

THE GOD VIRUS

Volume 3 - 121 My Name Is Vee

"Unfortunately, you are disqualified, but you can watch the rest of the examination before leaving the compounds of the sect if you want." The pagoda master announced to the failed volunteer who was extremely dispirited at the moment.

If he had failed in the previous evaluation, he might have not been this disappointed, but now that he had passed the first evaluation, as he was filled with hope... he failed, and to him, this felt like descending from the heaven to hell as all of his hope was crushed to smithereens, thus making it a lot harder for him to bear.

"I will leave..." So as he was too downcasted at the moment, he turned around as he left the library.

Soon, the second bloodshot volunteer who was a girl volunteered to enter the examination.

So, she went inside, but her result too could be only considered a complete failure as the orb showed that she had achieved fifteen-hundredth of a percent... she was even worse off than the previous volunteer as she cried and tears kept pouring down her face.

Also, she too, like the previous volunteer decided to leave.

Most of the other disciples, especially males, couldn't help but feel bad and sympathetic for the girl, but there was nothing they could do for her, so they just watched everything happening.

Next, the male volunteer who seemed to have some hostility toward Virus went through the door as everyone watched him.

He was the first person to state his doubt out loud about Virus cheating in the first evaluation.

Everyone was expecting this to be just like the previous volunteers. But on the contrary, the percentage of knowledge kept increasing quickly as it soon reached nineteen-hundredth of a percent while it was in the third book.

Not stopping there, it slowly but surely increased once more as the number changed to two-tenths of a percent, much to the surprise of other disciples present.

But, they were even more surprised when the number kept increasing until it hit twenty-three-hundredth of a percent when it finally stopped, no longer increasing any longer.

Soon, he exited the room with a proud smile on his face as the pagoda elder announced, "You are qualified to enter the sect, what rank you will have and which section of the guild you go will be determined after the examination is done, so wait."

Then, changing his line of sight, while looking at Alice and Virus, he asked, "Which one of you two wants to go first?"

Listening to the question, Alice looked at Virus to see if he would go before her, but seeing him show no reaction whatsoever, left with no choice, she could only raise her hand and volunteer.

"The genius from the Ilon family? Good, come on in." The pagoda master announced.

Astes was almost bored at this point, but after hearing the whispers about Virus, she knew he was the one who had made the orb turn white, but she also heard about his madness, which made her frown at first, making her not to know what to expect anymore.

Nevertheless, she decided to wait for his turn, and other than that, she didn't pay any attention at all to anyone else other than directing her gaze at Virus from time to time.

As Alice went inside, just like the other volunteers, the bar and the image of a book appeared on the orb as they began to increase, but the speed of this increase was much faster than the other volunteers by a huge margin.

"Oh, she achieved eight-hundredth of a percent with her first book!" One of the watching disciples said with surprise in his eyes.

Then the second book showed itself on the orb as the number of the percentage continued to increase with a very fast speed.

The second book, eighteen-hundredth of a percent...

The third book, twenty-five-hundredth of a percent...

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The seventh book, five-tenths of a percent!

The disciples at this point were amazed by the result Alice had achieved up to this point as some even began to compliment her, "She's amazing..."

"Truly a genius... she is his sister alright."

"Nothing less can be expected from a member of the Ilon family."

But the number seemed not to want to stop as it continued to increase with almost the same speed as before.

The tenth book, Seventy-fifth-hundredth of a percent!

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Fourteenth book, One percent!

At this point, the speed had obviously decelerated by a little.

Afterward, when she was finally done with her fifteenth book, half the time of what the previous volunteers had spent inside the door passed.

Even the pagoda master couldn't help but nod his head in satisfaction.

Then the number of books kept increasing.

Sixteenth book...

Seventeenth book...

Eighteenth book...

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Twentieth book, One and a half percent...

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Twenty-fifth book, One hundred eighty-five-hundredth of a percent...

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And finally...

Twenty-seventh book, Two percent!

It was at this moment that the examination stopped and a girl came out with a proud look plastered on her face.

Seeing the result, others couldn't help but admire her in louder voice wanting her to hear their compliments, "Wow, she achieved Two percent on her first try... what kind of genius is she?"

"She's big brother's sister alright?" A certain skinny young man uttered in deep admiration.

"She just needs to study for a while before ascending to the second floor... she's a smart one... so envious." One of the girl disciples said among the crowd.

"Okay... you over-qualify... truly a genius, now wait until the end of the examination." The pagoda master said with a grin of satisfaction on his face as he nodded his head.

"Alright respected elder..." Replied Alice with a happy smile on her face.

"Now it's your turn Vee junior... but by the whispers I hear, you don't seem to have studied..." Looking at Virus, the pagoda master spoke.

"Oh... it's that madman's turn, he's gonna disqualify immediately, just look." One of the disciples uttered with a mocking tone.

"Of course he would disqualify! What else do you expect from a retarded madman, huh?" Another said.

Astes' attention was finally drawn to the examination unlike the previous volunteers as she looked at him and the pagoda master.

"Sigh... My whole fortune! Why didn't anyone let me know! Why??" voiced a special someone.

Seeing it was his turn at last, Virus began to walk toward the door and entered without any delays without bothering to respond to the elder.

Once he was inside and closed the door behind him, a puff of qi invaded his brain and mind, and soon, he saw himself standing in a completely white space alone.

'Hmm, what's this space?' He thought.

As this notion passed through his head, these exact words appeared in front of him inside the blank page of a hovering book.

Witnessing this, he pondered, 'So it works like this, whatever passes through my mind is written on the book... Good, this means there are no limitations on the speed of inputting the knowledge, it's just the matter of how fast I can think...'

As he was thinking about this, a voice interrupted him by saying, "Name."

'Hmm... does the space wanna know my name?' Wondering to himself, Virus thought, 'Vee' but nothing happened, so he decided to voice his thought for real as a test and uttered out loud, "My name is Vee."

The moment he uttered his name, a five-day countdown of one hundred and twenty hours appeared high up in the white space, as he heard that voice again, "Start."

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"Start" At the same time as he heard this voice, the book in front of him disappeared.

'So it's about to start... that book must've been just a guide to let me understand how this exam works before it actually begins.'

'Also, it seems the ratio of the time difference between here and the outside world is 120:1 and every hour outside is one hundred and twenty hours inside... that's amazing, though this seems to be putting some pressure on my mind as it's making the mind overload... now this much pressure is no problem for me and I can easily bear with it, but for a normal person, one hour must be the limit...hmm.' Virus pondered to himself.

As these kinds of thoughts were passing through his head, he saw that the countdown had changed into 119:59:40 and it kept decreasing more and more.

A new blank book had also appeared in front of him by now, he just needed to begin thinking and filling the book.

So not wanting to waste any more of his time, Virus decided to first fill and complete the book in front of him with the fastest speed possible in order to know how much of his thinking and processing speed could the white space tolerate and keep up with and also he wanted to clarify how much time would he need exactly to input the knowledge of all of the thousand books in this exam.

So, when the countdown was at 119:59:30, he began to think with the fastest speed possible to input all of the knowledge.

Then, a moment later, like lightning, pages after pages were flapped as the book was instantly complete.

So looking at the countdown to see how much time had passed, Virus realized it was still 119:59:30!

'Hmm... so it doesn't even take a second to input all of the knowledge I have in my mind huh? And all of those wasted times in between was wasted for the pages to turn over...' Virus pondered.

Then he realized, 'So in order to not exceed the limit this space can tolerate... they have set a time limiter on it which is set in the form of the pages turning to the next and the time it takes for the new book to appear huh... a good limiter to keep it from being destroyed by stronger minds...'

On the other side of the door outside, everyone including Astes and the pagoda elder were watching the orb to see what happens next.

But except Astes and the elder who was a little hopeful, everyone else was only watching it because they were interested to see just how bad his results would be and how much it would amuse them, other than that, they weren't even considering him passing the test.

Everyone was watching the orb with a lack of interest when suddenly, the percentage of the bar changed into one-tenth of a percent instantly as the book above it also showed that all of the knowledge relating to the book was inputted fully inside.

Seeing this, at first, everyone thought it was one-hundredth of a percent rather than one-tenth, so there was no reaction whatsoever from their side, but suddenly, one of them uttered, "Eh, why is it one-tenth instead of one-hundredth... am I seeing wrong?" Saying that, he rubbed his eyes wanting to see if he was seeing wrong or hallucinating.

Hearing that disciples' words, everyone paid attention to the number, but then... they all turned dumbfounded!

The elder and Astes too were feeling extremely shocked, so they immediately checked the book above the bar to see what the book was showing.

And what they saw promptly surprised them even more.

"Ehhh... what's happening, why did the number change into one-tenth of a percent all of a sudden?" One of the disciples mumbled.

"What's going on, is the 'Examination Door' broken? Is something wrong with it?" Another said.

'Is this a coincidence?' In the meantime, Astes wondered to herself.

"What's going on elder? Could it be the 'examination' is not working flawlessly? That must be it, right?" Frowning and feeling a little nervous inside, Alice inquired.

The elder was currently surprised too just like everyone else, but putting his surprise aside immediately, he stated, "There is no way the door is malfunctioning or flawed, because I'm checking the 'Examination Door' as we speak and I'm sure that it's totally fine and its qi is entirely healthy... but maybe there was a little delay in the qi of this orb which shows the result..."

Then he continued, "What you need to know is that this result is absolutely accurate. He must've written down the knowledge of a whole book..."

'Maybe... these disciples judged him wrongly...' The elder thought after his explanation.

Listening to the elder's explanation, everyone felt stupefied as they thought, 'What's going on here exactly?'

Currently, inside the white space, Virus was thinking to himself, 'Hmm, should I just input everything I know in one go? Or should I input them one by one slowly throughout the time I have left?'

After the previous book was perfected, it flew high up in the white space as it stopped hovering there as another book appeared in front of Virus, waiting to be filled.

'Well, the more I impress them, the better it would be, so...'

'I'll just do it fast, and if they doubt that the 'Examination Door' is broken or something... I'll just take the exam again after they check it up...'

'So... let's just be done with this and get out of this space.' Finally, making his decision Virus looked at the book in front of him which was filled with his previous thoughts.

But after he willed for the page to turn blank, all of his thoughts were instantly erased.

'Let's... begin.' Then, as this thought ran through his mind, all of the pages of the hovering book in front of him was instantly filled before the book flew high above and stopped hovering just beside the previous book.

But without delaying at all, he filled the second book instantly too... then the third!

Then... the forth!

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The repetitive process continued just like that as books after books flew to the sky of the white sky like flying birds as they hovered beside the other complete books.

If anyone else was currently present in this space, they would've been truly amazed by the sight in front of them, as with a puff of air a book would appear

in front of Virus but almost even before it had appeared, it would be filled with texts before flying high up, but once again before they even begin to fly up, another book would appear just to be filled with knowledge and texts again!

Soon, the books which were hovering in the sky of the white space reached a hundred.

And realizing the number of books had reached a hundred, Virus stopped for a moment in order to check the countdown.

119:58:02

Seeing the countdown, Virus realized he had filled a hundred books in around thirty seconds, which meant he has filled ten books around every three seconds, though more precisely, almost all of the three seconds was the time it took for the book to appear and for the pages to turn over.

'Hmm, this speed is good enough.' Virus thought in satisfaction.

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Volume 3 - 123 A Slap In A Dream?

Outside of the door, everyone was still feeling shocked about the sudden increase of the bar from zero to one-tenth of a percent, so they were looking at the orb with complete focus and interest to understand exactly what was going on.

But suddenly, from one-tenth of a percent, the bar increased to a whole ten percent!

The whole library instantly went entirely silent as every disciple's pupils had turned into the size of a needle as they almost popped out of their sockets because of their sense of disbelief and surrealism.

Even the pagoda master and Astes who were the least surprised in the previous increase from zero to one-tenth of a percent could no longer keep

their surprise under check at all as they stood there dumbfounded just like others.

To other disciples, this increase felt like that the bar had instantly increased to ten percent. However, the pagoda master who had a higher level of cultivation and a better grasp of the time witnessed otherwise.

Although even to him this increase was too fast almost to the point of him being unable to catch any sight of it, he was sure that he had seen the orb gradually increase from one-tenth of a percent to a whole ten percent throughout what felt like one-fourth of a second!

At the same time, he had also caught glimpses of extremely quickly changing books above the bar, albeit it was very blurry.

So even though it didn't make any sense, he was certain of what he saw and knew that inside the white space, Virus had truly achieved ten percent knowledge in thirty seconds.

Still in disbelief, he decided to check with how many books Virus had achieved ten percent, so he sent more of his qi inside the orb which immediately changed the bar image into the shape of a book, above which a number was hovering as it showed the shocking number of a hundred!

He was even more stupefied seeing the number as he wondered to himself, 'This monster.... did he really fill the books with the full knowledge of a whole hundred books in just thirty seconds?... If this impossible feat is really true... then I have still underestimated his talent...'

Currently, Astes was greatly shocked too as she thought to herself, 'What's happening? Why did the bar percentage shot up to ten percent all of a sudden?.... Don't tell me... he truly achieved that in a moment? But that's impossible unless your cultivation is very high, right? How could he suddenly

achieve what I was barely able to achieve after using the fastest thinking and processing speed I could use for almost five days straight in a moment?'

Other than her shock which was clearly visible in her eyes, she was also very confused as every question she asked herself, threw her into even more confusion and doubt.

Alice was entirely frozen right now, as she didn't understand what was going on at all, and her mouth and mind were totally shut as if her soul had run out of her body.

The state of other disciples' mind could also be only imagined, because they were the least prepared for this to happen as they were now witnessing what they thought to be a madman, doing something even the smartest person among themselves could barely achieve after much more effort!

This phase of silence and dumbfoundedness continued for a while when finally, one of the disciples could tolerate no further and uttered, "Ehhhhh, what's going onnnn?"

Coming out of that state, the other students also began to voice their astonished thoughts.

"Have we all gone nuts? We must've, right? Otherwise... how could that madman make the orb change into ten percent all of a sudden..."

"This must be a joke..." Alice who had finally snapped out of it mumbled while gritting her teeth.

"LOOK AT THE ORB!" Afterward, Alice was just about to voice her thoughts at the pagoda master when an attention seeking shout was heard from one of the disciples which immediately draw everyone's attention to the orb once again.

But what they saw sent them into another phase of disbelief because... in front of them, the bar percentage had increased once again, but this time, into... twenty percent!

Simultaneously, inside the white space, Virus was once again looking upward toward the hovering books which had now increased to two hundred books!

'Hmm, the people outside should be raising a ruckus by now...' Virus thought to himself as he gazed at the books once more before taking it back and beginning another round of inputting knowledge into empty and blank books.

Thirty seconds later, another round of a hundred books joined the other flying books, hovering beside them.

Seeing the percentage bar change into twenty percent, everyone was in disbelief and confusion, but before they could even react in any way, it changed into thirty percent!

After that, it seemed the numbers had no intention of stopping as the percentage kept increasing...

Forty percent...

Fifty percent...

Sixty percent!

It had almost instantly changed numbers three times after hitting thirty percent, leaving all of the disciples, Astes, and the pagoda master, unable to show any kind of reaction whatsoever.

Everyone was bewildered already before, but this bewilderment jumped to another level as they no longer understood what they were seeing anymore.

Though other than experiencing bewilderment and shock, Alice was despairing by now after seeing the numbers grow continuously, as she was completely helpless to do anything about it.

Now, everyone could only watch the numbers continuing to rise.

Right now, Inside the white space, Virus was filling the books one after another and only paused for a little while after every hundred books were filled with knowledge to the brim.

He was pausing because he didn't want it to seem like the percentage had jumped from zero to hundred percent abruptly, which would make them doubt him even more in return.

He wanted everyone to at least have a sense of the increase and what was going on.

So, after a short pause, he began another round of filling books.

Seven hundred books...

Eight hundred books...

Nine hundred books...

He continued this repetitive process until he had finally completed nine hundred books altogether!

'Let's see how much time has passed since I began...' Virus thought as he glanced at the countdown.

119:47:10

'Hmm... with the pause of one minute or less between every ten percents... they should've clearly seen the swift gradual increase...' Virus pondered to himself.

'Okay... Let's wrap this up now...'

Outside the door, everyone was looking at the orb quietly with so many emotions mixed that they longer knew how to express.

They were all just looking at the ninety percent bar in front of them, as if they were expecting something impossible to happen, maybe just a miracle before today.

In the meantime, different thoughts were passing through everyone's minds.

'Don't tell me...'

'Would he... would he be able to make the percentage bar....'

'It's definitely impossible... but how did he achieve the past ninety percent if it's impossible... is a hundred percent just something expected of him to achieve now?'

'Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh.'

'This must be a dream.'

'Have I gone crazy? I must be seeing wrong... everything must be continuing ordinarily with that madman already failing the exam... wake up!'

~SLAP!

Finally, at the same time as a particular disciple slapped himself in the face, the bar percentage was filled and it changed into...

A full hundred percent!

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Witnessing the percentage bar completely filled up and show a hundred percent, everyone's eyes widened to the extremes!

The elder couldn't help but gasp as he was having quite the difficulty in believing what had occurred in front of him.

Astes too was shocked very much, and if anyone else from the superior disciples' section was seeing her features right now, they too would've been astounded, because this level of shock was something that the King-level beauty had never shown on her face before.

As everyone was still staring at the orb, the door to the next floor was finally opened as Virus walked out of it and strolled before the elder with the most casual of the expressions.

Seeing his relaxed way of behavior like he had achieved nothing special, everyone felt quite annoyed inside.

The elder though, couldn't help but admire his calm way of behavior even after he had achieved something unbelievable.

IN THE HIGHEST FLOOR OF THE MAIN PAGODA

At the center of the sect, there was a pagoda with the biggest size among all of the pagodas around it.

Currently, inside the highest floor of that pagoda, an old bald man with a very long white beard was sitting with closed eyes as if he was in deep meditation.

There was also a very long scar on the right side of his face which began from his eyebrows and continued to the right side of his mouth with just a few centimeters away from it.

As the old man seemed to be persisting on his peaceful meditation, his eyes abruptly opened in surprise, and soon, a wooden tablet appeared on his hand which was currently glowing with light.

Seeing it, the old man couldn't help himself but mumble, "What's going on...? Why would the sect's main tablet glow with light all of a sudden?"

After Virus came out of the door, everyone changed their gazes from the orb to Virus, with an entirely different look than before he had entered the door.

Before he had entered the door, they all looked at him like they were looking at a crazy person, but now, they were looking at him in shock like a monster was walking in front of them.

Alice who was truly despairing at this point didn't know what to do anymore as she was feeling a very intense grip in her chest, like someone was pressing her chest with all of his might, making it extremely difficult for her to breathe.

At the same time, she kept thinking to herself inside, 'This isn't possible, this is absolutely impossible!'

Afterward, before anyone could say a word, looking at the elder, she broke the silence as she voiced loudly, almost screaming, "Elder... he must have cheated just like how he did in the first evaluation!!! You gotta see that! Expel him... no... you have to kill him as punishment for trying to fool the sect! You know this result is simply something impossible to achieve... or maybe the 'Examination Door' is broken by him..."

Listening to her desperate voice, it was like the other inferior disciples were enlightened all of a sudden as glimmers of understanding passed through their eyes, and some of them also began to voice their minds one by one.

"Oh.. so he cheated on the first examination just like I thought, huh?"

"Is he just a cheater after all? For a second there, I thought he was one of those monsters..."

"This bastard... how does he dare to cheat in front of the pagoda master! He's definitely doomed now!" Another inferior disciple, who was lucky enough in the past to see the pagoda master somewhere, mumbled.

But, as everyone's focus was currently on Virus, their attention wasn't drawn to that particular disciple's words as they didn't even realize it.

Some other disciples also expressed their opinions when the elder finally shouted while staring at Alice, "Silence!"

Hearing the shout, everyone was instantly silenced as they no longer dared to let out any kind of voice whatsoever.

Seeing everyone silent, he uttered, "Junior Alice, what do you take our 'Examination Door' as for?"

After a short pause, he continued, "First, let me begin by saying he didn't cheat in the first evaluation at all and I had clarified that before. Secondly, this 'Examination Door' was set up here by our very first founder in the ancient times... and it has never failed or shown any kind of malfunction to this day... do you really expect this kind of 'Examination Door' to fail to work properly? Do you really think someone would suddenly pop out and be able to cheat now for the first time when no one, not even me or the sect master is able to alter the result in any of the 'Extermination Doors' in the slightest?"

Listening to his words, everyone was suddenly jolted out of their previous state as they began to wonder to themselves, 'That's right... if not even the sect master is capable of cheating or making the door malfunction... then who is this person without any kind of cultivation base in front of us to be able to cheat?... Because that would be the funniest joke ever.'

'Then... don't tell me... he truly is one of those monsters?'

'Then... does that mean that when he was skimming through those books with such a speed... he was actually memorizing them? No...that's impossible right?'

Alice was speechless listening to the elder's explanations. Even though she didn't want to accept his words, she knew he was right and her nonsensical gibberish was just her last ray of hope to be seen as a genius in front of everyone and the elder.

Seeing Alice and the rest of the disciples calm down as they seemed to be able to think clearly for themselves now, the elder changed his line of sight toward Virus and thought, 'He is truly a monster... even though it's still hard for me to believe he had truly achieved this result... there is no way it wasn't correct either...'

Everyone was now looking at Virus, when suddenly they heard a sound from the door which draw their attention to itself, so looking over, they saw the list on the door change by itself as a new name appeared at the highest place of the ranking:

Number one - Vee - [Thousand books] - [Hundred percent of knowledge mastered]

Just looking at this number, everyone's heart couldn't help but begin to pound faster.

The elder too looked at the door before taking it back as he looked at Virus once again and uttered with a grin, "Congratulation Vee Junior, you've truly achieved something that was never seen before by someone at your level of cultivation... just as a mortal..."

Listening to the congratulation, Virus continued his expressionless way of looking at the elder as he lacked any kind of reaction whatsoever.

Witnessing this, not bothered in the least by his behavior as he had seen even weirder people before, the elder continued, "According to the disciples, you've skimmed through every book in the library in almost a day with an extremely fast speed... tell me... were you memorizing every book you saw at that time?"

As the pagoda master waited for Virus' response, he finally received it, "Yes."

Hearing this response, the elder and the others were amazed once more as the elder declared, "If that's true... then... that means... your memory is even stronger and greater than those with the so-called 'Photographic Memory'... because... they can't even compare to half of your capabilities when it comes to the power of memorization and comprehension... they aren't even close."

After a short pause, the elder opened his mouth again with eyes full of admiration as he remarked, "You're truly amazing!"

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"Thank you." Virus replied shortly.

After the pagoda master was done complimenting him, he looked at Alice and the other male who had also successfully passed the second evaluation before gazing at Virus once again, as he announced, "You three have successfully passed both of the evaluations and thus, you are all now officially disciples of the sect."

Then, he continued, "As for which positions you each will take in the sect and to which section you will be sent to..."

After a short pause, first, looking at the third ranker in the evaluation, he proceeded, "You barely qualified... so you will be positioned as one of the inferior disciples."

"Thank you, elder." Bowing respectfully, that male replied, but at the same time, he stole a glance at Virus before taking his eyes off of him quickly.

Afterward, the pagoda master changed his line of sight toward Alice, as he continued once again, "The rules clearly state that in case the 'number one' testee achieves at least pale yellow in the first evaluation and two percent in the second evaluation... he or she will be placed as a Normal Disciple... but since you couldn't obtain the first place... this rule doesn't apply to you..."

Listening to his words, Alice began gritting her teeth in hate as her nails were almost making her palm bleed.

"But, since your results are what usually the first ranker achieves... you can be positioned as a normal disciple if... an elder from the Normal Disciples Section agrees to accept you as his disciple." The elder concluded his words with Alice like that.

"... Thank you, respectful elder..." Listening to the second part of the pagoda master's words, she couldn't help but feel hope inside her heart as she thought, 'I can still be a normal disciple... I just need grandpa to use some of his connections in the sect... hehe... I still have hope... I will definitely get back at you... just you wait...'

Then, looking at Virus, the pagoda master once again began to talk, "And about you, the champion of this month's Inferior Disciple Recruitment... honestly, your results are something that no one has expected... not even the rules. The champions whose results are extraordinary would be usually granted the position of a normal disciple... but... since your results were too heaven-defying... I will make an exception here and offer you a position in the Superior Disciple Section as my own personal disciple... which would mean... you will directly be a Superior Disciple even without any kind of cultivation base whatsoever."

Listening to the elder's words, everyone was greatly bewildered, first of all, because the elder seemed to confirm that he came from the superior disciples section which shocked them very much, and secondly, because Virus was

directly being promoted to be a superior disciple just by the Inferior Disciple Recruitment Test... this shocked them greatly because this kind of straight promotion was simply... unheard of.

'Ahh... he was an elder from the superior disciple section... I can't believe this...'

'I would've been more respectful if I knew he was an elder from there...'

'So with talent... this is what happens...'

'We cultivate for years just to aim to be a normal disciple, but he... he just bypassed the Normal Discipleship and directly advanced to be a superior disciple... I'm so envious...'

After thoughts of astonishment like these passed through the mind of everyone present, they focused on Virus and the elder once more to witness what would happen next.

"What do you say? Do you accept to be my disciple?" The pagoda master questioned.

'Hmm... it seems this is the highest I can go with the inferior disciple recruitment... though this situation is better and higher than what I anticipated...' Virus began to ponder to himself after hearing the pagoda master's offer.

'But... I can't bring myself to call him master... especially since his knowledge is clearly lacking and not even close to being compared to me... his strength is also not that out of my reach...'

'For someone to qualify to be my master... he or she must at least exceed me in the knowledge part... or be so powerful that would naturally qualify him or her to be my master as he or she would have something new to teach me... but even then, me calling that person wouldn't mean I'm accepting to be

inferior, it would mean that I'm acknowledging that person truly has something new to teach me so I would be stronger or know more.' These kinds of passive thoughts went through Virus' head for a while.

And soon, once he was done, he replied, "Yes, I accept."

Listening to his response, the elder clearly felt Virus' tone which was much less indifferent and cold than before, so he grinned and was about to open his mouth to say something when he was interrupted by the rest of his words.

"But... I have a condition if you truly want me to be your disciple..." Virus continued.

The elder was a little dumbfounded that he actually wasn't directly accepting him to be his master and was actually putting forth conditions for him.

However, even though this was clearly inappropriate and any other elder would've been burning with rage by now, the pagoda master just couldn't bring himself to be angry and feel offended by Virus' words. On the contrary, he was kind of starting to like this behavior of him more and more which didn't just accept him as his master only because he was being offered a higher position.

So, he asked, "What is it?"

The disciples, however, were boiling with rage by now inside as they angrily thought, 'Is he stupid??? How dare he put forth a condition...'

Virus was aware that in almost all of the worlds where strong ruled over the weak, the matter of 'face' was a very serious matter, but even if it wasn't, he wouldn't be so insensible to directly state his condition in front of everyone and slap the face of this elder which was obviously trying to just assist and help him.

So, he uttered, "I would like us to be alone for that..."

"Oh... is that so... fine." Surprised by his words, the pagoda master accepted. Then, looking at the other two volunteers which had passed the evaluation, he informed the two, "Another elder would be coming soon to guide you two, so wait in the library until then."

After he was finished with his words, he looked at Virus, as he said, "Let's go."

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Soon, they were out of the library as they began to stroll toward the pagodas in the distance.

"Okay... tell me now, what's your condition?" The elder inquired with a kind smile plastered on his face.

"My condition is that I won't call you 'master' ever... unless a day comes when I see you worthy to be my master. Do you accept this?" Virus explained with a tone that didn't contain any malice or disrespect in it.

The elder, on the other hand, froze in his place after hearing Virus' words, as his smile also instantly disappeared entirely.

Witnessing his expression and reaction, Virus couldn't help but sigh inside as he thought, 'Sigh...did I just ruin my opportunity to obtain that fruit in a short period of time?'

'Whatever, I still don't regret my decision... the matter of me being someone's personal disciple is not a simple thing ... and if he can't even tolerate this much... then he truly doesn't deserve to be the master of I, Virus, even if it's just in name.'

As he was thinking along these lines, his thoughts were suddenly interrupted by the elder's unexpected laughter which surprised him, "Hahahahahahaha..."

His loud laughter continued for a while until the elder finally stopped and stated with a broad smile, "Interesting... you are truly an interesting person..."

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Afterward, he continued, "I like this condition of yours... okay... I won't ever force you to call me master unless you want to... I don't care about titles that much anyway... so don't worry about it."

"Now, tell that young girl to join us." Then he continued as he glanced at the golden beauty who was walking a little further behind them.

Virus didn't care if the golden beauty heard his condition or not, but nevertheless, he had told her to get away from them so the elder wouldn't feel disrespected in front of others as he wasn't aware of the intimacy between the two, so he asked her to leave them for a short period of time, while he told the pagoda master his condition.

The pagoda master though seemed to have realized Virus had done that for his sake, which made him like Virus' personality even more.

So seeing the pagoda master accept his condition, he signaled the golden beauty to return and walk by their side.

After the golden beauty joined them, much of the time hadn't passed when suddenly, an old bald man appeared beside the pagoda master, Virus, and the golden beauty who was walking almost side by side.

This old man had appeared so abruptly that even the golden beauty wasn't able to follow his speed and witness his appearance.

As soon as he appeared though, the pagoda master bowed in respect and uttered, "Greetings, respectful Sun Elder... what brings you to this humble one?"

The so-called Sun Elder nodded his head as he replied, "The sect's Authority Tablet just began to glow all of sudden... and when I put my qi in it, I could sense it was pointing toward the library...then I remembered a report which stated you volunteered to be the elder of this month's Inferior Disciple Recruitment examination... and If I remember correctly, today was the day of the second evaluation which is also held there... tell me... what did just happen there?"

Listening to his inquiry, the pagoda master was surprised as he hadn't expected that such an occurrence would take place when someone had achieved a hundred percent in the 'Examination Door'.

He wanted to keep this under wraps for a while but that seemed impossible now, so he began to reply, "The Authority Tablet probably began to shine because my disciple had just achieved a hundred percent completion in the examination..."

Hearing his explanations, the Sun Elder was honestly very surprised that someone had achieved a full hundred percent in the knowledge examination of the library, so he inquired further, "Oh... what's this disciple of yours called? Where is this junior?... And what's his level of cultivation?"

Pointing at Virus with his palm, the pagoda master introduced Virus, "In response to the Sun Elder, he is my disciple which had just achieved a hundred percent result." Then he continued with his introduction, "He's called Vee..."

"Oh... I haven't heard of you having a personal disciple called Vee before... what's going on?" The Sun Elder inquired further in doubt.

"... That's... that's because I've just accepted him as my personal disciple... he was one of the volunteers for this month's Inferior Disciple Recruitment... and seeing him achieve a hundred percent even though he's just a normal mortal

made me interested in him, thus... I accepted him as my personal disciple." The pagoda master responded.

Listening to him talk, the Sun Elder checked Virus' level of cultivation, and instantly, became a little astonished that Virus had achieved a hundred percent just as a mortal because that was an impossible feat for a mortal to achieve under normal circumstances.

But soon, his astonishment died down because although achieving a hundred percent was incredible, it didn't mean anything to cultivators without having the talent in the body part too.

For example, if a person had heaven-defying comprehension abilities, but the talent of his body was just mediocre, even though that person will exceed other cultivators with just mediocre talent, he wouldn't be able to exceed them by much.

"I see, what color was he able to make the orb change into in the first evaluation?" So, taking another short glance at Virus, he looked back at the pagoda master again and asked.

It was obvious his astonishment had died down greatly as he seemed to be asking this question with the least amount of expectation like he was just waiting to hear a disappointing response from the elder.

'Damn it...' The pagoda master thought to himself and left with no other choice, he provided the Sun Elder with a response, "He achieved pale white..."

The pagoda master didn't say that Virus had achieved a colorless hue, because he believed that was a shocking result which would astonish anyone even more so than the pale white color if they interpreted what that might mean, so he decided to tell the half-truth which everyone would have an easier time to believe, and if anyone realized that he had achieved a colorless

hue instead of the pale white color in the future and questioned him as to why he didn't tell the truth, he decided to just say he thought it didn't mean anything.

"Sigh... pale white huh? Like I expected... it's..." Listening to the pagoda master's answer, he sighed in disappointment as he began to state in a helpless tone, but suddenly, his voice froze as his eyes went wide in disbelief.

"What did you just say? I didn't hear wrong, did I? Did you say 'Pale White'?" The Sun Elder asked impatiently, losing his calm for the first time.

"Yes... pale white... lots of volunteers witnessed it... thinking the result might be wrong... I even re-examined him with another orb, but the result was the same." The pagoda master replied without any expression appearing on his face.

The Sun Elder was very shocked hearing the pagoda master confirm it again, because if what he stated was true, then this person in front of him was probably one of those hardly ever seen geniuses... and just the thought of a person being overpowered in both the body talent part and the comprehension part made his long beard shiver in excitement.

But then again, he began to wonder if it was possible for a natural born body to possess this kind of talent in both areas... because that was obviously very unlikely, and this conclusion only meant one thing to him, that the person in front of him had top-level secrets... secrets that might be even greatly helpful to him or anyone else.

Though he calmed down very quickly, as one of the advantages which came with his age and high level of cultivation was that he was able to control his emotions much easier.

However, after calming down, he remembered a particular utterance of the pagoda master, which made him begin to frown deeply as he questioned him,

"You just said you accepted him as your personal disciple... did I hear that wrong?"

"...Yes, he is my personal disciple now and he has accepted it by himself willingly." With a frown in response, the pagoda master uttered.

"Do you think this kind of matter and this kind of talent is something you can decide on your own and just take him as your disciple before announcing it to the sect?" The Sun Elder questioned further with a serious expression appearing on his face.

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"Of course not... and that's why I was about to report this matter to you as soon as possible... but that doesn't matter as he has accepted me on his own... and you know that in the end, it's the will of the disciple himself that matters the most... so even if I had notified the sect beforehand, if he had still decided to choose me as his master, the sect couldn't have any objections regarding it and the result would've been still the same..." The pagoda master logically responded in a way that would make sense and free him of any punishments.

"You're right... but if you had notified the sect before he accepted you as his master, the sect would've placed much better options in front of him to choose from... like in the matter of choosing his master, the sect could've placed much better candidates than you, with myself included among them... and who knows... the result might have been completely different then... don't you agree?"

'This bastard...' The pagoda master thought inside, but promptly thinking of a solution to counterattack his words, he stated out loud, "Yes, that's true... and that's why... if he ever wants to stop being my disciple, I will allow that... or if he decides to choose someone else as his master... I allow that too... even if

he wants to accept a second or third master... I'm fine with that too. With these conditions, there shouldn't be any more problems now... right, respected Sun Elder?" The pagoda master announced looking at the Sun Elder.

'Damn it, he's truly a cunning fox...' The Sun Elder frowned for a moment hearing his words, but soon the frown disappeared as he replied, "If it's like that.. then naturally, there will be no more problems whatsoever."

"Okay..." Then looking at Virus, the Sun Elder began with introducing himself, "This junior, let me begin by introducing myself...I'm called the Sun Elder, the current highest authority in the sect... first let me begin by saying that it's our sect's greatest fortune and honor to come across and have such an amazing genius among us..."

Listening to the Sun Elder's words, Virus replied casually, "Thank you."

The Sun Elder couldn't help but frown a little when he heard the casual tone with which Virus talked to him, as he thought, 'Why is it that the more of a genius a person is... the weirder of an attitude and personality that person usually has...'

Then, ignoring his previous casualness on the account of him being a genius, the frown on his face disappeared immediately as he proceeded while trying his best to approach Virus, "Vee junior, our sect greatly treasures and values talents like you... and that's why if you allow me, I'll make the sect provide you with the best resources available to us so your true potential would blossom in the shortest period of time possible... I will also guide you personally as my own direct disciple... what do you say? Do you accept my offer?"

Staring into his eyes for a short while, Virus replied, "Thank you for the great offer, but I will stick to my decision temporarily, though be rest assured, as I will seriously consider your magnificent offer from now on and I will notify the

Sun Elder as soon as I decide otherwise... oh and if you allow me, I shall pay you a visit personally later."

Listening to his tacit half-rejection while also leaving some leeways for the future to change his mind, even though the Sun Elder was feeling a little dissatisfied inside for his half-rejection, he thought it was good enough for now.

So nodding his head in satisfaction on the outside, he stated, "Okay, you considering my offer is enough for the moment. Then, I will wait for your visit... at that time, I'll explain the advantages you would have if you accept my offer in more depth."

Then, glaring at the pagoda master on purpose for a moment, he continued, "Oh, but be careful as the people you have decided to trust may not be that trustworthy after all... just mark my words and be careful."

"I shall do that." Casually saying that Virus thought to himself, 'Of course I won't easily trust any of you... if anything I've learned in the countless years of my existence... it's that the monkeys are the least trustworthy beings out there in the world... and you both are one of them in the end even if you're not really from the same Earth...'

'However, It's actually good that you appeared here... because now, I can use both of you to achieve what I really want more easily.' He concluded his own thoughts with that.

After listening to Virus' response, the Sun Elder no longer paid him any further attention as he focused on the pagoda master and warned him, "Take good care of him, and remember that I will pay close attention to our new genius disciple from now on..."

"Yes, that was my plan from the beginning, respected Sun Elder..." Bowing in respect, the pagoda master replied.

Then, no longer having anything else to add, the Sun Elder took another casual glance at Virus before disappearing instantly, like he was never there to begin with.

After he left, Virus looked at the pagoda master and questioned, "Who was he?"

Looking in the direction he left, the pagoda master replied, "As he said it himself, he is the current highest authority in the sect in absence of the sect master... you could say he's the acting sect master of the Silver Sky Sect right now."

"Oh... so this place is called the Silver Sky Sect..." Virus mumbled, finally coming to know the name of the sect.

Though he had only mumbled it, how could it escape the sensitive ears of the pagoda master, so hearing his words, he immediately became speechless and asked, "... You... you volunteered to be a disciple of the Silver Sky Sect without even knowing its name beforehand?"

Not wanting to talk about this matter for now before understanding the previous topic, Virus inquired, "So why is he the current highest authority? And where is the Sect Master?"

Seeing him not respond to his question, the pagoda master thought he was embarrassed to respond to his previous question, so putting it aside, he answered, "Well... this has got to do with the Authority Tablet... you see, the Authority Tablet is something that is originally owned by the sect master of our Silver Sky Sect himself... and it's like a symbol of authority each sect master of the sect comes to possess..."

"Now, what's special regarding the Authority Tablet is that there are rules attached to it... the first of which states, the true owner of the Authority Tablet is always the sect master... while the second rule attached to it states that if

any of the other members of the sect come to possess the Authority Tablet, that member would have the highest authority in the sect just after the sect master himself!" He continued his explanation.

"Which means in case the sect master is not around... the possessor of the Authority Tablet would have the highest power in the sect..."

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"Now naturally, the real owner of the Authority Tablet is still the sect master and he has the power to take it away from the Sun Elder whenever he wants. However, the thing is... the sect master has left the sect for years now and hasn't returned ever since."

"Furthermore, before departing.. he seemed to have imparted the Authority Tablet to the Sun Elder, thus making him the temporary highest authority of the sect at least until the sect master returns." Finally finished with his words, the pagoda master went quiet as he seemed to have sunk into deep thought like he was remembering a particular memory regarding a specific day a couple of years before.

"I see..." Saying that Virus went completely silent for a while as they walked side by side toward a direction while the pagoda master continued to be lost in his thoughts.

Finally, pointing at the main pagoda, Virus opened his mouth and began to inquire about what he had been wanting to ask since the moment he had stepped into the sect, "What's that big pagoda... and why is it bigger than the other pagodas?"

Snapping out of his daze by Virus' voice, the pagoda master looked at the gigantic pagoda before replying, "That's, of course, the first and the most

important pagoda in the entire sect, and it's usually the inhabiting place of three people, with the sect master and the Sun Elder being two of them."

He continued without any pause, "When the sect master was around, he would live on the highest floor of the pagoda all by himself while the other two would inhabit and guard in the first floor of the pagoda."

Then, a short frown appeared on the pagoda master's eyebrows, but it disappeared quickly as he proceeded, "However, after the sect master left and gave the Authority Tablet to the Sun Elder, the Sun Elder occupied the highest floor...and this situation will continue at least until the sect master returns."

Listening to his explanations and seeing none of them was the thing he really wanted to hear about, Virus pretended to be casual as he began to talk once more, "Is that so? That's truly an interesting and gigantic pagoda... it's almost penetrating the sky... what's on the other floors by the way? For example... the most middle one?"

Not suspecting anything, the pagoda master explained, "Hmm... the most middle floor is the main treasury of the sect which is only accessible by the sect master and the possessor of the Authority Tablet... which means...currently, the Sun Elder also has access to it..."

'Oh... so the Brisk Balance Fruit is in the Main Treasury of the sect... hmm... in worst case scenario, I should use the Sun Elder and this elder to somehow gain access to the treasury to obtain that fruit...let's think...' Listening to the pagoda master's description of the treasury, Virus pondered about it for a short moment.

After explaining that, the pagoda master was about to pass on and explain the other floors when he was interrupted by Virus.

"Oh... then no one other than those two can access the treasury... then what's the point of having a treasury if no one can gain access to it? There really isn't

any way for the disciples to benefit from the treasury?" He inquired in a casual tone.

"Well, it's not like that... it's just that the disciples and the other elders can hardly gain access to it and each time they have access... they can only take away a limited amount of treasures from it."

"... How can a disciple gain access exactly?" Virus inquired with intrigued eyes.

Realizing his curiosity, the elder replied, "Now that you ask... actually you're in luck... as you would be able to witness two disciples gain access to the treasury soon... one of which will most likely be your own senior apprentice-sister..."

Listening to his words, Virus was a little excited inside as he smelled an opportunity right in front of him unlike his previous expectations which he thought that most likely only the sect master and the Sun Elder would have access to it, so he asked calmly, "Is that so? How is that?"

At this point, they had arrived in front of a pagoda, when the pagoda master stopped, then turning to look at Virus, he uttered, "I need to go somewhere as I'm in a hurry, if you have any further questions about the sect, you can ask your senior apprentice-sister or wait for me to come back..."

"Oh, that's your senior apprentice-sister..." Then, pointing at the entry of the pagoda, the pagoda master voiced, as he soon disappeared without waiting for Virus' reply.

'He really seems to be in a hurry...' Virus thought as he looked in the direction the pagoda master had pointed at.

But seeing the target in his line of sight, Virus was surprised, because he saw someone he had just seen a while ago in the library. She was the girl that even Virus had thought she was beautiful.

After being a little surprised though, he promptly put that feeling aside and began to walk toward her as he had questions he needed to be answered.

Soon, arriving in front of her, Virus stopped and spoke, "Hello, I'm Vee, the new disciple of your master. Before leaving, he said you would be able to guide me and answer my questions regarding the sect..."

Listening to the way he talked, Astes couldn't help but frown a little, because he didn't say 'Master' while calling the pagoda master, but used the word 'He' which made her quite annoyed for some reason.

Nevertheless, she replied without any kind of expression showing on her face, "Hello, I'm Astes, your senior apprentice-sister, what's your question?"

"The elder was just about to explain how two disciples soon would be able to gain access to the main treasury... and that one of them will most likely be you... can you clarify the situation regarding that to me?" Inquired Virus.

Listening to his inquiry, Astes glared at Virus for calling her master 'Elder' at first, but not stating anything about it for now, she turned around and began to walk as he uttered, "Okay, I will explain while I guide you and your servant to your room inside the pagoda."

"She's not my servant, she's my family." Virus replied promptly hearing Astes call Bella his servant as both of them began to follow her.

"Alright, so regarding your question... actually... there are two contests just around the corner, with the first one being the Alchemy Contest which only the Superior Disciples can participate in... and the second one is the Martial Contest... but unlike the Alchemy Contest, it's not limited only to Superior Disciples, and other than them... the Normal and Inferior Disciples can also participate in it." She began providing the answer Virus was after.

"As I'm sure you can already nearly guess, the prize for the champions of each contest is an entry ticket to the main treasury and the right to choose

one item, ingredient, etc. From there." She explained without any emotion apparent in her tone.

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"Oh... so it was like that." Virus mumbled with shining eyes, thinking about this whole situation and the opportunity present in front of him.

But afterward, processing the Martial Contest, he casually inquired about it as he wanted to gather further information related to it, "Why would the Inferior and Normal disciples participate too? I mean... there isn't any point in them participating, right? Because they will lose anyway... unless... there are prizes specifically prepared for them."

Listening to Virus question and almost get to the answer all by himself, Astes spoke, "That's right... though they won't be able to aim for the top rankings, there are great benefits for them too, with the most important one being that the top three disciples of each section will be upgraded to be a higher section disciple. For example, the top three of the Inferior Disciples will become Normal Disciples, while the top three of the Normal Disciples will become Superior Disciples."

"Oh, I see... so that's why... and like that, those disciples will also be able to take a glimpse of more powerful disciples fighting with each other, which would benefit them greatly...the sect truly has great insight by making the contest this way..." Virus voiced analyzing the contest a little further.

By this point, they had already walked to the second floor as she stopped in front of a door, uttering, "This room is for you two, if she was your servant, then we could've given her another room if you requested, but since she's family, there is no need for that."

Then taking a glance at the golden beauty, she asked, "That's fine, right?"

Hearing the question, Bella replied without any hesitation, "Of course! I would always stay by Mas... by big brother's side! I won't ever budge from his side in the least!"

Listening to her words, Astes was a little suspicious of what she was about to say, but forgetting about it, she looked back at Virus and probed, "Anyway, do you have any other question?"

"Yes, when are those two contests you mentioned?" He asked.

"They start in two days..." She replied, then finally unable to tolerate any longer, she voiced, "I'm your senior apprentice-sister, so you should call me that!"

Hearing this sudden change of subject, Virus was surprised because talking like this and calling others 'you' was the normal way of talking on his Earth, but this Earth seemed to care too much about titles, so he decided to ask a question, "What does 'Senior apprentice-sister' mean exactly?"

It wasn't that Virus was unaware of the meaning of the word, it was just that each word will have a relatively different meaning in each location influenced by the culture of that place in the long term, so he wanted to know the exact meaning of the word, for example, if the word 'senior' in 'senior apprentice-sister' meant 'older and more experienced' or something else altogether.

Astes was confused by his abrupt simple question, but nevertheless, she replied, "The word apprentice-sister obviously means that we are from the same sect and the same martial family of the Sky Silver Sect, and the word senior means that I'm older than you in the sect as I was here long before you... this is what the word 'senior apprentice-sister' means to me."

Listening to her description, Virus nodded his head as he decided to call her 'Senior apprentice-sister' as she had asked, but he couldn't stop himself from teasing her a little bit to be entertained, so he said, "Okay, I will call you that,

but without the word 'Senior' in it, since it makes you seem like an old person... is that fine, apprentice-sister?"

Astes was happy hearing the first part of his words, but when he began the second part of his sentence, she began to have mixed feelings inside.

At first, she felt angry because he said he wouldn't use the word 'senior' which was a kind of disrespect to their relationship, but then, he said he didn't want to call her that because it made her feel old which meant he was saying it out of good will and she kind of... liked it, because which girl would want to seem old.

Even one of her main purposes by cultivating was because she didn't want to get old and stay young as long as possible, so how could she like to be called old.

Thus, she was struck speechless, unable to respond to Virus' previous statement.

Virus, on the other hand, seeing that he had succeeded, smirked and said, "Silence is a sign of consent and acceptance... so it's decided then... okay, apprentice-sister, I have another question for you now... how can someone sign up in the contests?"

She was still having mixed feelings and processing Virus' previous words when Virus took that as a sign of consent which quite annoyed and frustrated her to be honest, but she didn't say anything in the end, and just replied a little absent-mindedly, "You just need to go to the elder who is in charge of signing up... "

"Oh... and who and where is that elder exactly?" He inquired further.

"The elder in charge of signing up for both of the contests is the elder in charge of the library of the Normal Disciples' section... " At first, she was explaining and clarifying the situation without much thought, but by the end of

her sentence, a thought suddenly struck her which shocked her quite a bit as she asked, "Don't tell me... you want to participate in one of the contests?"

"Of course, what's wrong with me participating in the contest, is there any rules stating that I can't?" Virus responded.

"Are you seriously asking that? Are you crazy??? You're just a mortal being without any qi right now... so how can you participate in any of the contests... the Martial Contest itself is obviously for those who are already cultivating qi... but you... even taking the last place would be hard for you because you will probably die immediately." She began explaining the obvious in a tone as if she had just heard the most absurd thing in the world.

Then, she continued completely frustrated, like she couldn't believe he didn't even understand something as basic as that, "And... let's say you're not going to participate in the Martial Contest... but in the Alchemy Contest... but even in that, what matters is the qi! Both contests need some cultivation base for you to have a chance to stand out... but you have neither... so why are you going to participate in any of them? To lose? Or to lose your mortal life? Just forget about it... because you have nothing to gain out of it too as you are already a superior disciple... "

"Is apprentice-sister that much worried about her apprentice-brother?" Virus inquired with a serious face while grinning evilly inside.

Listening to question, Astes froze for a short moment, but understanding what he meant, she lashed out at him in a louder voice, "Who was worried about you! I'm just saying because you are my junior apprentice-brother... if you want to lose your puny mortal life... then just go ahead and participate!"

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Staring at her with doubtful eyes, Virus replied, "Oh... is that so? Then it's fine. I want to participate. However, I don't exactly know where the Normal Disciples' library is at... so could you please tell me where it is, apprentice-sister?"

Seeing him still wanting to participate, Astes could only helplessly shake her head in exasperation, but didn't try to dissuade him any further as she uttered, "... Actually, I'm going to sign up tomorrow myself, so if you want, I will come after you tomorrow and show it to you too while I'm at it..."

"That would be great." Replied Virus.

THE EARTH OF TECHNOLOGY - THE NEXT DAY AFTER ELLA WAS INJECTED WITH [POTENTIAL OPENING INJECTION]

Going out of the bed like usual to begin her new day, Ella walked to the bathroom to brush her teeth, wash her face, etc.

However, what she didn't realize was that she was moving abnormally quick as she walked into the bathroom.

When she was in the bathroom, going in front of the washing basin, she tried opening the mixer tap like always to wash her face.

But, to her stupefaction, unlike the previous times, when she tried opening the mixer tap until the end, its handle came off as it broke.

Looking at the handle of the mixer tap in her hand in shock, Ella suddenly remembered that she was now a lot more powerful than before after being injected with the [Potential Opening Injection]!

Then, she tried putting the handle back, but after many tries, she realized she couldn't fix it.

Out of frustration, she gave up and began to first wash her face with utmost cautiousness, however, when she tried brushing her teeth, her toothbrush too suddenly broke inside her mouth, making her eyes wide-opened staring at the mirror as she voiced, "Uhh..."

In the end, when she was finally finished with her matters, she closed the flowing water from the bottom of the washing basin before leaving.

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A while later, she was sitting around a desk with her parents as she began to eat her breakfast very carefully after she notified them that the mixer tap has broken.

"Daniel, you know that's not true! My sister didn't do that on purpose... it's just... her personality is like that..." Megan said.

"I know, but that was still rude... and you can't justify that by just saying her personality is like that!" Daniel replied a little upset.

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At this point, Ella became completely distracted by her parents' argument as she picked up the glass in order to drink it, but the moment she picked it up, it shattered to pieces in her hand!

Her parents who were arguing stopped instantly as they looked at Ella in shock as they froze, when Megan finally uttered, "You... Elle... your hand!"

Megan wanted to say 'Did you just break that out of anger because we were arguing?' but seeing Ella's hand bleeding, she instantly hurried over to bring her away to bandage it.

Ella herself too was shocked as she thought in pain, 'Uh... I forgot again.'

A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER

Since that fateful day when Virus injected Ella with the [Potential Opening Injection], Ella has been very careful with her every action in dealing with the side-effects of being too powerful, especially when she was around people. For example, at first, it felt like time had slowed down and her normal talking speed became too quick for others to understand, though it seemed normal to her, so she slowly trained herself to talk slower so it wouldn't seem strange to others.

Additionally, she became abnormally strong from the moment that injection was injected. So, she had been trying to very careful when touching something fragile or sensitive.

However, even though she has been extremely cautious, there were many times when she couldn't control it at all, like when she became extremely nervous, scared, alert, etc.

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Currently, Ella and one of her best friends called Jessica was sitting in a conference room beside each other as they listened to the professor's speech.

However, instead of the professor, the two were mostly the center of attention as the boys kept stealing glances at them, with the reason of Ella being too beautiful as one of the campus belles, while her friend, Jessica too, was deemed as a beauty just a tad bit inferior to Ella by a lot of males.

Nevertheless, there were an endless amount of boys who pursued both of them almost evenly.

Though unlike the other boys in the conference classroom, the two of them didn't pay any kind of attention whatsoever to their surroundings as they were fully focused on the professor's speech.

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It was at this moment when Ella was noting down some of the details the professor was uttering when suddenly, her pen broke into two!

Seeing her pen broken, she helplessly mumbled, "Uhh... another one broke..."

Then, taking out another pen which she had prepared beforehand, she continued writing.

"Again? What's with you, Elle? Are you angry at someone or something?" Jessica voiced as she shook her head.

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At the same time, when Ella's pen had broken in her hand, some of the boys were looking at Ella and Jessica, as they witnessed this strange scene in their line of sight which made their eyes almost bulge out!

Afterward, they no longer dared to look at either of them as they were afraid they would annoy and anger Ella once more, thus dooming them to the same fate as the poor pen.

THE PRESENT TIME WITH ELLA

Right now, Ella was in her room, as she seemed to be getting ready and dressing for going out.

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Knocking on her door first, her mom entered as she saw her daughter getting ready as she seemed to want to go out, so she asked, "Elle... why are you dressing??? Are you going somewhere?"

"Mom? Did you forget already? I told you last week that I would go out with my friends tonight..." Ella replied, as she stopped dressing for a moment.

"Oh... that was tonight... I see... okay, get ready and go... have fun. Buuut... don't tell me my daughter wants to go out with her boyfriend secretly without telling her parents first?" Megan voiced as she remembered that she had truly notified her of going out tonight, but she couldn't help by try to tease her a little bit.

But not teased in the least, instead, Ella hit her hard with her response, "Mom... seriously, do you think I'm just an elementary-school kid to keep such things from you? If I wanted to go out with Ai, I would've just said so... also, he's not around at the moment, so even though I would very much like to go out with him... I can't."

Listening to her response, Megan couldn't help but think, 'Sigh... My baby girl has truly grown up to be a good adult now. Kids grow up too fast...'

Then she asked a little surprised, "Eh... where has he gone off to?"

Not wanting to talk about this with her mother, Ella casually answered, "He had some small matter to attend to outside of the city."