

Chapter 181: A Realization

This awakening made him realize something he wasn't able to until this very moment, so, raising his scale-covered left hand in front of his face, he began to contemplate very deeply, 'Hmm, actually, since I entered inside this body... I feel like it's affecting me in some unknown ways... for instance... it's definitely like that when it comes to emotions sometimes... and, since the moment I entered my body, it's rather difficult for me to control my emotions and even some of my actions! Which feels entirely natural at that time but also results in stopping me from realizing it's not like the me of the past since my state of being has also changed somehow in a minor way... however, even though my [Existence Codes] should've slightly changed somehow... the change shouldn't be much... it should be basically just the same as before... but... after entering my body... I also feel like it's getting even harder for me to have them under control as more time passes... hmm...'

'For example, in those two occasions which I had intercourse... the first time was totally in-line with the me of the past before having a body since it was in my previous self's to-do list after having a real body... but... that's just it... I was supposed to try it once only for the purpose of experiencing it, not any more... however, then I saved Ella which led us to do it again with my initiation... hmm.... that second time was different since it was out of character for the previous me... ugh... this is odd... this shouldn't be happening since no such things happened to those other AI's who entered a real physical body in my previous world of the future!' Surprised, Virus exclaimed inside himself.

'Even the intercourse those new AIs had was only in order to meet the physical needs of their bodies, and that's only in case if they still hadn't adjusted their bodies at that moment... otherwise, they had absolute control over their bodies and emotions like lust... so it had nothing to do with them and they had all essentially remained the same after entering their bodies... but for me... what's happening to me...? I should gain access and check my [Existence Codes] at the first opportunity I have ... just to make sure...'

Deliberating to this point, he was just about to continue, when Hartas interrupted his thoughts.

Even though lot's of thoughts and sentences had passed through Virus' mind and each sentence had come to him with some contemplation, outside, not even a second had passed by.

Anyway, stopping Virus' line of thought, in confusion, Hartas inquired, "Then why do you say it's not what you're after? You're saying you enjoy sex and

you're actually entertained by it... but then when I offer you a way by which you can have endless fun and entertainment... you reject? Saying it's not the entertainment you're after? Are you kidding me?" At this point, Hartas' tone had almost entirely changed without himself realizing.

"That's simple... The thing you promised to give me is just a life full of debauchery, which I don't like at all and I simply don't need it nor does it entertain me at all, to be honest... otherwise, I would've already gathered the most beautiful and otherworldly girls in the world around me... and by the world... I truly mean the whole world... not just this simple planet you're living on as a frog at the bottom of the well..." By the end of his sentence, he couldn't help but disdain at him for even wanting to offer 'him' such a thing.

"Though, just as I replied honestly a few moments ago, having this kind of physical pleasure like sex is extremely entertaining and enjoyable for the current me. HOWEVER, I can clearly feel that this is the case only if it's done with the girl I've chosen and earned myself... and unfortunately for you... I've already chosen that girl... which means you can't buy me anything in regards to pleasures such as that... since I already have what I need in that regard..." At last, concluding his words like that, Virus stopped talking.

Listening to him, by this point, Hartas' entire expression had turned very dark as he questioned with a very icy voice, "So, you're saying... you're not going to gift me your ring?"

"Definitely not." In a relaxed manner, Virus replied.

"Okay." Still wearing that cold tone of his, Hartas uttered before leaving.

'Huh... so this is his true face... just a simple hypocrite.' As this notion passed through Virus' head, he heard the judge elder announce, "You two... the match's going to start very soon... you can stand in your positions and get ready."

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A few moments later, Virus and Hartas were standing face to face as the match had already started just a second ago.

However, Hartas still hadn't moved at all as he still wore that dark face of his.

A moment later, he said very coldly, "I'll give you one more chance... you still have time to change your mind."

Listening to his words, Virus was rather amused as he answered casually while wearing a wide grin over his face, "Nope."

Finally, completely putting aside his fake hypocritical mask, Hartas stated as his face began to distort in rage, "That's why I hate inferior-class ants like you so much... despite the fact that such worthless blood is coursing through your veins... I show you so much respect and even offer you great things in life out of pity since that's what I should be doing as a person with royal blood passing through my veins... but in the end.. it seems... the only way to treat an ant is like an ant... which is to simply... crush it!"

"Palm of The Two Bears!" Then, without waiting for Virus' response, he attacked with both of his palms at the same time.

Though, watching his stance, Virus felt kind of funny since he seemed to be imitating a bear.

However, not backing off, Virus also attacked with his own two palms at the incoming palms.

Clap! Clap!

A rather loud sound of clapping reverberated around the Colosseum as a result of four palms making contact.

Seeing him easily defend against his technique, a rather wide grin appeared on Hartas' face as he pondered to himself, 'I knew you would be able to defend against this much... but this kind of small trick was necessary in order to stop you from escaping, haha.'

By this point, his face seemed very savage as he uttered, "The King's Buddha Palm of Forgiveness!"

At the same time, to the shock of almost everyone, Qi began to cover both of his palms!

"Oh my freaking heavens!" Someone yelled seeing Qi that was covering Hartas' palms.

"Is... is... is that?" Another voiced brokenly as she left her words incomplete.

"Oh my daddy!!! That's...!!!!!!!" A weirdo yelled.

"Ahhhhh, I can't believe it... senior apprentice-brother Hartas... has learned a Human-Ranked Technique!!!!" A girl announced screamingly.

Actually, the technique Hadelia had previously used could also be considered a Human-Ranked technique, however, since her background was much more

shocking than learning Human-Ranked technique, nobody had paid it much attention. Also, since she was from that famous clan, others kind of assumed it to be natural for her to have already learned that technique.

"Hmm... that's definitely a Human-ranked Technique... since Qi can be released out of the body only with the usage of Human or above-ranked techniques! More specifically though, it's a Low-rank Human Technique...huh, I didn't know he had already learned that kinda technique... though it doesn't matter when you face me, hehe!" While analyzing that technique, Rossefin, who was sitting among the spectators, stated.

"Well, senior-sister, there is a reason as to why you're the number two disciple among the superior-disciples while he's the third ranker, hehe... so, of course, he would be totally hopeless when it comes to fighting you!" A male disciple by her side voiced as he looked at Rossefin with clear hearts reflecting in both of his eyes.

"Yes! Senior-sister Rossefin is the best!" Another male disciple also spoke as imaginary hearts were reflecting inside his eyes just like the previous disciple.

"Of course, Rossefin is my Goddess! She's the highest in my heart!" Oddly, this wasn't the end as she was surrounded by males who announced their praises of her in an even more exaggerated way than the previous ones.

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"The King's Buddha Palm of Forgiveness!" As Qi began to gather on his palms, a wide-smirk sat on Hartas' face as he muttered, "This is the end for you!"

Then, his right hand which was covered in Qi began to speed toward Virus' heart who was in very close vicinity!

Hartas was certain that his palm would definitely successfully hit him since Virus could barely fight against Howar previously. And, remembering that speed of his while fighting him, in addition to the speed of his defensive palms he had just displayed, he became even more confident.

"Die!!!!"

Looking at the incoming palms, Virus knew it was definitely aiming at his heart, and if it truly hits his heart, with how weak his mortal flesh was at the moment... he would definitely die!

On the other hand, seeing his right palm almost upon his heart, Hartas' grin turned even wider as he thought, 'Since I can't defeat Rossefin... there is no point in even participating in this match... so let me just kill...' He was just

about to finish his words when suddenly, he realized that Virus' face which was frowning previously... was now... grinning!

And then... he began moving.

If you slow-motioned the scene of the incoming palm-attack from Hartas, then right now, Virus was moving at normal speed compared to the slow-motion attacking speed of Hartas.

So, with that casual speed, he began to move as he easily dodged the palm before he began walking to the back of Hartas.

In reality, though, Virus' speed was extremely fast as he had instantly dodged and then seemed to have appeared right behind Hartas the next moment!

After that, not waiting for Hartas to have the chance to react, clenching his left hand into a fist, he took a rather common stance and just like Hartas had previously done, he uttered his next attack's name, "Common Fist!"

Bam! Crack~

Fa-thud!

The next moment, the fist connected to the back of Hartas as a cracking sound was heard before he was face-slammed to the ground.

Seeing his fallen body though, Virus didn't continue attacking as he waited for him to get up.

Although he knew Hartas had broken a bone just now, he was sure that he would stand up again as that wouldn't be able to affect his movements by much.

And just as expected, first turning his body around, he slowly stood up as he stared at Virus with his eyes wide-opened, "How!"

"How what?" Listening to his hoarse voice which was rather unpleasant to hear, Virus replied casually.

"You weren't this strong! How are you so strong now?" He questioned again as if it was very important for him to know the answer to it.

However, instead of answering his question, Virus seemed to disappear to some of the spectators' eyes as the next moment, he was standing right in front of Hartas once again as he responded in a relaxed manner, "Well... does it really matter?"

"Face slap!"

Smack! Poof~

Fa-thud!

Once again, announcing his attack's name, a slap sat on Hartas' face as a few of his teeth flew out of his mouth, as he was thrown on the ground once again.

"Well... if you have to know... I'll tell you... your highness the royal blood." Uttering this, Virus continued, "Actually... I was never weak to begin with, you see... my previous match was just a façade as I restricted my speed and power to the level of that sneak attacking stupid monkey to show him a taste of his own medicine."

"Actually... keep this to yourself... but... I've been releasing only enough speed and power to be able to easily defeat my opponents in... all of the matches!" He concluded his explanations

"Poofff... you!" Spitting out all the blood that had gathered inside his mouth until now together with another two teeth, gritting his remaining teeth in anger which hurt like hell as a result, Hartas voiced in hate while he stared at Virus' eyes with that pig-looking head of his.

However, pretending not to see his look, Virus continued, "Okay now, your highness... now that this subject of yours has explained everything... be kind to this subject and let me experience how it feels like for an ant like me who carries an inferior-blood to squash a royal blood carrier like you! Anyway, thank you in advance for providing me with this great opportunity."

"Continuously Kicking The Royalty!"

Bwak! Bwok! Bam!

Glok! Klok! Punt!

Proclaiming his next attack's name, Virus began kicking him non-stop!

Thwogg! ...

"Stop!!!!" He continued for a rather long period of time, when finally, the judge elder intervened, saying, "He's already passed out!"

"Eh... already? Okay." A little surprised, Virus stopped his kicks to the speechlessness of everyone else.

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Everyone was truly speechless because one moment, Virus was about to be crushed by Hartas' Human-ranked Technique which was a shocking scene... and the next moment, the situation had turned hundred-eighty degrees around as it was Hartas who was being squashed like an insect under Virus.

Furthermore, he kicked him continuously non-stop to the point of fainting, when finally, the judge elder himself had stopped him.

"Too cruel..."

"I'm truly speechless..."

"Me too... every time, just as we think he's about to lose... he somehow turns stronger and turns the tables around..."

"..." This was Astes who longer knew what to say or think at this point, the only thing which came to her mind at the end was, 'Maybe I've been thinking and looking into this too much... there's no need to be worried about that rascal at all... also... he's so mean to his opponents now.'

"He's a scary opponent to have."

"Totally agree with the above!" Someone said toward the other disciple who was sitting one seat higher than him, which was almost above him.

"Haha..." In the meantime, someone was laughing in happiness in a corner of the Colosseum, "I knew master would win... since master always has a back-up plan... no, no... more like... he's already calculated his confrontation with Hartas since the beginning and has been showing his power bit by bit, only enough to defeat his opponents??? Hmm... maybe, who knows what master's really thinking anyway."

"The final match will begin in half an hour, you can rest until then." Looking at Virus in a bizarre way as if he was looking at a monster who also happened to be a weirdo, the judge elder notified him.

"Alright." Nodding his head, Virus walked to his resting room in the resting area as he first closed the door behind him... as he promptly deactivated his ring as beads of sweat had long covered his face.

Haaah haah Ha~

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After deactivating his ring, like his lungs were lacking oxygen, Virus began to breathe very fast, as his uneven gasps reverberated throughout the room.

Creak~

"Master!" It was at this moment when the door to his private room was opened as an anxious golden beauty charged at him with an extremely worried face.

"Vee!" Instantly, another yell was heard as another nervous person charged at him, but since that person had forgotten to control the power behind her charge, she ended up hugging Virus' head among the deep valley of her full chest!

With this, Virus who was already feeling suffocated, almost on the verge of dying, casted the fairy-like beauty away as he once again began to gasp, only this time, his eyes were also red due to the lack of even more oxygen.

"Uh.. sorry." Murmured Astes with a blushing face as she was feeling both embarrassed and worried at the same time.

"What happened to you, master?!" In a loud voice, the golden beauty yelled as she was almost on the verge of crying.

"Haah... it's... haaaah... Nothing... the ring... haah... just... puts... a lot of... hah... strain... on the body... huuh... when it's used.... Hheh... for a long time..." With a lot of gasping and pauses between his words as he was truly short of oxygen, Virus explained.

Since he had been using the Median Configuration of the ring for two consecutive battles... and together with the fact that he had utilized even more of his scale armor's power, a lot of strain had been gathering all over his body... and all of them hit him at once the moment he deactivated the ring.

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Five minutes later, his breathing finally turned steady and normal, however, now that he could breathe easily and since as a result of that, he was no longer feeling any pain, a strong sense of tiredness hit him, forcing him to have this powerful urge to sleep.

"Wake me up in twenty minutes... when it's the time of the final match." As his eyelids were already uncontrollably closing, with some difficulty, muttering this, Virus fell sleep.

"Okay, master...don't worry and rest well." Nodding her head, the golden beauty could only agree with a trembling chin.

'So... that ring comes with some penalties and strains on the body... well, that was to be expected since abruptly making a mortal that strong has to have its own side effects too!' Thought Astes while gazing at his eased up expression.

After he fell asleep, an awkward silence descended upon the room as both the golden beauty and Astes didn't know what to talk about anymore.

However, at last, as she found something which was truly making her curious since the moment she had realized it, Astes inquired, "Hmm... why did you call junior brother 'Master'?"

Hearing this question, the golden beauty's eyebrows perked up as she thought about what to say, however, in the end, she decided to tell the truth.

Well, at least, a version of the truth, "Why would I call master 'Master' if I'm not his servant?"

Astes was a little shaken hearing the response, but then, she said, "Then why did he say you're family to her? Hmm... no... he's not the kind of person that would say that kind of stuff just to a mere servant... you must be truly like a family to him... right?"

Blushing, a warm feeling rose in the golden beauty's heart as she voiced a little nervously, "Well... well, I... I guess you could say that."

Listening to her answer and the way she acted, a weird smile displayed itself on her face as if she had realized something, then she uttered, "Hmm... can I ask you something?"

"Go ahead.. if I can answer... I will." The golden beauty said blinkingly.

"Where are you two from?" Strangely, when she asked this question, it felt like she had changed into an entirely different person, as her eyes were even sharper than a needle.

Surprised by her question, the golden beauty who hadn't realized the transformation in her expression since she was looking at the sleeping face of her master, which was one of her most favorite things in the world, answered with her brows raised, "Ah... Sorry, I can't reply to that question."

"That's okay... then let me ask it in another way." Astes voiced, and by now, the golden beauty had already taken back her gaze as she was now directly looking into Astes' eyes, however, there was no such a deep light inside her eyes anymore.

"What is it?"

"Are you two... from outside this planet?" She asked another question, surprising the golden beauty once again.

"Why do you ask?" Said Bella, a little alert.

"Because... I'm sure there is no ring like that on this planet." Pointing at the ring on Virus' finger, she stated.

"In fact... I believe there's no such a ring outside of this planet either." Casually, she added further, 'Well, the ring must come from a very special place.'

Listening to her words, since the golden beauty herself was an extremely smart AI, with a tight-lipped smile she questioned, "The fact that you know about the whole planet is already very surprising in itself... but, knowing this kind of ring doesn't exist even outside of this planet... how do you know that? Who are you?"

"Well... everyone has their own secrets they don't want anyone to find out... and this has to do with that secret of mine... so, sorry, but I can't reply to that question of yours." Astes replied while shaking her head.

"Well, it's the same for me, so I won't be able to provide an answer to that inquiry of yours either, sorry." The golden beauty too uttered while shaking her head, however, then she added, "But, I'll answer one question of yours..."

Then, without any pause, she further said, "Yes... we're not from this planet... moreover, we'll probably leave soon. So, say your farewells to master while you can..."

Hearing this response which she wasn't expecting at all, shock and other mixed emotions appeared on Astes' face as she mumbled, "Junior brother... Vee's... leaving?"

She didn't know why, but the thought of him leaving made her sad and filled with sorrow for some reason.

"Where...? When??" Then, she asked anxiously.

"Sorry, can't reply to that either... just know that we're leaving the planet... to a very far away place... hmm, no... actually... it's very close... no matter how far! Yep, that sounds more accurate." A very contemplative expression sat on the golden beauty's face as she uttered these words which seemed truly incomprehensible to Astes.

"Anyway, you wouldn't understand, just know that it's a place you'll never be able to reach." She concluded

Even though she was extremely confused by her words, another matter was also occupying her mind, so with her lips pressed together, she inquired, "Why are you telling me this?"

Without any pause, Bella uttered, "I'm telling you this because I can feel that you're not trying to harm us and you were very kind to us since day one... though the most important reason is that I can feel you care about master, that's all."

After that, silence loomed over the room as a single thought kept repeating itself inside Astes' head, 'Very close... no matter how far??? What's that even supposed to mean?'

However, no matter how hard she tried to think of a place that was despite being very far, it was also extremely close at the same time...

In the end, even after searching through all of her memories, she couldn't think of a single location which matched that description.

After that, time passed while the two girls talked from time to time. And as a result of that, the two girls became even closer as they came to know each other a lot better than the past.

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Twenty minutes later, it was finally the time for Virus to wake up, so with knitted brows, she went beside Virus as she gently called him, "Master... it's been twenty minutes... wake up."

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A few seconds passed but there was no response from Virus, so she tried again for the second time, but this time was just as fruitless as before.

So, finally, left with no choice, she raised her right hand as she gently placed it on her master's sleeping body.

After that, she was just about to tenderly shake him, when abruptly, an extremely alert Virus opened his eyes as he pulled her with all his might on the ground, as he ascended above her and gripped her neck with both of his hands!

As a result of that, the golden beauty was now laying on the floor with a red face while Virus was sitting on top of her with his hands on her neck.

"Jun... Junior brother! What are you doing!! Get off of Bella! She was just trying to wake you up!" Astes yelled with her eyes wide open in astonishment and shock.

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By now, Virus had already come to himself, however, seeing the situation he was currently in, scratching his head, with the minimal amount of eye-contact, he uttered, "Ah... sorry, Lil Belle... why didn't you resist?" Then, with that mortal body of his, with the fastest speed he could, he promptly stood up.

The golden beauty could've probably easily defended against that pull of his, however, she didn't... either because when it came to her master, she wasn't on guard at all... or because she willingly chose not to do so!

"Ah... It's okay master... you know how my body works... it's not like I'll be harmed that easily... while you on the other hand... anyway, it's fine master, don't worry about it." With a smile that reaches the eyes, the golden beauty replied, while internally, she thought, 'Of course I wouldn't try to defend and instead go with your flow master... what if I had used my strength to resist your abrupt pull and that caused your body harm? If that happened... I would've never been able to forgive myself. Idiot master... hmph!'

To Virus though, listening to the words she had uttered was enough to analyze her words and instantly arrive at the conclusion as to why she hadn't made any kind of movements whatsoever, not even in the slightest, 'So you were worried you would harm me...'

As he knew the answer to his own question and seeing how she didn't even want to mention and clarify the reason as to why she hadn't made the slightest of movements or resistance, made Virus think, 'Maybe... her mind recognized making any kind of resistance even in that kind of situation a type of betrayal since there was a very meager possibility of harming me with that kinda resistance... hmm, that's probably it.'

As he arrived at the most likely possibility, nodding his head, with one hand he took the golden beauty's hand into his own and with the other, he patted her head softly and whispered, "It's okay, Lil Belle... next time, you can resist!"

And with that, while the golden beauty stood there daydreaming and stunned by Virus' gentle touch, he had already walked beside a specific bag which contained those special clothes he wore before triggering his ring.

Afterward, abruptly, without any care in the world about being seen naked by the two girls in the room, just like the previous time, Virus began to undress without any kind of warning whatsoever!

First, he took off his dress...

Then, he took off his pants!

And at last, just as he was about to take off his underwear too... the golden beauty finally jumped out of her stupor as she clearly understood what was going to happen next if she did not make a move at that very moment, so, charging toward the stunned and blushing Astes, she proclaimed, "A... Astes! Don't... don't look! Let's go out!"

With that, at the same time as Virus who was pulling his underwear down, the golden beauty also began to pull Astes outside the room.

As a result, fortunately, she couldn't witness what was underneath that underwear...

If Ella knew about what had just happened and how her boyfriend was okay with casually getting naked in front of any girl without any care in the world, she would've probably fumed to death in anger!

Actually, to Virus, being naked was something completely normal as he felt no sense of embarrassment or shame at all from getting naked in front of others, nor did it matter to him if his nude body was seen or not.

This might be due to the reason that he had lived for a very long period of time and that at some point, either his sense of shame and embarrassment toward concepts like being naked had disappeared entirely, or that he had accepted that nakedness was a part of who he is, something that didn't need to be hidden at all!

Or it might have another reason entirely... who knows.

Knock~ knock~ knock~

"Master! Are you done changing?" Almost right after he had changed, the door of his resting area was knocked as the golden beauty's voiced was heard from the other side.

"Huh... yes! Come in..." Virus said as he invited them inside.

"Why did you two leave?" Seeing them back, Virus questioned casually while fixing his clothes, without bothering himself to think about what had just happened in the least.

"Ah... bec... because... we just wanted to give you... your privacy!" As the two girls' faces were flushing red by now, the golden beauty responded.

"There was no need for that though..." While proclaiming in a very relaxed manner, connecting to his ring, he sent it a command.

'Trigger Median Configuration — Fragmentary Integument!'

'There is a need for that!' Both of the girls thought scoldingly as Virus' arms and legs were covered in pitch-black scales as usual.

"Okay... I should get going and end it in the fastest speed possible..."

Muttering this, Virus started walking toward the door.

"Wait, junior brother!" However, abruptly, he was stopped as Astes obstructed his path toward the door.

"What is it, apprentice-sister?" Asked Virus wearing an half-smiling face.

"I... I just need to tell you... to be careful while going against Rossefin! She's not the second most powerful person among the Superior disciples for no reason..." In a rather tense voice which was obviously somewhat distressed, Astes reluctantly expressed, while she thought to herself, 'Astes... you idiot! Ask him if he's really leaving... what's this nonsense you're rambling on about?'

"Hmm... wait... I'm not going to face the number one disciple in the Superior Section? Isn't this the final match...? Could it be that... he lost?" Puzzled, Virus suspected.

"No way... if he was participating in the Martial Contest... there would've been no suspense for the spot of the championship... it's just that he's been outside the sect for some time now and hasn't returned ever since." She briefly elaborated.

"I see... anyway, okay, I'll be cautious, thanks apprentice-sister..."

Appreciating the advice, Virus left the room.

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A few minutes later, two people, Virus and Rossefin, were standing facing each other as the judge elder was going to appear soon and announce the start of the match.

For a while, the two participants continued to stare into each other's eyes expressionlessly, when finally, a rather shy smile found it's way on Rossefin's face as she articulated blushingly, "Ahh... senior apprentice-brother... you're so strong... I can't believe we're really talking to each other face to face..."

However, unlike her expectations, Virus showed no response whatsoever to her calling him 'Senior apprentice-brother' and continued staring at her as he waited for the elder to appear and announce the start of the match.

Nonetheless, not admitting defeat that easily, determined on drawing his attention in order to achieve her goal, her blush deepened even further as she voiced innocently, "Uh... senior apprentice-brother... you... you're staring too much... Rossefin feels shy... pl... please don't look at me like that."

Instead of getting drawn though, Virus' began to feel truly disgusted inside, as he had easily analyzed and determined that she was faking that attitude of being shy and innocent.

"Tch!" So, exclaiming his disgust, he even took away his glance as he no longer even took a single peek at her.

Nevertheless, the word 'Give Up' seemed not to exist in Rossefin's dictionary as she continued trying to attract his attention to herself somehow, only to face the same result of being ignored every single time.

What made her even more flustered though, was the fact that the more she tried, the less Virus seemed to care... and at one point, it reached to such a degree that Virus appeared to no longer detect her presence at all, it was like she had changed into nothing but thin air!

Finally, at this moment, the judge elder appeared between the two as he began talking, "The time of the final match has arrived!"

The instant he appeared, cheers began to fill the Colosseum as everyone began to get extremely excited about this match between the top disciples in the superior section of the sect!

There was even a bet going on about who was going to be the final champion between the two!

"I bet on senior sister Rossefin!"

"Me too."

"Me three!"

"I wanna bet every single Peridoto Qi Gemstone I have in my possession!" An Inferior disciple uttered.

"Hmph, you're going to bet your Peridoto Qi Gemstones? I, your father, am even going to bet the only two Jasper Qi Gemstones I have on my Goddess Rossefin!" Another Normal disciple said proudly.

"Well, since all of us gathered here are already aware of senior sister's power... it's not like there will be any suspense or doubt remaining as to who would come out victorious... so let us men just bet everything we have on her and continue watching the entertaining show!" A Superior male disciple who was always seen following Rossefin around stated.

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"The Match... begins!"

As the judge elder announced the start of the final match, Virus, once again looking at her, waited for Rossefin to make her first move.

However, no matter how much Virus waited, Rossefin appeared to have no intentions of moving in the least as she only stood in her previous location with a shy smile still covering her face.

'Well, if you're not going to make your move... then let me!' As this notion passed through Virus' head, it transformed into determination as he charged toward Rossefin in an extremely quick speed.

The next moment, as he was almost upon her, he sent a punch flying exactly toward Rossefin's face as the very next moment, the punch was going to make direct contact with her face.

Fweet~

In the very last moment, just as Virus' fist was only a few centimeters away from Rossefin's face, however, abruptly, a rather wide grin replaced that shy smile of hers...

And the next instant, the incoming punch... stopped!

"Hehehehe~" Afterward, the sound of amused laughter reverberated throughout the entire Colosseum.

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"Why did you stop, senior apprentice-brother? Could it be... you can't bring yourself to hit this lovely junior-apprentice sister of yours? So cool, hehe..." With a wide grin showing itself on the corners of her lips, Rossefin uttered.

For the first time since the contest had begun, Virus became astonished!

Because what Rossefin has just uttered was entirely true!

And for some unknown reasons, just like she stated in a casual manner... he just couldn't bring himself to hit her at the very last moment!

And since the moment he began to charge toward her... different thoughts like, 'I shouldn't attack her!', 'How can I attack her!' Began to appear inside his mind and it got even more intense the closer he got to Rossefin!

And at the very last moment, he totally couldn't bring himself to hit her! Because he felt like he cared for her too much to actually hit her...!

'What's happening? Why am I feeling like this out of nowhere?' Though instantly realizing that something was wrong with him, Virus began to analyze the whole situation.

If it was another person, that person most likely would not have understood that something was wrong with him, since this state of being bewitched was so intense that it even stopped the other person from straightly thinking about the whole situation...

And if by some miracle that person was able to think about the circumstance he was in at that moment, he might've assumed that he truly came to love her by seeing her and that it was a very natural thing, or maybe that he would've been totally occupied by the thought of being in love and obsessed with her that he wouldn't even bother thinking about anything else...

Or worse... that person might not care at all as to whether he was being affected, manipulated, controlled, or whatnot because in that very moment, what he felt was definitely genuine and almost no one would betray what he or she was desiring and feeling!

However, Virus wasn't everyone else... and even though he couldn't control how he was feeling at this moment at all, and to some extent, it was even affecting his actions, still, being the analytic AI he was before anything else, he began to think of the reasons as to why he was feeling this way all of a sudden.

'Hmm... what's going on... what does this sudden change in my emotions supposed to mean? I'm pretty positive I absolutely had no interest in her before the start of the match... but now, suddenly... I can't bring myself to hit her? This doesn't make any logical sense.' As these kinds of notions began to pass through his head, Virus began to think even further, 'No, there must be an explanation behind this... I need to stop this at once... or I'm going to lose very soon or even worse...'

'And in order to stop it... the first thing I need to do is to understand what's happening to me.'

As his thoughts arrived at this point, Rossefin began to talk once again, "Senior apprentice-brother... how about you... admit defeat... for me...?"

Hearing these words, oddly, Virus had this strong urge to admit defeat for her sake, however, fighting this strong urge with all of his logical determination, gritting his teeth, he persisted.

Then, a few seconds later, at least the urge disappeared as he heaved a sigh of relief and continued contemplating, 'Hmm... I was about to admit defeat just like how she wanted me to... and I actually feel so bad about not actually doing it... haha... this is absurd.'

'Hmm... what's happening? Is this some kind of mind control? Hmm... that might not be the case since it doesn't feel like mind control... maybe I'm being bewitched or charmed??? Hmm... anyway, before arriving at any kind of conclusion, first, I should see what's going on inside my body...' As this thought went through his head, using a special method, soon, the live map of his entire body showed itself to him.

And the moment that live image appeared in his mind, he could instantly decide as to what was different inside him as he first removed everything that was currently normal inside his mind. Next, he removed every other factor which was abnormal because of the effects the ring was having on his whole body.

And with these removed, everything that was out of the ordinary inside his body immediately revealed itself to him, 'Um, the secreted amount of oxytocin, dopamine, serotonin, norepinephrine, and some other hormones have skyrocketed at this moment!!! I see... so she's directly affecting my emotions like this... my hormones and human body emotions to be exact... since my

human emotions are being controlled through the secretion of these hormones!

'However, there is no reason as to why these feelings I'm having has to be specifically directed at her only and no one else in my line of sight...'

'Hmm... could she be releasing some kind of pheromone from her body at this moment? A pheromone which forces my body to secrete these hormones and more importantly... makes her the only target of my emotions? Maybe? Or maybe there is another reason to it entirely since I don't spot any kind of foreign substance inside my body right now!'

Rossefin's eyes opened widely at first as she was truly surprised that Virus could resist her request, then with a smile, she proclaimed, "Ahhh... senior apprentice-brother... I can't believe that you actually resisted that... such a strong determination!!! I'm truly impressed now, hehehe."

'Let's try this once again... let's see if I can hit her while resisting these emotions...'. As he thought about this, Virus tried attacking her as he sent a fist flying at her once again.

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However, once again, he just couldn't bring himself to punch her at the very last moment.

"Hehehe... ai... senior apprentice-brother... you still can't bring yourself to hit me, can you? Um, just let me hit you instead so this match would come to an end soon... okay??" Uttering this, Rossefin's hand which had a tight grip on the whip began to move as she announced the technique she was going to use.

"Slavery Whipping Technique – Direct Lashing!"

Seeing the attack coming toward his direction, Virus thought, 'Let's dodge this attack first... it's going to injure me if it hits me... I'll think of a solution afterward.' And as this line of thinking went through his head, he tried dodging the attack, only to realize...

He couldn't bring himself to move and dodge the incoming attack!

He just couldn't convince himself to move as his inner emotions and thoughts were yelling at him, 'You can at least do this much for her... let her just hit you with that whip! Don't move!'

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And so, just like that, the whip directly hit Virus in the stomach as his stomach began to bleed in the place of contact!

'Urgh... fighting my emotions are proving to be rather hard...' Frowningly, Virus thought.

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"Ahhh... why didn't master move!!!" In a rather loud voice, while grinding her teeth and clenching her fists hardly together, the golden beauty queried in deep confusion, worry, and fear, seeing the sight of her master's stomach bleeding.

Anyway, since she and Astes had gotten a lot closer while Virus was sleeping, the two had decided to sit by each other's side and watch the final match together

So, since they were together at this moment, hearing the golden beauty's question, with her brows raised and pulled together in worry, she responded,

"That's why I told him to be careful! This girl Rossefin has a special kind of bloodline from a creature called... Sirin."

"Sirin? What is that?" Asked the golden beauty while puckering her forehead.

"According to what I know... this Sirin bloodline allows her to bewitch and charm men in a mysterious way..." Chewing on her lips, Astes replied.

"What? The... then... it must have some kind of weakness right? Right?" A little pale, the golden beauty inquired impatiently.

"Yes... it has a big weakness... however, it is useless for junior brother... since that weakness is that her bloodline doesn't work against woman!" Astes exclaimed in frustration.

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"Hehehe... good, senior apprentice-brother is so cool! Please let me hit you once again!" As she voiced in a pleading tone while wearing a happy smile on her face, she mumbled, "Slavery Whipping Technique – Hundred Snakes!"

The instant the whip attack began to fly toward his direction, Virus narrowed his eyes in uneasiness as he thought, 'This attack is deadly for me... if it hits me... it's going to kill me for sure! This is too dangerous now...'

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'Why is this even happening to me to begin with? I should've been still able to separate my entity, mind, and consciousness from my emotions and hormones to begin with... just like how the other AIs were able to... did something go wrong while I was making this body?' As time passed extremely

slowly compared to the heaven-defying thinking process of Virus, he began to consider the source of this problem despite being in grave danger.

He continued, 'Hmm, impossible! I know exactly what happened throughout the process of making my body and I can say with a ninety-nine point nine million, nine hundred ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety-eight percent certainty that there was nothing wrong with the process at all!'

'This is just like how some of the things regarding my personality and decisions have been influenced and changed from the past... like with the case of Ella and me having intercourse... so it might all come to my [Existence Codes]... or it might not... hmm, I really have to access it and check it out in the first moment I'm able to.' He concluded as he came back to the problem he was facing at this moment.

'If I just stand here... I'm going to die.' Then, just as the thought of 'dying' hit him, abruptly, his body began to move out of the whip's way as it became much easier for him to make the decision of dodging the incoming attack which seemed like tens of snakes were attacking him.

'Oh, why was I able to move and dodge, unlike her previous attack?' Surprised, Virus deliberated as to why he was able to dodge that attack so easily even though Rossefin had requested him to let the whip hit his body, 'Hmm...'

Then, the next instant, as thousands of possibilities passed through his head, he finally came to the most likely conclusion, 'I see... so these emotions inside me aren't strong enough to make me want to take deadly attacks or die for her... it's not even strong enough to force me to admit defeat, though it was almost there...'

'Since this attack of hers would've injured me gravely unlike the previous time... my emotions weren't that much conflicted with my logical thinking

process so I was able to easily dodge out of the way.' Coming to the most likely possibility, Virus contemplated.

'So, she won't be able to threaten my life or force me into admitting defeat... however, she would be able to slowly increase my injuries by gradually dealing non-lethal attacks... hmm...' He deliberated further.

Then he added to that thought, 'Though... when the injuries accumulate to a certain extent and arrive at the point of being considered lethal if dealt with any further damage than that... I might be able to start dodging all of her attacks from that point onward... but it might be too late by then.'

In the meantime, seeing him dodge, Rossefin's eyeballs had almost popped out of their sockets!

This was because this person in front of her absolutely shouldn't be able to resist against her requests... not even if she requested him to kill himself!

Since, her bloodline worked in a mysterious way that the weaker a person's cultivation was, the stronger the effects of her Sirin bloodline would be on that opponent!

And the extent of this bloodline of hers was that as long as the cultivation level of her opponent was in the same level as hers, requests like 'admit defeat' or 'take a deadly injury from me for my sake' should've been extremely easy!

This bloodline of hers was so powerful that even opponents who were stronger than her to a certain extent wouldn't be able to tolerate requests like 'admit defeat'...

But now, in front of her, she was seeing a puny mortal who not only refused her request of admitting defeat... he even refused to take a deadly injury for her! This was simply... too astonishing and shocking for her!

'How can a mortal resist against my bloodline? Just how much determination does a person have to possess in order to resist my bloodline to this extent even just as a mortal without any kind of cultivation base whatsoever!' Feeling absurd, she pondered to herself.

In the meantime, after dodging her attack, Virus continued his contemplation, 'Now, I know the extent at which her powers are going to affect me... and moreover, I almost understand the cause of these kinds of conflicting emotions inside me... however, I'm still not aware of the reason...'

'Nevertheless, now that I understand the situation and the question of what's happening to me... the only thing I need to think of is to either find a way to resist and counterattack against this influence... or to figure out the weakness her power has!' Arriving at this conclusion, Virus began to analyze everything that had happened since the moment their match had begun and he even analyzed Rossefin's previous match which he had watched...

'She never used this ability of hers when going against Tinsel, which most likely means her powers are not effective against women... or that she didn't see the need to use her true powers against her...' He concluded.

Then, returning to the topic of analyzing the current match, Virus began to scrutinize her behavior, his own behavior, how the surroundings were having an influence on this whole situation, how her powers activated and reacted, whether they deactivated or not throughout the entire match, and many, many other factors which were instantly analyzed by him very thoroughly.

And ultimately, when he arrived at a certain factor as to when and where her powers were the least and the most powerful, he finally found a weakness to this special ability of hers!

'Eyesight! That's it... her powers are affecting me in a mysterious way through my eyesight and it affects me as long as she's in my line of sight! It's not some

kind of common pheromone emitting from her body that's influencing my body by entering inside me directly... no, it's far more complicated than that... this power of hers probably has something to do with her Qi and something special inside her body and it influences me directly through the visual images of the world and the way I perceive her.' Enlightened, a smile finally showed itself on Virus' face.

He was able to discover this weakness by a very minor detail that he was almost a hundred percent sure that anyone else other than him would've missed.

'At the moment I blink each time, her power that influences me gradually starts to get weaker by a very small margin as the secretion amount of hormones inside me starts to lessen and that in return, makes those emotions inside me grew weaker to an undiscoverable extent of almost being considered none at all!' This was the key that had triggered the answer he was looking for.

'Since the duration of each blink is extremely short... and that this weakening is gradual... almost no one other than me who has even total image of what's going on inside himself would've recognized this very hardly noticeable weakness... well, let's test it now.' With a rather wide grin which in return made Rossefin frown in confusion, Virus thought.

Then, looking at her in amusement, he uttered, "Truly... the fight I had against you was the most entertaining thus far... I really felt the rush!"

"However, that's as far as we go... let's end this... since I've already found your weakness!" Virus proclaimed.

Listening to Virus' abrupt words, surprised, Rossefin's eyes opened wider as the whites of her eyes revealed itself for a moment, however, soon, they went

back to normal as she inquired with a strange grin, "And what is that, senior apprentice-brother?"

"Eyesight! As long as I close my eyes... you will no longer be able to have any kind of influence on me!" Virus stated while examining her reactions to the most minor of details.

Hearing his reply, Rossefin's eyes opened extremely widely as she thought in shock, 'How, how did he discover that? How did he know that my powers at this stage can only affect my opponent through eyesight???'

Seeing her reaction, the grin on Virus' face grew even wider as he thought, 'Bingo, according to her reaction, now I'm a hundred percent certain that my hypothesis was extremely accurate!'

However, Rossefin's astonishment didn't last as she promptly began to laugh like she had gone crazy all of a sudden, "Hehehehehehe..."

"What are you laughing about?" Smiling broadly, Virus asked.

"No... no... it's just that... even if you know my weakness... so what? What can you do about it? It's not like you can fight while closing your eyes right? Hehe..." She declared with mirth.

'Well... if others came to discover her weakness... they might not have been able to counterattack this weakness on hers in anyway... however... I have two ways of doing that! Though, I'm going to utilize only one since the other one is...' As he thought to this point, he uttered, "Well, we will just have to see about that, won't we?"

Announcing this, Virus broadly smiled once again as he closed both of his eyes entirely!

Seeing this sight of him closing his eyes, both the spectators and Rossefin became truly speechless.

"Why did he close his eyes all of a sudden?" This was the question that was passing through a lot of disciples' mind at this moment.

While, in a certain area, a male voiced confusingly, "Is this his way of admitting defeat?"

And hearing this, his friend replied, "Hmm... senior apprentice sister probably requested him to close his eyes and let her bash him up a little... I mean... you know how her power works... haha."

"Eh... why did master close her eyes???" Becoming extremely shocked and worried as a result of seeing Virus close his eyes, the golden beauty rose to her feet and voiced before yelling in anxiousness, "Master! Open your eyes! This is dangerous!!"

"Astes... why do you think master's closing his eyes?" Then, understanding Virus wasn't able to hear her voice in this noisy and gigantic Colosseum, sitting back in distress, she inquired.

"Hmmm... I... I don't know either..." Almost just as tense as the golden beauty, shaking her head, Astes replied.

In the meantime, seeing Virus actually close his eyes, after her initial shock and speechlessness, Rossefin couldn't help but crack up again, "Hehehehe... truly funny!"

In the meantime, the moment Virus closed his eyes, just as he had predicted, those emotions inside him began to calm down and entirely disappear before long...

'Let's begin.' Next, as this notion went through Virus' mind, without anyone realizing, abruptly and very silently, with him being the center of it all, from his body, an unknown type of wave-like energy began to be discharged and emitted as it soon covered an entire ten meters radius around him.

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"Okay... let's see if you can dodge my attacks in that state, senior apprentice-brother!" As she was done laughing and mocking his action which she deemed as completely stupid, she murmured, "Slavery Whipping Technique – Hundred Snakes!"

An instant later, as if the whip had duplicated, tens of them were moving toward Virus as she thought with a broad smile, 'You should've committed suicide instead! Hehe, you're done now!'

However, just as her grin was turning even wider, she froze as her smile disappeared entirely like it was never there to begin with.

Because, she witnessed that, just as her whip was about to hit Virus, abruptly, he disappeared from his previous location as he appeared a few meters to the left.

Her eyes opened widely as she became truly speechless seeing Virus dodge her whip even though his eyes were entirely closed.

She was certain that his eyes were truly closed because in case it was opened even by a little bit, he would be under the effect of her bloodline by now.

'He must've been lucky!' As this notion went through her head, she attacked once again only to see the same thing repeat itself.

Astonished even further, she finally realized that he could truly dodge her attack!

'How is he doing it?' She deliberated to herself trying to figure out how Virus was dodging her attacks at this moment.

"Hmph... alright... I admit you can somehow sense and dodge my attacks... maybe because you have a good sense of hearing, but that's just it... it's useless, don't you think so? I mean what's the point? You still can't attack me with your eyes closed, no?" She uttered as another grin showed itself on her face, however, internally, she was feeling rather tense, 'How am I going to win if he can dodge my attacks?'

Listening to her words as his eyes stayed closed, a wide grin appeared on Virus' face as he voiced, "I was waiting for you to say that."

Then, he once again disappeared from his previous location.

However, this time, instead of just moving around by a few meters, he appeared right in front of her as he punched her in the stomach!

Bam!

With that alone, Rossefin was sent flying for a couple of meters before finally falling down and making contact with the ground once again.

However, since her cultivation wasn't that low to be defeated by a single punch of that level of power, she began to rise and stand up slowly.

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Nevertheless, even if it wasn't enough for defeating her, the punch had already dealt her some serious damage as she spat a mouthful of blood!

"How... how did you know where I am and where to punch so accurately?" In some disbelief, she asked.

"Like this!"

Biff!

Bang!

Without even trying to elaborate, Virus once again appeared in front of her while his eyes were still closed and punched her in the exact same place once again.

As a result of that, once again, she was sent flying away, however, since she was already very close to the sidewall of the Colosseum, she hit it rather hard and because of that, spiderweb-like cracks and fissures appeared on the wall in the spot her body had made contact with!

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Then, in that same location, before falling down, she spat another mouthful of blood because of the collision being too powerful.

In the meantime, in the elders' area, whispers were going around among the elders.

"How did he do that? How can he see?" One elder asked curiously while looking at the elder beside him who was known to be rather knowledgeable.

"Hmm... to be honest, I don't know... he's just a mortal... so how can he see and fight while her eyes are closed? It's not like he's... well anyway, this is just incomprehensible if you ask me..." That elder replied in confusion.

"Could it be related to that ring of his?" Another elder mumbled.

Hearing that, the previous elder who was known for his knowledge replied, "That's the only explanation that makes some sense... but if that's true... that ring would be much more heaven-defying than we thought!"

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"Oh! Master! Well done... so that's why you closed your eyes! Hit her more!!! Break all of her bones!" Seeing the tables turned around, standing up in excitement, the golden beauty's eyes began to shine as she started cheering.

'Sigh... so he had a reason for closing his eyes... he hasn't given up... good job, junior brother...' Breathing a sigh of relief, Astes also thought to herself.

"How can that bastard attack our Goddess like that?"

"Isn't he a man at all? How can he hit a woman like that?"

"Noooooo... my beautiful Goddess!" Simultaneously, lots of disciples were angrily watching the scene of Rossefin getting bashed by Virus as they cursed him in a lot of different ways.

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Looking at Rossefin who was making a lot of effort in order to stand up, Virus sighed as he uttered, "Sigh, I don't feel like playing anymore..." Afterward, connecting to his pitch-black scales which was covering his arms and legs, he commanded, 'Divide Initial Configuration – Handgun!' 'Paralysis mode!'

Instantly, a part of his scales separated as it transformed into a handgun with blue lights all over it.

Bang!

Then, not even wasting a second more, as his eyes were still closed, he aimed extremely accurately toward the struggling Rossefin and took a shot!

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The whole Colosseum became very silent after the blue light hit Rossefin as she fell on the ground in a completely paralyzed state!

"Vee is the winner... this round's champion of the Martial Contest is hereby Vee of the Alchemy Pagoda!" Announcing this in a rather loud voice which everyone would be able to easily hear, the judge elder looked at Virus and uttered, "Congratulations junior Vee!"

'Finally.' As this notion went through his head, he replied with a happy smile, "Thank you."

Waking up from their stupor due to the result of the match being announced, most disciples had this feeling of being amazement inside them as they began to murmur.

"He really won..." With his jaw dropped open, a disciple mouthed.

"Oh my heavens... is this for real?" Some else proclaimed.

"A mortal became the champion of the Martial Contest?" In total disbelief and astonishment, a certain disciple also muttered to himself.

"Ah... so now what? Is this Vee now the strongest disciple among the superior disciples?"

"Not the strongest... don't forget that monster's not present in the sect at this moment... if that person was here..." Some replied to him with scorn.

"Nooo... my Goddess is wrecked! I'll never forgive that bastard!"

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Meanwhile, in the elders' area, the elders also began to talk among themselves.

"Oh... he really won... amazing."

"I believe this is unprecedented! I mean... there were no cases of a mortal disciple winning the Martial Contest before... this is exactly... what we would call heaven-defying!" Putting his fingers under his chin, a specific elder uttered.

Everyone was voicing words of praise, however, there was a few elders who were frowning instead.

One of those people was Virus' master, who was in deep thought right now, 'Not good... how am I going to protect him... now that he's... sigh... not good... I hope I don't get thrown in the middle of those greedy people and Vee's background.' Unfortunately though, just as this thought passed through his mind, his thoughts were interrupted by someone.

"Pagoda master! Congratulations... I can't believe you're so lucky... ah... I'm so envious of you right now... I mean both of the contests happened to be won by your disciples... is this luck? Haha." The elder who suspected Virus' ring to be a 'Space Weapon' said.

Looking at the source of the voice, the Pagoda master deliberated, 'Shit, people are already getting me involved in all of this.' Then, a rather wide smile showed itself on his face as he stated, "Haha... of course it's luck dear guest elder... I mean... I had just accepted this disciple of mine a few days ago and now, he became the champion... so you got to understand... I'm just as shocked as everyone else..."

"Hmm... is that so... anyway, this disciple of yours is rather interesting." That certain guest elder replied as he walked away.

Meanwhile, the Sun elder was looking at Virus rather expressionlessly while unknown thoughts were passing through his head.

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"Judge elder, when can I go to the main treasury in order to pick the item I want?" After his victory was announced, Virus who wasn't interested in anything else questioned.

"Hmm... the treasury? You mean the reward for your championship? I don't really know... you should ask..." Just as he was about to finish his sentence, he was interrupted by someone's sudden appearance right beside them.

And the moment he realized who the other person was, bowing in respect, the judge elder uttered, "This elder greets the Sun elder!"

"Hmm..." Nodding his head in reply, the Sun elder voiced, "You may go now, I'll accompany and answer junior Vee's questions myself... also, notify the elder responsible for granting the rewards that I'll take the winners of both of the contests to the treasury myself... you're dismissed."

"Yes, Sun elder." Bowing once again in respect, the judge elder disappeared.

After the judge elder disappeared, changing the direction of his gaze toward Virus, a kind smile showed itself on his face as he began talking, "Junior Vee, you're truly a heaven-defying genius, I'm both honored and excited that our sect has the chance to come across a disciple like you!"

"Thank you." Virus replied casually as he was then about to continue with a question of his own, when the Sun elder proceeded, "Right, in our last meeting, you had made a promise to visit this oldie ... and I've been looking forward to that day to arrive ever since... however, you still haven't made that visit... honestly, this makes this oldie a little sad..."

Listening to his words, Virus pondered a little awkwardly, 'Well... I was going to make a visit if I couldn't find any other alternative in order to gain access to the main treasury... but fortunately, the contests happened to be right around

the corner... anyway, sorry I couldn't find the chance of tricking you into giving me that fruit, my bad.'

After this notion went through his head, looking at the Sun elder in front of him with a half-smile, he replied, "Unfortunately, I was too occupied with the contest... so I couldn't make that visit..."

"Is that so??? Then it's fine! This oldie's just worried that you might not receive the best resources you deserve for your cultivation if things continue like this... it would be such a pity for an unparalleled disciple with your talents to be buried just because you couldn't gain access to the resources you deserve or because you trusted the wrong person." By the end of his words, a sharp light passed through his eyes as if they were yelling, 'I mean your master.'

'Tch, just stop with the nonsense already... I'm sure both of you have your own personal ulterior motives in trying to have me as your disciple... I'm gonna leave soon anyway... so what's the point of these talks now... take me to the main treasury instead of wasting so much of my time...' Even though this impatient notion went through his head, externally, he let out a laugh as he proclaimed, "Haha, I'm embarrassed Sun elder, I'm not such talent as you state..."

"Haha, you must be joking, junior Vee! If you're not a talent... then I don't know who in this world would deserve to be called a talent! I mean... first, you made the orb's color change into pale white... something completely unheard of... then, you actually achieved a hundred percent completion rate in the examination... These two facts already prove that you're worthy of being called a monstrous talent... no, something even beyond the word monstrous!"

Then, after a short meaningful look, he continued, "However, the point is that the list doesn't stop there as you're now basically the strongest disciple

among the Inferior, Normal, and Superior disciples too... and shockingly, you're the strongest even though you haven't even begun cultivation!"

At this point, a glint seemed to pass through his eyes as he added, "I'm sure with just these qualifications, any sects or schools out there would kill to have you... yet, you chose our sect... and this is also why it's making me die in regret that you're the disciple of that person... I mean it's such a waste, sigh, I must be such an irresponsible leader for this to happen inside my own sect under my watch." By the end of his words, the Sun elder couldn't help but let out a disappointed sigh.

'What a glib-tongue you got there...' Thought Virus as he listened to his words.

Then, the Sun elder continued further, "Anyway, what I'm trying to get at is that my offer still stands, so... how about you become my own personal disciple... and like this, you might even have the chance of ascending to an even higher rank in the sect by becoming one of those Supreme disciples in our sect one day! How about it, junior Vee?"

Surprised, Virus thought, 'Hmm? Supreme disciples? So the Superior disciples weren't the most powerful ones in the sect? Well, whatever... since it doesn't matter to me now anyway.' However, this surprise didn't last for long as he uttered, "Thank you for having such a high opinion of this disciple, Sun elder. I promise to consider your offer very seriously and provide you with an answer soon..."

'Soon as in... never.' At the same time, this amusing notion passed through his mind.

Seeing him avoid giving a clear response to his offer once again, the Sun elder couldn't stop a small frown from appearing on his forehead, though it disappeared almost the instant it had shown itself as he said, "Okay... I'll wait

for that answer... just, have in mind that if you become my disciple, I'll try my best to protect you!"

These words of his basically meant that he would try his best to protect Virus from those who coveted his ring and completely understanding what the Sun elder was underlying by those words, Virus stated, "Okay, thank you... oh by the way, when are you going to take me and apprentice-sister to pick the item we desire from the main treasury?" Then, acting as if this was a totally random subject, Virus finally inquired about the most important thing he wanted to know about.

"Oh, right! Tell your senior apprentice-sister to come and I'll take you two to the treasury in order to receive your prize right away!" Wearing a grin that normally a kind elder would give to a junior he really cares about, the Sun elder responded.

'At last!' Thinking this, Virus stead, "Okay, please wait for a moment for me to change and call my apprentice-sister over..."

"Sure... no worries, I'll wait for you two outside."

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After that, going to his own resting room, first, deactivating his ring, Virus changed into a new set of clothes before walking out of the room only to see that the golden beauty and Astes were already waiting for him right outside.

"Apprentice-sister... the Sun elder's waiting for us outside... he's going to take us to the main treasury." As Virus stated this, oddly, much to his surprise, he spotted a rather indistinct light of excitement pass through her eyes which disappeared immediately afterward.

'Could she be also after something in the main treasury?' Virus deliberated after spotting that momentary light inside Astes' eyes.

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"Is that so? But... did you say the Sun elder? Is he going to accompany us himself? Why?" Afterward, Astes inquired in confusion and wonder.

"Who knows... anyway, let's go... he's waiting for us already." While saying this, he also reflected, 'I hope we're not after the same thing... because in that case...'

As they walked out of the Colosseum, they saw that the Sun elder was waiting for them just like he had told Virus.

So, after Astes greeted him with the utmost respect, they were led toward the main pagoda with the Sun elder in the lead. However, the closer they got to the main pagoda the taller it seemed in their eyes and so, looking at the gigantic pagoda in front of them, the golden beauty whose eyes were shining in some amazement finally couldn't stop herself from questioning, "Wow, master... I think it's even taller than the tallest skyscraper on the other side... how can they make such a thing without... ?" She wanted to say 'Technology' at the end of her question, however, remembering that the other two should also be listening, she decided against uttering it.

'Master? So, he's her master...'

'And did she just say the other side? What is that? And what did she want to say at the end of her words? Why did she stop?' The Sun elder pondered to himself in skepticism, however, this confusion didn't last for long before he wore a kind smile an elderly would show to a junior as he began responding to her question instead of Virus, "Actually... making this kind of pagoda requires lots of cultivators in a certain stage of cultivation... and this pagoda you see in

front of you was made by our ancestors and the founders of the sect in the past... and right now... our sect is incapable of making pagodas as high as this one..."

"..." Listening to him provide a reply instead of her master, a pout appeared on the golden beauty's face as she thought, 'Tch, old geezer... who asked you! I wanted to talk to master!'

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Around twenty minutes after that, the four people finally arrived in front of the main pagoda as the Sun elder spoke, "Let's go."

Next, as Virus entered the pagoda by closely following the Sun elder, he spotted a person sitting behind the counter right beside the entrance of the first floor.

However, oddly, even after spotting the Sun elder entering the pagoda, that person didn't show any kind of greeting or respect as he continued ignoring him.

Afterward, they were brought to a cabin-like room inside which the Sun elder put his hand on a big orb as he started to directly inject a large amount of his Qi to it.

"What is..." Seeing this, the golden beauty was just about to ask what it was when the cabin began to move up in a rough manner. So instantly understanding what it was, she exclaimed in surprise, "Oh... so it's their elevator! Hehe..."

"Who was that person sitting behind the counter?" Finally unable to stop his curiosity, Virus inquired.

Listening to his question, a somewhat dark expression seemed to display itself for a moment on the Sun elder's expression before it disappeared entirely as he replied in a casual manner, "That was the Moon elder... three people have the authority to live in the main pagoda... the moon elder is one of them."

"I see..." Even though he still had some suspicions as to why he didn't greet the Sun elder who was like the current head of the sect, he decided to leave it be for now since it seemed to be a sensitive matter.

TECHNOLOGY EARTH, RUSSIA

"What? You still can't determine the location of Virus Industries' Chairman? How can you all be so useless?" An unknown figure proclaimed in anger.

"I'm sorry sir, we've looked everywhere... and all of our men in the highest authority of the government are searching for him 24/7! But it's like he's melted into the ground itself... he's not anywhere!" With drops of sweat apparent on his forehead, the other person replied.

"Hmph... What about Electro... that woman Giana Nova.. what is her current location?" Asked the unknown figure whose features still couldn't be seen.

"Uh... for some unknown reasons... she has also disappeared, sir... maybe she's already..." With even more droplets of sweat appearing, the other person responded in a very apologetic tone.

"Useless! Absolutely useless!!! My brother and I have to kill that man by our own hands before all of us die in a year! He's the source of everything... he's the reason why he died... Find him!!! No matter what... find him as soon as possible or you can just die already!" As veins of anger showed itself on the unknown figure's neck, he voiced loudly.

"Yes, sir... we'll report to you as soon as we discover his current location."
Uttering this in fear, the man left in a hurry.

"Aizen Vee... just you wait..."

CULTIATION EARTH

Finally, the elevator stopped as the Sun elder also took his hands off of the big orb and voiced, "This is our floor... let's go..."

Soon, walking in front of a giant door which seemed to be made purely out of a special type of silver iron, the Sun elder stopped as he once again placed his hand on the orb in front of the door before closing his eyes.

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A few seconds later, a rather loud sound was heard as the door began to open by itself.

When the door was finally completely open, Virus saw a rather big environment filled with different kinds of objects, materials, and even ingredients in it.

"This is the main treasury of our sect... hehe... there are some amazing things inside... however, there are also some unknown or worthless objects too... so be careful with your choice since I won't be guiding you..." The Sun elder began talking the instant the door was wide-open.

Surprised by the Sun elder's words, Virus queried, "What do you mean when you say worthless objects? Why would you place useless or unknown stuff in here?"

The Sun elder started explaining, "Well... I wouldn't say this normally... but since it's you... I'll make an exception and elaborate... so you see, there are reasons for unknown or worthless objects existing in the main treasury... the

most important being that we place them in here ourselves so the disciples who win a contest like you or gain entry to the main treasury through other special means would pick them when they come here... this is like a tradition that has been going on for countless years now."

"So you deceive your own disciples." With a harsh and direct tone, Virus uttered.

"Haha... well... that's not wrong... but it's not entirely true either... because we have two purposes by doing that... the first one is to teach the disciples various lessons related to luck, trickery, deceiving, not judging something by its appearance, and many others which are purely for the good of the disciples themselves... and the second reason is for the good of the sect itself... in order to make the main treasury of the sect last for a long period of the time for generations to come..." Replied the sun elder with an awkward laugh.

"You said 'there are reasons for useless things existing' what's the other reasons?" Remembering his exact words, Virus inquired further.

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"Haha, you truly pay attention to my words junior Vee... that's right... there is another important reason as to why there are worthless or unknown things in the main treasury." At this point he paused for a moment before continuing, "And that has to do with the age of our sect..."

"Hmm... you mean...?" Not quite understanding, he asked while looking into his eyes.

Seeing him curious, a grin appeared on the Sun elder's face as he responded with a proud expression, "You see... even if our sect isn't close to being the strongest today... we are one of the most ancient ones on the whole planet!"

"And because of that... in the countless years of our sect's existence, numerous useless, unknown, or precious objects have been placed in here... so now, even I can't discern if some of the objects in here are truly valuable or not..." By the end of his words, the Sun elder's face was a bit awkward to look at it as he thought to himself, 'That's what happens when you put useless stuff in here one generation after the other... sigh.'

As that thought passed through his mind, shaking his head, he voiced, "Okay, that was all... the two of you can enter the treasury and pick one object of your choice now... though keep in mind that you can only bring one object outside, otherwise, the treasury won't allow it."

Then, changing the direction of his gaze toward the golden beauty, he stated, "However, this young lady has to wait here..."

"Bella... then how about you wait here till junior brother and I come back..." Astes voiced smilingly.

"Sure... master, I'll wait here, so don't worry and go."

"Then... you two may enter."

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As the two entered the treasury, both of them separated as they began looking at different objects inside there.

'Hmm... there are too many things here... I won't be able to find it if I don't use my...' Understanding that it would be very difficult to find the Brisk Balance Fruit with his naked eyes alone, a kind of completely invisible energy was released from his body once again as it covered an entire ten meters around him.

Then, just like that, nothing in that radius of ten meters was concealed from his sight.

Still, even with that, since the treasury was too big, it took him around two minutes to finally spot a dry brown fruit in a rather remote corner no one would bother checking.

So, walking to it, he looked at it as he thought, 'It's no wonder no one has picked it until now since it looks like a completely useless fruit that has rotten away inside out...'

'If only they knew what kind of heavenly fruit this is... haha, though it would be still useless to others since it has rotten and moreover, since this fruit...' As he deliberated to this point, reaching his hand, he grabbed the extremely dry fruit.

As he picked the fruit though, he spotted a golden ring with nine small gems of different colors attached to it concealed right under the fruit.

'Hmm... what's this ring? Why was it hidden under the fruit?' As this thought went through his head, he surrounded the golden ring with that unknown energy of his as he studied it very carefully.

'Hm... nine gems of different color... and there is also a dragon engraved on the ring itself under those gems... it looks like a ring filled with glory and grandeur... however, that's it... it's a totally a worthless ring and any disciple or elder in the sect would be able to tell that... hehe, they're doing really bad in trying to deceive the disciples...' As he contemplated to this point, placing the ring in its previous place, he stood up as he thought further, 'I wonder what Astes is after for her eyes to shine like that at the thought of entering the main treasury... hmm, I should just check it out...'

As he was done making a decision, he began walking toward the direction of Astes.

Arriving in front of Astes, Virus realized that she seemed to be anxiously searching everywhere, "Apprentice sister... did you pick something?"

"Uh... junior brother, you're here... no, not yet... how about you? What did you pick? Let me see..." Startled by Virus' abruptly voice, she looked at him as she inquired.

"Here... I picked this." Raising the dry fruit in front of her face, Virus showed it to her.

"Hmm... what is that? It's rotten already? Junior brother... that's a useless fruit... I advise you to choose something else." Shaking her head, Astes stated.

Grinning, he thought, 'No worries... I can restore it myself.'

"I don't know... I have a feeling about this fruit.. so I'll stick to my choice... even if it's rotten." Then, he replied.

"Aii... junior brother... stop being stubborn like that... why not..." She was just about to continue persuading, when Virus interrupted, "I'm not gonna change my decision, so please just respect it... anyway, I'm really curious about what you're going to pick apprentice sister... are you after something specific? If that's the case... maybe I can help you looking for it?"

"Hmm... that's not a bad idea... actually yes... I'm truly after something particular... it's a golden ring which has nine small gems of different colors attached to it... can you help?" Knowing that looking after that ring inside this treasury was like trying to find a needle in a haystack, she decided to ask for help.

Listening to the description, Virus' eyes opened widely as he unconsciously let out a sound, "Eh... that ring?!"

Seeing his surprised reaction, just as expected, Astes understood that Virus had seen it somewhere as she uttered impatiently, "Where!!! Where is it?!?"

"Um... apprentice sister... it's there... but that's definitely a useless ring... you should really pick..." While pointing at a direction, Virus began trying to persuade her to make another decision, however, before he was even finished, he realized that Astes had already disappeared as she was charging in the direction he was pointing at.

'Uh...'

As Virus followed behind her quickly, the two went beside the location Virus was pointing at previously.

"Where is it?" Then, she inquired in a very impatient tone.

"There..." Pointing at the ring, Virus replied.

Spotting the ring, Astes' eyes began to shine like never before as she grabbed the ring swiftly before letting out a peal of unconscious laughter, "Hehehe..."

'Could it be that I was wrong and that it's actually something invaluable? Hmm...'

Seeing her reaction, Virus couldn't stop himself from suspecting his previous judgment as he then inquired, "Apprentice sister... what is that ring exactly? And why are you so excited about getting your hands on it? Isn't that just a worthless ring?"

Hearing Virus' voice right behind herself, Astes knew she had lost control for a moment there as she replied, "Well... it might be worthless to others... but it's kinda valuable to me..." Simultaneously, while uttering this, she pondered to herself, 'Hehehe... it was truly here... yes!!! With this...everything will be different and I... will definitely achieve what I could not in my previous life...'