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Chapter 711: Just Another Propose

Who would have thought that Rudy would propose to Lilim in such a way? When he asked Lilim to marry him, Maria and Lu Bela were more shocked than Lilim herself.

It wasn't as though Lilim wasn't shocked, but when Rudy got on his knees and held Lilim's hands, she expected something like that to happen. But Lu Bela and Maria were caught completely off guard.

Lilim covered her mouth with her hand and held tears in her eyes. She had become so happy that she lost control over her human appearance. Horns sprouted from her head, and she changed to her demon form.

Rudy looked into Lilim's eyes and smiled slightly as he waited for Lilim's answer. He felt nervous even though their relationship was just like any other harem member.

Sure, their relationship had started on a different note than others. But it didn't take long for it to turn into a normal relationship. Rudy and Lilim had started an intimate relationship as 'friends with benefits', but it slowly changed into something else.

Lilim nodded without saying a word and moved her ring finger up so Rudy could put the ring on it. Rudy smiled slightly and placed the ring on Lilim's finger.

"I am relieved I didn't get rejected," Rudy chuckled softly.

"I would never do that."

Lilim jumped on Rudy and hugged him tightly, squeezing his back and pressing his body against her.

"I love you, Daddy~!"

"This is the first time you ever confessed your love to me. And I think it's about time you stop calling me daddy. We now have a different relationship," he responded calmly.

"Okay, daddy~"

SIGH!

Rudy let out a chuckle and thought, 'It's going to take a while to get her to stop calling me that.'

"Let's stop getting all chummy, or Maria will push us into the sea." Rudy tapped on Lilim's back and whispered in her ears.

Lilim let go of Rudy and sat on her seat while looking at Maria, who was staring at them.

Lu Bela shot a glance at Rudy and asked, "Is that why you were in such a hurry to watch the sunrise?"

"Well... I had different plans to propose to her, but when you mentioned watching the sunrise, I improvised my plan."

"I see."

Rudy looked up at the rising sun and let out a soft sigh.

"My initial plan was to propose Angelica and Lilim today, but when Alice said she wanted to come to the auction too, I had decided that I would prose all three of them. However, Angelica wasn't interested in coming, and Alice left after the auction.

Oh well... I will propose to them some other time. I am sure I will get plenty of more opportunities. If not... I can just create some..."

The scenery of the sun rising and the surrounding was as beautiful as before, but the color of the sky was slowly changing as the sun rose.

Rudy got up from his seat and glanced to his right into the sea.

He looked at the girls and said, "I will be back in a few."

"Hmm," Maria nodded.

After saying that, Rudy teleported somewhere.

Lilim looked at the ring on her finger and caressed it while smiling. She noticed Maria staring at her, so she hid her ring behind her hand and said:

"Don't get angry."

"I am not angry," Maria shook her head. "Why would I get angry? I am just jealous that he proposed you in such a romantic way."

"You also got proposed by him in front of billions in the gambling tournament. Did you forget the clip of him proposing to you was viral for weeks, and it's still trending to this day?"

"I know it, and I watch that clip three times a day, every day."

"Still..." Lilim looked at the scenery and mumbled, "This is beautiful. I have never seen something so beautiful."

"Yeah, agreed." Maria glanced at Lu Bela and said, "Well done, Lula."

"Why would you call me that of all my names~" Lu Bela groaned. "And you should praise Rudy for this scenery, not me."

"What... do you mean?" Maria raised her brow with a confused look on her face. "You planned all this, right?"

"I think using the word 'planned' is wrong here. The sun rose because it was supposed to. The birds flew across the sky because they left their nest in the morning. I just showed you a glimpse of how beautiful this world is."

"Then... Why did you bring Rudy into this topic?"

"I was supposed to show you the sunrise and the birds. The fishes and the sea birds were all Rudy's doing." She pointed her finger at the sky and said, "Even that rainbow is his doing."

"Err... I still don't understand. What do you mean by this is Rudy's doing?"

"He called them here. I bet he wanted to create a perfect scenery to propose to Lilim. She sure is lucky."

"And Angelica and Alice are unlucky that they missed this golden opportunity. I can't wait to see their faces when Lilim shows them the ring and tells them everything," Maria scoffed softly.

"I am not sure if daddy would like that," Lilim muttered.

Maria shrugged her shoulders and said, "I mean... sooner or later, they are going to notice the ring on your ring finger, and they will ask you about it. You would have to tell them everything, eventually, you know?"

"Oh, ho! Princess finally used her brain in something other than gambling," Lu Bela taunted.

"Argh! I can fight with you all day and never get tired, but not right now. Do you know where Rudy has gone? It's rare for him to leave without telling why."

"Maybe he went to fetch Angelica and Alice since he said he wanted to propose to them?" Lilim wondered.

"But they both are most likely sleeping right now, so I don't think he would wake them up, bring them here, and propose to them."

Lu Bela looked at her tablet and uttered, "He is a lot closer than you think."

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Chapter 712: Brother-in-Law

While everyone was having the best time of their lives watching the beautiful sunrise, Ruby was standing in the underwater party hall, watching everything from the glass ceiling.

"I don't think you can quite see it clearly." Rudy suddenly teleported behind her.

Ruby jolted in fear and glared at Rudy.

"I swear you are doing this on purpose!" she yelled.

"I wouldn't say no."

SIGH!

Ruby turned around and looked up at the sky from the sea.

"So, what are you doing here, looking like a loner abandoned by everyone?" Rudy asked.

"Nothing. I just got here."

"That's a lie."

Ruby raised her brow at Rudy and said, "Seriously, have you put a tracker on me or something?"

"No, but I have marked you, so I know your location."

"Marked... me...? Like... What did you do to me?"

"Remember you kissed me when we first met? I kind of marked you at that time."

Ruby's face flushed when Rudy mentioned the kiss.

"Forget about that kiss! It was the biggest mistake of my life that I regret every day."

"Is that so?" Rudy grinned and said, "Well, I, for one, liked that kiss, actually. Your lips are... very kissable."

Rudy licked his lips seductively while saying that.

Ruby gulped down and backed a few steps from Rudy.

"Why would you say that?" She asked with a confused and curious look on her face.

"I am simply stating the fact."

"No, no, no. The look in your eyes seems like you are going to jump on me and ravage my body."

"You know I won't do that."

"I used to think the same until you walked in on me changing clothes in the hotel room."

"Come on Don't act like you were totally naked. You were in your black undies. And hey, you have seen me naked too. I never made a big deal out of it, did I?"

"I didn't walk in on you changing clothes. You were already naked. Not to mention, I didn't even know you were in Maria's room."

"Still, we are even now, right?"

"I... guess?"

"Good."

Ruby glared at Rudy with a judging look on her face and said, "But you walked into the room on purpose! You knew I still wasn't done changing my clothes, yet you barged in."

"If you know that, then you should also know that I can see anyone naked, even if they are wearing clothes. If I wanted to see your naked figure that badly, I would just stare at you and watch you naked all day."

" ..."

"That was a hypothetical statement. I am saying I could do it if I wanted... not that I ever did it."

"That's obviously a lie." Ruby retorted. "No one in their sane mind wouldn't use that power to look at the girls naked."

"That's called 'abuse', not use. And I have no interest in looking at naked figures of girls I don't know."

Ruby raised her brow and commented, "So that means you look at naked figures of the girls, you know?"

"Damn, that was a trick question?"

"I am sure you wouldn't fall for such an obvious trick question. So...?" She folded her arms and asked, "Why would you tell me something that could be used against you?"

"I just wanted to prove that I am not a woman predator."

"Your harem speaks for you. Anyway, what are you doing here? Shouldn't you be with Maria?"

"I asked you the same question a while ago, and I still haven't gotten my answer. What are you doing here?"

"I already answered that and said I just got here."

"That's not a lie, but you came here after the party hours ended. That's not a coincidence, is it?"

He furrowed his brows and continued, "I don't need your help with my relationships with them. You stay on the deal we made. Don't try to change it."

"I thought you would be happy, what the fuck?"

"And what about you? Are you happy right now?" he asked with a judging look on his face.

"Of course I am. Do I look sad to you?"

"Oh, let's see. Watching the sunrise alone from the underwater hall made of glass... hmm~ Does that sound like a memorable experience to you?"

Rudy asked in an annoyed tone, seemingly frustrated by Ruby's attempt to hide her sadness.

Ruby turned around and mumbled, "What does it have to do with you? You should focus on yourself and not get into someone's business."

"That's what I am trying to tell you, you stupid bitch."

"If I am a bitch, then you are an asshole."

"I would never deny not being an asshole," Rudy shrugged with a proud look on his face.

"..." Ruby stared at Rudy for a few seconds and let out a laugh. "Pfft! What's with you? I can never understand you."

Rudy hacked into the music system and played Ruby's favorite song. Even the glimmering lights' color was changed into Ruby's favorite shades.

Rudy moved closer to Ruby and held her hand. He placed his hand on her waist and started dancing with her.

"What... are you... doing?' Ruby asked with a confused face.

"We are dancing."

"But whv?"

"Because you missed the party."

"And why am I dancing with 'you'?"

"Because I don't see anyone else around."

Ruby looked into Rudy's eyes and shook her head.

"I seriously can't understand what's going through that head of yours. Sometimes, you are like a charming prince, while the rest of them, you are..."

Ruby stopped without finishing her sentence.

"Whatever you were trying to say... I think I would rather prefer that one instead of being a charming prince. That's not my thing."

"You may not think of yourself as one, but I am sure the girl sees you as a dashing, handsome.... charming... powerful... mischievous.... prince."

"Ughh~ Stop. I am not used to someone praising me that much."

"They are not my words, by the way. For me, you are..."

"I am...?" Rudy asked with a grin.

"For me, you are just my brother-in-law."

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Chapter 713: Ruby

A few minutes passed since Rudy and Ruby started dancing alone in the party hall. It was a soft song and a slow dance, while their movements were even slower.

Rudy had his hand around Ruby's waist, and his other hand was holding her hand. Ruby's hand was on Rudy's shoulder, and they were dancing in the same pattern again and again.

"So... how long are we going to dance like this?" Ruby asked in a low voice, lower than the soft song.

"You don't like it?"

"Just answer my question." Ruby dodged Rudy's question.

"We will continue until you are satisfied."

"I am satisfied."

"No, you are not."

"How do you know? It's not like you can feel what I..." Ruby sighed without finishing her sentence.

"You have the power to do that too?" She squinted her eyes and asked with a judging look on her face.

"Yup."

"Argh!"

"I can feel what you feel."

"That's a creepy way to put it. Please, never say it again."

"While I am at it, I should also mention that I can hear your thoughts as long as I am touching you," he uttered with a grin.

"What else can you do while touching me?"

"Everything, actually."

"I better be careful the next time I let you touch me."

"Touch you? Why would you make it lewd for no reason."

"Your mind is lewd. And hey, if you can feel what I feel and hear my thoughts, doesn't that mean you already know everything about me?"

Rudy shrugged without answering.

"Then why would you ask me questions if you know everything already?"

"To make you say it, and realize it, so you can be honest with yourself."

"Or you just like teasing innocent girls."

"Heh!" Rudy chuckled softly. "You are not innocent, baby."

"Don't call me that. I am not your baby!"

"What about Sissy? You are my sister, in a way."

"Just call me Mia, please."

"How about you call me something else too? I am sure you also find it awkward to call me Rudy... wait, have you ever actually called me by my name?"

"Then it's settled. I will call you bro if you call me sissy."

"Hmm~" Rudy hummed in amusement and smirked, "I would prefer if you called me big brother instead."

"Bleh!" Ruby slipped her tongue between her lips.

"I just heard your thought, which said, 'I always wanted a big brother'. Now that's cute, what do you say?" he smirked.

"Yes, I indeed had that thought, but I don't want 'you' as my big brother. Because that would mean Maria is your little sister, and you are having an intimate relationship with her. That would be no different than what my dad and aunt did."

"Come to think of it, I never asked what you thought about their relationship. Do you find it disgusting?" he asked with a curious look on his face.

"I don't know, honestly. Like... Maria and I grew up together, and I always saw her as my sister rather than my aunt, so when I found out that she was actually my sister... I was... somewhat happy.

At that time, I had no idea what incest was or what dad and aunt were doing was wrong. If I had been taught that it was normal, I would have considered it normal. I didn't know what was right and what was wrong.

So... what I want to say is that I am happy that Maria is my blood-related sister, but I don't have any comments about dad and aunt's relationship. I wonder why they chose to do it... or what forced them to..."

"The answer is lust."

"Argh! I can't believe we are having this conversation while dancing. Change the topic, please."

"Alright." Rudy looked into Ruby's eyes and increased the dancing speed.

"I asked you to change the topic, not to increase our dancing speed."

"You are demanding as fuck, do you know it?"

"That's my charm, then."

"Is that so?" Rudy raised his brow with a cheeky smile and slowly moved his hand from Ruby's waist to her hips.

"...!"

He then squeezed it a little with a grin on his face.

Ruby widened her eyes and glared at Rudy.

"Take. Your. Hand. Off. My. Ass!"

Rudy removed his hand and said, "Your ass is so perfectly designed that my hands accidentally slipped to appreciate the art."

"That's the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard coming from your mouth," she said with a knowing look on her face. "And if you don't know it, that's considered sexual harassment."

"Well, you are the one who asked me to change the topic. If you want, you can touch me too."

"Hah?" Ruby chuckled and asked, "What am I supposed to touch? Your dick? No thanks. When I saw it, it was so big that it wouldn't fit five of my hands."

"It's not that big. Please, don't ever say it to someone else, or they would be genuinely scared of Mister Dick and me."

"But I have read that penis size increases to double when it's hard. And when I saw yours, it wasn't hard, and it was... big."

"At that time, I was simply limp, not small."

SIGH!

"I just realized we are having a conversation about dick while dancing. Why do you always come to such dirty topics and ruin the moment?" she asked with a flustered face.

"How is everything that happens my fault? You should learn to take the blame, or your boyfriend will dump you."

"Thanks for worrying, but fortunately, I don't plan to get a boyfriend."

"That's sad. Do you plan to stay single all your life? You are missing out, gurl."

Ruby squinted her eyes and shook her head while staring at Rudy.

"You can feel my emotions and hear my thoughts, still... you are doing all this to me. Do you like torturing me?"

"How mean, I am just worried about you like any brother would for his sister-in-law."

"You are worrying about useless things. You should worry more about what you would do if I ended up falling in love with you."

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Chapter 714: Requirements to Join Harem Membership

"Hmm? What would you do if I ended up falling in love with you?" Ruby asked with a mischievous grin on her face.

"Uhh... I can't imagine you being all touchy and possessive like Maria, to be honest. But that's a sight I would rather see than imagine," Rudy responded honestly.

"I can be possessive if I truly want something so badly. But according to your response, does that mean you want to add me to your harem?" she asked curiously.

"Here is the thing. You already live with my harem, and believe me, that's something that never has and will never happen again. I won't allow any living existence to stay with my harem, even if it's a woman.

You should consider yourself lucky that you are under my safety. And have you ever thought why you are allowed to live with my harem?" he asked in a calm but intimidating voice.

"I was going to ask you that. Tell me, why have I been given the Lord's mercy?" she chuckled.

"Maria asked you to stay with the harem because she wanted you to join my harem. She invited you to join my harem, but you misunderstood her and thought she was asking you to live with her.

Then you ran away and made Maria worried, so I never told you this. She also felt guilty that she was forcing you to do something you didn't want to do. She kept quiet for obvious reasons. But she is always anxious that you will leave her one day."

"...vou are lying..."

"I am not. Just recall everything she said the day you disbanded the Ross Syndicate."

"There is no way I would remember everything word by word."

"Well..." Rudy placed his hand on the back of Ruby's head and said, "Allow me to show you everything from two different perspectives. One is mine, and the other one would be Maria's."

Rudy didn't share his memories. Instead, he only showed her what was going on that day. It was like watching the footage of the same room from different angles.

Once Rudy had shown Ruby everything, he hugged her as he could feel Ruby's emotions.

"I didn't ask for a hug."

"You need one, though."

"Shut up. Don't be kind to me after everything you have done to me."

"My deal from that day still remains, but there is one more condition. I won't let you live forever with my harem. All birds leave their nest one day. So be a wise woman and decide for yourself."

"..." After a pause, Ruby looked up into Rudy's eyes and asked, "Are you saying that you will kick me out if I don't join your harem."

"Hey... that's the worst way to put it. I was asking you to make a decision. Listen, you are well aware that you can't stay with Maria for your entire life. You have your life to live too. I am saying this for your own well-being.

Even Maria would feel bad if you wasted your life looking after her. However, there is one way where you can get everything. You can have a lover and the best life and stay with Maria. You know what you have to do."

"..."

"You have time... a lot of time. I personally would never ask you to leave... but one day... you have to."

After thinking about it and staying in Rudy's embrace for minutes, Ruby muttered, "Make me fall in love with you if you want me to join your harem."

"So, should I assume that you won't mind joining my harem?"

"You have to make me fall in love with you first," Ruby replied with a shrug. "But what about you? I know you are not that big-hearted to let a girl join your harem because she didn't want to be separated from her sister. Do you.."

Ruby gulped down nervously and asked, "Do you want me to join your harem? If yes... does that mean you... love me?"

"I think this is a matter of 'can or will' or 'could or would'. I am not trying to brag, but I 'can' add any girl I want in my harem, with or without using my powers, but that doesn't mean I 'will' do that.

Again, I am not bragging, but even in my past life, I have been confessed to many times in school and university, even when I was dating Elise. I am a better version of myself in this life, and I am sure a few girls have unrequited feelings for me— of which I am not aware of.

But does that mean I would or should add them to my harem? I might have an intimate relationship with them— of course, with their consent— and become sex buddies or friends with benefits with them.

But I would never add a girl to my harem unless I truly love her. That doesn't mean I won't care for the said girl or give her respect. She will get everything she wants. I am not trying to be a playboy," he added with a wry chuckle.

"That's very noble of you." Ruby rolled her eyes.

"Thus..." Rudy shrugged with a grin and said, "You have to make me fall in love with you if you want to join my harem."

"Hey! You can't use the same trick as me!"

"As they say, everything is fair in love and war. So..." Rudy squeezed Maria's ass and said, "Good luck, baby. I can't wait to see your attempts to make me fall in love with you. And just so you know, you have to try hard."

"Let's say we managed to fall in love with each other. What would be the best thing that could happen? Uhm... give me an incentive that could motivate me to try harder."

Even though Rudy's hand was massaging Ruby's ass, Maria wasn't repulsed by it.

"Hmm~" Rudy hummed in amusement and uttered, "If you join my harem, we could... have a threesome with Maria."

Ruby raised her brow and squinted her eyes.

"Seriously? That's the only thing you could think of?"

"Hey... believe me, a threesome with a family member is great."

"..."

"Wait, no... that came out wrong. I was trying to say that the best threesomes are where both girls are related to each other, like sisters, mother and daughter, best friends, and such. That's exciting, don't you think?" he asked with a cheerful smile on his face.

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Chapter 715: Wrapping Up the Event

Having a threesome was Rudy's dream, and he wanted to make it true as soon as possible. However, his threesome card was locked by Rias. Since he had promised her, he couldn't break his promise.

However, that day was close as Rudy had bought a castle for his harem. Still, he couldn't hold his excitement and let out his inner thoughts whenever he thought of a threesome.

When Rudy mentioned about having a threesome with Ruby and Maria— who were blood-related half-sisters— he leaked his fetish.

Ruby shook her head and muttered, "I shouldn't have asked you that. But oh well, you are not wrong. Even though it sounds so immoral, it's a good incentive. I guess I will put some effort into making you fall for me."

"Can you not say it as though you are doing me a favor on me by making me fall for you?"

"Why shouldn't I? You won't find a girl like me, ever. Ever since I was twelve, I have taken good care of my body. I have a perfect body figure. My weight and height too. My ass and boobs are perfect too. My nipples are..."

Ruby immediately covered her mouth and separated herself from Rudy. She knew Rudy would be able to hear her thoughts and feel her emotions, so she made sure he wasn't touching her from any side.

"What are you making me say?!" she shouted.

"You were saying that on your own."

Ruby gritted her teeth and clenched her fists without saying a word. Then, she took a deep breath and let out a big sigh.

"Well, it doesn't matter. Sooner or later, you will see that by yourself. For now..." She looked into Rudy's eyes and asked, "We are even now, right?"

"Hmm?"

"I saw you naked, and in return, I described my naked figure to you. I tried to break our deal, and you did the same. I missed the dance, but you just danced with me. I have to join your harem, and you want me to join your harem. I have to make you fall for me, and so do you. We are even through and through."

"There is one thing we are not quite even yet."

"And that is?" she asked with a curious and puzzled look on her face.

"Well, I will have to do the same thing to make us even so..." Rudy pulled her close and pressed his lips on her lips.

Ruby's eyes widened, but she remembered how she had kissed him in front of Maria to make her jealous. Rudy was simply making it even by kissing her back, so she couldn't possibly push him back.

She enjoyed every moment of the kiss while looking into Rudy's eyes. Once they were done, Rudy let her go with a grin on his face.

He licked his lips and said, "Now we are even."

"Hmph! You have kissed so many girls, and yet, you don't know how to kiss."

"That was a standard package of a kiss. If you want a premium, deluxe, or exclusive package, you would have to ask for it."

She turned around and said, "I would rather get it for free once I make you fall for me."

"Good luck with that."

"And..." She stopped walking and glanced back at Rudy.

"And?"

Her face flushed a little when she said, "I didn't hate it when you squeezed my ass or kissed me."

After saying that, she walked away.

"I know, you didn't."

Rudy stood in the way, staring in the direction Ruby went.

A few seconds later, Ruby returned with puffed cheeks and asked, "How do I leave this place? The ride I came in left after dropping me here."

"Heh. That's what happens when you try to act cool in front of me."

Rudy moved his hand forward and gestured to Ruby to come closer.

She walked towards him and held his hand, but Rudy grabbed her by her waist instead.

"Hey, wait—!"

Before Ruby could finish, Rudy teleported to their vehicle on the sea surface.

"What if someone..." Ruby continued her sentence as they teleported but stopped when she noticed a different scenery around her.

She looked to her left and saw Lu Bela in the driver's seat.

"Where..." She looked behind her and saw Maria and Lilim sitting in the backseat.

When she noticed Maria's eyes were fixed on Rudy's hands, Ruby tried to break free and jumped on the back seat beside Lilim.

"Hey, Lilim. Long time no see," she greeted her nervously.

"How was the kiss?" Lilim asked Ruby.

"What... are you talking about ...?"

"There is no need to play dumb, Miss Ruby." Lilim pointed her gaze at the tablet in Maria's hand and said, "She saw everything from Belala's tablet."

"...!" Ruby's face turned pale after hearing that.

"She saw you dancing and talking with each other while smiling, grinning, and flirting. She also saw daddy touching your butt and kissing you."

"My sincere apologies, my Lord. But the princess forced me to show her the live footage. I tried to stop her, but she said she would jump in the sea if I didn't show her," Lu Bela asserted.

"It's fine, I was aware of it. I had disabled the voice transmission, so no one knows what we were talking about. Maria doesn't know what Mia and I talked about or why she let me squeeze her ass or kiss her."

He turned to Ruby and said, "Keep her in the dark. That's her punishment for her spoiled behavior today. I need to discipline her accordingly."

"As for Lilim..." Rudy looked at Lilim and stared at her.

Lilim raised her hands and said, "I didn't do anything wrong."

"I was going to ask you if you want to come with me to the pool house or plan to stay here with Lu Bela."

"I want to be with you."

"Alright."

They watched the sky and the scenery for a while until the guests started to leave. Some of them who still wanted to eat were taken to the island so they could eat there.

Rudy got off the vehicle and stood on the sea between the fishes and birds.

"Thank you for coming. You helped me pull off the proposal. From now onwards, you are under my safety."

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Chapter 716: An Invitation

Rudy thanked the beings that helped him pull off the sunrise proposal and offered them peace of mind that he would protect them from any danger they might find themselves in.

Once everything was set, Rudy decided to return to the pool house, but something strange happened. His ears twitched as they sensed something getting closer.

'A non-human? It's not coming from Lilim, though. And... it's not just one.'

Rudy casually walked to the vehicle and stood while leaning on it.

'I can feel them approaching me, so all I have to do is pretend as if I didn't notice them, and they would come to me. If I act cautiously and try to find them, they will realize I am onto them. What a simple trick to pre the predator... although I am always the predator... no matter what the situation I am in.'

"What's wrong, daddy?" Lilim asked.

Rudy glanced at Lilim from the corner of his eyes and slightly nodded.

'The guests have left for the island, but some of them are still here. I don't sense malicious intents from the beings I am sensing, but I shouldn't let my guard down. I am touching the vehicle, so if anything happens, I will teleport them somewhere safe and deal with the nuisance.'

Rudy waited for a few seconds, but he got tired of waiting, so he teleported to where he was sensing the beings and stood behind them.

"Need something?" he asked.

Three hooded figures in a red cloak covered their entire body, even their fingers, hair, and eyes.

When Rudy called them, they turned around, but Rudy teleported in front of them and once again asked:

"Need something?"

The three figures got on their knees and lowered their heads.

"As we assumed, you are not a human. We were scared of approaching you and weren't sure if we should disturb you when you were already with a company. May we know your true self?"

"You may not. State your business and get out of here. You don't belong in the world of mortals," he uttered in multiple voices.

"We are just messengers, delivering messages to those we find worthy. Today's auction was a part of it. We found a few half-mortals and non-humans tonight, but none such as you. We would be more than delighted if you could hear our request," they asserted with their utmost sincerity.

"Go ahead. I am listening. But keep it short."

"Since you are not a human, you must know about the customs of the world you belong to. Each race and world have different cultures, beliefs, and customs. However, there is always something in common."

"What did I say about keeping it short?" Rudy groaned.

"Yes." The person who was speaking gulped down and glanced at the person next to him.

"There is one common tradition that happens every year, which is the auction. Just like last night's auction, there is an auction in another world where races from all the worlds would be present, and they will participate in that auction.

I don't mean to degrade today's event, but that auction would be a hundred folds better than this one. All types of items will be available to buy and bid, and we would appreciate it if you could make some time to participate."

Rudy raised his brow and pondered for three seconds.

"Tell me one thing that could interest me."

"You can buy slaves belonging to other races," the third person said.

"That disgusts me."

Rudy turned around after saying, "Leave before I make you leave."

"You can find artifacts that could be useful to you," the second person said.

"I said leave." Rudy tilted his head slightly to the side and glared at them.

They got up and left after saying, "You are always welcome."

SIGH!

'They sounded like salesmen trying to sell their items. I can't believe I wasted my time on them. Seriously, what the fuck? I was in such a good mood, and they ruined it.'

Rudy jumped and landed near the girls.

"Something on your mind?" Lu Bela asked after noticing the frown on his face.

Rudy took off his mask and tossed it at Maria.

"Why were there non-humans in the auction?"

"They are my guests. Did they do something to you?"

"As if they can." He furrowed his brows at Lu Bela and said, "Next time, tell me beforehand that there were non-humans in the event."

"I made sure to give them the farthest hotel, where they couldn't possibly interact with humans. They weren't invited to the party either."

"I know that, or they would have been picked up by my sending radar."

"They were harmless."

"Doesn't make that as an excuse to expose the vulnerable humans to them. What if one of them had gone rogue?"

Rudy wasn't worried about the humans in the least, but he was about his human lovers. Of course, he could easily deal with any threats, but there were moments when he wasn't with his lovers.

Lu Bela frowned her face and said, "You brought two vampires with you, and if you don't know, they are considered as the deadliest race in the universe."

"You know they are harmless."

Lu Bela shrugged her shoulders and said, "That's exactly my point. You trust your lovers, and I trust my friends. My Lord, with all due respect, you should learn to trust others."

Rudy stared at Lu Bela for a few seconds and said, "You, of all people, shouldn't talk about trust."

"Like you know what it means. Have you ever trusted anyone in your life?"

"I trusted you. I thought we were getting along, but I forgot that was just your cheap trick to owe me a favor. You don't truly care about me or anything. You just care about yourself."

Lu Bela clenched the steering wheel tightly and gritted her teeth.

"You are not wrong. Everyone only cares about themselves, and so do you," she remarked.

"And that's my mercy to this world."

"Uhm... you two are not even arguing about the same topic anymore," Lilim quipped.

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Chapter 717: Lord's Duty

"Belala, you know daddy gets angsty sometimes. Don't take it to heart. He is not angry at you, I am sure of it. He used to fight like this with Jessica and Rebecca too."

"Lilim..." Rudy's eyes twitched. "It seems you want to be punished too."

Lilim squirmed and said, "If you think I am being a bad girl, you can always punish me in bed~ daddy~"

"Seriously..." Rudy shook his head in disappointment and said, "Now I am not even sure if Angelica is more perverted or you."

"What's wrong with asking my lover to have sex with me? And how does that make me a pervert?" she asked with a knowing look on her face.

"Don't bring logic into this conversation."

Lilim's main goal was to interrupt Lu Bela and Rudy's argument and distract their heated mood.

"Rudy Ross, I understand you were worried about your lovers, but I was worried about all the guests present here. I have been doing it for centuries, so I know what I am doing. Of course, I would have taken full responsibility if anything went wrong.

You are the Lord, and your duty is to protect each living being from harm. But you were only worried about your lovers. I don't want to draw conclusions, nor do I care what you want to protect.

You are the Lord, and you can do anything you want. But in Lord's absence, I was protecting the human world from all the evils. I have been humanity's savior hundreds of times.

I don't do it to gain fame, to take credit, or to owe favors to anyone. I do it because I can. There is nothing wrong with going the extra mile to protect something. Now that the Lord has returned, I think it best suits you if you can do the Lord's work once in a while.

Again, I don't care if you do it or not. I am simply suggesting you. The other races don't know about the Lord's return, but when they do, they will accuse you of things you haven't done.

You see, living beings love to throw the blame on the ignorant ones and take credit for the same. You, as Lord, are privileged for both. You can silence those who go against you, but how many are you going to keep silent?

For how long will you keep them quiet? What if the whole race, or worse, the entire world, turns against you? Would you silence them all? You can easily do that if you want to.

You have to know that the previous Lords weren't liked or loved by anyone. Every living being who is aware of the Lord's existence hates the Lord. They respect the Lord, not out of admiration but... out of fear.

When the Lord's incarnation hadn't arrived even after passing the ten thousand years mark... everyone was happy. Please, change that system. Be the Lord that everyone needs. Be the Lord who everyone remembers. Be the Lord whom everyone calls out of love and respect."

Lu Bela had tears in her eyes when she said, as though she had spoken about her true feelings and truly didn't want Rudy to walk on the same path as the other Lords.

Rudy shook his head and said, "Not possible. You see, when I sat on the Lord's throne, I heard a voice. I always thought that the voice was my own voice, and I simply uttered that in my mind. But for some reason.... I was never convinced by it. I am still not sure what it was, but I think I am going to play by that rule."

"Is it... too much to ask what the voice said?"

"It was nothing mind-blowing, nor were they words of wisdom. It was one simple sentence."

Lu Bela, Maria, Lilim, and Ruby looked at Rudy with curious looks on their faces.

"Don't be the Lord they need you to be, be what they deserve." Rudy quoted the words.

"That's... concerning..." Lu Bela muttered.

"I have morals and ideals, just pray that I don't lose them with time. Because... I no longer see any point in having them. I see each and all living beings as the same. A human's life and an ant's life hold equal value to me. Of course, beings of other races too."

He looked into Lu Bela's eyes and continued, "You asked me to act like the Lord, but believe me... if I act like one... you would want me to stop."

"..."

"And you were wrong about another thing. The Lord is not a savior of the universe... he is a dictator. What I consider right is right, and what I say wrong is wrong. I make the rules, I make the laws. So... let me be an ordinary teenage high school student for a little longer before I announce the Lord's return."

He gestured to the girls to grab his hand while looking at Lu Bela.

"Don't worry, I won't become like the other Lords, but I won't be any different either. You, of all people, should know what type of Lord this world deserves."

"Well... I am glad to be on the good side of the Lord," she chuckled.

"Update me regarding the castle restoration. And feel free to call me if anything comes up."

"I sure will."

Rudy teleported to the pool house with the girls.

"We are here..."

He looked at Maria and Ruby and asked, "You two should sleep before you mess up your sleep schedule again."

"It's morning, so I think our sleep schedule is already messed up," Ruby commented.

"It can be fixed easily as long as you don't make it a habit. And yes, I am speaking from experience."

"Where will Lilim stay?" Maria asked with an anxious look on her face.

"I will take her home with me."

"Why? How come she gets special treatment?!"

"Relax. The castle will be ready in a few days, so it's not a big deal. And I don't want vampires and a demon to share a room in my absence. They might fight, you know?"

"Fine~" Maria kissed Rudy on the lips and asked, "When will you come again?"

"Today is a special day, so we might not meet today."

"Hmm?"

"Elena is coming."

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Chapter 718: Jessica or Angelica

"Give me your phone. I need to make a phone call. Two, actually."

Maria handed her phone to Rudy and said, "You are using my phone more than I do."

Rudy called Elena's number to ask for updates about her schedule, but after a few rings, the call didn't go through.

"What's wrong?" Maria asked.

"She isn't picking up. Either she ignored the call because it was an unknown caller, or she was sleeping. When I called her last night before we left for the auction, she said she had rescheduled her meeting and merged the two together.

She said she has a morning flight and will get here by evening, but she didn't tell me if she meant morning for our time zone or hers."

"Where is she right now?"

"On the other side of the world, where it's currently night. So she might be sleeping," he shrugged. "Either way, I will try calling her from my phone and see if she picks up."

Rudy then dialed his number and called Angelica as she had his phone.

After two rings, Angelica answered the call with, [The number you are trying to reach is unavailable. Please try again after some time, or leave a voicemail after the beep.]

"I will beep you instead. Where are you?"

[Still at the store with your mom. She said she wouldn't go home until you leave for school.]

"You are lying. Stay there, I will come to pick you up." He hung up the call with a sigh.

"What did she say?" Lilim asked curiously.

"Nothing. I will go and pick her—"

THUD!

Angelica landed in front of Rudy out of nowhere.

"...!" Rudy was baffled by witnessing that.

"What the..." His eyes widened in surprise as he asked, "What... What happened to your hair? Why would you dye them while? And what's with every girl trying white hair? Is that a trend? Who is spreading rumors that I like white hair?"

"That's what you are shocked about? You are not going to ask how I came here?" Angelica groaned with a sigh.

"That's my second question." He raised his brow and asked, "Since when can you fly?"

"Since a few hours ago? And not only flying, but I can also do other ghostly things."

"Huh?"

Angelica glanced at the rock on the ground and moved her hand toward it. The rock shook a little and moved to Angelica's hand.

"It's not as powerful as your telekinesis, but I am learning."

Rudy placed his hand on his chin and asked, "Do your powers have something to do with your white hair?"

"Yes."

"Go on."

"Uhmm... I was asked not to tell you this, but who cares."

"Oh? Now I am curious."

"It's tough to explain, so why don't you just read my memory? I am sure you would understand better."

"As you wish."

Rudy placed his hand on Angelica's head and began to read her memory, but ANgelica stopped him.

"Stop."

"What?"

"You have to use a different method to read my memory."

"... I should have expected that from you."

"Then you should have done it without asking," Angelica puffed her cheeks about and pulled him closer.

"What stopped you from kissing me then."

Rudy kissed Angelica on the lips and read her memories of the last night. Since Rudy was witnessing a complicated and deep conversation, he had to deep kiss Angelica.

Lilim, Ruby, And Maria watched them kiss like hungry animals, but deep down, they all wanted Rudy to kiss them like that.

After the kiss, Rudy looked into Angelica's eyes and muttered, "Hey, Hey... is it okay to show me all that? The kid Rudy clearly stated multiple times that I shouldn't know about it or it would mess up his plan."

Angelica shrugged her shoulders and said, "I know, but it's not like I could lie to you. I would have to keep it a secret, but to do that, I would have had to lie one way or another."

"Do you know anything about his plan? Since you now have Jessica's memories, I want to know everything that happened after I returned to 2008."

"Those memories aren't loaded yet. I only know a few things. I think I might remember something once I have taken a rest."

"Hmm." Rudy nodded. "I did find a few clues after seeing your memories. And well done asking those questions. You played them well."

"Your milk makes me smart." Angelica licked her lips.

"Ahem!" Ruby cleared her throat to make her presence known.

"We are standing here, so stop flirting around," Maria remarked.

"That's right, daddy. Even if 'you' don't feel awkward having such a conversation, we feel awkward. Save it for when you are alone."

"Let's get you girls to bed."

Rudy opened the door to the pool house and dropped Ruby and Maria to their bed.

"Here." He handed Maria her phone and said, "Don't play with your phone instead of sleeping. I am pretty strict when it comes to schedules."

"I think if you release a few doses inside me, I will have a nice sleep," Maria responded with a grin.

"Wait for the castle renovation."

"You bought a castle?!" Angelica exclaimed in shock.

"Yes. It's big... very big, actually."

"That's what she said," Angelica snickered.

"..." Rudy facepalmed himself and muttered, "What am I going to do with you?"

"You can hold me and play with me," Angelica responded.

'I was anxious after I read Angelica's memories. I thought she would become Jessica after she regained her memories, but she still seems to be Angelica. I don't know how to say this, but I see Angelica and Jessica as totally different people.

I would never be able to choose either of them; hence, I don't want Angelica to become Jessica. Obviously, I would be happy if they both could merge into one. That would be the best solution, and that's what I am anxious about.'

Rudy looked at Angelica, who was talking with Lilim, and thought, 'Who is she right now? Angelica... or Jessica? I have to find out. She could be Jessica pretending to be Angelica since both of them now have each other's memories.'

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Chapter 719: Kid Rudy's Trick

Rudy pondered for a while to figure out who he was talking to—Angelica or Jessica?

'But how will I find out? If I think about it, Angelica came into existence after Jessica died, which means Angelica can be Jessica, but Jessica can't be Angelica.'

Rudy snapped his fingers and said, "Hey, pervert."

Angelica turned to Rudy while talking with Lilim.

"Hmm?"

Rudy pointed his finger at the jug on the table and said, "Can you get me a glass of water?"

Angelica raised her brow and said, "You can use your telekinesis to get it, right?"

"I can, but I am feeling a little tired after the trip, so I might end up spilling water on the girls. It's better to be cautious, right?" he asked with a shoulder shrug.

Angelica walked to the table and grabbed the jug. She then picked up the glass and began filling it with water.

"Angelica," Rudy called her out.

"Hmm?" Angelica glanced at him.

"Nothing." Rudy smiled slightly and said, "Be careful not to spill it."

"Shut up. If you distract me like that, I will lose focus."

After filling the glass, Angelica took it to Rudy and stood in front of him.

"Thank you." Rudy moved his hand forward to grab the glass.

Angelica also moved her hand, but instead of giving it to Rudy, she drank all the water and handed the empty glass to Rudy.

"Here."

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"You can get on for yourself," she smirked with a grin.

"Looks like you want to be punished."

"Always."

'Yeah, she is Angelica, who was once Jessica. She passed all three tests. Still, transferring one's memories into another... I never thought of doing that. Well, Angelica is the only one who could benefit from that ability.

No one else who needs their past memories... wait...' Rudy pulled his upper lips with his thumb and muttered, "I think I know what the kid Rudy was trying to do."

After I returned from 1990, Rias told me that I had asked her to remind me of something— which I would know when the time comes. That was confusing. Like what, did I set a timer on my memory or something?

As ridiculous as it sounds, that's actually possible. But I don't think that's the case. Since the kid Rudy had the powers, I am sure he has created and mastered the abilities I am not unaware of.

Come to think of it, telepathy and super strength... they were automatically activated after I transmigrated into this body. If I am supposed to be merged with the kid Rudy... I should have gotten his memories, too... but I didn't.

Now I know that the Rudy from this world always had superpowers since birth... and he knew that I would transmigrate to his body... he must have done something to erase those memories.

That would explain the blank memory.

I have already tried to recover those memories multiple times, but it didn't work. Had he sealed those memories, I would have retrieved them, but that's not the case. Either he erased his memories or took them out of his brain.

It's highly unlikely that I would ever erase my memory... even to prevent someone from accessing it. So he must have hidden those memories somewhere safe. I have no idea where... but maybe... one person does.

Nyxia... she has known everything all along. We met in 1989 for the first time, and we were supposed to meet at the vampire academy in 2008. But since the kid Rudy and I shared the memories... he must have contacted her somehow.'

Rudy looked at Angelica and wondered, 'I highly doubt Angelica knows everything. She could provide me some information, but I don't think the kid Rudy would have told her everything about his plan.

It's 'me' we are talking about. He must have expected that Angelica would tell me everything and thus created several backup plans. I can win against any and everything... but winning against myself... Now that's challenging.

Since they broke the perfect loop and created a divergence point in the timeline, the kid Rudy should have become one with the universe. He no longer exists... so, unfortunately, I can't contact him directly.

Nyxia is my only lead, but I can't locate her even with my advanced tracking. Well, she is going nowhere, and neither am I. But I should visit the vampire world once my castle has been renovated.'

Angelica gave Rudy's phone to him and said, "Here. It's almost out of charge."

"..." Rudy gave her a stare without saying a word.

Angelica stretched her arms in the air while yawning and went inside Rudy's body.

'I will sleep now. Good night. Also, I don't like white hair, so make them black later. I don't want to be called a cheap copy of Jane.'

Now, only Rudy and Lilim were awake in the pool house.

"We should go someplace alone," Lilim suggested.

"And we shall. But first, I need to check up on Reina. See you at the pools."

After saying that, Rudy teleported to Reina's office, while Lilim decided to walk there as she wanted to give some alone time to Rudy and Reina.

Reina wasn't in her office, so Rudy activated his vision ability and found her by the pools. She was watering the plants.

Rudy quietly teleported behind her.

'Man, the smell of wet soil always gets me.'

Rudy hugged Reina from behind and squeezed her body.

"You are back."

"Yup."

She turned her face to the side to look at Rudy and asked, "Did you find the house you were looking for?"

"I did. I got us a castle."

"A castle?!"

"Yesh."

"How did you manage to find a castle in this era? And is it safe? Most castles need heavy renovation, and they are not safe to live in."

"Stop worrying about all that."

Reina leaned on Rudy and said, "Your hands are cold."

Rudy moved his hand up under Reina's top and squeezed her care breasts.

"This will make them hot."

"Mnh~"

Rudy kissed her on the neck and whispered, "Want to have some fun?"

"I have to open the waterpark soon, so no. Drop by later in the evening if you want me."

He kissed her on the lips and said, "Alright. See you later, then."

Once Lilim had arrived, he teleported to his room.

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Chapter 720: Questioning Lilim About the Past

Rudy teleported to his room with Lilim.

"I am not sure how long it has been since you last came here, but I assure you, not much has changed," he said calmly.

"Yeah, I know. I dropped by during the gambling tournament after we... met."

"Now that's news to me..." He sighed.

He scanned the house to check if Lucy was home or had left for school.

"Let's go downstairs. The house is empty."

"Okay~"

Rudy went downstairs, and Lilim followed right behind him. She said on the living room couch while Rudy went to the kitchen to grab a drink for her.

"What would you like to drink?" he asked while looking through the fridge. "I can buy anything real quick in less than three seconds."

"Hmm~ There is a drink you can't get in three seconds."

"Oh?" Rudy's interest was piqued. "Try me."

"Your milk."

"..."

Rudy started with the same curious expression on his face, which slowly faded away into a blank expression.

He slammed the refrigerator's door and said, "Do you girls ever think about anything normal."

"What, now? You asked if I wanted to drink anything, and I answered honestly."

"You are right... I can't even argue with that..." He took a deep breath and muttered, "Let's do this again."

He opened the refrigerator's door and asked, "Would you like to drink anything that can be purchased from the market, which would be available in cans or bottles— which is prepared in factories."

"Wow. You made it so well that I can't slip dirty jokes and remarks."

"That's not an answer."

"I loved to eat breakfast made by you. Can I get that?"

"Sure thing. But it will take a while. You can take a bath in the meantime."

"I am good."

Lilim got up from the couch and wandered around the house, checking every corner, unlike the last time. Once she was done, she went into the kitchen and sat on the dining table instead of the chair.

"You were going to ask me questions?"

"Yes."

"I am ready."

"You were with mom, Jessica, and Elena when I returned to 2008, so how come you ended up with the mafias? I remember you said that you were still a kid when you became Maria's bodyguard.

I also remember you told me that someone asked you to protect her. Who was it? It certainly isn't me because I would never let you go to the Underworld, especially considering how naive you were. You lacked common sense."

Lilim bit her lips and puffed her cheeks a little, making her face completely round.

"What? I am just being honest. And I never used the word 'dumb' or 'stupid', by the way, so I don't see why you are pouting like that."

"I was in a new world, so it was natural for me to not know anything and lack the common sense of the said world."

"As I said, you were a kid, and it's completely natural. My point was that I would never send you to the Underworld. Unless... I actually did and then erased my memory."

Lilim rested her legs on the chair and lay down on the dining table.

"You didn't directly ask me to do that. But when Jessica and I were abducted, you had asked that man to take care of Maria. Mind you, I was still a kid, so I understood very little. But after you disappeared, I searched for you everywhere.

And then I saw the man again and followed him. He saw me and my demon form and got scared. He started to beg me to not kill him. And that's where I met Maria. She was playing in the garden, all by herself.

Chasing after the butterfly and falling down again and again. The man must have remembered what you had told him, and he thought you had sent me to watch over Maria.

And that's how I became her bodyguard. I learned the ways of mafias and became like that. The man also changed and became a better person. He always had nightmares and yelled in the middle of the night, waking everyone up.

He has been living like that for eighteen years. He even stopped caring for the syndicate and threw all the responsibilities on Rusher's hand at a very young age. Well, this has nothing to do with your question, so I will stop."

"Hmm... you were supposed to be Maria's bodyguard, so I guess... it was unavoidable," he sighed.

"Yes. But it was different back then. I used to spend more time in this house than in the Underworld. When I learned that the baby Rebecca was raising was you, I decided that I would live here, but Rebecca didn't let me.

She was always on about diary this and diary that. And she was doing fine, so... I thought it would be for the best if I let her be. Jessica and Elena were with her, so I wasn't worried about her.

Still, I used to drop by once every week. Sometimes, I even brought Maria with me. She loved to ride on my back. Although she doesn't remember all that."

"If you used to bring Maria here, that would mean... we met when we were kids..."

"Obviously. She liked pinching your cheeks and poke your peepee."

"Does Maria know that? I mean, did you tell her all this after she learned that you are a demon?"

"Never got time." Lilim shook her head.

"You should tell her. She would love to hear about her childhood. Wait... what about Ruby? Did you bring her as well?"

"I couldn't carry two people with me, but yes... I did bring her here once. And she also played with you. She was doing what Maria did, but..."

"But?" Rudy raised his brow.

"Maria used to pinch your cheeks and poke your peepee, but one time, Ruby did the opposite."

"..."

"She poked your cheeks and pinched your peepee. And you cried... a lot. Since that day, Rebecca banned Maria and Ruby from ever entering this house."