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Chapter 591: Precious and Delicate Love

"You want to marry me here?"

"You said you could return to 2008 at any moment, but I don't want to let you go before we get married. So let's get married now," Elena responded with a shrug.

"But... what about the priest and the ceremony and everything?"

"I don't care about all that."

"You do know that a marriage can't be considered valid unless there is a third person— an adult— is present to testify, right? That was the case even in ancient times."

"Since when did you start caring about all that?"

"I don't. I am saying this for you. If I were to disappear, people would think that I ran away and left you alone. Your image in society would be ruined, you know?"

We have already invited half of the village to our marriage tomorrow, and... it's not going to end well if I disappear."

Elena squinted her eyes without saying anything and stared at Rudy.

"Fine~!" Rudy groaned and kissed Elena on the lips. "Let's get married in this room. But let's first wear our wedding clothes, shall we?"

Rudy only had to wear his suit, so it didn't even take him a full minute. But for Elena, there were too many things.

"Need my help?"

"Yes, please."

Rudy helped Elena wear the wedding dress while she watched everything from the mirror.

After seeing the serious look on Rudy's face, Elena chuckled softly and muttered, "This would be the first time in history where the groom is helping his bride get dressed."

"Who knows."

Once Elena was ready, she turned to Rudy and looked into his eyes.

"So... what about the vows?" Elena asked.

"Do we need any? Our love has already crossed many boundaries... wait, that kind of sounded immoral. I didn't mean the regular limits, I was talking about space and time.

We are beings from different timelines, yet we fell in love with each other, and now we are getting married. Had I never touched that wallet and been curious about it, I wouldn't have time-traveled and met you.

I am delighted from the bottom of my heart that you were with me in this timeline, and you kept me company. I needed a companion and a partner. Let me tell you a few things I have been meaning to say to you.

At first, on our first date, I was going to turn you down and keep my distance from you. But that wasn't because I didn't find you pretty or anything, I just didn't want to have any intimate relationship with anyone, as it was a different timeline.

Then... I guess, deep down, I wanted someone to take care of me. You looked so... so delicate and precious to me on our first date that I thought if I did anything wrong or hurt you in any way, you would break.

Our first date continued, and at the end, we went to the mountain hills. Not going to lie, I had never ever thought of... well, having sex with you on the first date. That was too much, even for me.

Nevertheless, we ended up having sex, and everything changed after that. You became a permanent part of my life. Believe me, if I could time travel at my will, I would gladly stay in this timeline and love you forever.

I..." Rudy took a short pause and continued, "I have always been bad at expressing my feelings. I was the same in my past life, and that didn't change in this life, even after getting my powers.

If I wish to, I could just go to any girl and command her to fall in love with me or sleep with me, but that love and that sex won't be genuine. Therefore, ever since I realized I have commandment power, I have been reluctant, or one could say... hesitant, to confess my love to them.

What if I unconsciously activated my commandment power and my confession to them turned into command? The worst thing is, the girl nor I would ever realize it. And when I think about it... I feel... empty.

That's why I always wait for the girl to confess their love to me first, and only after that do I express my feelings to them."

Rudy held Elena's face in his hands and calmly asked, "I solemnly swear to love you in every timeline. Do you?"

Elena smiled and kissed Rudy on the lips before answering, "I do."

They both kissed a few times and hugged each other.

"Rudy..."

"Hmm?"

"I love you."

"I love you too."

They both stayed like that for a while until Rudy uttered, "Copy."

"What was that?" Elena asked curiously.

"I copied your current form or body."

"Why? Did you say you would love me in every timeline? Or do you not want to love the 37-year-old me?"

"That's not the reason. You are beautiful right now... even more in this wedding dress. And once I return to 2008, I will find you. But for me, only a few minutes would have passed, while for you... it would be eighteen years.

You would wait for me for eighteen years and waste your youth devoting your life and love to me. When I think about it... I feel guilty. So I copied your current form, and once I meet you in 2008, I will paste it."

He explained calmly while hugging her.

"Does that mean... I will become 18 year old again?"

"Yes. Do you hate the idea?"

"No... but..." Elena smiled and said, "It's nothing. I don't hate the idea. But to make me 18 year old again, you will have to find me first."

"Yeah."

When they looked at each other after hugging, Elena's eyes widened as the smile on her face vanished.

"You are... bleeding..." she said with a concerned and anxious look on her face.

"...huh?"

Rudy was bleeding from his nose, but his blood wasn't red. It was cosmic colored, and it was glowing or, rather, twinkling.

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Chapter 592: Scared and Sacred

"Why are you bleeding?!"

Rudy looked in the mirror and wiped his blood.

"Relax, it's not blood. My blood is red, just like every being in existence. This is just another power leakage. But it's my first time seeing it leak in a liquid form and in a cosmic color."

Rudy looked at the cosmic blood in his hand and said, "It looks cool, though."

Elena furrowed her brows and puffed her cheeks a little before glaring at him.

Rudy smiled in response, but his smile soon lost its charm and became a wry smile. He forced his smile and bit his lips while looking into Elena's eyes.

"I..."

"...?"

"I... am... scared. Help me."

Elena hugged Rudy and asked, "What's wrong? Does it hurt?"

"Yes. My power is shattering every cell of my body from the inside and then healing it the next second. And it hurts. It hurts a lot. But that's not what I am scared of.

Pain means nothing to me. I have learned to embrace and endure it.

I am scared of losing control of my power and ending up doing something horrible. I don't know why my powers are leaking; this is my first time experiencing such a phenomenon.

Maybe it's because I haven't really used my powers much in the past year? I know that my powers are increasing drastically every day, but I never thought that it would come to the point that my body wouldn't be able to contain it."

"Can't you just... like, use your power to do something so your power would decrease and everything will become normal?" Elena wondered.

"It's not that easy. Think of my body as a battery and my powers as the charge in the battery. If you use the charge inside the battery, it will decrease. But you can simply charge the battery again, and it will increase to the maximum capacity.

In my case, my body is not the limit or capacity to my powers. It will increase infinitely. And the more I use my powers, the stronger they will become. So even if I use my power to do something, there will be even more power leakage after a while."

Rudy explained in as simple words as he could, and he hoped that Elena understood them.

"What..." She looked at Rudy and asked, "What would happen if... if your body can no longer contain your power? Will you die?"

"..."

Rudy didn't want to answer her, but after looking at the concerned look on her face, Rudy couldn't stay quiet or lie to her.

"There is a possibility that I can die. I mean, if I lose my body... my powers will just be... wild power sources that would destroy everything in existence. That's what I am scared of.

I am not scared of dying; I have already died once. But if my powers explode, it will not only kill me, it will kill everyone. It will kill you, Rebecca, Jessica, and all the people across the universe. That's what I am scared of.

What should I do, Elena? Should I go somewhere far away from space and wait? And I said I could return to 2008 at any second, but when would that happen? Before or after the explosion?"

Elena was in no state to help Rudy in any way. All the talk was out of her understanding. Even though she understood everything Rudy said, and she wanted to help him, she couldn't possibly do anything to help him.

Elena felt hopeless watching the man she loved in such a state. However, she had to stay strong to comfort Rudy. Her mind was going crazy in thoughts, and amid that, a simple thought crossed her mind, which Rudy had told her.

She kissed Rudy on the lips and said, "Did you not say everything that has happened was supposed to happen? So if you were going to destroy everything in existence, it was supposed to happen.

You don't have to feel scared or guilty about anything. I would gladly die with you with a smile on my face. So let's not worry about the things we can't control, okay?"

"..."

"And besides, you and I both know that it won't happen. The fact that you came from 2008 and the world is... uhhh.. alive, means that you managed to do something," she stated calmly. "Or am I missing something?"

Rudy rubbed his thumb on Elena's lips and smiled slightly.

"Yes... you are right. I must have done something to stop my powers, so let's not worry about it." He kissed Elena and said, "Thank you... Elena. Really. You just helped me in a way I could never do by myself."

Elena stared at Rudy for a few seconds and suddenly said, "I know this is an awful time to ask this, but can we have sex?"

"Uhh... here?"

Elena nodded and said, "Rebecca and Lilim had three pairs of clothes, and I am sure they are still on their first one. So let's have sex. Since you can disappear anytime, I want to have sex in the wedding dress."

"Of course."

Rudy unzipped his pants and moved his hand toward Elena's cave.

"It will be hard to have sex with such a fluffy gown you are wearing. And I highly doubt you would want me to rip it. So let's take it off a little."

Elena grinned and said, "Well, we both eventually had to take off our clothes since we were only checking the fitting."

Rudy carried Elena and sat her on the table. He kissed her while rubbing his snake at the entrance of her cave.

"What are you waiting for?" Elena wrapped her legs around Rudy's waist and pulled him in.

Rudy's snake penetrated Elena's cave and immediately started digging.

"Yes~ We didn't have sex all day today, so this feels awesome~!"

Rudy undressed Elena even more so he could squeeze and suck her breasts.

"It feels so good~ Is it because we are doing it in a wedding dress? Or because I know this could be our last sex?"

They moved from one table to another and to each other's embrace while standing.

Rudy pushed Elena against the wall and continued humping her for a few minutes. Rudy's hand never stopped squeezing Elena's breasts, and their lips didn't stop kissing.

After a few more minutes of pounding, Rudy and Elena came together at the same time.

"Aanh~! You have creampie'd me thousands of times in the past year, but this one was the best one so far. What's the magic?"

Rudy moved his face close to Elena's ears and whispered, "I just impregnated you."

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Chapter 593: God

A few minutes ago, in the underworld.

A man wearing a gray robe was walking in an underground tunnel with a fire torch in his hand, illuminating the narrow path forward.

His footsteps were becoming faster and faster with every passing second; seemingly, he was in a hurry.

After basically running for about a minute, the cave ended, and the man reached an underground chamber that was made from pearls and jewels.

The moment the light from the fire torch flashed on the first pearl, it reflected the light and lit up the entire chamber. In the middle of the chamber, strange sigils were carved, which also glowed with the pearls and jewels.

At the end of the chamber, there was a throne placed just half a meter away from the wall it was facing towards.

"Tell me it is good news," a voice echoed in the chamber.

"Yes, it is my God. We just got a message from the driver that they abducted twenty kids," the man replied calmly.

"Only twenty-three?!" the God shouted. "How is that good news?! I don't want any less than five thousand sacrifices by today before the full moon!"

"My God, your followers have gathered across the world and are ready for the full moon to sacrifice the blood of five thousand innocents. But..."

"But? There is always a but, huh?!"

"We still need 69 more sacrifices, my God."

"Then order my pawns to find more!"

"I have, my God. I have."

"Listen carefully, you useless lump of meat. Today is the night of millennia. If I fail today, I will have to wait for the next millennia!"

"What do you plan to achieve from the sacrifices, my God? You are already the most powerful being in existence. Why do you need anything anymore? If you wish to, you can rule over the entire universe, and no one would be able to challenge— let alone stand before you."

"That is why... I need sacrifices. So far, there have been five hundred thousand sacrifices. And I only need five thousand more to complete my grand plan."

"Meaning, my God?"

"Why should I tell you, who is nothing but a worthless burden to this world."

A few minutes later, the man gulped down in fear and uttered, "Another report just arrived, my God."

"Tell me it is good news."

"It is... not, my God. Smodong— the driver, was getting rid of the dead bodies of the men who turned against the team. But when he returned and inspected the area, he found that all the kids had escaped."

Fear was evident in the man's voice. After all, his life was on the line. If God didn't like the news, his head would be rolling on the floor.

"Escaped? How can a bunch of kids escape from armed men? Is this supposed to be a joke, Knodong?" God asked angrily as the in the chamber shivered.

"The men were found missing their body parts. Smodong said that it seemed to be the work of a trained sword user or a monster."

"Monster?" God scoffed out loud. "There are no monsters in the human world, Knodong. They are all humans."

"But... a town named 'Hel' in this world is the rendezvous point of the portals and gates to the other world. Would beings of other races not come to this world?"

"They would, but it's not as simple. There needs to be a time and place to open the gates and portals. I have been here for over a year, and the only portal opening I sensed was of the vampire world a few months ago."

"Then the warehouse incident could have been caused by a vampire," Knodong immediately stated.

"...it is possible. But the vampires are no threat to me. Not only are they one of the weakest races— just slightly more powerful than the humans, but they can be easily killed.

I am the God of the second reality, and vampires were an extinct race there. In this third reality, I will make sure they go extinct.

A race's strength is not decided by how powerful they are; it's determined by how few weaknesses they have. And the vampires have too many weaknesses to be even considered different from humans.

You could say vampires are even weaker than humans. They can't even stand under the sun. Even a simple silver dagger can kill them. They are indeed quite strong at night, but their weakness doesn't change.

I can simply create a sun, and they will turn into ashes. I can rain silver and impale their bodies. It's a shame that I cannot use their remains as decoration since they turn into ashes after death. Once the sacrifices have been completed, I will go to the vampire world and annihilate their entire world.

Also, where is the Lord this reality was supposed to have? Is the Lord not supposed to protect this world? I wonder if they will come out once I ultimately annihilate a race from existence.

I can't wait to meet the so-called Lord. No... instead, I should say... I can't wait to kill the Lord and steal the power they contain. I doubt it will be useful to me, who has already mastered all the Dao there is in existence.

The strongest being in the human world was Helm Lubel Ark, and I have already defeated her. I destroyed her very core, and she is as good as dead."

"But... my God..." Knodong's lips trembled as he spoke, "She and her army are artificial humans. They are not born; they are created. And the things that are not born can't be killed. Even if you have destroyed her core, she can transfer her data to another body and revive herself."

"I know! What do you think I am? Why do You think I am sitting in this chamber for a year? I have been compressing the data of Lubel Ark! I have cast my domain in the underworld. If I leave my domain for over a minute, Lubel Ark will manage to revive herself.

And I cannot let that happen! However, that is only for a few hours now! Once the sacrifices have been made, I no longer have to sit here!

I... am Asura. I am immortal. I am the Daoist! I am the epitome of the power itself! I am the King Blue Moon! I am the God of second reality! I... am eternity! And I will destroy this entire universe and recreate it according to my will... to become the God of the third reality too!"

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Chapter 594: Absolute Power

Asura snapped his finger and said, "Go and destroy the town named Hel. I was going to raze it to the core anyway, but now that we need a few more sacrifices, go and destroy it. I am sure there would be a few dozen innocents living there."

"Were you not going to create your new domain there, my God? Don't you need more people to serve you there?" Knodong asked.

"I don't need humans. The only reason I am in the human world is that this world is the only place from which I can access all the worlds. But that doesn't mean this world needs a civilization.... hah!"

Asura scoffed out loud as though he remembered something funny.

"For the first time in your life, you are actually right, Knodong. I will change my order." A brief pause later, he uttered, "You no longer have to destroy the town... go destroy the entire world."

"I... am not sure I possess that much power, my God..." Knodong calmly said while stuttering.

"Of course you don't." Asura beckoned Knodong and said, "Come here. I will give you a little bit of my power."

Knodong gulped down in fear and slowly walked forward with his trembling body. His steps were uneven and unsteady, as though he was forcing his body to move forward.

"How long does it take you to walk across the room, you pathetic shit?!" Asura yelled furiously.

Knodong rushed to Asura's throne but stopped half a meter away from him. His eyes widened in shock when he realized that the wall he thought was a concrete wall was a glass wall.

On the other side of the glass wall was a massive underground city made of a capsule containing the artificial clones' bodies. There were not thousands of them, but they were spread as far as Knodong's sight could reach.

In the center of all that was a colossal-sized heart-shaped core beating and pulsating, working as a power source for the capsules.

"Is that..."

"Indeed. That is the heart of Helm Lubel Ark. She is the Mother Queen of all artificial humans. If that heart is destroyed, she will die and never revive ever again, and so will her minions who exist because of her," Asura asserted.

"Then... shouldn't you destroy it immediately?" Knodong asked politely. "If you do that, you no longer have to sit in this chamber."

"I cannot do that." Asura sharpened his gaze while staring at the heart and uttered, "I need the Mother Queen in my quest to conquer this universe."

"Why is that?"

"Silence!"

Knodong dropped to his knees because of the immense intimidation force aura emitted by the Asura.

"Know your place, Knodong. There is only one reason why you are still alive, and that is to use your power to connect with your brothers. I will need that power once I have destroyed the universe.

With the help of the Mother Queen's technique to create clones and your power to connect, I will create my infinite clones and connect to them at once. Then, I will recreate the universe and become the living God of all the worlds.

I will get even more powerful, and then we shall wait. Wait... for the fourth reality to come into existence. And then we shall rule it too. It will be a never-ending cycle of countless destruction and recreation.

But my one and only true goal is to find the first reality. Why does no one know about it? I, the king of the blue moon, consist of all the knowledge of the second reality ever since it came into existence.

And with my loyal blue moon child subjects of this third reality, I will also gain knowledge of this universe. There is nothing I can't do, not a thing. Then why can't I find the first reality?"

"...."

"Answer me, Knodong. What am I doing wrong?"

"Maybe... the first reality never existed?"

SIGH!

"I shouldn't have asked a worthless worm like you," Asura sighed in annoyance.

"Or perhaps... the first reality was completely destroyed from existence?"

"...that can be true, but not possible. Even if it was completely destroyed, why are there no traces left? I hate to say this, but... perhaps they possess the ultimate power that no one in other reality does?"

"What could be more powerful than you, my God?"

"The power to control... time."

"But you possess the power to control space! No one can ever defeat you!"

"Space and time are similar to each other yet completely opposite. Space is never ending, and so is time, but what separates them from each other is the very correlation between them. They need to move forward together.

And then... there is a place where space and time don't exist. The place where nothing exists.

Void.

The absolute power in the first reality could be time, and the absolute power in the second reality is space. Now... I wonder what the absolute power of this third reality is... no... I already know the answer.

It has to be... void. And the one to possess that absolute power must be the... Lord. But sadly, I know a way to remove the void from existence... and that is... Chaos. If something happens in the void, it will no longer be the void.

Thus... the protector of this third reality is completely powerless in front of me. Truly, what a pathetic existence the Lord is. Maybe that's the reason the Lord hasn't shown his presence yet.

He must have realized how strong I am. Hah! He must fear my existence. Perhaps he is hiding somewhere, hoping that I wouldn't find him. But once the sacrifices have been made... I will find him and remove him from existence.

Then... I will devour his power of void! If I have the power of space and void by myself, I can find the first reality! I am sure of it! "

"Indeed. You are the greatest and mightiest to all there is. No one can dare to defy your presence," Knodong stated with his utmost sincerity.

"Come forward, Knodong. I shall share my power with you so you can destroy this world, so there can be... peace."

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Chapter 595: Asura's Decision

"My God, what about our men across the globe who have helped you so far?"

"Who cares about them? They are humans." Asura scoffed arrogantly. "I used humans to kill innocent humans such as kids. No wonder they are the weakest race. They were ready to kill the kids to protect themselves.

At least... the mortals in the second reality weren't so lowly. I should create their existence again. The second reality needs some more spice. While I am at it, I will add a few more races of monsters.

Ah, truly, it is going to be fun playing with two realities at the same time. I cannot wait for the full moon."

Asura placed his hand on Knodong's head, but the next moment, Knodong's body exploded into a million pieces.

"Oh, come on! This pathetic useless worm couldn't even handle my power. I only gave him a power akin to a single grain of sand found on the beach. What a weak bitch! Now I have to destroy this world by myself."

Asura got up from his throne and cracked his fingers as he uttered, "First, I will start with the town—Hel."

However, he sat down a second later and said, "I will end up destroying this globe, and I don't want that to happen. So I must wait for the full moon and then do it. I shall make the last sacrifices by myself. Midnight we shall meet.... Lord."

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After changing the clothes, Rudy left the dressing room first, and Elena came a few minutes later.

Jessica and Lilim had already tried their clothes, and they looked happy and satisfied.

"..." After seeing the smiles on their faces, Rudy couldn't bring himself to tell them that he could disappear at any moment.

What could he even tell them? He had already told Rebecca and Elena, and they both were mature enough to understand Rudy's circumstances. But that wasn't the case with Lilim and Jessica, who were only one year apart and still kids.

"How are the clothes, dear sir?" the owner asked.

"I have no words to say how beautiful the dress was. Your workers have done a remarkable job."

The workers placed all the dresses and Rudy's suits on the counter while the owner looked at Rudy with a nervous look on his face.

"Dear sir, you only paid fifty thousand for the wedding dress, right?"

'Damn, this bastard is greedy as fuck.'

"No? I don't remember mentioning it was only for the wedding dress. I paid fifty thousand dollars for my entire order."

"I see, I see." The owner looked at the bags and asked, "I don't think you would be able to carry this much. Shall I arrange a home delivery for you?"

"No, there is no need for that."

There were 11 bags, so even if the four carried two bags, they wouldn't be able to carry all the bags. But that was for a normal person, not for Rudy.

He carried each bag with one finger and handed Elena the bag containing his suit.

"Uhh..." The owner couldn't believe what he was witnessing. He wanted to say something but couldn't.

Rudy turned to the girls and said, "Let's go. We also have to buy a cake."

"For me?" Jessica asked while jumping.

"No."

As soon as they left the store and walked a few steps, Rudy teleported all the bags to the house. He then took the bag from Elena's hand and sent it home too.

"Wow!" Jessica looked at Rudy's hand and asked, "Where did they go?"

"Home."

"Do that to me too! I don't want to walk!"

"Not happening. I haven't ever used this ability on a living being, and there is no way I am testing it on you."

"Rudy has been mean to me today," Jessica remarked. "I guess it's because he found a new woman."

"..." Rudy and Elena turned to Jessica and looked at her with puzzled looks on their faces.

"Where did you learn to speak like that?" Rudy asked curiously.

"I saw it in the movie..."

Elena squinted her eyes at Jessica and said, "No more movies for you."

"No way! You can't do that to me!"

"Oh, I will." Elena smirked and said, "I will be so strict with you that you will cry every day."

Jessica hid behind Rudy and said, "Don't marry her!"

"She is just joking."

Lilim, who was feeling left out, suddenly grabbed Rudy's finger and walked along with him.

Rudy smiled at her and said, "You two should learn from Lilim. She is a good girl with manners."

After walking to the other side of the mall, they reached a cafe. It was a franchise of a famous company, and customers had to book tables early in the morning before they ran out.

Since it was almost night, Rudy had assumed that it would be empty, but he couldn't be more wrong. The cafe was one of the main attractions of the shop, and whenever something was baked there in the bakery of the cafe, the smell spread throughout the entire mall, making all the people yearn to eat something.

Rudy turned to Elena and asked, "What are the chances that they would have a large five layers chocolate cake available?"

"About zero."

"Great." Rudy looked at the time and muttered, "It's been about twenty minutes since I dropped Rebecca at the house. I said I have a surprise planned for her and thought I would buy her a cake, but if I don't get her a cake..."

"We can always get one from another cafe, right?"

"True but the cake from this shop is mom's...ahem," he cleared his throat by pretending to cough and said, "This shop has the best cake in the world."

Of course, Elena understood what Rudy was trying to say.

'The recipes in this cafe have been passed down from generation to generation to maintain the same taste. Although I have to admit that not all of its franchises had the same taste, it was still great.'

"The cafe seems full," Elena said while glancing at the cafe. "How about you go inquire about the cake. We will wait here?"

"Yeah. I will be right back. You girls should sit by the fountain and wait for me."

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Chapter 596: Rudy, The Baker

As soon as Rudy stepped foot inside the store after opening the glass door, he was hit by the delicious fragrance of bread and creams.

He walked to the counter and asked, "Excuse me, would you happen to have a five-layer chocolate cake?"

The man at the counter gave a weird look to Rudy and answered, "No one happens to have a five-layer chocolate cake lying around."

"Yeah... obviously..." Rudy sighed.

'What should I do now? Get a small cake?'

"Do you have any other type of chocolate cake?"

"Sadly, no."

"How long would it take if I order one right now?"

"We are always full on orders, and the waiting list is long. If you order now, the earliest you will get it is in two weeks," the employee calmly responded.

'Even their service is awesome. He is talking to me politely and in a friendly way. No wonder it stayed famous and a luxurious company even in the future.'

"Err... is there a way I can skip the waiting by paying more money?" Rudy asked awkwardly.

"No," the man responded immediately. "And even if you could, there is no way we can make a five-layer cake by today."

"Can I talk to your manager?" Rudy asked politely. "And your bakers, too, please."

"Uhm... sure. But they will tell you the same thing I just said."

The man left the counter and returned with a man in a suit.

"Excuse me, I am the manager of this cafe? You were asking for me?"

"Yes. I need your help."

"Sure, go ahead. Would you like to give a mega order from a function or something?"

"Oh no. Well..." Rudy glanced around, seemingly looking for the baker. "I need a five-layer chocolate cake as soon as possible, so if you let me talk to your baker, it would be a great help."

A few seconds later, the baker arrived while taking off his clothes.

"Finally done for today," he said excitedly, seemingly happy that the day was over.

"William, this man wants to ask you something," the manager prompted and left the scene while doing something on his phone.

William turned to Rudy and asked, "Yes."

"I need a five-layer cake as soon as possible."

"Ouh! That's tough." William raised his brow curiously and asked, "Is there any reason why you want a cake so badly? A function, maybe?"

"Yes, actually. It's me and my sister's birthday today. And tomorrow is my to-be wife's birthday and also our wedding day."

"That's... seems to be a very important reason. But even if I start making it now without any preparation, it would take me a day. There are a lot of procedures to make the best cake without sacrificing the taste and the quality."

"Well, I know a few tricks to speed things up, so if you don't mind helping me make a cake..." Rudy shrugged without completing his sentence.

"Let's wait for the manager's permission, shall we?"

A minute later, the manager arrived and said, "I just talked to our few other franchises in this city, even the one in the next city and none of them have a cake available. There is a two-layer cake available in the next city because the person who ordered it canceled the order at the last minute without asking for a refund."

'Going so far to help a customer? I am really impressed.'

William took the manager to the side and discussed something with him while the manager glanced at Rudy repeatedly.

"Do you know how to make a cake?"

"No. But I can speed things up."

"Well, then, what are you waiting for? Wash your hands, wear gloves and come into the kitchen."

After doing everything, Rudy entered the kitchen and saw a teenager wearing a high school uniform working.

"..." Rudy glanced at William to ask him what a high schooler was doing in the kitchen, but he stopped himself as it was none of his concern.

William tapped on the boy's shoulder and said, "Joe, you are here again?"

"William... I thought you were done for the day, so I came here to practice."

"I was done, but... not anymore. Go back to your father's office."

"Okay..."

"..." Rudy narrowed his gaze a little and wondered, 'It's not the Joe I think he is, right? In this timeline, he should be in high school, but what are the chances that he is the same Joe? I don't know the manager's full name, so I can't confirm it. But I don't see that many resemblances, but he is going through puberty now and will probably change a lot in the next ten years or so.'

"Shall we start?" William asked.

"Ah, yes."

Meanwhile, the girls were waiting for Rudy outside the cafe.

"Where is daddy? Lilim asked Elena.

"He should come soon."

Five minutes later, Rudy came with a small bag in his hand and a wide smile on his face.

"What happened?" Elena asked curiously. While looking at the bag in his hand. "Couldn't get one?"

"I did. We saved a lot of time by making a small palm-sized five-layer cake— although they didn't let me see their recipe. I will enlarge it after we get home, and voila."

"..."

"Daddy~ I want to eat ice cream!"

"Yeah, sure. We will get some ice cream and buy some food from a restaurant."

"Shouldn't you teleport this bag too?" Elena asked while pointing her gaze at the bag in Rudy's hand.

"Well, this bag contains a surprise for Rebecca, and if she ends up looking inside..."

"Yeah..."

Rudy looked at the time and muttered, "Soon, it will be almost thirty minutes since I left Rebecca alone. I hope she is not angry."

"I don't think she will be," Elena reassured Rudy with a smile on her face. "Thirty minutes isn't that long. And frankly speaking, we didn't waste any time, did we?"

Rudy gave Elena a judging look and said, "I wouldn't call what we did in the dressing room a waste of time, so yeah... you are right."

He chuckled.

"Let's get the food and leave before Rebecca starts pouting."

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Chapter 597: TING!

Rudy and the girls went to the restaurant and ordered a few of Rebecca's favorite dishes.

"Umm..." Rudy handed the bag to Elena and said, "I have cast a time spell on this cave, and it will automatically enlarge after twenty minutes. Hold onto this for me. In case I... you know..."

He smiled wryly.

Elena smiled back and quietly muttered, "Even if this is the best cake in the world, I don't think it will taste good without you."

"..." Rudy didn't say anything in return and simply smiled.

Lilim pulled Rudy's finger and said, "Daddy, Ice cream."

"Yes, yes. I know. But if we buy ice cream now and wait for the food, it will melt. We will buy it when we get the food."

Lilim puffed her cheeks a little and mumbled, "Okay."

Rudy conjured an ice cream cup in his hand and gave it to Lilim.

"Here. You can eat it now."

"Thank you."

Rudy glanced at Jessica and saw her desperately waiting for her cup too.

SIGH!

Rudy handed her a cup and said, "Don't blame me if you can't eat cake later."

Much to Rudy's surprise, Elena also moved her hand forward and said, "Where is mine?"

Rudy conjured another cup and gave it to Elena.

TING!

Rudy's ears twitched after hearing a familiar chime.

'What the hell happened now?' Rudy wondered.

TING! TING! TING! TING! TING! TING! TING! TING! TING! TING!

"...!"

'What's with all those 'Tings'?! One 'Ting' scares me, and I just heard so many. What caused them? I highly doubt giving ice cream to the girls triggered something, so there must be something else going on.'

Rudy glanced around to see if he could spot something unusual that could explain the strange happening.

'Perhaps, this is the countdown for my return to the 2008 timeline? If that's the case, then I would rather want a calm approach. Nothing good happens when someone takes aggressive action.'

"What's wrong? Is everything alright?" Elena asked with a concerned look on her face.

"Yes. Just... having last thoughts."

Elena felt heavy in her chest as she knew Rudy could disappear at any moment. She was ready for it but couldn't bring herself to prepare for the moment.

Elena hugged Rudy by his arm and said, "Let me be with you till the end."

Once the food was ready and the girls were done eating ice cream, Rudy teleported all of them to the house.

He 'duplicated' the bag of food for Elena's grandparents and placed the rest on the kitchen counter.

"Rebecca! I am home with the girls!" Rudy announced his presence.

He was expecting Rebecca to be in the living room, but she wasn't. He noticed the door of her room was locked, so he knocked two times and opened it, only to see Rebecca covered in a blanket on the bed.

"..." Rudy stood there for a while, thinking about what he should do. "I will ask you something, and you will reply, so let's just get to the main question without wasting each other's time. Are you sulking?"

"No."

"Then why are you all curled up in the bed with a blanket?"

Rebecca pointed her finger at her open wardrobe and said, "Since you teleported clothes earlier, I was checking them out. And then you suddenly came."

"And...? Are they not to your liking?"

"I am naked! Get out of my room!"

"Oh..." Rudy closed the door and muttered, "I am glad I didn't use my see-through ability."

Rudy went to the living room and said, "Rebecca will be ready in a few minutes."

"What's she doing? I heard her yelling something, but it was muffled," Elena wondered.

"She was trying out her clothes for tomorrow."

"I see."

Rudy looked at Lilim and Jessica, who seemed awfully eager to eat the cake.

"More ice cream?" Lilim asked and looked at Rudy with puppy eyes.

"No. No more ice cream until we finish eating."

"You girls, go wash your hands and set up the table. Rudy and I will be right back," Elena said to them and stood beside Rudy.

Rudy teleported to Elena's house and delivered the food to her grandparents.

"This is becoming a chore, isn't it?" Elena asked Rudy. "You know, you don't have to do it. I can take care of my grandparents on my own."

"I am doing this for myself." Rudy shrugged his shoulders and continued, "If I don't do it, then you will come here, make food, serve food, and then return to my house. Thus, we will spend less time together— which I don't want."

"But... well..." Elena smiled wryly and muttered, "You won't be around anymore."

Rudy rubbed Elena's back and said, "If I am still here tomorrow, we will have a proper wedding."

"Can I ask what made you think you are returning to your timeline?" Elena asked curiously.

"There is this... chiming sound. I don't know how to explain or express it, but it's sharp and unique. I am not sure if it rings in my head or if only my ear catches that sound. But whenever I hear that chime, something gets triggered.

When I touched the wallet and looked inside, I heard that sound, and I was here. So if I listened to it again, it might be my call to return. Regardless, I am still here, but the chiming sound hasn't stopped.

I hear it at least once every ten minutes." Rudy showed his hand to Elena and said, "But I am afraid that I triggered something else of which I am not aware of. However, I do feel uneasy for some reason."

"So it's not certain that you will return, right?"

"Kind of... yes. But it can happen soon."

After returning to the house, the girls and Rudy ate food together.

Rebecca kept glancing at Rudy, seemingly waiting for her surprise as the clock was ticking and her special day was going to end in a few hours.

'I disabled the time spell as I am here. I just hope that the cake tastes the same.'

As soon as they were done eating, Rudy asked Rebecca to close her eyes so he could surprise her.

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Chapter 598: Celebrating Birthday

When Rebecca opened her eyes, she saw a small palm-sized cake on the table.

"Happy birthday!"

"Why is it so small?" she asked while squinting her eyes at the cake.

Rudy enlarged the cake and said, "Let me know how big you want the cake to be."

"...!" Rebecca watched as the cake got bigger and bigger. Soon it was as big as her height, and she could no longer see the top.

"That's enough!" she said.

"Okay."

Rudy placed the candles on the top and added a waffle with Rebecca's name written on it.

"There you go," he said while showing off his skills.

"How am I supposed to cut it? I can't even see the top."

"You don't necessarily have to cut the cake from the top. But..." Rudy lifted Rebecca and placed her on his shoulder. "There you go."

Rebecca blew out the candles and cut the cake, but her hands were shaking as she was afraid of falling down.

"You weren't shaking as much when we were flying earlier," Rudy commented.

Rebecca moved her hand down to Rudy's face and said, "Here."

Rudy ate a bite and fed Rebecca the same slice. Then, Rebecca gave the piece to Jessica and Lilim, but their hands got dirty, so Rudy asked them to bring plates from the kitchen.

After giving big slices to Jessica and Lilim, Rebecca turned to Elena and stared at her.

"You are not going to give it to me?" Elena asked with a judging look on her face.

"I don't know if I should." Rebecca smirked and said, "I don't want to share anything that belongs to me."

Elena pulled Rudy close and said, "I can say the same."

'I would usually be happy if girls were fighting over me, but not this time. Rebecca is too young, and I don't want her to get too attached to me.'

Rudy had no idea it was already too late for that. However, he only saw the girls as his sisters in the 1990 timeline.

Rudy gave a slice to Rebecca with her name on it and calmly said, "You should focus more on your study and your life. Once you become mature enough, you will realize sharing is caring."

Rebecca gave her plate to Elena and said, "Here."

"Are you sure? It has a waffle with your name written on it."

Rebecca ate the waffle and said, "Now it's just an ordinary slice."

The girls and Rudy ate the cake together— although, of course, they couldn't even finish the first layer.

Rudy could eat the entire cake if he wanted, but he wanted to enjoy and savor the taste rather than just eat it.

Rebecca and Jessica ate three slices, while Rudy, Lilim, and Elena ate two.

"I expected Lilim to eat as much as Rebecca and Jessica." Rudy pulled Lilim's cheek and asked, "Did you not like it?"

"I did, but I want to eat ice cream."

"Heh." Rudy couldn't help but chuckle at that. "Well, well, I guess someone is addicted to ice cream now."

"Because it's cold," Lilim said with a grin on her face.

"So demons like cold things, huh? I will remember it."

In the end, Rudy gave ice cream to everyone to finish the day.

"Make sure to brush your teeth before you sleep," Elena said to them.

Rudy expected the girls to go to their room and fall asleep as it was a rather long day for everyone, but instead, the girls sat on the couch beside Rudy and Elena.

Rebecca sat next to him and Elena on the other side while Lilim and Jessica fought to sit on Rudy's lap. Fortunately, his lap was big enough for both of them.

However, all three of them fell asleep within a few minutes.

Rudy glanced at Elena to see if she had also fallen asleep, but she wasn't.

"I will get them to the bed," he said and slowly carried the girls to the room.

First, he placed Jessica, then Lilim and Rebecca. He placed a blanket on their legs and left, or he wanted to. But he was stopped by Rebecca.

Rebecca pulled his sleeves with half-open eyes; seemingly, she was half-sleepy.

"Thank you... for today. It was the best birthday of my life."

"Mine too."

"Good night..." Rebecca let go of Rudy and closed her eyes.

Rudy left the room and sat on the couch beside Elena. He moved his hand towards the cake and did something.

"What did you do?" Elena asked curiously as she closed her distance from Rudy.

"I stopped time for cake. It will never age now, so it won't be spoiled. You can eat it even after a week or a month."

Elena rested her head on Rudy's shoulder and muttered, "Your powers are very convenient sometimes."

"They are convenient all the time."

Elena looked at Rudy from the side and whispered, "Is it okay for me to ask you to have sex with me right now?"

"I was thinking the same thing. Let's go to my room."

"No, I want to do it here."

"That's dangerous."

"But we already had sex almost everywhere, even Rebecca's room— except this living room. I want to mark this place in my memories before you return to 2008."

"There is one more spot in this house where we haven't had sex yet."

"Which is?"

"The toilet."

Elena squinted her eyes and said, "I don't want to have that place in my memory."

Rudy carried Elena to the toilet and locked the door before unzipping his pants.

Elena didn't waste a second and began sucking him off.

'Only thirty minutes left before midnight and the day would end. I should have been born, and mom should have adopted me by now. What if those 'tings' were referring to this? Did I change the events of my adoption?'

A few minutes later, Rudy released his load inside Elena's mouth, and she swallowed it like her favorite drink.

Meanwhile, a catastrophic event was occurring outside in space.

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Chapter 599: Energy

Elena licked her lips and asked, "Do you want me to suck you off again, or are we going to make babies now?"

Rudy chuckled and replied, "As much as I want to see my dick in your mouth, let's do the—"

Rudy stopped on his words and suddenly looked up after activating his vision abilities.

"What's wrong?" Elena asked calmly.

"Something is..."

Rudy zipped his pants and left the toilet. But Elena chased after him and found him standing outside the house with the front door open.

"Is everything alright?" she asked with an anxious look on her face. "Did something.... happen..."

When she followed Rudy's gaze and looked up at the sky, she saw thousands of shooting stars across the stars.

"So beautiful..." Elena awed.

"No..." Rudy turned to Elena and said, "Go inside and protect the kids."

"What's wrong? Why are you freaking out?" Elena asked with a confused look on her face.

"It's an attack!"

"Huh?"

The stars were falling towards the earth, more precisely towards the town.

"They are not stars! They are asteroids! Only one of them is enough to annihilate this and the neighboring cities! Go inside! I will take care of it!"

"But..."

"Just go!"

With a sting in her heart, Elena rushed inside the house and embraced the girls to protect them.

Rudy flew in the air and glanced around the sky to find a way to repel the asteroids away, but there were too many of them scattered across the sky.

Even if he could stop them from dropping to Hel, he couldn't possibly do them with the entire globe.

"Is this a natural catastrophe, or is someone causing it? I have never heard or read about this incident in 2008, so it must be new? Or perhaps, humans never realized it?"

Rudy flew even higher and reached above the earth's atmosphere from where he could have a better look at the falling asteroids.

'There are thousands of them. It could be that the earth's gravity pulled them into the atmosphere, but that doesn't make sense. Earth's gravity should be the same from any place on the globe, so why were the asteroids aimed towards Hel?'

Rudy spread his hands in the air and emitted a wave from his body. The wave was created from his aura, and it ripped through space.

It continued spreading and traveling to the asteroids and hitting them.

'Hmm~' Rudy hummed in amusement and muttered, "I thought that would change their trajectory, but... they slowed down instead. Regardless, this can work.'

Rudy emitted a few more aura waves, and they shattered the asteroids completely.

'Even if these small debris enters the earth's atmosphere again, they will be burned out completely before they hit the horizon.'

"Now, shall we find the cause of this event? Or return home and continue the fun?"

Rudy placed a hand on his stomach and muttered, "What's this feeling in my stomach? It's not that tingly sensation one feels when falling. This is something else. It's more like... I am... hungry?"

I do know about the pressure of the body in space and all, but my body shouldn't be affected externally or internally by these factors. So it must be something else—"

TING!

'What the...!'

Rudy covered his ears and closed his eyes to use his vision abilities. When he closed his eyes and used his vision abilities, his eyes didn't perceive the world, so he didn't become blind.

He used his vision abilities through his senses.

'Hmm? I sense something moving rapidly around the earth. What's that? An asteroid? But the speed is too fast, and it's not falling towards the earth. It's orbiting or, rather, moving away.'

"Even I am not sure if I can fly that fast. But let's allow gravity to help me in this."

Rudy launched himself to the east and used gravity to increase his speed further. Then, he turned his body into the lightning matter and achieved the highest speed he ever had.

He used the same force to orbit around the earth to locate the thing, but it was not what he had imagined. It wasn't an asteroid, satellite, or anything else one could find in space; it was something similar to him.

It was a force, a raw matter, just like him.

"What the..."

Rudy stopped and scanned the force, but it did work, or rather, the force was one with the space around him.

'What's that?' Rudy wondered. 'A star that exploded? Or something emitted energy, and now it's orbiting the earth?'

Rudy was wary of the energy because it was in a humanoid shape, still orbiting around the earth.

'No, seriously, what the heck is that thing? An alien? Or is it a coincidence that it has a humanoid shape?'

Rudy stretched his arms and legs as though he was warming up for a long race. He charged his lightning particles and chased after the thing.

'The best way to know would be to go near it and confirm it. Ain't no way I am taking a risk when it's about my loved ones. Either way, I am going to get rid of things regardless of what that is.'

Obviously, even an idiot would realize by now what the asteroid was its doing. Perhaps a star fusion occurred, and the space was disrupted? But I don't buy that.'

After orbiting the earth once, Rudy reached the point from where he had begun his orbital.

'What the fuck? Where did the thing go? It certainly didn't go down, and I chased after it as soon as it started moving again, so I should have run into it.'

Did the matter run out of energy and become one with space? Hmm... wait, wouldn't that mean it's still present but not visible? Or what if it just changed its shape into something else?'

Rudy used his sense and vision ability to locate the nearby energy matters and found many. But not the one he was looking for.

'Oh... I see. So that's how it is.'

Rudy gathered his lightning particles again and manifested his human form again.

"Whatever you are, come out now. I am sure you have as many questions to ask as I do."

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Chapter 600: Rudy Meets Asura

While finding the energy matter, Rudy realized one thing.

'If the energy could change its shape, then would it not also be able to change its properties?'

Rudy could do that at his will, so even if the energy matter he was chasing didn't disappear, it would still be somewhere near.

'The properties should change depending on the intensity and frequencies of the energy. I am not a professional in this matter— actually, I don't know anything about all this stuff, but... I know this for some reason.'

As if that's the most obvious thing similar to what people call common sense. Uhh... wait, why am I thinking and talking like this? This place is... affecting my thinking...? Or is this my power's doing?'

"I know you are watching me. Just come out."

A few seconds later, the energy in the space gathered and formed the shape of a human. Then, it stopped glowing and became a complete human.

He had light grey, somewhat silver-ish colored hair. And his eyes were the same color. According to his physique, he seemed to be in his twenties, and he had perfect body one could only desire.

"I have many names, but they call me Asura. And judging by your powers, I assume you are the protector... Lord of this reality?" Asura asked calmly.

"Reality? You mean this world... or rather universe?"

"No. Reality is... reality."

"I don't understand. And I don't care about the introduction. But yes, I am the Lord."

Rudy and Asura stared at each other as neither of them knew what to do.

"I was right to attack this world, but I didn't expect you to react so fast," Asura uttered. "I was waiting for this world to be destroyed, and I orbited around it to attract more asteroids, but much to my surprise... all the nearby asteroids were destroyed.

To be honest, I didn't know you were the Lord. I expected you were just a... superhero of this world? Anyway, why were you in the human world? Don't you have your throne or domain from where you can watch this reality?"

"First of all, stop talking to me in this friendly manner. And how dare you stand in front of me after admitting your crime? You tried to kill billions of people living... oh wait..."

Rudy frowned his face in anger and asked, "Don't tell me you are the so-called god, killing the innocent and calling it a sacrifice or whatnot?"

"That's precisely me. What of it?" he asked with a confused look on his face.

The expression on Asura's face was so nonchalant and remorseless that Rudy couldn't stand it. Rudy's power leakage, which was causing him a great deal of pain, increased drastically; it was amplified by his emotions.

Rudy's hand exploded, but he still had his hand intact to his body, but it was made from sheer power.

Rudy swung his fist at Asura, yelling, "You can't do anything in my world without my permission!"

Before Rudy's fist could even reach Asura, the raw energy and force generated from his punch had hit him.

First, the skin on Asura's body burned instantly, and then his flesh was ripped from his body. At last, his skeleton couldn't stand the heat produced by Rudy's punch, and it melted completely whilst burning.

All that and Rudy's fist still hadn't reached where it would have hit Asura.

The sheer power caused by Rudy's simple wing of fist ripped through the space, causing a loud and sharp horn sound as if two things were forcibly being rubbed against each other.

Fortunately, that happened in the upward direction away from the solar system, but it still had left its effect.

Rudy used restoration ability in space, but that didn't work.

How could one touch the space, let alone feel it?

"What just... happened..." Rudy muttered with a confused look on his face.

Everything had happened so fast that if Rudy hadn't seen it with his own eyes, he would have thought that Asura had disappeared rather than being reduced to atoms.

"It ended already?"

Rudy felt a gushing pain in his hand that one would often feel when their wound was touched. He looked at his hand and saw it was burning, or rather, emitting such strong energy that it was devouring up the space around.

Rudy touched his hand with the other hand and used his restoration ability, but it didn't work.

'You can add water to fire, but can't add fire to water.'

Rudy was in such a condition.

"Going back on earth is risky. Should I wait here and let it cool down? I wish I had held back a little against that guy. It would have been a good way to pass the time."

"Oh? Was that all your strength, Lord?" a voice asked.

"...!"

Rudy glanced around and saw Asura's body manifesting out of nowhere in front of Rudy.

"What...?"

"Was that truly to your 100% strength?" Asura asked curiously. "I expected you to be a little stronger."

"How are you alive?"

"Did I not mention I am immortal?"

"No."

"Your fault then. You punched me out of nowhere when I was still introducing myself. I am curious, why would you do that?"

"Anyone would do the same, you asshole! How can you kill innocent kids?!"

"Oh wait... could it be that my people ended up hurting someone close to you? If so, then I apologize. Then again, I don't truly feel sorry. Sooner or later, everyone dies one day, so it doesn't matter when."

"..."

"Those kids would grow up one day and become adults. Their innocence would be lost, and they would be corrupted by this forsaken... world. What I did was save them from that.

I preserved their innocence inside me so they could live forever. Now, I would ask you to keep your distance from me. I have to destroy this world before the time ends."

"Keh!" Rudy placed his hand on his neck as his powers tried to leak from there. His mouth glowed as the light traveled through his eyes and reached his brain.

'This freaking hurts!'

CRACK~ CRACK~!

Z-ZAP~!