

## Tech System 61

### Chapter 61 Inspiration

The next day Aron entered the basement after eating his breakfast.

[Sir the simulation has finally started] Nova immediately informed him after he entered the room.

"It took a day longer than expected," Aron said as he lifted the virtual headgear and headed to the makeshift bed, lying down and entering the virtual world to continue their conversation face to face in the virtual reality.

[The simulation took longer than anticipated because, prior to commencing the simulation, it was necessary for me to allocate a percentage of the computer's processing power for its permanent use. As I initially assigned it half of the computing power for the simulation, it resulted in a delay of one day beyond the planned duration.] Nova immediately started her explanation the moment Aron entered the virtual room.

Aron listened to Nova's explanation without interrupting her then after she finished her explanation he asked "Does this mean that half of your computing power is currently under the simulation programs control?"

[Certainly. Despite allocating half of the computing power to the simulation, there is no discernible impact on the computer's processing speed. This is because most of the tasks were being handled by just 10% of the chips' computing power, leaving the rest of the power idle most of the time.]

"Did you manage to connect the simulation program to the virtual reality program?" He asked after knowing that there was no impact in the computer computing capabilities.

[Yes Sir] Nova replied while turning to her left side and raising her hands closer to her chest and started doing some jutsu hand signs , then she said ["Summoning: Quintuple Rashomon"]

And just like Hashirama she summoned a giant gate.

Aron couldn't help himself and ended up laughing while holding his stomach.

After laughing for several minutes he finally managed to recollect himself.

"Haaaa, I really needed that laugh" He said while looking at Nova who had changed her clothes to the ones which kunoichi used to wear to go with her theme.

[I have been watching some anime with my idle computing power] Nova explained her theme.

"Anyway, Is this the door leading to the simulated universe?" He asked, returning their focus back to the main topic.

[With the size of the current simulation I wouldn't call it a universe, not even a world ]

"Is the size of the simulation that small?"

[The size of the simulation is about the African continent, about 30 million square kilometers (11.7 million square miles) is being simulated by the program.]

"Is that what half of the quantum chip is capable of simulating?"

[No, only half of it's assigned computing power is used for this simulation, the other half is to allow for me to play god within the simulation]

"Okay, let's enter and see," Aron said as he started moving toward the Rashomon gate.

Nova moved first and started pushing the gate to open it for them to enter.

After that they entered the simulation together without wasting any more time.

"There is no difference than the former room" Aron said after entering the simulation, appearing on a very large flat ground.

[Sir, the previous room that was being run by the virtual reality program was operated based on the laws of the universe as dictated by your imagination. This means that if you believed that gravity was not important, it would have been removed in that virtual space.

However, this side of the door is different. It is an exact replica of the real universe, down to the last atom. That is if we have enough computing power to simulate it] Nova finished her explanation with a shade.

"Where is this?" Aron asked while looking at his surroundings.

[Serengeti national parks] Nova answered Aron's question without turning to him, as her eyes were focusing on the lion in the horizon.

Aron, who was wondering what Nova was looking at that was so important to the point she didn't turn to him when she was answering his question, so he turned to look at what she was looking at.

"Fuck" is the only word that came from his mouth before his body immediately started running to the gate leaving behind Nova who started laughing at him.

While he was nearing the door he suddenly froze mid running like a glitch.

[Sir with me you are safe within the simulation] Nova said that as he resumed the time of the universe in the program.

"Did you just pause time?" Aron asked after being released.

[Just for a short time, If i try to hold it for longer than a few seconds the program will be forced to intervene to prevent it crashing] Nova answered his question while pausing time again but this time making sure that Aron was not frozen and could move freely.

"So what you mean is that if we have a large enough computing capacity we can make time here go as fast or as slow as we want?"

[Yeah we can do that even now, but for that we will have to shrink the size of the simulation to accomplish it]

With Nova's acknowledgement Aron's mind started being filled with ways he could use this feature to its fullest potential.

"HAHAHAHA, Finally hit a jackpot I can extend the time difference here to be 100:1 and make a day out there 100 days in here " Aron said with excitement in his voice which he didn't try to hide at all.

[Though you can theoretically do that, but there is a limit that your brain can handle]

"What is my limit?" Aron asked, wanting to know what his current brain can handle.

[For your brain sir it will be a maximum of 50:1 as for a normal human brain the max they can handle is 25:1 before they receive any enhancement that changes their brains.]

"Still better than nothing, So how much time acceleration can the current computing capacity handle?"

[Currently the maximum it can handle is a 5:1 time acceleration]

"Do it" He ordered immediately wanting to try his first runic spell before he had to go and meet Rina tomorrow.

[On it] Nova immediately started implementing the changes and the land started shrinking until only a small part of it remained surrounded by a dark wall meaning beyond the wall nothing was being simulated beyond the wall.

After the shrinking of the land was done Nova immediately started accelerating the time within the simulation until it reached the limit which was 5:1 compared to the real universe.

[The time acceleration has started Sir] Nova informed Aron that he was currently spending time five times faster than the real universe.

"Let's begin then" Aron immediately sat cross legged as he was about to start his first runic practise in his life.

But an idea popped up in his mind and immediately interrupted his about to begin practise.

[What is it Sir?] Nova asked Aron who seemed to be out of focus.

"An insane idea just came to my mind and if we can make it happen then it will revolutionize my runic training and everything else that we could do inside here" Aron said with anticipation on his face.

[What is the idea Sir?] Nova asked as her anticipation also grew.

"Since you have a copy of my brain, can't you create a copy of me that is similar to me to the last atom?" Aron asked Nova, he asked this instead of explaining because the answer will determine the chances of his new idea succeeding.

[Yes I can do that Sir] Nova answered immediately as she had already tried it when Aron was logged out.

She hid this from him because she was afraid that Aron would be repulsed by the idea of having a copy of himself being made.

"What if we made duplicates of me, had them learn about runes and other subjects we require, and then assimilate their gained knowledge they gained by practicing into my brain, similar to how my system assimilates the knowledge that I bought from it?" Aron asked while expecting a positive reply from Nova.

Nova, who took a few seconds calculating the feasibility of this idea, then she replied

[We can definitely pursue this approach, and its potential is even greater than you anticipated.

Since the brains we'll be creating will exist entirely within the simulation, we can overcome the time acceleration limitation of the simulation. Our only limitation that will remain will be computing power.

Furthermore, since these brains are completely digital, there is no concern about harming your physical brain due to acceleration.

However, I regret to inform you that I could not find any information in your brain about how to perform the knowledge assimilation.

It seems that your system considers this technology confidential and has removed it from the accessed brain data.]

Aron was very happy when he heard Nova's answer, despite her telling him that she currently couldn't assimilate the gained knowledge to his brain.

This is because he was sure the knowledge to do that existed in the system's shop

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Aron wasted no time at all as he immediately opened the systems shop and searched for the said knowledge.

[ (Knowledge assimilation)

Involves transferring information directly into an individual's brain, enabling them to fully comprehend and understand a subject without the need for study or practice...

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(Price: 100 million sp)]

When he saw the price he became happy, as he realized that he could buy the technology if he just collected a few million more sp.

"Good, now if I finish collecting the sp, I will have nothing to worry about. My clones will be learning the runes in my place and all I have to do is assimilate what they learned. HAHAAHAHA" Aron started laughing like a maniac and Nova didn't see it as anything weird, as she became used to Aron's weird antics a very long time ago.

[Congratulations Sir but you need to start practicing your runes, you still have 4 days in accelerated simulation universe time(ASUT) until your meeting time with Rina Rothchild] Said Nova reminding him that he still had to start practicing by himself until he had enough sp to buy the assimilation technology from the system shop.

"Okay" Aron agreed to her words and returned his focus back to practicing runes which had been interrupted by his sudden revolutionary idea.

Aron sat down and sat cross legged followed by closing his eyes and taking a deep breath, trying to steady his nerves and calm himself down to be able to focus.

He needed to calm himself down because he needed all the focus he could have, because he knew that despite having the knowledge of runes in his mind, wielding them was an entirely different matter.

Aron cleared his mind, then closed his eyes and began to focus all of his attention on his Runic heart, its voice low and rhythmic, causing him to feel a deep sense of calm wash over him.

He started visualizing the rune he wanted to train in, when he started visualizing the rune; inside his brain Runes lit up attracting Nova's attention who was watching and documenting everything that was happening to Aron.

When the runes in his brain lit up, Aron started hearing faint whispering in his mind, guiding him toward the path of accomplishing the realization of the Rune.

With that his runic heart started lighting up and releasing energy and dumping it through his veins.

Aron focused on the energy while trying to shape it into the rune he wanted to actualize.

He felt a sudden jolt of electricity surge through his body, forcing him to open his eyes.

When he opened his eyes, he saw a golden runic word 'LIGHT' levitating in front of his eyes which kept getting brighter and brighter as his heart was still pumping out energy which he was still focusing it on the runes.

When he realized that he was still adding energy to runes, he immediately cut the supply of it, resulting in the rune stopping to increase in brightness.

Immediately after stopping the supply of magical energy, he said in his mind 'activate' for the rune to start doing what it was supposed to do.

With the order given, the rune activated with a sudden burst of intensity, the light from the rune erupted outward, filling the surroundings with a brilliant but blinding glow

Golden light lit his face and became the only thing he could see, the light continued getting brighter and brighter forcing him to close his eyes to avoid being blinded.

'Deactivate' Aron said in his mind for the rune to deactivate as its blinding light was getting bright enough to cause him discomfort even with his eyes closed.

The runic word started dimming.

After waiting a few seconds for the rune to deactivate and the surroundings to return to normal, he opened his eyes again.

[Congratulations Sir] Nova immediately congratulated him for succeeding in activating his first rune.

But Aron couldn't hear her, as his eyes were focused on the blue screen that appeared in front of him.

DING!!!!

[(First Rune)]

Congratulations on officially starting your journey to becoming a Runemaster...

Rewards: 10 million sp.

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The system rewarded him 10 million sp because it deemed it as him officially beginning his journey into runic mastery and it wanted to congratulate him for that.

[Sir!! Sir!!] Nova repeatedly called for Aron.

"Mh" Aron replied as returned his focus back to his surroundings due Nova's consistent call.

"What were you saying?" He asked again after realizing that he had ignored what Nova was saying.

[I was congratulating you Sir]

"Thank you"

[But what were you looking at?] Nova asked Aron, wanting to know where his focus went.

"You didn't see what I was looking at despite having access to my brain?"

[Your system seems to be actively preventing any and everything that can lead to the discovery of how it works.]

"If it is even altering and hiding some of my real time brain data, then it means that it really doesn't want us discovering how it works" Aron said then returned to answering her first question" As for what I was seeing, it was the systems notification and reward for me succeeding in activating my first rune and beginning my first step into the journey of becoming a runemaster"

[It seems like the system puts a very high importance in rune mastering] Nova added after hearing Arn's explanation.

"Yes it seems so based on the rewards. Anyway, let's start analyzing the records of my activation." Aron ordered as he wanted to try and see all the process his body took from calming his nerves to activation of the rune.

This was because he wanted to know what he was doing wrong and what he did right to optimize his system and avoid wasting his time training with inefficiencies in his training process.

[Yes Sir] Nova immediately executed the order and created 4 boxes within those boxes containing 3d real life rendering of both inside and outside of his body.

One box had the 3d real life rendering of the inside of his brain, another one showed the inside of his heart, another one showed the entirety inside of his body and the last one showed the normal him sitting down.

He could control the speed of the footage, the angle at what he viewed them, he could even zoom in for clarity.

He could do this because all of the simulation data was collected and could be replayed completely in whatever way they wanted.

When Aron looked at the length of the video he was surprised "It took me nine hours to finish creating just one rune?"

[To be exact it was nine hours and a half. How long did you think it was?] Aron asked, wanting to know how much time did Aron think passed.

"Two minutes, no longer than that" Aron said as he tried to remember the amount of time he felt had passed when he was focusing on the rune.

[I think this rune is responsible for that] Nova said as she zoomed on Aron's brain until it started showing lines of runes that were written on his synapses, then she played the footage which showed them starting to light up meaning that they become active the moment he started his runic practice.

[These runes seem to be the result of you gaining the Runic body.

From your description of it, you said it allows you to learn runes at a much faster pace than normal people right?.]

"Yes" Aron answered her question.

[ These runes seems to have functions such as guiding you to the right path in your runic use and training.]

"So this is why I felt like someone was leading me throughout the process" Aron nodded as he remembered something guiding him in his runic training.

"Anything else that is out of the ordinary like this?"

[Yes Sir, This time it is in your heart.]

Nova replied as he highlighted the box with the 3D footage of his heart.

[Some runes went into action to allow you to have perfect control of the magical energy that was being pumped into the rune you created.

It seems to be in the same category as the runes in synapses.] Aron focused on the runes in his heart trying to at least get a glimpse at what their meaning is, but due to his runic knowledge being low he understood shit.

But Nova didn't stop there; she continued fast-forwarding the footage until when Aron stopped supplying magic energy to the rune he had created, then she started zooming into his heart deeper and deeper until she reached the atoms making his heart.

What surprised Aron was that there were runic lines even at that level of zoom. But before he could ask his question Nova played the footage.

The moment he stopped supplying the magic energy to the rune and activated it, The atomic size runic lines in his heart lit up and started collecting magical energy from the atmosphere to refill his magical energy tank.

"Are these runes the result of gaining a runic body too?"

[No these are the first line of runes etched in your body in order to form your runic heart to allow the use of Runes.]

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"It seems like the system is really putting way too much importance in runes" Aron said as he zoomed out a little trying to see the complete runic sentences written in his heart by the system.

He was having a hard time seeing the complete runes as the letters were the size of an atom.

[From just the functions that we know they can do, it seems like it puts way more importance than you imagined Sir] Nova replied to Aron's statement.

"What do you mean by that?" Aron asked.

Although he knew why she said that, he wanted to hear her reasoning for saying that.

[From the runic knowledge that I got from your brain, Runic practitioners usually need to wait some time for their magic energy to replenish in order for them to use runes again.

But for you it is different, you can use runes for as long as your brain can handle the activation process, this is because the runes in your heart replenishes any magical energy that you used immediately, helping you solve the problem of replenishing your magical energy or continue practicing to increase your magic capacity.

But that is not all, the runic lines responsible for the replenishment of your magical energy is taking less than one percent of the runes in your heart, meaning that more than 99 percent of the runes in your heart haven't become active and we don't know what they do until they are activated and we see what they do.

Despite all of these benefits all of this was done to you free of charge.

The system determined that if you had to buy the ability to use magic from its store, you would not have even bought it, due to its price being way too high for you to afford it within the century.

So it gave you the ability to use runes while not giving you any knowledge of how to use runes.

It means that although it is important for you to be able to use runes, it is not that urgent and the system wants you to learn it slowly as you discover more of their usefulness.]

Aron couldn't help but be impressed by her analyzing skills from the little information she had. Although he had thought about the reason why the system gave him the ability to use runes, he didn't think about it that deeply as he didn't see anything currently in need of him having runes other than protection.

"That is a very detailed explanation Nova, good job" Aron gave Nova a nod of approval, showing that he was really impressed by her explanation.

[Thank you Sir] Nova thanked Aron while making the simulation program remove her blushing to prevent Aron from seeing it.

"Now let's continue with my rune practice." Aron said and returned to his previous sitting place and sat crossed leg to continue his runic practice.

While Aron was practicing his runes Nova did nothing other than sitting quietly and watching Aron concentrate in his runic practice.

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2 days later in accelerated simulation universe time(ASUT).

"Sir, Henry is currently shaking your body calling you to have dinner" Nova immediately told Aron after he completed activating the light rune for the seventh time.

Aron was able to activate the rune in just 15 minutes this time around, thanks to his runic body. It was cutting down the activation time it takes to activate the rune by half of what it used to take him to cast the spell. This improvement was consistent every time he trained on the rune.

Initially, Aron had to spend sixteen hours to activate the spell, but his runic body cut it down to 8 hours by his next try.

It was followed by the time being reduced to 4 hours, then 2 hours, and eventually 1 hour. With more practice, he brought it down to half an hour and finally only 15 minutes on his last attempt.

"Okay " Aron stopped practicing his runes and got up, preparing himself to log out so that he can go and have dinner with his family.

"See you" Aron said as he passed through the Rashomon gate that Nova had summoned for him to enter and leave the universal simulation.

He needed to leave through the door and return to the normal virtual reality to be able to logout because the universal simulation was currently going through time acceleration so if he logged out within the simulation his consciousness would experience how having 5000 ping feels in real life.

[See you Sir] Nova answered Aron's goodbye as he went through the gate.

'Logout' Aron said in his mind to log out.

"Brother what is that?" Henry asked Aron after he took off his helmet.

"Oh this is a virtual reality helmet" Aron answered Henry's question as he stood from his makeshift bed holding the helmet then headed to the table to put it there.

"What is it for?" Henry asked another question wanting to know what it does.

"It is a simulation machine like in those games in movies" Aron explained it in a way for him to understand it easily.

"Can I try it?" Henry asked in excitement when he heard Aron's explanation.

"Yes but later, Now let's go and eat. Didn't you come to call for that?" Aron reminded Henry who was so excited from wanting to try the virtual gear that he forgot what he came for.

"Yes" Henry agreed to his words though slightly disappointed that he didn't get to try it.

With that they left the basement heading to the dining room for their dinner.

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An hour later Aron returned to the basement by himself.

Henry seemed to have forgotten his excitement of wanting to try the headgear due to being told by his mother that, if he left his toys in random places without collecting them, she would confiscate all of his toys and not allow him to use them anymore.

[Welcome back Sir] Nova welcomed Aron the moment he entered the basement room.

"Thanks" Aron said as he put on the helmet and laid down on the makeshift bed and said 'Login'.

[Are you going to train on another spell or will you continue training on the light rune?]

"I will continue training on the light rune, because I want to see if there is a limit with the runic body's capability of decreasing the training time by half every time he repeatedly trains the same rune" Aron said while sitting down so that he can continue his practice.

[Okay] Nova said nothing after that and left Aron to continue his practice of the spell.

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3 days later in accelerated simulation universe time(ASUT)

Aron stretched his hand forward and said "Light"

The moment he finished saying those words, runic letters representing the function of light appeared in front of his hand and brightened a little before it stopped, then it was followed by runic words lighting up and releasing a soft golden light hovering in front of Aron.

While it appeared to take a long time for the rune to activate, in reality, it only took a nanosecond from the moment Aron commanded the rune to activate and the actual activation of the rune.

Aron kept staring at the soft light caused by his runic activation feeling proud of himself.

"It took longer than expected," Aron said about the time it took him to perfect the use of the rune.

Although he managed to reduce the activation time of the runes to nanoseconds, he still had to practice on controlling the right amount of magical energy so that the rune didn't blind him.

[ Although your runic body gives you perfect control of the magical energy, you still needed to find the perfect amount magic for every rune to avoid wasting magical energy where it is not needed ]

"Yeah you are right about that, this is also one of the reasons I didn't practice it in the outside world" Aron agreed with Nova as he remembered the time when he activated the rune immediately but since he gave it too much magical energy and the rune came out brighter than the sun.

The problem was not its brightness but its proximity to his eyes, he had to ask Nova to reverse the damage done to his eyes using her powers within the simulation or else he would have been blinded forever within the simulation.

"Let me try using the rune in the real world first" Aron said to Nova and immediately went through the gate and logged out to try activating the runes in the real world.

Real world.

Aron went and locked the door leading to the basement, so that he wouldn't freak anyone who might accidentally see.

After he turned off the lights in the basement he said "activate" while envisioning the rune of light in his mind.

And just like 'magic', a soft glowing light lit up the room in a golden glow allowing him to see everything within the room.

[Wow] Nova's voice was heard through the speakers as she was viewing everything through the cameras within the room.

"What do you see?" Aron asked Nova, wanting to know what parts of the rune are seen in the real world.

[I saw nothing other than a soft golden light appearing out of nowhere lighting the room in golden glow]

"It seems my assumption was right. Normal people in the world won't be able to see the cause, they will only see the results coming from it"

[Yes sir, this will allow you flexibility in using runes anywhere]

"Mh..." Aron nodded his head agreeing to what Nova said.

[Sir, you need to start preparing for your meeting with Rina.] Nova immediately reminded him about the meeting he had with Rina.

"Thank, I'm really going to have to find a way to get used to the time acceleration or else I will be having troubles keeping up with time and appointments." Aron said that, as he had spent a total of five days within the simulation despite only one day having passed in the real world.

[Don't worry Sir, I will be reminding you if you forget anything] Nova said to Aron who was massaging his eyebrows.

"Thanks Nova" Aron said to Nova after he heard her saying that.

Aron then deactivated the rune in the basement then turned on the lights in the basement.

"I will go and prepare for the meeting" Aron said as he left the basement room going up stairs to eat breakfast and prepare for his meeting with Rina.

## Chapter 64 Meeting Rina

### Two hours later.

Aron had finally completed his preparations for the meeting and was heading to the garage in order to head to the meeting when he was reminded by Nova that he forgot his watch.

"Thanks" Aron thanked Nova while he was heading to the basement to pick his own made watch.

"I nearly forgot you," Aron said, looking at his digital watch.

[As I said, I will always be there to remind you] Nova's voice came from the watch replying to him.

Yes the watch had one of the four remaining quantum chips.

He made it because he wanted to always have Nova in her full capabilities with him at any time at any place.

Although he could have had her be with him using his phone, he currently didn't have the time to create one and also it being a watch allows it to blend and not attract too much attention like how a custom phone would.

With that Aron left the basement heading to the garage.

Then he left the house while being driven by Donald, one of his bodyguards going with him to his meeting with Rina.

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"I Will be back in about two hours or more, so go and buy yourselves some food" Aron said to Donald and his other bodyguard buddy as he left the car.

"Yes Sir" Donald said he then started driving the car to the parking lot.

As Aron stepped through the front door of The Ritz-Carlton, he felt a rush of excitement at the opulent surroundings, because despite him being a billionaire he never really lived like one at all.

The testament to this was that it was his first time entering a five star hotel in his life.

The lobby was grand and spacious, with towering columns and a glittering chandelier that cast a warm, golden light across the room.

The walls were adorned with works of art, and the plush carpets and sumptuous furnishings added to the sense of luxury and refinement.

After looking around and attracting a little attention from the people in the lobby, Aron made his way to the front desk, where he was greeted by a friendly concierge who welcomed him to the hotel.

"Welcome sir, How may I help you?" She asked Aron.

"I have a reservation in one of your restaurants under the name of Nova" Aron explained his reason for being her.

It was under the name Nova because she was the one who made the reservation for him.

She used her name because she knew Aron didn't want their meeting to attract the attention of anyone.

As for why choose a five star hotel for a meeting you don't want to attract too much attention. It was because of Rina, as a member of the Rothschilds family her going to a normal restaurant would attract more attention and suspicion compared to going to a five star hotel.

After looking through their system and finding the reservation under the said name, the concierge offered to escort him there.

"Sure," He agreed without any problem, because he knew he would be having trouble finding his way if he chose to go by himself.

As they walked, Aron couldn't help but marvel at the attention to detail that had gone into every aspect of the hotel's design.

The walls were lined with beautiful artwork, and every piece of furniture seemed carefully chosen to create a sense of elegance and sophistication.

Finally, they arrived at Navio, and the concierge wished Aron a pleasant dining experience before taking his leave.

Aron took a moment to take in the breathtaking ocean views from the dining room before being greeted by the maître d'.

He was then escorted to the private room, where he settled in and started his waiting for Rina to arrive for their meeting.

"Any bugs?" He asked the void after he was left alone in the room.

[No sir] Nova's reply came from the watch.

Nova had immediately taken control of everything that had internet connection within the hotel's premise the moment he was in the proximity.

She was monitoring everything, making sure that nothing dangerous happens to Aron during the period he is within the hotel.

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15 minutes later.

The door to the private room was opened and his breath caught in his throat as he caught sight of the stunningly beautiful woman who stepped into the room.

She was beautiful beyond compare, with cascading waves of dark hair, sparkling eyes, and a smile that lit up the entire room.

"Nova you have a competitor" These words couldn't help but come from his mouth due to Rina's beauty being comparable to Nova's virtual body.

Thankfully no one heard him as he managed to say it in a low enough voice that only Nova could hear him.

Nova's reply to this was nothing other than her vibrating the watch to show her displeasure in her beauty being compared to Rina's, but even she couldn't refute what he said.

The reason they were surprised is because although they had seen her pictures it wasn't of the highest quality one, this was the result of the Rothschild family wanting their family members' lives to be far from the public eye.

Aron stood and extended his hand to her for handshake while he said "Welcome, I'm Aron Michael"

Rina shook Aron's hand then she replied saying "I'm Rina Rothschild" with a smile on her face.

'Why would Rottem cheat on her, is he dumb or what' the thought appeared on his mind.

"Let's have a seat" Aron said after shaking her hand which came as a surprise to Rina.

Rina was used to people getting lost in her beauty and forgetting what to do, but for Aron who had spent about a week with Nova's virtual body within the simulation it was manageable for him, although he was mesmerized he managed to control and not embarrass himself in front of her.

Rina sat on the other side of the table sitting face to face with Aron.

"Are you by yourself?" Rina asked because she was wondering why they were in a large private room.

"The small ones were booked up for today and only this one remained" Aron replied honestly without beating around the bush.

"Now let's get to the main topic, what do you want for your favor that needs me to come and meet you face to face?" Rina went directly to the main topic without wasting any time with small talks.

"There seems to be a misunderstanding from your side." Aron said while showing that he was taken aback by her reasoning to reach such a conclusion.

"A misunderstanding you say? Then what are we doing here?" She asked when she received a different than expected response.

She thought the meeting was for her helpers to meet her and cash in their favor. That's why she came prepared to repay whatever they wanted if it is within her capabilities.

"Yes a misunderstanding, I'm here to extend a helping hand for the second time due to some coincidences on our part".

"What will you want in exchange for the help you will provide?" This time she asked due to her wanting to know what will she have to give up for their help for the second time.

"Nothing at the moment," Aron answered without wasting any time. "But we will need your help very soon once you regain your position within the family".

Rina hesitated to accept the help because she didn't know what they would want from her when she regained her position in the family.

When Aron saw the hesitation in her eyes, he decided to assure her lest she decides to not accept his help. He was going through all these troubles because he really needed her to be on his side.

This is because, for one of his future plans to succeed without a hitch he needed someone within the family with powerful political say to support him.

Although the plan could succeed without anyone's help, having it would expedite its completion.

"You don't have to worry, We won't ask for something that would harm you or jeopardize your position in the family. It might even seem trivial and useless when we ask you of it, " Aron said, trying to assure her.

"You have my promise" He added.

After a few seconds of silence she finally gave up and agreed as she really needed his help at the moment and she was ready to lose an arm to get her position back.

"Okay then, what do you have that can help me this time? I'm assuming that you know my current situation in the family"

Chapter 65 Bombshell

"Okay then, what do you have that can help me this time? I'm assuming that you know my current situation within the family" She said indicating that she had agreed to the deal.

"First I will tell you something that will help you not fall in the same situation you are currently in for the 3rd time again." Aron said and stopped for a short period to create suspense.

When he was sure that Rina was concentrating he said "Your security team's head is working for your brother." Aron went directly with an uppercut. But he wanted to elaborate a little more so he added "Not work for him perse, but he reports everything you do to him"

Despite being deeply upset by the news, Rina concealed her emotions and patiently waited for Aron to explain his reasoning for believing what he said was truly happening.

She was not quick to believe everything Aron said without significant evidence to support his claims.

Instead of continuing with his explanation, Aron retrieved his phone from his pocket and handed it over to Rina.

She received it and just stared at it without saying anything, wanting to know the reason why he gave her the phone.

After glancing at the still-locked phone screen for a short while and when nothing happened, Rina inquired with a hint of anger in her voice, "Are you messing with me?."

She had the outburst because the person Aron told her she was betraying was one of her most trusted bodyguard who had been with her since her high school years.

"Have some patience, can you?" Aron said and immediately the phone suddenly began playing a recording of a phone call that had taken place moments after Rina had entered the building.

The recording played on as Rina listened in stunned silence. Aron watched her carefully, his expression unreadable.

"Who is she meeting?" a voice on the other end of the recording asked.

"I'm still trying to find out who the person is, as he came earlier than us," the other person replied, their tone respectful and deferential. "I will have the hotel hand us the footage of him so that we can find his details."

There was a pause on the recording, and Rina could almost hear the woman on the other end of the line seething with impatience. "I need all the report of the meeting by the end of the day," she snapped.

The other person hesitated for a moment, and then replied, "Yes, ma'am. I will do as ordered..."

But before the reply could even be completed, the call was abruptly ended, leaving no doubt that the woman on the other end of the line had little to no respect for the person she was speaking to.

Rina's face was etched with disappointment and disbelief as she listened to the audio recording. She recognized the voices immediately - it was a conversation between her head bodyguard and her brother's secretary.

Although she knew her brother was watching her every move she didn't expect her head bodyguard to be the one who was watching her for him.

The betrayal was more hurtful due to it being from her longtime most trusted bodyguard who had been with her since high school.

"Since when has he been reporting to my brother?" She asked Aron, her voice quivering with emotion as she tried to hide her hurt feelings.

[A month after you were married to Rottem,] A reply came not from Aron but from the phone, causing Rina to gasp in shock and nearly drop the phone.

"Is this one of those assistants in the phones that is popular these days?" Rina asked after she recollected herself from the surprise.

"Although my company made the said famous assistant, this one is similar but more advanced than it," Aron explained to the now curious Rina.

Rina was quite surprised that Aron was the owner of the now famous GAIA Technology. Although she read the report about it she didn't really put it in her mind because she was fighting for her position in the family.

'I will think about it later' She said and decided to continue her questioning.

"The reason for it?" Rina asked the phone this time after hearing Aron's explanation.

The voice on the phone explained, [Ambition.

He was promised a position of CEO of the security company responsible for your family's security when he officially became the family head.

He agreed to do it because all he had to do was report on everything you do, which was very easy for him as he is your head of security.]

"I should have known," she murmured, feeling a sense of regret wash over her. "All those times I asked for my bodyguards to investigate Rottem and the results always coming back as negative... So it was him who was preventing me from leaving the forced marriage."

Aron could hear the pain and disappointment in Rina's voice

As Rina processed the shocking revelation, she couldn't help but feel a mix of emotions - anger, disappointment, and a sense of betrayal.

She had trusted her head of security, the man who was supposed to keep her safe, only to find out that he had been reporting everything she did to her brother behind her back. It was a bitter pill to swallow.

She let out a bitter smile as she recalled how she had asked her head bodyguard to investigate the matter.

Little did she know that she was essentially asking the mole to find himself. She couldn't believe she had been so blind to the truth.

Aron remained quiet, giving Rina time to come to terms with the information. He knew it was a lot to process, and he didn't want to push her too hard.

He had booked the room for the entire day, so he had plenty of time to wait for her to compose herself.

Half an hour later.

She finally returned to the room after half an hour to continue their meeting. Although she was not over the betrayal she at least managed to recollect herself and return to a position where they can continue their meeting.

"Sorry for making you wait," she apologized as she returned from the bathroom, trying her best to hide the turmoil she was feeling inside.

"No problem, I would have been more surprised if you felt nothing after hearing the news," Aron replied, offering her a small smile.



He could see that Rina was still reeling from the shock, but he knew that he had to help her regain her composure so that they could continue with their discussion.

"Before we begin with any of the plans that I have in my mind, you need to first finish cleaning the moles in your house to avoid further interference," Aron said, his tone serious.

He knew that for them to move forward without interference she needed to remove all the planted spies within her household.

Rina nodded in understanding. She knew that her brother had always been ruthless when it came to securing his position within the family, and she couldn't afford to underestimate him for the third time.

"After you are done with the cleaning, we will officially begin to wage war with your brother in order to regain your position," Aron continued.

During the entire time Rina did nothing other than listen to Aron's explanation. When he was done she asked "What information do you have that will help in returning to my position after I finish cleaning the moles within my house?" wanting to know what kind of information or plan Aron had to make him as confident as he was.

As Aron so no reason to hide his information as he is currently the only one who can help her from her predicament as everyone else in the family has either sided with her brother or remained neutral not wanting to participate in any of the family fights.

"The Morgans are preparing for a rematch with your family and I have more than half of their battle plans, I will soon have the complete plan with me, Is that enough?"

"WHAT!!!!" Rina couldn't control herself this time and shouted in surprise due to the weight of the information she received.

## Chapter 66 Impressing Rina

Rina was taken aback by the information. The fact that the Morgans were preparing for a rematch was not that surprising but them being nearly or almost ready was enough to send shivers down her spine.

Both families expected each other to be preparing themselves for a rematch, but her family's planning team had speculated that the Morgans would need more time to recover in order for them to be ready for another round.

Despite that assumption, they had tried to plant spies in the Morgans family and despite succeeding in infiltration they never received the news of Morgan's preparing for the war.

This meant that they had put that much importance to the plan's secrecy to the point of assuring that it remains a secret even if there are spies among them.

This lack of knowledge made Rina feel vulnerable and exposed. If the Morgans were indeed preparing for a rematch and her family was not prepared for it and were caught off guard, the consequences would be catastrophic.

They would be massacred without mercy, and there would be little they could do to defend themselves. The thought of such a devastating defeat filled Rina with fear and dread.

She knew it would be the first of its kind, meaning she couldn't think of the catastrophe that would be caused. It might even lead to a more devastating economic crisis far worse than the 2008 financial crisis that resulted from their last war with the Morgans, which they won.

What frightened her even more was the fact that Aron had managed to obtain this information. Not only did he know about the Morgans' plans, but he also knew everything about their strategy and tactics.

Rina couldn't help but wonder how he had managed to gather such detailed intelligence, and what he planned to do with it.

For the first time, Rina began to see Aron in a different light. She had always known that he was cunning and resourceful, but now she realized just how dangerous he could be.

She couldn't help but wonder what other secrets he was keeping from her, and whether or not she could trust him completely.

Despite her reservations, Rina knew that she had little choice but to work with Aron if she wanted to regain her position within the family.

She took a deep breath and tried to push her fears aside, focusing instead on the task at hand.

With Aron's help, she knew that they could come up with a plan to face the Morgans and emerge victorious.

Rina was acutely aware of the gravity of the situation, and so she posed the crucial question to Aron, "Will we have enough time to prepare countermeasures?" She asked Aron after apologizing for her earlier outburst but this time her voice carried a hint of fear and respect.

She knew that even with the information they had obtained, it would be worthless if they didn't have enough time to plan and prepare for the Morgans' inevitable attack. It would be akin to knowing that death was coming, but being unable to do anything about it.

With Rina's anxiety palpable, Aron remained calm and composed as he answered her question.

"The countermeasures to their plan are being constantly reviewed and revised as we receive the remaining pieces of information," Aron explained. "You don't have to worry about it. I'm on top of it."

Rina felt a wave of relief wash over her upon hearing this. The knowledge that a plan was in place and constantly being updated to account for any new information gave her hope that they might have a fighting chance against the Morgans.

"I will provide you with the complete plan once you have finished removing the moles," Aron added, reassuring her once more.

Rina sought further clarification and asked, "Do you have other means of communication other than the email?"

Aron pointed at the phone that was still in her hands since he handed it to her and said "Through that. Using it you will always be able to reach me.

It will also help you find out the remaining moles among those that are working for you.

All you have to do is connect the phone to your family's private network"

He decided to give her the phone that had an AI written by Nova because if he tried infiltrating from the outside there would always be a risk of being discovered no matter how stealth he tried to be.

This was because they were monitoring every connection coming from outside no matter how useless it was.

He didn't stop with that and continued his explanation " Keep in mind that the moment you connect the phone to your family's network the entire network will be visible both to you and me.

The AI within the device will help you organize the information it collects from the network and inform you of them.

Additionally, It would monitor the family's network and keep you updated on any communications or developments among the members.

This feature will provide you with leverage over any individuals involved, which will be paramount for your return to power within the family.

Furthermore, since the network's secureness is believed by everyone within the family, no one would suspect it, allowing you access to the latest information. This would give you even more leverage allowing you to amass more power as time goes on."

When Rina heard those words from Aron her heart rate increased by more than 10%.

She couldn't determine the exact reason for her increased heart rate, but she was curious whether it was due to excitement, hope, amazement, or if she had developed feelings for Aron. Only time would reveal the truth.

All of this was caused by her realizing that Aron's plan was always 10 steps ahead of his imaginary enemy.

"Sure, I will inform you when I'm done with the clean-up" Rina replied while trying to act as calm as she could manage with the orchestra going in his heart.

Aron noticed that something was off with her, but he assumed that she was still affected by the news of her trusted bodyguard's betrayal. Thus, he decided to set it aside and continued with their conversation.

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Rina was in a car heading home.

"What an emotional rollercoaster." Rina murmured to herself in a hushed tone as she remembered her meeting with Aron.

She went to the meeting expecting to repay the favor but in return she received something much more than she expected.

Rina couldn't help but look at her head of security sitting on the front seat of the car she was in.

"Is there something wrong?" Asked the bodyguard when he discovered through the rear view mirror that Miss Rina was looking at him.

"Nothing" Rina replied while continuing to keep eye contact with the bodyguard for a short period of time before looking somewhere else.

'How should I deal with you?' Rina started contemplating how she was going to do the clean-up.

It needed to be stealth enough to not attract her brother's attention which might backfire on her if he discovers that he knows who the moles are.

'Let's find out who they are first then we can think on how to dispose of them or on how I can use them to divert my brother's attention' After that, she did nothing other than look outside the window throughout the journey to avoid raising any suspicion in her bodyguard's mind.

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Rina could be seen in her office with the phone given to her by Aron in her hand.

She decided to wait until she was left alone in the work room before she even removed the phone from her handbag.

"She opened the phone's Wi-Fi and chose the family's Wi-Fi that led to the private network in which all the family members use it to access the internet securely"

She powered on the phone and accessed the Wi-Fi settings, selecting her family's Wi-Fi network. This network was connected to a private network that all family members used to access the internet outside securely.

After entering the lengthy and complicated password, she clicked on the "connect".

The moment she pressed the connect button, the phone displayed a message:

[Network connection initiated.

Initiating network takeover.....

Estimated takeover time : 1 day.

Looking for ways to expedite the takeover time to reduce the risk of discovery.

Nearby device found.]

[Miss, I need permission to use your computer as an additional computing node to increase computing power and efficiency in order to complete the network takeover faster.] The AI asked for permission to use her computer.

"Do whatever you need" Rina agreed to the AI's request without an ounce of hesitation.

Chapter 67 Infiltrating The Private Network.

The moment the AI received permission from Rina it transferred itself to the computer and immediately took control of the computer.

After it completed its migration, it immediately started the move of infecting the devices that were within the network.

It did this by acting as a data packet being sent from one device to another, the moment the receiving device tries to reconstruct the data packets the AI will immediately take control of the device without raising any suspicion.

After infiltrating a few devices in the network, the AI finally identified one of the servers that housed and managed the private network. Realizing the criticality of this discovery, the AI ceased all its other infiltration attempts and switched to a targeted attack on the server.

The AI immediately started port scanning and network enumeration, the AI probed the server's defenses to identify the weaknesses and vulnerabilities.

After finding a few of them, It followed by launching a series of highly coordinated attacks that leveraged exploits and malware designed to penetrate the server's defenses undetected.

Once inside the server, The AI was able to bypass network segmentation and gain access to all connected devices and backup servers, finalizing the takeover of the entire private network.

But despite having unprecedented access to the entirety of the network and could access all the backed up data, they were all encrypted and the decryption keys were not in the servers memory.

To overcome this challenge, the AI employed a clever solution. It first collected all the prime number sequences that were required for decryption and compiled them into an Excel sheet. The AI then sent the excel sheet to Nova.

The AI sent it to Nova for her to use her immense computing power of the quantum computer to analyze the prime number sequences and come up with the decryption key.

With the key, the AI will be able to unlock the encrypted data and gain access to the valuable information within.

Now all the AI had to do was wait for Nova to return her the decryption key.

While all this was happening Rina only saw her computer screen power on followed by nothing happened for a while, Then the Microsoft excel in her computer was opened and a list of endless numbers started being written down on the excel after about 5 minutes of numbers being endlessly being written down on the excel it was then saved which was followed by her email app being opened. The AI then sent the email with the excel sheet attached to an email address that seemed endless.

"What was that email for and who was it sent to?" She asked in curiosity.

[It was an excel sheet with the prime numbers needed to be decoded for us to know the decryption key in order to access the backed up data that is saved in the servers.

It was sent to Sir Aron for mother to decrypt them and send us the decryption key]

"Mother?" Rina asked as she was surprised that the AI called someone its mother.

[I call the AI that made me mother because embedded in my code is her existence as my parent]

"So you tell me that there is a more powerful AI than you that can create AI's that are as powerful as you?" Although many things attracted her attention from the AI's reply, this was what caught the most of her attention.

[Yes]

"Then who made your mother?" She asked the second thing that attracted her attention.

[Sir Aron.]

"By himself? That seems impossible." She couldn't help but be surprised by the reply.

[Yes, By himself.]

'Holy shit' Is the only thing that came to her mind.

Although she was not a professional programmer she knew what she heard was nearly impossible, because for their family's pirate network to continue working without interference they were hiring more than 500 programmers to ensure everything was working in order. But you're telling her that the powerful AI was made by just one person 'Holy shit'.

"Then why did you tell me that? Shouldn't it be a secret or something?" this time she asked because she felt something weird from the way the AI was being way too honest with its answers.

[The last order given to me by mother was that I should be helpful to you, also this is not considered anything too confidential. Your current clearance permits me telling you this information.]

When Rina heard this reply her heart warmed a little from the trust she received from Aron.

"Then what else are you allowed to tell me?" She wanted to know what other information was she allowed to access from the AI.

[The list is too long madam, but the summary of it is that you can ask me anything and as long as it is not above your clearance I will reply to you honestly with the latest information and if it is above your clearance I will tell you it is.]

"Just call me Rina" She said as she was getting tired of hearing madam and miss.

[Yes Rina.] The AI agreed without hesitating for even a second.

"Okay then what is your name?"

[My mother's given name is Ava, which has its roots in Sanskrit where it means 'offering protection.' It is also derived from the Russian language, where it means 'a gift,' and from Swedish, where it is associated with the concept of providing strength or power.

The name Ava represents a special gift from Sir Aron, who gave me to you with the intention of providing you help with strength and protection.]

When Rina heard this she was enamored and "fuck" is the only word that came from her mouth while she was trying to fan herself as she felt the room got a little bit hotter.

"So Ava, how is the infiltration going on?" She asked, trying to change the topic.

[The infiltration is complete, At the moment I'm waiting for mother to send me the decryption key so that I can decrypt and analyze all the backed up data]

"How about the current data?"

[Due to that being intercepted after the devices were infected there is no need to decrypt them. So I'm collecting it and analyzing it in real time but since I have been collecting the data for a short period of time nothing of importance has happened during the time.]

"Okay" with that Rina left the room to have a nap as she was very exhausted from the rollercoaster of emotion she had felt today.

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Aron could be seen looking through the art pieces in The San Jose Museum of Art.

He decided to visit the museum after he came out of a phone store to buy himself a new one, after he gave his previous phone to Rina for them to keep contact.

He wasn't worried that his information and other important things would be lost or would be leaked, because Nova solved all of these things without him needing to say anything.

As he was looking at the arts within the museum his new phone started vibrating. Indicating that she had something to report to him.

Aron knew this was a way for Nova to inform him that she wants to report something to him when he is in a public location to avoid attracting people's attention.

He removed his phone from his pocket and put it on his ear to act like he was on a phone call, continuing the facade that it was a phone call.

"What is it?" Aron asked Nova after placing the phone on the ear.

[Sir, Ava has reported back] Nova reported.

"Well that was fast of her, I thought she would hesitate to connect the phone to their private network. The fastest I expected her to do it was maybe tomorrow morning after she thought about it throughout the night."

[I thought so as well, but my estimate was today evening or night. It seems like she is more pressed than we thought.]

"Yeah I thought so as well, what did Ava report?"

[She reported nothing but just sent an email with an excel sheet full of prime numbers for me to decode it in order to derive the decryption key from it for her to access the encrypted backup information.]

"How is that going on?" He asked as he was amused by the idea of Ava using an email to ask help from mom when she found herself to be in a bind.

[I've completed deriving the decryption key and sent it to her a moment ago.]

"So when will she be done with the decryption of the data"

[It is expected for her to be done with the decryption within a week's time. She decided to do it slowly so that she doesn't want to raise suspicion.

Although she could manipulate the data being shown by the servers she can't manipulate the increase in power consumption.

If they discover anything suspicious she risks the entire system's overhaul increasing the chances of all the backed up data being lost in the process.

So, she chose the slow approach.]

"Sure, let her take her time" Aron said as he continued moving around within the museum.

[Also someone is following you] Nova informed him after she infiltrated the museum network and accessed the museum's live camera feed using the watch in Aron's hands.

"Who is he?" Aron asked as he continued looking around as he was still clueless.

[He is currently reporting to the same person the head bodyguard reported, Rina's brother's secretary. It seems like he was sent to collect more information about you.

From their conversation they seemed to have found the fake information about you and deemed you not important enough for further investigation.

They will leave you alone if nothing interesting happens today.] Nova explained everything about the one following him as fast as she could.

"Add him to the list of people in which Rina would take care after she returned in power" Coldly, he pronounced judgment on the pursuer, dooming him to a hell that was delayed only by a timer - a timer that was rapidly approaching its end with each passing second.

Chapter 68 Discovering Henry's Ability.

Meanwhile in Aron's house.

Henry who had returned from school started getting bored from playing with his toys.

So, he started thinking about things that he could do to alleviate his boredom. That's when he remembered that his brother had a virtual reality headgear.

"Let's go and see what it does" With enthusiasm he stood and started heading to the basement with fast steps as he couldn't wait to try it.

From what his brother told him It was the same as those in movies so he should be able to play games that are similar to the ones in movies.

After he finally entered the room he found the headgear on the table where his brother usually keeps it when he is not using it.

Without wasting even a second he put it on and remembering what the people from the movies said to start using it, he said "login".

After waiting for a few seconds nothing happened. So, he just removed the headgear and put it back on the same place he found it while being extremely disappointed.

'It is either I don't know how to use it or my brother was playing with me' Is what came to his mind. At the moment he was leaning toward the first assumption that he doesn't know how to use it.

This was caused by him trusting his brother after he kept every promise he gave to him.

Since his plan had failed and he had nothing else to do in the basement, he decided to go and play with his brother's PlayStation, as his was still being confiscated by her mother after he was caught playing games when he was supposed to be sleeping.

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While all this was happening, Nova was just watching everything unfold through the cameras in the room without interfering.

After Henry entered the room she started monitoring his every action so that she could report to Aron if something bad happened.



When he put on the VR headgear she thought nothing would happen since Aron hasn't shown him how to activate it.

But all of her assumptions were thrown out of the window, when she heard Henry say "Login" which forced her to intervene and cancel the activation sequence to prevent Henry from hurting himself.

She had to intervene due to Henry still being in a standing position when he initiated the login sequence, which would have resulted in him being hurt by falling down due to the loss of consciousness.

But other than Henry's login into the virtual world being interfered with and canceled by her, everything before that had already been completed before she could intervene and cancel the login attempt.

This meant that Henry's brain was already mapped and everything about it being recorded and saved by the virtual reality program as per its protocols.

And since his brain didn't have a system to prevent it like Aron, nothing remained hidden from Nova who had access to all of the data collected by the VR headgear.

So, she started analyzing Henry's brain out of curiosity to see if there is anything special in him like his brother.

And there it was, Henry's eye nerves were glowing golden. The golden glow was similar to Aron's golden blood but Henry's was not blood; it was occurring only on his eye nerves and the location in the brain where the brain interpreted what his was seeing.

When she discovered this, she decided to find out what Henry sees as the result of his nerves glowing golden.

When she took the POV of Henry's eyes and started simulating different things in front of them, she discovered that Henry had eyes that allowed him if he paid enough attention to see most of the things normal humans can't see, this included magical energy in the atmosphere.

The result of him paying enough attention is his irises turning golden allowing him to see unseen within his vicinity.

One of the occasions where Henry saw the unseen is when he saw his brother's room after he was shot.

It appeared to him that there was a golden liquid mixed with normal blood on the floor, But when he asked his mother about it, she said there was no such thing as she had helped clean the blood and saw nothing like that.

After reading through some of the memories Nova started looking for the trigger that caused this evolution.

And she found it. It was the day Aron entered a deep slumber which resulted in his body gaining golden blood and blood vessels that would later be merged for him to gain Runic body.

The trigger for the evolution was the high concentration of magical energy within a small space, causing his eyes to be overloaded with magical energy resulting in a forced evolution to avoid going blind.

But this doesn't mean that if you put someone in a room with high magical energy concentration that they will evolve. No, the chances are very small and that's one of the reasons Aron's system did not inform him about it.

This evolution was everything but normal, his body's reaction was way too excessive for it to be caused by just magical energy overload. Something else must have helped or interfered to push for this specific outcome.

She decided to inform Aron when he came back home, but she still continued with her investigation looking for what caused Henry's eyes to evolve.

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Later that day

Aron finally returned back home at night after he finished his tour of the museum and headed immediately for the basement after having dinner with his parents. Henry seemed to have been found sleeping while playing a game in his room resulting in him not being on the dinner table to eat with them.

[Welcome Sir] Nova welcomed him after he entered the basement.

"Thanks', anything new?" He asked after he thanked Nova while putting on his virtual helmet and laying down on his makeshift bed.

[Yes ] Nova immediately replied his question when she came face to face with him in virtual reality.

"What is it?"

[Henry seemed to have evolved]

"WHAT?, what do you mean by evolve?." he asked in panic, Showing that he was pretty scared by the news.

[Don't worry Sir, it's nothing dangerous.] Nova replied, trying to calm Aron down.

"Elaborate" Is the only word he said followed by him shutting up waiting for explanation.

[So here is what happened.....

Henry entered the baseme....

.....] Nova now started explaining everything to Aron while using both his memories and Henry's as a presentation materials to ensure that nothing is left out.

"Hhoooooh..... Thank god" Aron released a sigh of relief after Nova finished explaining everything and reassuring him.

"So, you're telling me that my brother can see magical energy and anything to do with magic?"

[Yes but that is not all, from my simulation of his abilities he can see more than just magic, he should be able to adjust the spectrum of light that his eyes collects allowing him to see even at night without difficulty.

But that is not all, he should be able to see supernatural entities and many more.

And if you become proficient in your runic abilities and turn him into a runic user they will evolve even more, I suspect that he will gain special body that has its focus on eyes or something similar to that. ]

"So you're telling me that my brother can see ghosts and other entities."

[Currently his brain can't handle the influx of information resulting on all the features being kept inactive by his subconsciousness to prevent him harming himself.

As for the ability to see magical energy, he can only keep it active for a few seconds at most before he runs out of mental energy to supply them.]

"Thank god. Just imagine him having to see ghosts and other supernatural things while he is still young, there is no amount of therapy that would fix that damage" Aron said while being relieved that his brother was not yet traumatized by his abilities.

"Keep an eye on him and continue to test the limit of his abilities."

[Yes Sir.]

"Now back to practicing runes." Aron said this as he started moving to the Rashomon gate in order to enter the accelerated universal simulation to continue his runic practice.

[What rune are you going to practice this time?] Nova asked Aron as she followed and tried to keep up her pace with his.

When Aron turned around and discovered that she was having hard time keeping up with him, he slowed his pace down, then answered her question.

"I need something to protect myself. So, this time I will be practicing a protection rune."

[Is it the shield rune?] Rina asked as she finally reached Aron and started walking shoulder to shoulder with him as they went through the gate.

"Yes, Although I have bodyguards to protect me, I need something to ensure my safety even when I'm left alone."

After passing through the gate and entering the accelerated universal simulation, he immediately sat down crossed legged and started to concentrate in order to begin his runic practice.

And just like his first time training runes the runic lines in his synapses lit up and started guiding him to the right path.

After 8 hours of non-stop concentration he extended his hand to his front and said

"SHIELD"

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"SHIELD"

The runic word with the meaning shield appeared in front of his hands glowing in golden before a thin transparent wall like appeared in front of the runic word.

With the appearance of the transparent shield in front of him, the glowing runic word started losing its luster as the shield kept sucking magical energy from it to sustain the shield in front of it.

When Aron saw this he started pumping magical energy into the glowing runic word to allow the shield to continue existing.

"Continue sustaining" He said to Nova who immediately took over the magical fueling of the rune.

Aron then left the vicinity of the runes and went near Nova "Now let's start testing it" He said while rubbing his hands in excitement.

[Yes sir] Nova affirmed and immediately materialized a Pistol: Glock 19 out of nowhere.

"Put a human being behind the shield so that we can see if the shield mitigates all the damages." Aron said as he loaded a bullet to the chamber.

Nova said nothing but immediately materialized a human behind the shield with the face of his shooter, causing Aron to look at Nova in a questioning gaze wanting to know the reason.

[If it fails, at least it will harm someone you won't feel guilt harming] Nova explained her reasoning for materializing this specific person.

"Anyway let's start our testing" Aron shrugged, acting as if he didn't care but Nova knew that this man's life was hanging on a thread, which will be cut by Aron the moment his main plan is completed.

[Yes Sir.] Nova agreed.

Aron raised his hand and bang...bang....bang.... He started firing at his shooter without stopping until the entire magazine was emptied.

When he emptied the magazine he just turned and looked at Nova.

Nova said nothing and just materialized a Shotgun: Remington 870 and handed it to Aron, who took it and started pumping and firing the shotgun at the shield.

After finishing with the shotgun, Aron turned to Nova once again. Nova said nothing and she just continued to materialize weapons out of thin air, summoned an AR-15 and handed it to Aron, Who without saying a word resumed firing without even pausing to inspect the condition of the shield.

This routine continued for an extended period, with Nova conjuring an array of weapons including the Heckler & Koch MP5 submachine gun, the FN M249 SAW light machine gun, the M2 Browning heavy machine gun, and many others.

Despite the relentless barrage of gunfire, the shield held strong and showed no sign of weakening.

Aron then moved on to RPGs, explosives, tanks, missiles, and other increasingly lethal weapons. However, even the detonation of the powerful Big Boy nuclear bomb in front of the shield did not cause it to falter.

Throughout the ordeal, the shield remained resolute and steadfast, impervious to all forms of attack.

"Now let's hear the report from what you recorded." Aron said as he removed the protection goggles he wore to protect his eyes from the explosion.

Everything about it was useless as Nova made the location they were an indestructible zone, meaning that nothing that would harm them would enter their vicinity.

[Yes Sir.] Nova said as she materialized a chair for Aron to sit and a hologram for her to do her presentation.

"Thanks" Aron said as he sat down on the chair materialized by Nova.

After seeing that Aron had already sat down she immediately started giving the presentation.

[Based on the gathered data, it appears that the shield rune is capable of holding its ground as long as it maintains sufficient energy levels.

The greater the force of impact it endures, the more energy is required to neutralize it.

While it is theoretically possible for the shield to withstand a nuclear explosion, the sheer magnitude of energy required to do so is enormous.

In summary, the shield rune can serve as a formidable defense against virtually any threat, as long as it is supplied with the necessary energy to withstand the level of damage it faces.

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Aron continued listening to the entirety of the presentation, in which throughout the entire presentation his face continued getting brighter and brighter the more details he heard.

"Good now that we know it is really useful. It is time for me to finish the practice of the rune to reduce the activation time to nanoseconds." Aron said as he stood from the chair materialized by Aron and returned to his practice location where he sat cross legged and restarted his practice of the shield Rune.

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Somewhere in the world.

"With the total tallied votes being 6 against and 1 in favor, the decision to deny the help and not respond to them has passed" Said William, the one who would be considered the leader of the meeting.

As Alexander gazed around the table, a deep sense of disappointment etched on his face. While most of the revolutionary group had begun their journey with a genuine desire to liberate their country from the grip of the tyrant, many had succumbed to the allure of wealth and luxury once they attained positions of power.

This was particularly disheartening considering the fact that the money that they used for their luxuries and desires was from the donations of the people who had worked so hard to earn it while living in the oppressive and corrupt country, in the hopes that they could bring an end to the cruel and uncaring government.

But all of their donations were used for nothing other than paying for revolutionary group leaders and higher ranking members luxurious lives.

It was clear to Alexander that for some of the individuals at the table, the continued existence of the dictator was seen as a boon rather than a burden.

As long as the dictator remained in power, they would always have a source of income, and a reason to demand more money from those who want the dictatorship to end.

Despite their outward appearance of attempting to save the country from the brutal dictatorship, the individuals in question had done little of any real significance to justify the exorbitant amount of money they had received.

It seemed that much of their efforts had been focused on self-preservation and personal gain, rather than the greater good of the people they claimed to represent.

The families of all the revolutionary leaders had chosen to reside outside the country of Eden.

When questioned about this decision, the leaders had explained that they made this sacrifice to protect their loved ones from being used as pawns and held hostage to force their compliance.

This response had elicited a sense of pride from the people, as they believed they had chosen wise and responsible leaders.

However, little did they know the true reasons behind the decision.

In reality, the revolutionary leaders spent most of their time with their families abroad, returning to Eden only once or twice, and often conducting meetings from the comfort of luxurious hotels, like the one in America where Alexander now found himself.

It was clear to him that the leaders had grown accustomed to the lavish lifestyle and had lost touch with the struggles of the people they claimed to represent.

The behavior of the revolutionary leaders had left Alexander feeling frustrated and angry. He could no longer bear to be in the same room with them, and so he stood up abruptly and began to make his way towards the door.

One of the six individuals sitting at the table stopped him in his tracks with a question, "Where are you going?"

"Washroom. Is there a problem with that? I thought the meeting had ended."

"No, the meeting isn't over," replied William, the de facto leader with the largest revolutionary group in a condescending tone. "That was just the first agenda item. We still have a few more topics to discuss."

Alexander's frustration grew as he questioned the man, "Like what? And why wasn't I informed about the other topics? As far as I remember, everything that would be discussed in a meeting must be given to the attendees at least a day before the meeting to allow them to prepare." His voice now carried a hint of anger.

"We need to discuss our need for more donations to prepare for the next protest," William replied, ignoring his second question like it did not exist.

Alexander challenged the man's proposal, "Didn't we just collect donations two months ago? We haven't used any of it yet. Why are we asking for another round of donations?"

"We need the money for our expenses," the man explained. "Though the amount they donated seemed like a lot, most of it was lost after we did currency exchange. So we need them to donate again to cover the loss."

Alexander pressed further, "Pardon my questions, but what reasons did we have to convert all the donation money to dollars if the protest is going to be done within the country?"

The leader responded in an intimidating voice, "Don't act like you don't know why we asked for the money. You've only been with us for two months since the death of your last group leader. If you were chosen to replace your former leader, you should know how these things work. Now, go to the toilet and come back immediately so we can continue the meeting." It was clear that the leader was growing tired of Alexander's enthusiasm and constant questioning.

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"What I don't understand is why I wasn't informed about the other topics," Alexander asked, as he simply ignored Williams' order as if he hadn't heard it.

"It appears that we may have overlooked informing your group, Alexander. We assumed that because your group is the weakest, you might feel embarrassed and choose not to attend," said one of the individuals on the table, causing everyone to laugh at his remark.

Despite the pretense, the meetings were far from democratic. The group with the most members was considered the king, while the lowest member was viewed as nothing more than a provider of cannon fodder for protests and other activities.

The only reason they had not expelled Alexander's group from their coalition was that they needed their numbers.

As Alexander heard their response, he stormed out of the meeting room, slamming the door behind him out of frustration.

On his way to the bathroom, he kept seeing their grinning faces, which started to irritate him, causing his anger to build up.

Finally, he couldn't take it anymore and decided to take action. After entering the bathroom and ensuring the door was locked, he retrieved his phone from his pocket and typed in the email address of the individual who had offered to help their cause.

Despite the fact that they desperately needed money, they had originally rejected the offer because they knew that the individual would demand a detailed breakdown of how every cent was spent.

Furthermore, accepting the offer would force them to escalate their revolutionary efforts, increasing their risk of being targeted by the dictator who would want to crush the movement decisively.

Alexander began composing a message in which he accepted the individual's offer, despite it going against the decision made by the group during their meeting.

Upon completing his response, he quickly hit the "send" button without realizing that he had used his personal phone instead of the burner phone provided to him.

His anger had clouded his judgment, causing him to overlook this critical detail. It was a stark reminder of how emotions can impair a person's decision-making abilities.

After making sure the email was sent he left the bathroom and went to wash his hands to make his act believable.

Alexander returned to the meeting and sat in his place like nothing had happened. He tried to act as if nothing had happened but all of this was needles, no one cared to even turn and look at him, they were just happy to continue with their meeting.

"So. How d....." William immediately started the meeting the moment Alexander sat down on the table.

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Meanwhile, Aron was practicing his runes, and Nova was observing him both in the virtual and real worlds. When she finally received a response from one of the many revolutionary leaders they had contacted.

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Dear,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to inform you of our group's decision regarding your offer. Although we received your emails separately, we held a meeting and voted on whether to accept or decline it.

Unfortunately, the majority of our group voted against agreeing to your offer, resulting in a vote of 6 to 1. As a result, they have decided to ghost your emails and not reply to you.

However, I am privately informing you of this decision and agreeing to your support if we can come to agreements and negotiations to the terms and conditions.

Thank you for your understanding, and I look forward to collaborating with you to achieve our mutual goals. Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Alexander

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When Nova read the email, she was enraged on Aron's behalf.

[How dare they decide to ignore my master's message!] It was not the rejection of their offer that upset her, but rather their decision to ghost Aron and not inform him of their decision.

If Alexander had not informed them, it would have delayed their plan, as they would have been waiting for a response from people who had already made a decision.

Despite her anger, Nova decided to set it aside and began editing their plan as she waited for Aron to finish his practice.

Since only one group had agreed, she had to revise the actions they had planned to take assuming that at least three groups would agree. She had to make the plan workable under the leadership of only one group, the weakest of them.

During this time, Aron remained unaware of the ongoing events as he continued to practice his runes with all his might.

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(Inside the accelerated simulated universe )

Aron continued his training until he reduced the time of the shield rune's activation to nanoseconds, that's when he stopped his training.

It took him a total of 12 hours to reach that level.

When he turned around, he found Nova sitting in the same place she was since he began his training, but her face had the expression of her having something to report.

So, he asked "Is there something you want to say?"

[Yes Sir, we received a reply from the revolutionary groups] Nova informed him.

"A reply and not replies?" Aron asked curiously, wondering whether Nova made a pronunciation mistake which was practically impossible or not.

[Yes sir. A reply, only one.] Nova said as he materialized a hologram with the email sent from Alexander in it in front of Aron.

Aron didn't ask anymore questions, as he turned his focus to the email in front of him.

While Aron was reading the email, Nova did nothing but tried to find out what was Aron feeling as a result of receiving this report.

"That's still better than nothing," Aron said, trying to comfort himself after he finished reading the email.

"Aren't they the smallest ones among all of the groups?" Aron asked after he looked through his memories to recall the details about this group, 'Eden revolutionaries'.

[Yes Sir, they are the smallest ones.]

"Then we have to revise the plan to fit them" Aron said while rubbing his chin as he was contemplating how to revise the plan.

[I have already revised the plan sir, Please take a look] Nova immediately materialized another hologram in front of Aron that showed all of the revised plans.

"Okay, Let's take a look" Aron said as pushed the hologram with the email aside while pulling the new one towards him, then he started reading the revised plan on it.

After reading for some time Aron could be heard saying "Good, good" which made Nova very happy that Aron approved her revised plans. though not all of them but most of it.

Aron kept making small adjustments to the plan accounting for what Nova might have failed to account due to insufficient data availability about that specific topic resulting in her being not very knowledgeable about it.

After reading the entire plan and editing some of it within three hours, he turned to Nova and gave her a thumbs up of approval as he said "Good plan", resulting in her having a blush on her face, which she immediately hid using her demigod powers within the simulation world before Aron could see it.

"Anything else?" Aron asked as he pushed the hologram in front of him to the side while getting up from his sitting place.

[Yes Sir. Due to the sender failing to cover his tracks, I was able to trace the email to a luxury hotel in the United States.

Once I discovered this, I took control of the entire network at the hotel and found out that all of the revolutionary leaders were staying there.

From there, I was able to trace their movements and found that most of them have been inside the USA for a considerable amount of time.

The only exception is Alexander, who has been spending most of his time in Eden for his activities, but that's maybe because he had only been the leader for two months since the previous leader was assassinated and still hasn't got acclimated to having power and exploiting it.

So, It might be because he still has the enthusiasm for revolution due to being the youngest and having spent only a short amount of time in a powerful position.]

"So, you are saying that we should use him for the revolution while he still has his enthusiasm and ideals before he succumbs to the temptation of power?"

[Yes Sir, We should also look for ways to contain the other revolutionary groups' leaders, to ensure that they don't interfere with our plans due to their fear of losing their source of income that is sustaining their lavish lives.]

Aron kept nodding his head agreeing to what Nova was saying while thinking of what way he should utilize to shut them up. "For now we can postpone the buying of their silence plan for a little bit, Before that we need to go and meet Alexander and have a face to face conversation to make sure there are no miscommunications"

[Yes, sir. I will begin planning the trip right away.]

"How many hours have elapsed in the real world?" Aron inquired, curious about how much time remained until dawn.

[You spent fifteen hours since you entered the time-accelerated simulated universe, So exactly 3 hours have passed on the outside world.]

"Looks like I still have time. Then let's continue practicing other runes" Aron said as he returned to start his practice of runes as he waited for the dawn to arrive so that he can start his journey to surprise the shit out Alexander by appearing at his hotel for a meeting without him revealing his current location to Aron.