

THE GOD VIRUS

Volume 3 - 151 Drunk In Her Own Bar

So, without being able to respond in any way, the first blue light hit him and then it was followed by tens of more blue lights which struck at without stopping at all.

By the time the first five blue lights had hit successfully, Deadder was helplessly screaming inside in pain.

When ten more blue lights struck, he had already fainted as the result of experiencing extreme pain and torment of being hit by that many paralysis bullets.

However, even after he had passed out, the blue bullets seemed like they had no intentions of stopping at all as they continued connecting to his body for a while until finally, Virus sent his new command to the gun, 'Cease Fire!'

By now, everyone, including both the disciples and the elders, was shocked silly as they could only watch with their eyes that were already out of their sockets.

Some seconds passed in absolute silence when finally, the judge elder came out of his stupefaction and voiced, "Vee wins!"

After that, noises began to rise from everywhere once again.

"Oh my heavens!!!! What was that weapon!!!!" One of the disciples voiced

"Ahhh... I want that weapon... it was so cool." A female disciple muttered in exhilaration.

"He defeated his opponent with only the gun!!! And more shockingly, I feel no cultivation whatsoever from his body..."

"Oh my...Now you say that... that's true... just what kind of weapon would allow a mortal to defeat a cultivator!"

'I need to have that weapon at all costs.' A certain greedy disciple thought.

While most disciples belonged to the Inferior and Normal area, a few had come from the Superior section to watch the entertaining show as well.

So, a disciple from the superior section also mumbled in a voice only the girl by his side could hear, "Oh... that's a nice weapon... investigate him... and then tell him I would take him under my wings if he offers his weapon to me."

Thoughts and words of greed, astonishment, jealousy, and admiration then began to circulate among the disciples.

But, more importantly, these mixed feelings wasn't only limited to the disciples' section!

Currently, in the elders' area too, words of shock, amazement, and admiration were spreading around.

But oddly, unlike the disciples, no words of greed or jealousy was voiced by any of the elders.

However, even though no words of greed was voiced, the eyes of some of the elders were shining with so much greed which made disciples' greed nothing compared to them.

And in general, most of those greedy elders were thinking along the lines of 'I need to investigate him and then look for an opportunity to snatch that ring.'

Seeing all these interested gazes directed at Virus, the lonely elder at a certain corner began to ponder with more intense shining eyes of greed which was this time accompanied with deep worry and impatience, 'Oh no... this is no good... now, the other elders will eye him too and they will definitely try to get to the bottom of his secrets...'

The elder who had suspected Virus' weapon was a 'Space Weapon' also wondered, 'Oh... that weapon's much more useful than I thought... it might come in handy sometime in the future... and I keep having this feeling like he still hasn't revealed its full power... hmm... let's watch more for now.'

Then, he continued his thought process, 'Maybe I should also order some of my disciples to target him intentionally to reveal all of its potential... well, I'll do that if he lasts until then...'

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Afterward, the contest continued as Virus went inside the tunnel where the golden beauty joined him.

"Wow, master! So your ring can also change into a Machine gun! That was mesmerizing!" She voiced with stars reflecting in her eyes.

"Haha, yeah... Wanna see?"

"Yes, please!"

The two continued their conversation in an empty waiting room inside the hall while the 'Martial' Contest proceeded outside.

Hours passed just like that when finally, it was Virus' turn once again.

This time, his opponent was someone called Bensli who seemed to be a Normal disciple at the ninth level of the Qi Passage Opening Stage.

Virus had a very intense fight with him as he had to keep shooting to keep him away from getting close to himself.

But even then, there were very close situations in which Bensli was almost upon him with his extremely quick speed while avoiding his blue bullets.

Though, in the end, with much difficulty, Virus was able to defeat him with only the Machine gun and nothing else.

This in return, astounded everyone on how well and adept Virus was in using his weapon ring.

To them, it seemed like he could predict most of his opponent's moves as he always succeeded in distancing himself from Bensli.

As a result, this made some of the elders sigh in amazement, 'He's a monster in controlling the flow of battle even though he has no cultivation whatsoever... he's also totally in control of his opponent and the match.'

"What a monster..." One of the elder's unconsciously mumbled.

"Yes... a frightening monster... if he grows up..." Another agreed.

TECHNOLOGY EARTH

Gulp~ Gulp~ Gulp~

Currently, Amara was sitting drunk behind the counter in her own private bar as she gulped one mouthful of drink after another from the bottle itself.

And it seemed she had no intentions of stopping as she kept drinking more and more, when finally she voiced, "Why... why won't he be with me???"

"I... I was satisfied even if he dated both of us or even the three of us... but... but he just won't choose me..." She mumbled with her eyes closed.

Hiccup~

"Now... the whole world's ending and I can't even find him... I'm not even sure where he's gone to..."

Hiccup~

"That day..." As she muttered this, her memory began to fly back to the day when Virus, the golden beauty, and Ella happily took off with their helicopter, leaving her down there on the ground alone, with only the capability to watch their happy faces in secret.

"I wanted to be with them too... why... whyyy...?" Completely drunk, she yelled.

Hiccup~ Sob~

Sob~

"Uwu, I want him... I think I really love him... but that idiot..." Unable to tolerate it, she finally began to cry as tears rolled down her face.

Sob~ Hiccup~

"But now, the whole world's ending..."

"It's all her fault... that girl called Ella..."

Hiccup~

"Only if she didn't exist... or if only I had seen him before her..."

Sob~

"I can't sit like this... I need to... find him before it all ends... I need to... tell him how... I feel!" Murmuring in a slow pace with lots of pauses in between, in the end, her head fell on the counter as she fell asleep.

When she fell asleep though, someone's footsteps were heard as that person came closer and closer until he was right beside her.

"Silly girl..." Said that person in a soft tone and then, placing one arm under her legs and the other supporting her back like a groom carrying his bride, he took her away while princess carrying her.

If Amara was awake right now, she would've instantly recognized him just to address him by calling out, "Detective Lock!"

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Volume 3 - 152 Hadelia

"Isn't... isn't your parents home?" Sara questioned a little nervously while they were in front of Eliot's house.

"No, my mom's long passed away... and dad hardly ever comes home." Eliot replied in a casual manner while unlocking the door.

"Go inside..." He said, unconsciously pointing with his gun inside.

After they were inside, Eliot became a little awkward as he didn't know what to do with the girls anymore because he had brought them with himself without thinking what would happen next.

Honestly, he never intended to kill anyone else other than those he hated like hell, so he knew he wasn't going to kill these two from the beginning even if they didn't follow him home.

After they were inside, his eyes fell on the blood stains which were hidden underneath their clothes. There was also some brain matters splashed at some parts of their bodies.

Understanding they can't stay dirty like this, and finding no better thing for them to do, he uttered, "Okay... first, go wash and clean yourselves... the shower's there..." Pointing at a door, Eliot voiced.

Listening to his words, the two girls' faces got a little rosy as they gazed at each other and the same thought passed through their heads, 'Is he going to do that to us? So he's asking us to clean up first?'

Still, not trying to reject or resist in any way, they both began to move as they entered the bathroom.

Then, taking off all their clothes, they went under the shower as water began to flow all over their bodies as it washed away the blood and brain matters.

Afterward, while they were washing, Hana mumbled, "Do you think he wants to do 'that' with us, Sara?"

Hearing her mumble, Sara muttered back, "I think so... so... what are you going to do if that really is the case, Hana?"

"Of course... I will listen to him... the world's ending anyway, so it's not like it matters or anything anyway..." Hana replied.

"Yeah... you're right, let's just try enjoying it instead..." Sara voiced.

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Currently, outside, Eliot kept walking back and forth as he pondered in distress, 'Why did I bring them to my house?!? Now, they know my house address too... I should've just released them after burning the car up.'

'I wasn't thinking straight at the time... oh my God... I must've gone crazy... how can I bring two girls with myself to my house...!'

'What should I do when they come out?! Should I just send them away? No no no... what if they report me to the police and I spend the rest of my remaining one year in prison.' Filled with stress, Eliot thought.

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As he continued going back and forth in front of the bathroom, suddenly, the door to the bathroom was opened as two girls came out of the bathroom, totally naked!

Seeing this scene in front of him, Eliot who had been a virgin his whole life froze entirely!

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When the two were done taking a shower, after they dried themselves with a towel, to their dismay, they saw that their clothes were bloody on the inside since they wore it when their bodies were dripping with Josh's blood.

"What do we do? Should we ask for some clean clothes?" Hana asked, not knowing what to do.

"Don't you think he would've already given us some clean clothes if he wanted us to wear clothes? Why do you think he told us to take a shower in the first place?" Sara voiced like she had heard the funniest thing today.

"Sigh... I think he wants us to go out naked like this..." Sara uttered helplessly as if she was seeing right through Eliot.

Thinking it somewhat made sense, Hana said, "Then... you go out first... then I'll follow after you..."

"Hana... are you kidding me! I don't want to!" Sara muttered like she had been greatly wronged and betrayed by her best friend.

"Then... then... we'll go out at the same time..." Hana mumbled helplessly.

"Alright... let's go." Whispering that, they opened the door as they went outside at the same time, only to face a frozen young man.

But, seeing his frozen gaze which couldn't leave their bodies, Sara thought, 'Tsk... So I was right... he was impatiently waiting for us to be done with showering... and now, he can't take his gaze off us...'

As they were both thinking along these lines, they suddenly heard a voice which couldn't get more nervous, "Wh...wh... what... what are you two doing? Wh... wh... why would you come out naked....?"

Finally, at this moment, Eliot turned around as he nervously waited for their response.

However, seeing him act strange like this, the two were lost for a moment as they didn't understand why he was acting this way.

Then, Sara finally mumbled, "Does he like acting innocent??"

Hearing this, Hana finally understood, 'Oh... so that's what's going on...he's asking us to take the initiative... and make it seem like it's us who are raping him... damn it, what a bastard.'

CULTIVATION EARTH

After defeating Bensli, Virus faced two more Normal disciples with the same level of cultivation as Bensli.

But, after overcoming a lot of difficulties, he was able to successfully defeat them just with the use of his Machine gun alone.

This made both the elders and disciples who were watching Virus' every match sigh in even more amazement and admiration as they thought even if they had that weapon, they definitely wouldn't be able to take advantage of it to this degree.

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"Who's your next opponent master?" Seeing her master back from his match, the golden beauty asked worriedly, since she knew it was getting harder and harder for Virus to deal with his opponents.

"My next opponent? Hmm...when I checked on the way, I actually saw that girl Hadelia's name on the list... you know... she was in the same stage as me before... It's both amazing and surprising that she's lasted until now." Virus uttered.

"I see... but master... will you be able to defeat her? If she's won until now... then that means she's been hiding her true strength and that she's very strong... master seems to be already at his limits..." Ella uttered with a voice filled with worry and anxiousness.

"Don't worry lil Belle... I have my plans." Virus replied with a reassuring smile while trying to comfort her.

"Just please be careful master, even if you can't earn that fruit today... there will definitely be chances later on... you could even ask Astes if it comes to worst..." She added.

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Half an hour later, it was finally the time for Virus' next match, so he entered the tunnel as he began to walk toward the fighting field.

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Currently, Virus was facing his opponent Hadelia as the judge elder was about to announce the start of the match.

But before that, Virus didn't forget to call his Machine gun.

"Let's have a good match." Hadelia voiced abruptly as she looked at Virus with shining eyes.

Actually, this was because she had been watching Virus' matches until now and she had honestly come to deeply admire Virus' control over his weapon at some point.

"Sure." Virus replied with a smile after hearing her sincere words.

"Begin!"

The moment it began, to the shock of other elders, Hadelia's cultivation level began to rise immediately as it increased to the tenth level of the Qi Passage Opening Stage from the ninth.

At the same time, she began charging at Virus while he also tried his best at raising his gun to begin shooting at her.

Afterward, when he successfully raised his gun toward her, just as he began to fire, much to his surprise, he saw that Hadelia's speed had increased to a terrifying extent abruptly, to the point that there was no way Virus would be even able to aim anywhere close to her.

This situation was happening because she had witnessed Virus' every match until now, and as a result, she knew exactly how to go against him if she wanted to win.

So, the moment she felt the gun being raised at her, Hadelia instantly increased her speed to the extreme as she distanced herself from anywhere close to where the gun's barrel was pointing at.

Afterward, she began to charge toward Virus from behind as she was soon going to reach him.

'This is over.' Thought Hadelia at the same time.

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Slowly opening his eyelids, Deadter looked around in confusion as he thought, 'What happened? Why am I laying down here?'

At the same time, he could hear the skinny male's nonstop voice which annoyed him quite a lot to be honest, "Big brother! Are you finally awake? Are feeling okay? Does it hurt anywhere? Do you need anything? Please say something!!"

"Shut up!" Finally, unable to tolerate, Deadter shouted in frustration.

Seeing him finally quiet down, he inquired, "What happened? Wasn't I fighting that bastard? Why can't I remember what happened afterward?... I mean when the match began?"

"Sigh... big brother... this... listen... actually... you lost." Looking at Deadter with eyes filled with worry, the skinny young man voiced.

"What?" Listening to him, Deadter couldn't believe him at first as his thoughts went blank for a while.

But then, his mind abruptly went back to the fight as he began to finally remember what happened.

"No! That bastard!!!! I will get my revenge on him!" Next, as if he had gone insane all of a sudden, he started to yell.

That was the case because Deadter could finally remember how he had been shot with one blue light after another as he could only helplessly tolerate that extreme level of pain which he had never experienced prior.

Even just remembering the extent of that terrifying pain was really traumatizing for him and that made him really vexed and indignant as a result.

"Calm down big brother..." The skinny male asked.

"You're asking me to calm down? Fuck! How the heck do I calm down when that bastard did that to me and defeated me like that?! Damn it!!! This is the greatest humiliation of my entire life and it happened in front of everyone!"

Uttering in a loud voice, he went on a rampage as he began to throw everything around himself at the skinny male.

So, just like that, everything in the room began to break as the skinny male's forehead was also bleeding now as he silently looked at Deadder without the least bit of resistance or anger.

After a while of venting, finally, Deadder was a lot calmer as opened his mouth again in malice and hatred, "Bastard, don't think this is over... I might not be able to get my revenge by my own hands... but that doesn't mean I don't have other means to achieve my goal! Just you wait!"

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Witnessing Hadelia's cultivation level increase once again from the ninth level Qi Passage Opening Stage to the tenth, the elders became astonished very much as they hadn't expected her to be still hiding the full extent of her power!

"So... she still had some reserved power she wasn't willing to reveal... just who is she exactly? I feel like she's not an ordinary person." Virus' master, the Alchemy pagoda master murmured as he watched his disciple and Hadelia begin their fight.

In the previous matches of Virus, when he witnessed his ring transform into a weapon, he was greatly startled and confused as he thought, 'Sigh... this disciple of mine seems to have so many secrets inside his body...'

As he thought that, he took a look around, only to witness himself surrounded with eyes of greed, all of which were directed at his new disciple.

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Other elders were amazed too when they realized Hadelia was still not revealing her full power.

The same thought was passing through other people's mind as they pondered, 'Until now, he was mainly winning because he had always succeeded in keeping his opponents away in a distance from himself... but now, this Hadelia has succeeded in breaking that routine... as she's almost right behind him... and there is also no chance of her being shot anymore as she's right at his back.'

'Sigh... it seems this is as far as my junior apprentice-brother can go...' A specific beauty who had just arrived in Virus' previous match thought as she looked at Hadelia who was almost behind him.

When Astes watched Virus' previous match, she was astounded very much as she had stared at the match between Virus and his opponent in disbelief.

Naturally, she too, just like every other disciple who had watched Virus' match for the first time, at first felt amazement toward his weapon, but then as time passed, she also began to feel admiration in how well and experienced Virus seemed in controlling the weapon.

Now, before Virus' match with Hadelia had begun, she had been having this odd sense of excitement as she couldn't stop herself from being extremely hopeful about Virus winning this match too.

But, as the match began, after realizing Hadelia was much more powerful than she seemed to be, her hopes began to shatter until, eventually, she was almost right behind Virus, which made her totally give up on the notion of Virus winning.

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Currently, charging at Virus from behind with her short sword, Hadelia was just a couple of steps away as she thought, 'This is over.'

At the same time, she raised her short sword as she muttered, "Second form – Dance of the Sparrow".

Instantly afterward, her sword began to move with extremely fast speed as she knew the match was over.

Then, she unconsciously blinked, like she didn't want to see her short sword cut Virus up.

However, much to her confusion, she didn't experience that feeling of sword cutting somebody up.

And more oddly, she could no longer hear any voice from the viewers as they had suddenly gone entirely silent for some unknown reason.

So wanting to see what exactly had happened, she opened her eyes slowly, but halfway through, her eyelids jumped open as she stared at the scene in front of her with eyes as big as saucers as she was jolted and perturbed greatly, because she was witnessing no one in front of her at this very moment!

Even though she was shaken greatly by what was happening right now, understanding her next most important action she had to do as fast as possible, she quickly began to search around in order to find Virus' exact location.

However, no matter how hard her eyeballs moved around, she couldn't find anyone in her line of sight.

Suddenly, a thought passed through her head which made the hairs all over her body stand on their ends as at the same time all of the danger alarms on her body went off altogether, 'Could it be that... he's behind me right now?'

This thought kind of horrified her inside as she began to run away straightly from her current spot without even daring to check what was behind herself because she knew the most important thing right now was to get away.

Then finally, successfully getting away, she heaved a sigh of relief, as she turned around in order to finally check her previous location.

But, what she saw in her line of sight startled her once again as she grew dumbfounded.

Because at this moment, right in front of her, she was witnessing something bizarre and amazing.

And that was... Virus, whose arms and legs were currently covered with numerous pitch black scales, each of which was as big as half a finger.

Moreover, she could clearly see that right now, everywhere in between each scale which was covering both of Virus' arms and legs was shining with bright blue lights, creating a very beautiful, yet petrifying scene in front of her.

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Seeing her almost at his back, Virus couldn't help but think, 'It seems that's the limit for the Initial Configuration...'

By now, Hadelia was almost right behind him and if he didn't do anything immediately, he was sure to lose, the very next moment.

'Still... It's a little hard to believe that a girl who began from the same fifth stage as I forced me to use this...' Virus was truly impressed by this girl called Hadelia now and that's why he decided to face her more seriously.

So, after this thought passed through his head, abruptly, Virus' eyes turned extremely sharper as he sent his new command to the ring.

'Trigger Median Configuration — Fragmentary Integument!'

Instantly after this new command arrived at its destination, the Machine gun started to retract into a dot of pitch black ball before separating into four new smaller black dots.

Then, each dot began to move toward a different destination as they charged at Virus' left arm, right arm, left leg, and right leg as they entered from under his pants and sleeves.

Afterward, just in a heartbeat, both his legs and arms were covered with those pitch black scales as the distance between each scale also began to shine in bright blue light as if blue colored lava was moving among the scales.

Also, since the size of this new configuration was bigger than his pants and his sleeves, they were both ripped apart the very next moment.

By now, his opponent's short sword was almost upon him.

However, without paying any attention to that, with an extremely fast speed, Virus raised his hand in front of his face as he pondered, 'Hmm... this is much better... because my body's movement and reaction speed is so limited

compared to my thought speed and thought process that it always feels like I'm caged inside my own body... but with this, at least... my body can respond a little bit faster to my wishes and thoughts...'

After that, he began to move his body with a monstrous amount of speed as he was behind Hadelia the next instant, staring at her slashing with her short sword at his previous empty location.

By now, other viewers' eyes had popped out of their sockets as they stared at the scene in front of them in shock!

At first, they had thought the match would be over soon with Hadelia's victory, but, the next moment, a series of extraordinary events happened which changed the whole situation a hundred and eighty degrees around.

First, it all began with Virus disappearing from his previous location.

Then, what happened next seemed like witnessing a bolt of blue lightning to most disciples as they couldn't perceive what was really happening when Virus moved in extreme speed.

As a result, to them, when Virus did move, it seemed they were witnessing a bolt of blue lightning or blue blur move around.

However, most elders were an exception to this as they were able to follow Virus' movements with their naked eyes and see him move behind Hadelia.

However, from the disciples' point of view, after witnessing a simple blue blur, the next thing they saw petrified them to no ends, because a moment before, they were watching Virus almost about to be hit with his opponent's short sword, and the next moment, he was standing right behind Hadelia.

Standing behind Hadelia though, Virus had sunk into deep thought as he watched Hadelia's double slash without making any movements.

What had really happened to Virus with the scales was that after they had covered his arms and legs, they had become a part of him, a part of his whole body, like the skin which covered the flesh of the body and this was achieved through the use of blue lights which seemed to be the only thing which existed between Virus' skin and the pitch black scales.

Though Virus knew this transformation wasn't exactly permanent, so it couldn't be considered him becoming one with the scales either. More specifically, the scales were only a temporary part of Virus' body which could be undone if he wished for any time.

Moreover, what this new body part was doing to him at this moment was that his arms and legs no longer used his bones and muscles as its foundation to move around or keep his body standing.

On the contrary, every move Virus made from that point onward, was that his body was temporarily being supported and moved by the pitch black scales mostly, as they acted both as his bones and muscles at the same time.

For example, when he raised his hand, instead of an order being sent from his brain neurons to his hand in order for it to move through the usage of his muscles and bones, the message was being sent from Virus' own mind directly to the scales, making them move instantly without almost any kind of delay.

Anyway, watching this whole bizarre transformation and what followed right after just in front of their eyes, made most of the elders greatly disturbed as they stared at the new Virus who was covered in scales on both of his arms and legs.

"Oh, my heavens... how did he do that?" one of the elders who hadn't seen the ring transform Virus' body muttered unconsciously.

Many of the elders were confused too because they hadn't exactly seen the ring change into scales as all they could see was just a blur before Virus was covered in scales.

Those with a higher stage of cultivation, however, were a different matter altogether, as they were totally able to witness what had happened and now, their eyes were shining with profound light.

Among these elders was that elder who was sitting all by himself who thought with his jaw still dropped open, 'Oh my... I didn't know that ring was that great!!! I gotta have it... I must have! But... damn it... those elders have seen it too... I need to think of something quickly!'

'Is this still some kind of 'Space Weapon'? Damn... what is that ring of his exactly... Why haven't I seen something similar before?! It seems I gotta have that ring even if it's just for research purposes!' The other elder who had suspected the ring being a 'Space Weapon' thought in absolute amazement too.

Virus' master though, was feeling a mix of an extreme level of petrification and worry at the same time as he stared at his disciple which he no longer even recognized.

Right now, Astes too was having a similar reaction to this whole situation like many others, as she couldn't take her eyes off of Virus, not even for a moment, as mixed thoughts and feelings were passing through her mind and heart.

Afterward, everyone watched Hadelia distance herself from her previous location in a hurry.

Then, finally being away, she turned around as she looked at Virus in horror.

Virus though, was completely calm as he had expected this kind of reaction from everybody, so without any kind of expression showing itself over his

face, he looked at Hadelia as he uttered, "I like you... and I can see there is no malice present in your eyes... only a desire to fight and to get stronger... that's why... I'm giving you the chance to use your full power to fight against me."

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Listening to his words, Hadelia was stunned at her place as she stared at Virus with mixed feelings apparent in her eyes.

A while later, she seemed to finally come to senses as a half smile showed itself on her face.

Soon, opening her mouth, she voiced, "Are you sure you want to see the full extent of my power?"

Seeing her reaction and hearing her words, Virus couldn't help but become even more interested in her as he responded with a rather wide grin, "Use everything you have to the very last drop of your strength... let's see for how long you can entertain me."

However, hearing him use the word 'Entertain' for their match as if it was just some kind of entertainment for him made Hadelia very frustrated as she thought, 'How arrogant... hmph... let's see how long you can stay like that.'

Then, she said, "Hehe, before this match, I wasn't going to reveal all of my power on this year's 'Martial Contest'... but now... I've changed my mind, I hope you don't regret your words later on for making me do this..."

"..." Hearing her, Virus didn't reply with anything more as only a mild sense of expectation rose in his heart as he waited to see what would happen next.

Then, slowly, Hadelia closed her eyes, making those who couldn't hear the conversation between them to misunderstand that she was about to surrender and honestly, if she really did that, no one would've blamed her because that was the most logical and reasonable decision at the current situation.

However, against all of their expectations, a few seconds after she closed her eyes, abruptly, her cultivation qi began to increase as her cultivation level soon rose from the tenth level of the Qi Passage Opening Stage to the eleventh!

More surprisingly, it seemed this increase wasn't the end as his qi continued to rise even more until finally, it went past the eleventh level!

"Holy mother of heavens! Her cultivation level just increased by two whole levels and now she's at the twelfth level of the Qi Passage Opening! Just how is that even possible?!"

"Amazing! She's opened all of her Qi Passages!" The disciples' shocked voices began to roam around the Colosseum as Hadelia's cultivation level increased.

"Look! It hasn't stopped! It's still increasing... could it be?" However, to everyone's dismay, it seemed the show was not over yet...

Her cultivation seemed to rise to the absolute limit of that level before going even beyond that as it broke through to a whole new stage altogether!

"... Incredible... her cultivation is already at the Qi Circulation Stage!" One of the elders uttered, absolutely astonished!

"Yeah...sigh... just thinking about it makes me wanna have her as my personal disciple... to have such a young disciple who's already at the Qi Circulation Stage..." Another elder said.

"Well... too bad for you, because I heard she rejected every offer she received from the elders... though she might accept it if better elders asked her to be their personal disciple, who knows. However, what I'm sure of is that you definitely don't have any chances with her, hehe..." A female elder muttered with a giggle.

"Awesome..." In the disciples' area too, voices of amazement were heard here and there.

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Finally, at this moment, Hadelia opened her eyes as she glanced into Virus' eyes and voiced, "Shall we begin?"

"Sure... would you please do the honor of attacking me first?" Virus replied with a little bit of anticipation.

"... Hehe, you might regret your words... but if that's what you want... why not." She vocalized before disappearing from her previous spot just to appear right in front of Virus... or at least, that's how disciples with a lower level of cultivation perceived this situation as.

On the contrary, those who had a higher level of cultivation could see this whole situation with much more clarity.

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Going in front of Virus with extremely fast speed, Hadelia raised her short sword as she mumbled, "Second form – Dance of the Sparrow".

'Hmm, nice try...' Thinking this, Virus raised his left hand which was covered in scales as he easily defended against the attack which came slashing at his left side.

However, it seemed the attack was not over as her hands seemed to move in a strange way as it suddenly attacked to his right side too.

But, as Virus had long analyzed this technique and thus expected the attack, he easily raised his right hand and deflected the short sword.

Immediately afterward, much to Hadelia's surprise, Virus moved with extremely fast speed as he went right behind her and placed his open palm on her neck and whispered in her ears, "Just like that, you died once..."

Then, he continued, "If that's all you're capable of, you should just forfeit now... as honestly, you're not even close to defeating me."

Uttering this, a light seemed to turn off inside Virus' eyes, as if he was feeling disappointed at something or someone.

Listening to his tone of speaking, Hadelia's eyes jumped open as she felt something from Virus' tone which made her extremely uncomfortable like she had done something wrong.

As a result, Hadelia felt like she had to prove him wrong, so she replied, "Hmph... of course that's not all... I didn't want to do this... because I didn't want my identity to be revealed, but that seems impossible if I want to go against you."

Immediately after that, she uttered, "The Sparrow Moves Like Flying!"

As she vocalized that, she began to distance herself from Virus with an extremely quick speed before turning toward Virus once again, looking at him, face to face.

Then, not stopping there, she directly charged at him while muttering, "The Burning Sparrow – The Sword On Fire!"

The moment she opened her mouth, shockingly, her short sword which was slashing toward Virus in a strange way suddenly went on fire.

"No way... is that..." The elders who were watching the fight suddenly seemed to have seen something shocking as they stared at Hadelia with shock visible inside their eyes.

"Is she really from there?" An elder looked at another as he questioned in disbelief.

"...I think so... that burning sword... and what she uttered before executing that technique... She's definitely from there..." Another elder replied with her eyes shining intensely.

Some of the disciples had also recognized Hadelia's technique as some of them even shouted rather loudly, "Holy fuck! She's from the Burning Sparrow clan!"

"What's the Burning Sparrow clan?" Listening to those shouts, one of the ignorant disciples asked in confusion.

"Are you fucking kidding me right now? You don't even know the Burning Sparrow clan? You don't know the clan that has the bloodline of the Burning Sparrow who is believed to be a descendant of the legendary Fire Phoenix?" One of the disciples who was obviously very annoyed with the question said in surprise.

"Really?... I've been living in my village before coming to the sect so I don't really know much about the world... anyway, what's that clan exactly?... Would you mind elaborating more please?" The ignorant disciple asked further.

"Just shut up... don't talk to me." However, unfortunately, this was the response he received for his curiosity as the other person no longer paid him any further attention and continued to watch the match.

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In the meantime, Virus was a little surprised seeing Hadelia's sword starting to burn all of a sudden as her speed seemed to increase too, so, with less leisure than the previous times, he raised his hand once again to block the slash with the scales covering his arms all over.

Clink~

The moment the burning sword and the scaled palm clashed against each other, a rather loud noise of metal hitting another metal was heard as Virus grabbed the burning sword and refused to let go while Hadelia struggled to free her short sword from his grasp.

Amused by her struggle, Virus said with a rather broad smile, "Haha, this one was much better... Show me more techniques like this one." After he was done with his words, he finally let go of the sword.

Seeing how easily he could still defend against her attack, Hadelia gritted her teeth, as she uttered again.

"The Burning Sparrow – Exploding the Fire!"

Listening to her words and watching the incoming burning sword, Virus felt like it would be rather dangerous if what he was thinking really happened, so, at the very last moment, he dodged, making the short sword hit the ground.

Bamm~

And as a result, the sound of a rather loud explosion was heard as dust rose and rocks flew around.

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When the scene was clear once again, the disciples were breath taken to witness a meter deep hole on the ground at the same spot the sword had just connected to.

"Oh... that was a lot more powerful than your previous attacks... if that attack hits anywhere near my unguarded body parts like my chest... I would instantly die..." Virus uttered.

Listening to his words, Hadelia couldn't stop herself as a strange sensation of pride swelled up inside her as she replied, "Of course... that is expected of my bloodline technique! You should feel proud for forcing me to use this much of my power."

Looking at her proud face while listening to her words, a grin found its way on Virus' face as he was unable to stop himself from wanting to tease her a bit, so he voiced, "However..."

A frown appeared on Hadelia's face when she heard Virus say 'However'.

Then, after a short silence, he continued, "Though it's true you would win if it really hits an unguarded part of my body... however, unfortunately for you, that technique would never be able to hit me..."

"Anyway... if you have any more powerful techniques left, reveal it now... otherwise, this fight is already over." He concluded.

"You..." The enraged Hadelia voiced as she stared in Virus' eyes like she just wanted to devour this arrogant man right in front of everyone.

But, unfortunately, she was aware that anger wasn't going to help her win against her opponent.

Moreover, Hadelia was clear that she was already at her limits and 'Exploding The Fire' was the most powerful technique she could use at the moment.

So, she just stood there staring at Virus while clenching her fist in anger.

Watching her just stand there without taking any action, Virus opened his mouth again, "Hmm... was that really your limit? Well, you weren't half bad..."

As he was talking though, Hadelia interrupted him as she charged at him with all her might while yelling, "The Burning Sparrow – Exploding the Fire!"

"Sigh..." Seeing her not even waiting for him to finish his words, Virus sighed as he charged toward Hadelia too.

Soon, when the short sword was almost upon him, Virus dodged it easily with the use of a strange kind of footwork which made him able to go behind her shortly afterward.

Then, without stopping at all, he hit the back of Hadelia's neck with some force which made her instantly go unconscious.

After that, seeing she was about to drop on the floor, Virus grabbed her body in his embrace which stopped her from falling.

"Good fight... you can rest now." As she lay unconscious in his embrace, Virus whispered in her ears.

Meanwhile, seeing her unconscious, the judge elder announced Virus' victory after a short pause.

As his victory was announced, without waiting at all, Virus just threw her unconscious body over his shoulder as he began to walk toward the tunnel of the Colosseum.

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When he was in the waiting hall of the Colosseum, Virus looked around as he found an empty room where he placed Hadelia's body at.

"Master!" Looking at the source of the voice, Virus realized the golden beauty had come back.

Looking at her shining eyes which almost seemed to be on fire, Virus knew what this was all about as he exited the room with a smile on his face.

"What is it, lil Belle?" Virus asked while closing the door behind himself.

"Master!!! What exactly is that ring?!? Why didn't you tell me it could even do that?!? That was so cool..."

'Just as I thought, it was about this.' Virus thought with a smile showing itself on his face, then he uttered, "Haha, before we talk about that... do you have any of my clothes with yourself right now... I mean, as you can see, I'm almost not wearing any pants at the moment and I would really like to turn this ring off... it's very uncomfortable."

Listening to Virus, the golden beauty was surprised for a moment as she glanced at Virus legs which was mostly only covered with pitch black scales, then, she abruptly began to laugh in amusement while Virus looked at her with a poker face, "Hahaha..."

After she was done laughing, she ran into a room before coming back with a bag, "... Since you've already told me to carry some of your clothes with me all the time... I do have some, here..."

After that, taking the bag, Virus turned the ring off as he changed into a new set of clothes.

Seeing him in new clothes, Ella inquired again, "Now, master... tell me about that cool ring please!"

"You like it that much, huh?" Virus asked back with a grin.

"Yes, I like it very much! Can I try it on too?" She questioned with bright stars shining in her eyes.

However, looking at her eyes which were filled with lots of enthusiasm, Virus replied with a little bit of difficulty, "Uh, actually... you can't try it."

Hearing this, the golden beauty's expression turned dispirited as she mumbled, "Oh... is that so?"

"Well, you would be able to try it on when you have your own real body... so don't feel down." Watching her dispirited expression, Virus couldn't help himself but try cheering her up.

"Oh, really??? Okay, I'll try it at that time then." Then, just as he had anticipated, talking about the 'Real Body' truly seemed to work as she turned a lot less dispirited.

However, the topic of the 'Real Body' seemed to create another confusion inside the golden beauty's mind as she questioned, "Speaking of 'Real Body', master... Didn't you say you weren't strong enough to defend yourself against danger and that you would make me a real body when you're strong enough?"

"But, with that ring, you are already very strong! And... you had it for a while now. So, why haven't you made me a real physical body yet?"

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"Cough..." Virus let out a small cough as he put his fist in front of his mouth, in the meantime, he was thinking with the fastest speed he could to answer the question of why he hadn't made her a real body yet, 'Hmm, let's see... why haven't I made a true body for her yet?'

"..." At the same time, he was having a poker face outside as he stared at the golden beauty.

"Master?!?" Confused by her master's poker face, the golden beauty asked.

"Hmm... well, for me to answer that... first, think about the match I just had... remember how it took me a short period of time before my body was covered in scales?" Finally, Virus opened his mouth as he replied to her with a question of his own.

"Yes, but..." Came the golden beauty's doubtful response.

"That short delay is the answer! Think about it, it might be too late for me to survive in a dangerous situation if my enemy is faster than that small period of time which takes for the ring to turn on and cover me in scales."

He continued, "A simple example would be a gun! You see, even a mere bullet would be faster than that delay... and 'that'... is the moment you come into play and instantly move to keep me safe from that kind of danger without any kind of delay whatsoever. Do you understand now? I may be powerful when I'm using the ring... however, I can't use it 24/7... which means that I'm pretty much vulnerable all the time without you."

"But..." As she wasn't totally satisfied with her master's reply, she was going to continue arguing. However, before she could do that, Virus interrupted her and continued, "Moreover, I said I would make you a true physical body when I'm at least as strong as you, but right now, you can easily defeat me at this very moment before I even turn the ring on, right?" Virus dealt the final blow as he sighed in relief inside.

"..." Unable to say anything more in response to that, defeated by his master's words, he uttered, "Yes..."

"Ah... by the way master, aren't going to have another match soon? So why did you change into a new set of clothes? I mean, you're going to ruin that too soon anyway..." She questioned as her mind was confused by another matter.

"Well, actually that was the last match today... the rest will continue tomorrow... we can leave now." Virus replied.

"I see, let's go home then."

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As the two exited the Colosseum, they saw a beauty waiting just outside the exit and the moment that beauty spotted them, she raised her hand as she rushed at them.

"Junior apprentice-brother!!!!" Then, when she was in front of the two, she called Virus in extreme frustration.

"What is it, apprentice-sister?" Virus questioned in a rather calm tone.

"Are you stupid?! Why did you reveal that power?! Why did you reveal that ring at all?? Oh my dear ancestors! Do you know how everyone was looking at you just now? It was as if they would jump on you right there and devour you completely! And you say 'What is it, apprentice-sister?' while you're absolutely calm??!" Hearing Virus' serene voice, frustrated, she dumped everything that was on her mind in a single breath.

"Heck, even I'm feeling curious about that ring of yours! Don't you get what that means?" She asked.

"Hmm, that you're going to try stealing the ring from your junior apprentice-brother?" Virus asked while putting a doubtful expression on his face.

"Of course not! I meant..." Astes got frustrated and stunned by his response as that was truly what should be inferred by her words, but she hadn't meant it like that, which frustrated her very much.

Amused by her frustration and cute face, Virus finally decided to spare her, "Haha... Just kidding, of course, I know what that means. Now, every greedy eye is eying my ring. But, don't worry... that's not going to pose me much of a

problem since..." However, he went entirely silent when he arrived at the last part of his sentence.

Seeing him turn quiet abruptly at the end of his words, Astes got a weird vibe, as if, soon, she might not be able to see his junior apprentice-brother anymore and for some unknown reason, that made her extremely sad as she asked, "... 'Since' what, junior apprentice-brother? Why didn't you finish your sentence? Could it be that you're leaving?"

"Nope, I'm not leaving." Virus answered with a smile on his face as he pondered to himself, 'At least not right now.'

Listening to him, Astes unconsciously let out a relieved breath as she continued, "Anyway, since you know what that means... you have to be extremely cautious or you just might really lose that little mortal life of yours! Trust no one, and by that, I really mean 'no one'! I'm even having doubts if you can trust master since he's a human being too you know."

"So, you mean I can't even trust you?" Virus uttered with a face filled with vigilance all of a sudden.

"Urgh... no... I didn't mean it that way... I mean you can trust no one other than me..." Seeing his face filled with vigilance toward her, for some unknown reason Astes herself didn't understand, her heart ached as she felt upset and nervous inside.

"Hahaha, you should see your face right now... calm down, I was just joking..." Feeling entertained enough by watching her cute reactions, Virus replied with a laugh while the golden beauty too was laughing by his side while thinking, 'Master's evil!'

"You...!" Realizing he was messing with her earlier, Astes got angry as 'you' was the only thing she could mutter before going silent.

Seeing her angry face and knowing she was upset, Virus uttered, "Sorry for that, apprentice-sister... I understand what you mean and I'll be very careful from now on, so don't worry."

"Don't leave the pagoda on your own as that might be dangerous. In case you want to go somewhere inside the sect, we can go together... and about leaving the sect, that's a total no-no, so you can't leave the sect for any kind of reason until you're strong enough, alright?" Astes further added as she still couldn't put herself at ease.

"Okay, stop worrying now, I'm not as weak as you think... didn't you just witness that?"

"I know, but that's not even close to keeping you safe..." As she said that, she was suddenly interrupted by another voice, "Greetings junior apprentice-brother."

As their conversation was interrupted by an unknown voice, the trio looked at the source, only to spot a rather beautiful young girl who was wearing very revealing clothes on herself.

"Who are you?" Looking at this unknown girl he didn't recognize, Virus asked.

When Astes turned around, the unknown girl finally spotted Astes as she bowed in respect and said, "Oh, senior apprentice-sister Astes is also here... greetings senior apprentice sister."

Since Astes was from the alchemy pagoda and was recognized to be a rare genius in alchemy, even the superior disciples talked to her in full respect and tried to win her favor in whatever chance they could get.

Then, not forgetting about Virus' previous question, she looked at Virus once again and replied, "I'm called Tinsel, a superior disciple."

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"If it's not rude of me, can I ask why you're talking to senior apprentice-sister Astes?" She inquired, to which, instead of Virus, Astes herself replied, "He's my new junior apprentice-brother from the Alchemy pagoda, is there anything wrong with two disciples from the same pagoda talking to each other?"

"No, no... I didn't mean it like that..." Tinsel responded in a hurry while shaking her two hands in front of her almost naked chest.

After that, while gazing at Tinsel, suddenly a penetrating light appeared on Astes' face as she questioned, "Now tell me, what business do you have with my Junior brother Vee?"

Tinsel's eyes jumped open when she heard Astes' words, but soon, regaining her serene face, she opened her mouth once again while looking at Virus' direction, "Since you're already a superior disciple... you must know senior brother Hartas, right?"

Listening to her question, Virus replied in confusion, "I have no idea who you're talking about... nor do I have a reason to know this guy." {A/N: (Virus: Why would I even wanna know someone called heart ass, hmph.)}

"I see, please let me introduce him then. So... Hartas is the second strongest person among the superior disciples." A little anger seemed to surface on Tinsel's face when she heard Virus' response. However, it instantly disappeared as she began to introduce Hartas with shining eyes of admiration.

But, unlike Tinsel's expectations, Virus responded with, "So what? What does that have to do with me?"

"Uh... please hear me out. So, actually... senior brother Hartas has an offer for you..." Tinsel proclaimed.

An amused expression showed itself on Virus' face when he heard her words, so he responded with a chuckle, "Interesting... you can continue."

Listening to him say 'You can continue', Tinsel's eyes began to shine as she assumed that Virus has been moved, and as a result, he was now looking forward to the offer, so she began talking with a smile on her face, "You're a very smart person... I like that! It's simple actually... senior brother Hartas said that as long as you're willing to gift him your ring... he will support you with all his power from today onwards!"

"Hmm... is that all?" A doubtful expression appeared on Virus' face as he said while touching his chin.

Seeing his reaction, Tinsel thought, 'This greedy bastard... he's telling me the offer is not enough and that he wants more! Sigh, okay it's your lucky day... I'll increase the offer.'

"He will also cover whatever expenses you may have in the future! Moreover, he will buy you whatever you desire! Is that enough?" Tinsel added.

Hearing the offer, a broad smile sat on Virus' face as he voiced, "Of course that's enough!"

"Junior brother! You can't..." Listening to Virus actually agree, Astes' heart almost jumped out of her chest as she tried stopping him.

However, just as she began talking, Virus raised his hand, signaling her to stop talking as he also gazed deeply into Astes' eyes like he was saying, 'Trust me.'

"Really? Hehe, that's a great choice! I'm sure senior brother will be very satisfied with this..." With a happy smile, Tinsel uttered.

"But, before I gift the ring... since he said he will buy me whatever I desire, first, I want him to buy me something I really covet... if he fulfills this request of mine, then the ring is his." Virus stated.

"Anything! Just name what you want!" She said with glittering eyes.

"Okay, it's very simple actually, tell him to buy me something that will entertain me for an eternity... if he accomplishes that, trust me... I'll give him much more than just a worthless ring..." In all seriousness, Virus declared.

However, listening to what he asked for, the three were instantly stunned silly.

'Is there even such a thing that would be able to entertain master forever?'
Afterward, unconsciously, this thought passed through the golden beauty's head who was the person that knew Virus the best.

According to what Bella witnessed until now by being beside Virus almost all the time was that his master wasn't entertained and interested in many things others would kill for.

Nonetheless, even when there was something that entertained her master on very rare occasions, she knew his sense of entertainment and interest only remained for a short while before disappearing entirely.

And more importantly, the terrifying thing was that even those things which only entertained her master for a limited period of time were almost always something that would at least affect an entire country at the minimum.

'Something that would be able to entertain master forever...' Just continuing to think about this notion sent shivers down the golden beauty's spine as she couldn't even begin to imagine how boundless and great this thing has to be to grant his master eternal entertainment.

Truthfully, the golden beauty was horrified to continue further with her thoughts, so she decided to just stop thinking about it completely as she focused on the situation which was occurring in front of her at this moment.

In the meantime, Astes was pondering to herself as she was totally lost, 'Just what's going on inside that head of his?'

"Something that would entertain you forever?" Tinsel mumbled, but soon, she came to herself as she grumbled, "Are you kidding me right now? What is it that you really want? Just say it..."

"I'm rarely as serious as I am right now..." Virus asserted.

"...So you're after something that will entertain you until the day you die... hmm, even though it's a bit hard, I believe senior brother will be able to think of something... okay, that's it for today then... see you soon." After mouthing this with a smirk on her face as if she had won, she respectfully bid her farewell to Astes too before turning around and leaving.

After she left, Astes ranted, "Junior brother! Why did you agree to gift your ring! Are you on your right mind right now?"

"Haha, didn't you hear my condition? I only agreed to gift him my ring if he fulfills my condition." Reminded Virus while chuckling.

"You mean buying you something that will entertain you forever? Even though I know that'll be extremely hard... what if they really do succeed in finding something like that? What will you do then?" Greatly distressed and restless for her junior brother inside, she inquired.

"In that case, I will gladly offer him the stupid ring..." Virus phrased as if he was stating the obvious.

"You..." Astes was speechless hearing Virus' response as she was even a little angry by him at this point.

However, before she could even reprimand him, Virus continued calmly, "Not only that... I will offer that person things he can't even begin to imagine... and I'll also be greatly indebted to that person."

"In fact, this offer stands for everyone... I'll greatly reward whoever that can grant me eternal entertainment." He concluded.

"I'm simply speechless by you junior apprentice-brother... I mean why do you even want something that would entertain you?" Looking into his eyes, Astes whimpered.

To this, Virus simply stated, "You wouldn't understand."

However, when she saw the look inside his eyes while he was stating this simple sentence, Astes was greatly bewildered as she was shaken to her very core, because at this moment, inside Virus' eyes, she spotted an emotion which was completely unknown to her.

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Nevertheless, she continued trying her best to comprehend this unknown light inside Virus' eyes.

However, to her disappointment, she didn't even come close to understanding this emotion other than having this feeling like the light could only be comprehended if she went through a certain experience.

'How is this possible? What's that look inside his eyes? Why can't I understand it at all?' Astes began contemplating to herself as she stared at Virus in a daze, lost in his eyes.

'With my memories... I'm usually able to easily read other people and discern what kind of personality they have... but... since the day we met, it was extremely difficult for me to read junior apprentice-brother...' She continued her deliberation.

'However, even if it's been difficult, at least I had some clues as to how he was feeling, but right now...'

Seeing Astes lost in herself as she couldn't take her eyes off of him, Virus opened his mouth and voiced, "Oh right... apprentice-sister, I've been meaning to ask you something for a while..."

"What is it?" However, even with Virus' voice, Astes seemed to be still dazed as she replied absentmindedly.

"Hmm... what does the number 'Three' engraved on the wooden ticket I received while signing up represent? I understand that number doesn't represent the section of the disciples since other inferior disciples also have the same number as me..." Virus uttered.

Then, he continued, "And If I'm not mistaken... it should be a system to arrange the disciples and the matches from the weakest to the strongest... right?"

By now, Astes' attention was at least drawn to Virus' question, so she began explaining, "Yes, you're totally right, junior brother..."

"The matches and the disciples are not simply separated by the section they belong to, because if it was like that, the results would've been too inaccurate and thus, the match results would be very unreliable."

"Instead, in order to make the match results more reliable and fair, the sect decided to arrange the disciples' matches according to their cultivation level by separating them into three groups of number 'One', number 'Two', and number 'Three' engraved on their wooden ticket."

"Now, even though I'm sure you can already guess by yourself, the Number 'Three' ticket holders are those with the weakest level of cultivation, mostly consisted of the Inferior disciples."

"And next, the Number 'Two' ticket holders are those with an average level of cultivation which mostly include normal disciples..."

"And at last, there is the Number 'One' ticket holders who are the strongest cultivators with almost all of them being Superior disciples..." Finally, as she was done with her description, Astes looked at Virus and queried with clear eyes of focus, "That was it, is there anything else you want to know about, junior brother? Because if there is... don't hesitate and just ask away..."

"I see, it's just as I expected... So like this, the first day of the contest was held among the Number 'Three' ticket holders, which is followed by the Number 'Two' ticket holders who join the next day. And finally, there comes tomorrow, when the Number 'One' ticket holders will be also joining the fray, right?" Gazing at her eyes, Virus related.

Nodding her head, Astes confirmed, "Yep..."

Virus was just about to open his mouth and say something again, when he was interrupted by a familiar voice calling his name, "Vee."

As a result of hearing the call, the three looked in the direction of the voice in order to find the source.

"Master!" Astes uttered while Virus gazed quietly at the new person who was approaching them.

"Ay... it's just been a few days since I accepted you as my disciple... but you've already caused so many troubles." As the Alchemy pagoda master arrived in front of Virus, the first thing he did was to start grumbling.

However, Virus didn't say anything in response as he just continued staring at him with an expressionless face as the atmosphere turned completely silent.

"Master, why are you here?" Watching the scene of her master being totally ignored, Astes finally decided to break the awkward silence as she probed.

"Isn't that obvious? I mean how can I not appear when my own disciple has taken out such a heavenly treasure? I'm here to safely escort you to the pagoda..." The pagoda master stated with a serious face.

"But... no one would dare to hurt junior brother for his treasure inside the sect... so isn't he pretty much safe?" Astes asked in confusion.

"Well yeah... that would be the case under a normal situation. However, the current situation is clearly a very abnormal one which would make even the elders extremely greedy, so we need to be very cautious." The pagoda master explained.

Looking at his direction, seemingly not bothered by Virus ignoring him, he continued, "Remember, when greed exceeds a certain point, human beings often do rash things without considering the consequences in the slightest."

"Also, don't forget... there are special people in the sect who don't care about the sect's rules at all... so you need to be careful." The elder added.

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In the meantime, two people were watching Virus' group who was currently walking away from the Colosseum.

One of them was a very old person with wrinkles all over his face, while the other one was a rather young man with a bloody aura around him.

"So Howar, you're saying the Alchemy pagoda master has already accepted him as his personal disciple right?" Deeply frowning, the old man questioned.

"Yes, master." With a very respectful tone, Howar affirmed.

"I see, that old bastard was one step ahead of me... well, at least I might not need to be worried about the other elders now... I hope he doesn't eye his ring though... the ring and all of his other heaven-defying secrets belong solely to me!" Muttered the old elder with clear greed noticeable in his voice.

"Her her her, Now now, Pagoda master Fernan, calm down... you can't seriously mean you want it all, don't be like that and let's just share." Abruptly, a burst of creepy laughter was heard as a very haggard old lady with messed up white hair appeared beside the wrinkled Fernan out of thin air.

"You! Murray! Stop sneaking around people like a creep. Also, what do you want with me? Just leave me alone." Pagoda master Fernan bellowed, feeling a headache coming his way.

"Her her her, I know those eyes better than anyone, don't you wanna dig those precious secrets hidden inside his body one by one and make it all yours?" Murray whispered after abruptly changing positions as she appeared right beside the Pagoda master Fernan's ear.

"Hmph, even if what you're saying was true and I was after his secrets, why would I need your help?" Fernan stated while harrumphing coldly.

"Her her her, think about it, a lot of eyes are currently zooming on him, how are you going to make your move like that? Also, you're not going to actually lose anything from this cooperation since I don't want anything tangible he has like the ring... all I ask for is a chance to learn the secrets and techniques which might be hidden inside his body and brain." Murray proclaimed as a wide grin appeared on her wrinkled and toothless mouth.

"Alright, but first, elaborate what you have in mind." Listening to her rather harmless proposal, Fernan decided to hear what she has to say before deciding.

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"First, let's go somewhere private and then talk more about this." Murray muttered.

"Alright, let's go to my pagoda." As they both agreed upon it, they began to walk in a certain direction.

However, while they were on their way toward a certain pagoda, Murray questioned, "Aren't you afraid that he might have a special background? Did you think of that at all?"

"Haha... Of course, I thought about it... but why would he have a special background? He is just a weak mortal, I don't think anyone would care about him or that those who care about him are even that strong... more importantly, if he had a special or strong background, why would he bother coming here? I say he stumbled upon a great fortune or that he has obtained some kind of heavenly treasure or something similar." Pagoda master Fernan explained with a laugh.

"That makes sense." Nodding her head, Murray agreed.

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In the meantime, Virus and the company walked back to the pagoda with the alchemy pagoda master.

When they were finally at their destination, the pagoda master uttered, "Vee, come with me to my personal room, I have something to say to you in private."

"Sure." Virus replied.

Hearing this, Astes got worried as she looked at Virus before vocalizing, "Master, may I follow you too?"

"No, I want to talk to Vee in private, you two wait outside." Shaking his head, the pagoda master responded.

The golden beauty was tense at this point as she was looking at Virus, waiting for his order.

Seeing this, Virus grinned as he voiced, "Just wait outside."

Listening to his words, in total understanding, the golden beauty nodded her head.

After that, the two entered a room and closed its door while the golden beauty and Astes waited outside for Virus to come back.

"Sit, let me make some of my favorite tea for you." Said the pagoda master with a gentle smile after closing the door behind himself.

After that, around five minutes had passed when the elder finally seemed to be done making tea as he came back from another room connected to his own with two cups of tea on his hands.

Afterward, placing one of them in front of Virus, he said, "Drink it, I'm sure you will love it!"

"Sure." Virus replied as he picked the cup and took a small sip from it.

"How is it?" The pagoda master asked curiously, wanting to hear his response.

"Well... to be honest, this tea is nothing special... and from the place I come from... only the worst quality teas could be compared to this one." Virus answered his master's question in all honesty.

However, the pagoda master was suddenly startled upon hearing Virus' response as his mind began to revolve and go in motion as the fog which was previously occupying his mind finally seemed to have started to disappear,

'Nothing special? Worst quality? But this is the best quality tea... probably on the whole planet! How could... wait... he said from the place he comes from...'

'Just in what kind of place could the best quality tea be considered the worst?'

'Could it be...? The ring... his peak-level talent, his way of behavior... damn it... nothing is normal about him. Just, who have I accepted as my disciple?!' As his thoughts came here, his plan of the things he was going to say changed immediately, 'No, I know almost nothing about him nor his background, I shouldn't say those things or anything careless to him, let me just... but, why would someone with a stronger background than the Silver Sky Sect even bother coming here?'

As he pondered until here, he looked at Virus and voiced, "Worst quality? Really? Can you bring me some later?"

"Sure." In a very relaxed tone, Virus uttered.

'So he can still go back to the place he came from... which means... he's not banished or anything...'

"I will be looking forward to that tea then, haha." The pagoda master muttered with a laugh.

"So, what did you want to say to me which needed us to be alone?" Virus questioned with an expressionless face as he stared straightly into the pagoda master's eyes without batting an eyelid.

Seeing his emotionless stare, the pagoda master got this feeling as if his disciple's eyes were currently seeing everything which was going on inside his mind and this made his forehead filled with beads of sweat unconsciously.

"Ah... just wanted to ask, what is that ring you just used in the contest?" Quickly thinking of something, the pagoda master threw a random question about which he was really curious about.

"Odd, why would that need us to be alone? You could've just asked me that outside in front of the other two." Virus questioned with a confused tone while staring at his master.

However, inside himself, he thought, 'You fool.'

Even more beads of sweat appeared on the pagoda master's forehead after hearing Virus' question as he replied with a louder voice which didn't have a harmony like before, "I... just thought... that maybe you don't want others to know about this or that you might feel uncomfortable answering to it in front of others."

"Hmm, Lil Belle cannot be considered as 'Others' to me, she's an extremely precious person in my life. From now on, whatever you want to say to me, you can say it in front of her, and about Astes, she's the only person in this sect who I accept as my apprentice-sister and she's actually to my liking, so she's fine too " Virus stated.

"I see... okay, I will do that from now onward." Heaving a sigh of relief inside, the pagoda master voiced.

"And about the ring, even if I explain what it is to you... you wouldn't understand a thing related to it. So why bother? Let's just say it's something I picked up from the place I came from." Virus added.

"I see, it's just that the ring is rather special... I've never seen a treasure which is in the shape of a ring and can change its shape to cover the arms and legs of its owner in an instant... and more shockingly... it can make even a mortal so fast and strong... that's why I'm really curious about it." The pagoda master voiced calmly, but inside, he was a little angry as he thought, 'I wouldn't understand? Just say you don't want to explain.'

"Well, that's understandable, if there is nothing else, I shall take my leave then." Virus uttered.

"Yes yes... take care, and be very careful! It's best if you don't leave the pagoda." The pagoda master said.

"I shall do that." Virus agreed as he stood up and walked out of the room as the pagoda master just watched him leave.

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When he was outside, he saw that both Astes and the golden beauty were still waiting outside.

The moment Astes saw Virus come out, she whispered worriedly, "So junior brother, what did master say? Did he try snatching the ring from you?"

"Haha, why would he do that... He just wanted to know about the ring... and he also asked me to stay in the pagoda, just to be safe.

"Eh... really? That's weird... I thought he would at least try buying the ring from you... or fooling you somehow into giving it to him..." Confused, Astes mumbled.