stop staring at Rudy with a confused yet curious look on her face.

"I should have asked this a long time ago, but... how are you flying without wings?"

"Magic."

Rias tried to overfly Rudy, but no matter how fast Rias flew, Rudy caught up to her in no time and didn't let her get ahead of him. She eventually got tired and stopped competing with Rudy.

They landed in front of the house, but Rias was still wondering why they would bring her to a house when she already had one.

It was morning time and Sunday, so Jessica and Rebecca were home.

"I know you have many questions, but you will know your answers soon."

Rudy held Rias' hand and walked towards the front door, which he opened using his powers without touching it.

"....!"

Rias had never been more confused before. And it was obvious since it was her first time seeing Rudy using his other powers.

Rudy entered the house, but Rias stopped at the doorway.

"What's wrong?"

"I cannot enter someone else's house without permission."

"Hmm? You don't have to be so formal. I am inviting you in."

"I can enter now because you gave me permission."

Rias stepped on her foot, but she was stopped by an invisible force.

"I... still can't enter."

"Oh! Is this a vampire-related thing?"

"Yes."

"But you entered... oh, right," Rudy sighed and inwardly uttered, 'She must have been in our house before in 2008, and hence she entered without permission. And that 'before' is now.'

"Why can't I enter, though?" Rias wondered. "Does this house belong to you?"

"Well... no."

"Then call the one who owns this house."

"That would be our landlord, and I have no idea where they live."

After hearing voices, Rebecca came to check and saw Rudy and Rias at the doorway.

"Is this the girl who wanted to bring over?" Rebecca asked with a judging look on her face.

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Chapter 559: Rias Meets the Girls

It had been weeks since Rudy met Rias, and he had told Jessica, Rebecca, and Elena about her. Of course, he left out most of the details and told them that she was a friend.

"Is this the girl you talked about?" Rebecca asked.

"Yes."

Rebecca stared at Rias for a few seconds and said, "She has weird hair."

"Don't say that to a guest."

"Why are you two standing there? Come inside." Rebecca invited.

"About that..." Rudy glanced at Rias and thought, 'Rias can't enter without the landlord's permission? I mean, that's stupid, honestly. The house may belong to the landlord, but shouldn't she get the permission of the people who live here?'

Or am I missing something? I never knew about this permission thing. But I think I have read it somewhere but never considered it to be true. When I brought the vampire gang to the human world at Reina's place, Reina had invited them to enter her office.

That was a type of permission. And the house I made for the vampire gang was built for them, so they didn't need permission to enter? Well, whatever. Let's focus on the current problem. I can just teleport her inside, and the problem would be solved.'

Rias tried to enter the house once again, and surprisingly she was able to without being stopped by an invisible force.

"Oh..."

'Hmm? How is that possible?' Rudy wondered.

"Uhm, Rebecca," Rudy called out to her.

"What?"

"Who is the owner of this house?"

"That would be my father? But in his absence, that would be me."

"Wait, so this place is not a rental?"

"No. My father said that he grew up in this place."

"I see."

'So why the fuck are we paying rent in 2008?! Did mom sell the place for money or something?'

Rudy and Rias entered the living room and met Jessica, who was pouting on the couch for some reason.

Rudy poked Jessica's cheek and said, "You are still pouting ever since I left?"

"Hmph!" Jessica didn't respond and turned her face to the side.

"You know, if you keep pouting, your cheeks will become loose, and you will get wrinkles."

"You are lying~! Like you always do~"

SIGH!

"Can I ask what's going on and who are these kids?" Rias asked Rudy.

"Oh, right." Rudy pointed his finger at Rebecca and said, "She is Rebecca. And this little brat is Jessica. You already met her that night."

"I am not a brat!"

"You are acting like one. I think I have spoiled you a little too much that now you have started to talk back to me and make demands," Rudy remarked.

"But we haven't gone out for a picnic in weeks! You are always busy with Miss Elena and this new girl!" Jessica refuted.

"I told you we would go next weekend. And we always go to the same places and do the same thing. It's no fun, is it?" Rudy asked curiously.

"It is!"

SIGH!

Rudy pinched Jessica's cheek gently and said, "Okay. We will go somewhere later today. Happy?"

Jessica nodded and said, "I want ice cream."

"Yeah, yeah. I will get you one."

Rudy glanced at Rebecca and saw her staring at him.

"I will also get you one."

"I want ice cream too!" Rias quipped.

"Great. I will buy a family pack."

A while later, Rias nudged Rudy and asked in a whisper, "Why did you bring me here?"

"So you can come here whenever you want and don't feel lonely in that house."

"I see. And who are these kids? Your siblings?" she asked curiously.

"Let's assume that. Currently, I am acting as their guardian."

"Hmm~" Rias hummed in amusement and stared at Rebecca and Jessica.

RING~ RING!

Rudy's phone rang, and he knew who had called him; it was Elena.

"I will be right back. You stay here, okay?"

Rias nodded and sat beside Jessica while Rudy left the house to go to Elena's house.

Rudy brought Rias to the house because she won't feel lonely at her home, but there was one more reason. When Rias met Rebecca in the 2008 timeline, Rebecca had asked her, 'Have I seen you before?'

However, Rudy wasn't aware of that as he wasn't present there. But, when Rias met Angelica for the first time, she asked, 'Have we met before?'

That was undoubtedly a weird thing to come out of Rias' mouth as it was obviously her first time seeing Angelica. But she had already seen her as Jessica in the 1989 timeline.

Rudy realized that and was convinced that Rias and Jessica were supposed to meet in this timeline.

Everything made sense now.

Rudy teleported to Elena's house to pick her up and then teleported back in front of the house. He took her inside the house to meet Rias.

When Elena entered the living room, her gaze automatically fell on Rias, and Rias turned to Elena. They both stared at each other until Rudy interrupted them.

"Rias, do you want something to eat?"

"Ice cream," she nodded.

"You will get ice cream after lunch."

Rudy had already told Rias about everything except that he was the Lord. However, Elena was unaware of a few things. No, he wasn't trying to hide it from Elena or keep her in the dark, but he thought it would be best if she showed her everything instead of telling her.

"Well, it's past 11, so let's make dinner," Rudy said. He turned to Rebecca and asked, "Will you help me?"

Rebecca nodded and said, "You also promised me that you would teach me how to cook new dishes."

"Yes..."

Rudy wasn't sure if he should teach Rebecca the dishes that didn't exist in 1989.

'Wouldn't that create a paradox or something? I know nothing about time travel, and I was never interested in it in my past life because it sounded nonsense. But as they say, some words come back to bite, and they bite hard and deep.'

Rudy and Rebecca went to the kitchen and started making food for dinner.

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Chapter 560: Memory Bonding

It had been over thirty minutes since Rudy and Rebecca started making dinner. Although Rebecca hadn't done much, she was helping Rudy and watching him cook to learn the recipe.

Meanwhile, Rias had gotten bored, so she went to the kitchen and started talking with Rudy to pass the time. Elena, on the other hand, was helping Jessica with her homework and watching over her.

However, Elena's attention was on Rudy and Rias.

"Miss, am I doing this right?" Jessica asked while pointing her finger at her book.

"..."

"Miss Elena," Jessica called her out again.

"..."

Jessica tapped on Elena's leg and said, "Why are you glaring at Rudy like that?"

"Hmm? Oh, no. What's wrong?" Jessica tried to act normal, but her actions and expressions said otherwise.

"Is this correct?" Jessica asked.

Elena looked at Jessica's book and nodded, "Yes, it's correct."

A few more minutes passed, and Rudy was still happily chatting with Rias in the kitchen while making dinner.

'Stupid Rudy!'

Elena got up from the couch and said, "Oh, I received a call. I will be right back."

Elena left the house while talking on her phone.

"..." Rudy, who was already aware of Elena's glare, raised his brow and muttered, "Strange. I didn't sense any incoming signals, which means she was lying."

A few seconds later, Rudy's phone rang, and he knew that it was from Elena. But he still answered the call.

[Come out of the house!] Elena demanded.

Rudy hung up the call and turned to Rebecca, saying, "Can you watch the food? I will be right back."

Rudy left the house and found Elena standing at the door with her hands folded below her bosom. She was glaring at him like never before, clearly acting jealous.

"What's up?" Rudy asked.

"What was that?"

"What do you mean?"

"You were flirting with the red hair in the kitchen," Elena remarked.

"Okay. First of all, her name is Rias, and I know you know that. And secondly, I wasn't flirting."

"No, you were. You were talking with her with a wide smile on your face. It's obvious that you enjoy talking with her. You even look at her like you look at me."

"Yeah, you are right. But I am sure I wasn't flirting." Rudy tickled Elena's ear and said, "You know how I flirt."

Elena shrugged Rudy's hand and said, "I know I said, 'I don't care if you see other girls,' but I didn't expect you to do it."

"I am not doing that because you allowed me to."

Elena squinted her eyes and said, "Okay, then tell me. Do you love her?"

"I do, yes," Rudy nodded.

"You cheater."

"But I haven't done anything to her. Well, I kissed her earlier, but aside from that, nothing."

"You did what?!" Elena exclaimed with a surprised look on her face.

"I was going to tell you when we were supposed to leave for the picnic, but I guess now is not a bad time either." Rudy pulled Elena close and said, "This might confuse you, but everything you will see is the truth."

Rudy kissed Elena on the lips and shared his memories with Elena.

"...!" Elena's eyes widened as foreign memories filled her mind.

The kiss lasted for a few minutes, and Elena had seen the important parts of Rudy's memories, mostly about his life and his harem.

"I... don't understand. So you are telling me that you are from the future and haven't even been born yet?" Elena asked with a baffled look on her face.

"Yes."

"So... you... you are not real?"

"Why would you think that?"

"You will eventually return where you belong, so doesn't that mean you never existed?"

"That's not true. I am standing right in front of you, touching you, talking with you. Everything is real."

"I have so many questions about your relationship with Rebecca, but... Jessica..." Elena covered her mouth as her eyes got teary. "She is... dead?"

"Yes, and no. She has become a ghost."

"Wait... that perverted ghost is... Jessica? What happened to her?"

"That would be my fault."

"You killed her?!" Elena exclaimed.

"No, I was talking about the perverted part. She was already a ghost when I met her."

"But... how do you know she is Jessica?" Elena asked curiously.

"I realized it the moment I laid my eyes on her. Hence, I became so emotional all of a sudden. The resemblance was uncanny. But of course, I couldn't just admit that, as I could have been wrong. But after spending a few weeks with her, I was sure." Rudy answered with a distant smile on her face.

"And Rias is a... vampire? An actual vampire?"

"Yup."

"Is it okay to tell me all that? I am scared."

"Yeah, it's okay. I didn't tell you everything. Just how I got my powers and how I met my harem members. So it's not that big of a deal. However, as you know, I haven't met you in 2008, but I am sure that the you from 2008 remembers everything.

This time travel is not under my control, and I could return to 2008 at any time. But I wanted you to know that I didn't run away or leave you behind. In case I disappear, please take care of Rebecca and Jessica for me.

And please, save Jessica from dying. She gets killed in the tunnel, so don't let her go near it." Rudy smiled at Elena and asked, "Is there anything else you would like to ask?"

Elena nodded and quietly asked, "What do you think happened to me in 2008?"

"I haven't the slightest clue. But there are chances that you moved on, or you couldn't wait for me. However, I just told you everything, so let's hope that doesn't happen."

Elena hugged Rudy tightly and said, "I won't! I will never forget you! And I will wait for you, even if it takes forever!"

"Thank you." He patted Elena on the back and said, "Now, shall we go back inside. The dinner is ready."

After saying that, Rudy entered the house.

Elena, however, smiled wryly after looking at the sky and inwardly uttered, "But we have already met in 2008, Rudy."