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"Is that so?" Voiced Virus with a half-smile as he stared at her excited face which couldn't take her eyes off of the golden ring.

"... Yes..." After a short hesitation, she responded.

"So it's not that valuable? It's just kinda valuable to you?" He inquired further while putting her under his watchful eyes.

"... Ye... Yeah..." Stuttering a little, she replied nervously.

'I don't buy it.' Thought Virus, however, externally, he revealed a bright smile as he uttered, "Okay, no matter what it is... I won't eye what interests my apprentice-sister... so relax... haha."

"Junior brother..." Moved a little by his words, Astes could only call out to him.

"Okay, say no more... let's go out if that's truly your choice." Uttering this, he turned around as he began walking toward the door of the treasury while looking at his injury, 'Although it's just a shallow cut and it would cause me no dangers... I still better dress it soon.'

Afterward, as the two walked to the entrance, the Sun elder uttered, "Show me the things you picked."

And with that, Virus showed the rotten fruit while Astes displayed the golden ring to him.

Just as expected, seeing the things the two had picked, a very stunned expression appeared on the Sun elder's face as he questioned, "Are you sure about your choices?"

Hearing this, nodding their heads, both of them replied at the same time, "Yes."

"Umm, I wasn't going to help you two at all... but seeing your choices... uh... I will make an exception once again... hm, so, let me be frank here... both of them are... trash. You better change it." Looking awkwardly at the things the two had picked, the Sun elder stated.

"It's okay, Sun elder... didn't you say even you don't really know if something is truly valuable or trash anymore? We will just try our luck so don't worry about it." With a grin displaying itself on his face, Virus proclaimed.

"Yes... we will try our luck." Astes also agreed with a very serene face as she had long calmed herself by now.

"Sigh... Listen to me junior Vee, even though that golden ring of junior Astes is clearly useless... still, there is a very slight chance that it might be of some use with a great amount of luck, however, about this fruit of yours... it's definitely a rotten fruit and to an extremely great extent at that... so it obviously totally worthless." Shaking his head at this point, he continued, "It's not about being lucky or not anymore, it's most definitely trash... I don't even know why it was still left in the treasury, I would've thrown it away if I had seen it, sigh... junior Vee, how about..." He was just about to insist on him changing his choice, when Virus interrupted, "Sun elder, this is my choice, whether it's a treasure or trash, that's for me and for my luck to decide, so I'll stick to my decision, you need to respect that too."

'Tch, what a stubborn young man, I'm just trying to help... why are geniuses always this weird? Whatever, I tried anyways.' With a slight frown, this notion passed through his head.

"Master... let's go clean your wound now." It was at this time when the golden beauty walked before Virus as she touched his chest around his wound as she uttered worriedly.

"Alright..." Reaching his hand and patting her head gently with a smile, Virus agreed while nodding as he then looked at the Sun elder before uttering, "We shall take our leave now, so please take us to the first floor..."

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Afterward, the trio was led to the first floor by the Sun elder before they left toward the Alchemy pagoda together.

By now, Astes had long put the golden ring away as she was taking a glance at Virus from time to time in a weird way.

Finally, when they arrived in front of the entrance of the Alchemy pagoda, she could no longer stop herself from asking, "Junior brother... are you really going to leave soon?"

Surprised by her question, Virus stopped in his tracks as he looked at the golden beauty's direction for a moment as he understood immediately, 'Only Lil Bell could be able to guess the rough time of our leave... so she must've told her herself.' Then turning around, he gazed into Astes' eyes as he answered, "Yes... we're going to leave tonight..."

For some reason, Astes' expression became really downcasted hearing the confirmation, as she uttered after some hesitation, "Can... can I come too?"

This time, it was Virus' turn to be astonished as this was the question he was expecting the least. Nevertheless, after a little while of silence, he opened his mouth and asked, "Why would you wanna do that?"

'You idiot... of course, it's because...' This notion popped into her head as she replied after some complicated thinking processes, "Umm, because I've truly come to accept you as my junior apprentice-brother now... so I really care

about you... and that's why I want to follow you wherever you go... anyway, can I please?"

'Hmm, junior brother, huh?' Listening to her response though, some rather mixed and complex emotions and thoughts passed through his head for a very short period of time before he replied shaking his head, "I'm sorry apprentice-sister... but you can't... at least not for now."

Astes became a lot more dispirited hearing his response as she couldn't stop herself from feeling extremely disappointed inside.

However, looking at his wound on his chest, she took out a small bottle from her pocket as she spoke, "Here... I concocted these two pills myself... take them, they'll heal your wound." Putting the bottle in his left hand, she turned around and began walking away, however, before she had even taken two steps, she stopped again as she mumbled, "Let me at least see you off tonight, okay?"

Gazing at her back, Virus smiled as he said, "Alright... thanks for the pills anyway, apprentice-sister."

With that, once again, she began walking as she left the vicinity.

After she left, as Virus was looking at the bottle in his grasp, the golden beauty phrased with some worry, "Master, you better eat the pills since we don't have anything better with us in our room."

"Okay." Complying, Virus opened the bottle as he took out one of the pills and put it inside his mouth before swallowing it, however, she left the other pill inside the bottle as he put it in his pocket.

"Master... she told you to eat both of them... why did you just..." Confused, the golden beauty was about to query, when Virus interrupted him, "For me... taking one would be like taking two... anyway, let's go to our room and pick up our stuff..."

"Alright... ahh, it's really hard to believe that we're really leaving for our own Earth... hehe, I can't wait for us to go back... I somehow miss our own technologically advanced earth with all those lights, cars, and other advanced stuff since this place is kinda boring and ancient." Instantly forgetting the previous topic, a very excited expression showed itself on her face as she began talking with a very bright face.

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'Then wouldn't you love it if you went to my original time.' Thought Virus with a smirk.

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A few hours passed just like that as the golden beauty packed everything they had brought with themselves to this Earth.

Right now, the sky had long gotten dark and Virus was currently sitting on a chair while looking at the dried up fruit in his grasp, 'Finally... I can take the next step.'

"Master, it's already dark outside... should we leave now?" With some stars shining in her eyes, the golden beauty questioned.

"Let's wait for Astes to arrive..." Virus replied.

"Un..." Nodding her head, the golden beauty agreed.

Knock~ knock~ knock~

One more hour passed when finally, the door of their room was knocked in a very weak manner.

Opening the door, the golden beauty realized it was Astes, "Oh, Astes, you're finally here..."

Hearing the golden beauty call her by her name alone, Astes didn't show any kind of reaction since she had long gotten used to it and instead uttered with a smile, "Yep, I'm here Bella... are you two leaving right now or..."

"Yes, we were just waiting for you." Replying with a smile, she turned around and continued, "Master... since she's here..."

"Yeah, let's go." Standing up, Virus proclaimed as the two began walking outside the pagoda.

"Master, are we going to walk outside the pagoda and board our spaceship or are we going to leave outside first?" As they were walking outside the pagoda though, remembering something, the golden beauty came beside Virus as she asked in a low voice so Astes wouldn't be able to hear.

"Of course we will leave outside first, imagine how shocked she would be if we get on our spaceship in front of her and leave off to the distant horizon, haha..." Letting out a small laugh of amusement, Virus whispered into her ears.

"Oh, okay..." Agreeing with a chuckle, she rushed beside Astes once again as they began mumbling something to each other.

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A while passed when finally, the trio arrived at the entrance of the sect, "Halt!"

Since commuting inside or outside the perimeter of the sect was tightly controlled by the sect itself, just as expected, as they got closer to the entrance, they were stopped by someone.

"Where are you three leaving to? And when will you be back...? Urgh... senior sister Astes... it's you..."

"Only the two of us leaving, she will be back in a moment." Replied Virus while pointing at Astes.

"I see, have you two accepted a mission that requires you to leave the sect?" Seeing it was only the two of them leaving, that disciple who didn't have the time to watch the Martial Contest previously questioned.

"No."

"Then you can't leave the sect." That Normal section disciple said before continuing, "Inferior and Normal disciples can't leave the sect without permission... only the superior disciples or above are free to leave the sect whenever they want after telling us some general information about their leave."

'They look rather young, even if they are geniuses, they must be at most from the Normal section like me.' In the meantime, he thought to himself.

"Then it's okay for both of us to leave... since I'm a Superior disciple myself, and she's not a disciple of the sect at all... she's just a family member of mine who followed me to the sect." Reaching his hand to pat the golden beauty's head, Virus stated.

'Ah, master...' In the meantime, the golden beauty was enjoying her master's pat with a bit of blush.

"Sup... Superior disciple... ahh, forgive my negligent eyes senior apprentice-brother, I had no idea..." Startled by his reply, that disciple's attitude went through a 180-degree transformation as he stuttered with a shaky tone.

"It's okay, write my general information down anyway, my name is Vee."

"I see... Vee, hmm, let me write it down... wait a moment, why does your name sound so familiar... I feel like... ohhh." Abruptly remembering that the champion of the Martial Contest was someone called Vee, he was greatly dumbfounded as he yelled, "That VEE? Are you that Senior brother Vee... the champion of today's Martial Contest?!?"

"Yeah, we're in a hurry, so would you mind hastening the process?" With a bit of frown appearing on his forehead, Virus uttered in an annoyed tone.

"Uh, I'm sorry senior brother... I shall do that... so first, where are you leaving to?" Gushed the disciple in respect.

"Outside." Virus replied casually.

"Outside...?! Umm, senior brother, could you be more specific? Outside what?" The disciple questioned awkwardly with some beads of sweat appearing on his forehead.

'Outside the sect, outside the continent, outside the planet, outside the galaxy, outside the universe... whatever outside you can think of...' This notion popped into his head in annoyance as he vocalized, "Does it matter really? You said general information... just write outside the sect and be done with it!"

'Isn't it obvious that you're leaving outside the sect? Sigh, this Senior brother of mine is definitely not nice...' Seeing him annoyed by his question easily, a little afraid that he might offend or leave a bad impression on the champion, he complied, "Uh... okay, I'll do that then."

"For how long is Senior brother going to leave? I mean... when will Senior brother return?" He then threw the next question on his list.

"Hmm, days, months, years... or maybe centuries... who knows... write that down." In a very relaxed manner, Virus provided the general answer to the next question.

'Fuck, can't you be more freaking specific! I know we only need general information... but not this general!' By now, beads of sweat were rolling down the poor disciple's face as he thought, 'I'm so going to be punished if an elder happens to check the general information related to his leave.'

However, he displayed the utmost respect externally as he responded, "Yes, then I shall write that down... hmm, days... months... years... or maybe centuries, who knows... done, you can go now Senior brother, have a nice trip."

'You didn't need to write the 'who knows' part, but whatever...' As this sentence went through his mind, he looked at Astes and uttered, "Apprentice-sister... we can leave from here onwards... how about you return and..."

However, before he could finish his sentence, he was interrupted by her somewhat loud and nervous voice, "No! I want to walk with you for a little while more..."

"Ah, okay then, let's go."

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The trio walked for a few minutes as the sect was no longer in their view when Virus stopped once again, "It's enough if you accompany us to this point, we'll leave now... Astes... you can go back."

Seeing them stop once again, Astes herself knew it was the time to separate, however, for some reason, just the thought of separating was making her extremely sad and reluctant. It felt like she was losing something very important to her. She was feeling so reluctant and nervous that she didn't even realize Virus had addressed her directly by her calling her 'Astes'.

"Junior brother... will I see you again?" So as her head was down, with an unseeable expression, she threw a question which she was dying to know the answer to.

Listening to her question, reaching his hand out, he grabbed her snowy white and extremely delicate hand as he replied while gazing into her eyes, "Sigh... we... we will... if fate wills it."

Listening to his response, for the very first time, Astes could no longer control her red eyes as tears of grief began to gather and roll down her beautiful face as she finally threw herself into his embrace and started wailing,

"Aaaaaaaaaaaaa..."

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"Astes..." Seeing the scene in front of her, the golden beauty was also somehow saddened as her eyes turned redder.

"Eh, why are you crying apprentice-sister...? No need for that, we'll probably see each other again anyways! There, there... stop crying now..." At first, Virus was a bit surprised by this unexpected turn of events, however, he stopped thinking about it and raised his hand as he patted her head while she was still hugging and wailing inside his embrace.

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Around thirty seconds passed when Astes was finally calm as she separated herself from that position and muttered, "I... I'm sorry junior brother... it just makes me really sad thinking that I might never see you again, so..."

"It's okay, apprentice-sister, no need to explain... I understand because I'm feeling the same." Displaying a somewhat bitter smile, Virus voiced.

Afterward, she and the golden beauty also said their farewells when it was finally the time to part.

"You can return now, apprentice-sister, we can go by ourselves from here onwards..." Virus stated with a smile since they just needed her to leave so they would be able to board on their spaceship and fly away.

"No, I want to watch you two leave first and then I'll return." Shaking her head, Astes denied.

'Sigh...' As this sight went through Virus' head, he uttered, "Okay then, but return as soon as we disappear from your line of sight... this place is dangerous for a girl to roam around alone at this time of the night."

"Alright..."

After looking into her eyes for what seemed like an eternity, he finally showed him one last gentle smile before turning around and leaving without uttering a single word like 'Goodbye' or 'See you again'.

Astes remained there watching the two slowly leave her line of sight as she slowly mumbled in a sad tone, "So he... really left." However, no tears appeared in her eyes anymore as she turned around and left after muttering something under her lips, "I have a lot to do."

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After making sure Astes was no longer visible to them and that she was definitely not following them, Virus uttered, "This place should suffice..."

Then, he was just about to make the invisible spaceship above them land in front of them when the sound of laughter began reverberating inside the woods in their current location, "Hahahahahaha..."

"Who is that!" As his eye-brows turned extremely sharper, Virus shouted.

Simultaneously, connecting to his ring, he sent a direct command to it, 'Trigger Median Configuration – Fragmentary Integument!'

Instantly, his arms and legs were covered in pitch-black scales, however, this was not the end as he sent another two commands to it, 'Divide Initial Configuration – Machine Gun!' 'Explosion mode!'

And the next moment, a long triggerless futuristic-looking machine gun which had blood-red lights in some parts of it began to take shape on his hand.

By now, a type of unknown energy was also long released from his body as it had already covered a specific area all around him.

The golden beauty too was also in front of Virus as she was cautiously watching all around them in extreme alarm, waiting for the person to come out and so she would defend her master in case that enemy tried to sneak attack on them.

'Hmm, there is no one in my range of sight...' Virus thought next as he waited for that person to come out by himself.

"I'm up here, hahaha..." Once again, hearing the voice which obviously belonged to that previous person, Virus and the golden beauty both raised their heads as they looked toward the sky above them.

At first, they could find no one in their line of sight... no matter how hard they searched the area around them.

However, that changed soon enough as they were able to perceive a dot getting bigger and bigger in their eyesight and finally, it was close enough for them to discern clearly that it was actually a person flying in the sky above then and it was slowly coming their way.

"Haha... junior Vee, this adept has been looking forward to personally meeting you." Stated the other person who was still floating right above Virus as he continued looking down on him.

Seeing the features of the other person clearly, Virus began to search through every database belonging to everyone from the moment he had arrived at the cultivation Earth.

And not even a second later, he found the result he was looking for as he remembered this man was previously sitting among the elders in the elders' area.

"I see... so you must be an elder of my sect, but what business does a powerful elder like you have with me, a weak junior? And why not just directly come to me in the sect?" With an intense light of vigilance coursing through his eyes, Virus questioned.

"Sigh, I'm no elder of your sect actually... I'm just a temporary guest elder sent by..." At this point in his sentence, he stopped talking before continuing about another topic, "Haha... anyway, this adept was passing by your pagoda earlier and was lucky enough to hear an interesting conversation between you and your senior sister and that should reply to your last question..."

'Tch, so you were spying on us...' A frown sat on Virus' face as he opened his mouth once again, "I see... what interesting conversation might you have heard, guest elder?"

At this point, his expression turned a lot more serious as he uttered, "Hm, that you're leaving for good."

Then without waiting for Virus to talk, he continued, "And that's why I had to meet you here..."

"I see... well, I have some urgent matters to attend to at home... but no worries... I'll be back soon. It's just temporary. We'll talk then if it's okay with you..." Staring into the other person's eyes intensely, he stated in a tone that no one would sense any falsehood in it.

"Hahaha... I understand... however, it doesn't matter anymore, since..." At this point, putting a pause to his sentence a weird grin displayed itself on his face, which instantly greatly alarmed Virus as he understood clearly what the guest elder was going to say next and what was going to happen next, so not even waiting for him to finish, raising his Machine gun with the fastest speed he could, he directly gave it the command of shooting continuously!

Bratatat~

The next moment, lines of red lights began to shoot toward the guest elder, however, how could the guest elder who had previously seen clearly what kind of weapon Virus wielded just wait there in order to be shot down?

'Although I'm not sure if it would be able to injure me... it's better if I dodge... just to make sure.' As this notion had passed through the guest elder's mind, he began to move out of the place Virus was going to aim at before the barrel of his gun was even close to it. This was a simple prediction skill for him as he only needed to avoid the place Virus was targeting with just the right amount of speed.

In the meantime, even though he was busy dodging the machine gun, that weird grin on his face still continued to display itself as he voiced in a rather loud voice, "Hahaha, junior Vee... it's so rude of you to stop an elderly from talking... sigh, let me finish my words... haha... I wanted to say 'it doesn't matter anymore... since none of you will go back or return anymore!' Haha..."

"Reverse Soaring Claw!"

At the same time, as he mumbled the name of his attack, without moving from his current floating location in the least, he made his hand take the shape of a claw as he only waved that claw very gently.

And shockingly, as a result of that, as he began to wave that hand of his, an immense amount of Qi began to gather right in front of his palm which soon took the shape of a gigantic claw and started to shoot down toward Virus and the golden beauty in an speed so quick that almost neither of them could show any kind of big reaction to it.

Well, actually, with their monstrous thinking process, both of them could clearly see the incoming massive claw toward the two of them, however, unfortunately, none of their bodies could show enough reaction that would make any difference.

All Virus could do now was to bring his scaled arms in front of his body so as to try his best in order to avoid any kind of mortal injury on himself.

Still, even with this, after he made a quick calculation, he realized his arms couldn't cover the whole radius of the attack and it was still going to gravely injure him.

'Sigh... it seems I'm going to be wounded very badly this time... it's almost upon us now... it is...' At the same time, just as these sentences were passing through his head, something extraordinary happened which made Virus' contemplation stop entirely as his eyes open widely.

Because... he witnessed the golden beauty use the little amount of movement she could make... not in order to lessen the amount of injury she would receive... but to move in front of the open spot of Virus where according to his calculation he was going to be mortally wounded from.

'Lil Belle...' How could Virus not understand that doing this would greatly increase the amount of injury she was going to receive and he was certain that she was clear about this too.

Boom!

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Anyhow, right at this very moment, their time was up as the brilliant claw had finally descended upon them.

Boom! Bam~

As the golden beauty had literally moved in front of the claw attack in order to receive most of the damage and cover the open spots for her master, the claw made contact with her body, however, trying her best to not budge from her current location to the best of her abilities, she put all of her strength under her feet as if her feet were nailed right there.

Nonetheless, since the attack was too powerful for her to resist, her body began to move back while a trace of her feet resisting with all her might was drawn on the ground and it was getting bigger and bigger every second!

Simultaneously, right before the claw had made contact with them, since there was no longer any open spots that could come to injure him gravely anymore, Virus raised both of his scale-covered arms right in front of the incoming claw attack as he began to withstand it just like the golden beauty as the two started to be pushed back in a rather quick speed.

Still, if the strength of the 'Reverse Soaring Claw' and the damage the two were receiving as a result of that were split into percentages, then the golden beauty would be receiving around ninety percent of the attack with her whole body alone while Virus would be receiving the remaining ten percent with his scaled arms.

Unfortunately, the attack seemed to be too powerful for the golden beauty's body to handle as the more she was pushed back, the more her body began to crumble away.

First, both of her arms began to break down just like how glass shatters after taking a hard blow. So, starting from her fingers to her palms and then from there to the rest of her arms, they began to break and shatter into pieces.

However, this was not the end as very soon, both of her arms were going to disappear in a moment and if she didn't do anything the very next instant, she was certain that the attack would arrive at her body!

And that might endanger her whole physique breaking down into many pieces with no part left intact... which was dangerous even for her!

Now, she had to make a very important decision as to with which part of her body she had to defend and which part of her body she should sacrifice in order to protect her own existence!

So with that, an instant later, after doing some simple calculations, she began moving a specific part of her body and right before the last remnants of her arms were entirely gone, raising one of her legs in front of her body, she began to resist the claw attack with her knee alone.

In the meantime, while the golden beauty continued defending the attack with her knee while leaning over toward his body, even though Virus had to tolerate only ten percent of the damage with his scaled arms, it still seemed to be way above the power and the durability of his ring as he even heard his scaled-claws crack the very next moment.

Crack~

But, since it was only ten percent of the claw's strength, right after the sharp points of some of his fingers broke, the whole ten percent of the damage was spent at last as the claw attack finally dispersed and ended.

'Phew...' Letting out a sigh of relief seeing the attack was finally over, wanting to check the current state of the tumbled golden beauty, Virus looked at her fallen body, however, seeing her condition, his whole body froze as his face turned extremely dark.

This was happening because right in front of him, he was witnessing only half of the golden beauty's body left intact!

Both of her arms were completely long gone!

Even one of her legs was nowhere to be seen...

Though the heartbreaking thing was that it didn't end there as starting from the place her leg had disappeared until her chest, only half of her chest and body had remained... while the other half was... nowhere to be seen!

And that's why at this moment, Virus' expression was extremely unsightly and dark like never before!

'Uh!' Witnessing the golden beauty defend against his attack with her life, the guest elder was truly surprised, however, soon, that surprise vanished from his face as he began to laugh out loud, "Hahaha... what a stupid little young lady... to let go of her own life for you... still... she must've had a very hard armor to be able to have some part of her body remaining even after such a powerful attack... un, those broken armor-parts confirm my thought indeed."

He didn't realize anything odd or wrong with the golden beauty's body since the outward appearance of her body possessed both meat and skin just like a normal person's.

So as a result of that, the external parts of her body were bleeding just like how a normal human being would bleed in this kind of situation and because of that, those blood had covered and concealed all of the mechanical parts of her body.

Moreover, the damaged parts of her body were now facing Virus.

If the guest elder had put a bit of attention and focus on her body, he might have figured that something was strange with her body, however, since all he cared about was Virus, he didn't even bother to check the state of the dead girl's corpse beside him.

Thus, staring at that dark face of Virus, the guest elder began talking in a tone like it was a great pity how everything had progressed, "Aiii, having treasures like that space weapon of yours is truly a sin for a weak person such as you...sigh, just see what kind of disaster that treasure brought upon you... hmm, oh right, it doesn't seem to be a space weapon... so it would be wrong to call it that... anyway, blame that ring of yours for this calamity that fell upon you two... sigh."

In the meantime, internally, although Virus was truly infuriated to no ends after witnessing the current condition of the golden beauty's body, still, knowing nothing good would result from being purely enraged, with absolute control over his mind, very rationally, he deliberated to himself, 'I still underestimated the strength the most powerful elder would possess in the sect... according to the data I gathered considering the alchemy elder, the Sun elder, that elder Lil Belle killed the other night, and all of the other elders I had seen and analyzed... I picked the possibility that the strongest person would most likely be at most a single stage higher than that elder Lil Belle had murdered... however... I shouldn't have chosen that possibility, I should've... Sigh, once again, because of the unknown variables that popped up due to insufficient data, my Lil Belle who's currently one of my main last lines of defense was forced to this extent...'

As his contemplation reached this point, directing his gaze toward the elder who was still hovering in the sky, he uttered in a chilly tone that paradoxically couldn't be calmer, "You shouldn't have done that..."

Listening to his words, the guest elder was just about to smirk and mock his naïve words, when abruptly, he felt like his whole being from the deepest part of his soul tremble as his eyes opened very widely like never before, 'Impossible... am I feeling afraid of him? Why? Uhh... That's... that's, that's impossible!' In absolute disbelief, he was thinking why his instincts were warning him so badly when just a moment later, he sensed a very dense bloody killing intent directed right at him.

Then, with beads of sweat displaying itself on his forehead, different notions began to pass through his mind, 'How... how could such a young man have such a dense killing intent... how can it be so dense and immense to the point of it being visible! No, no... how can a human being have such a killing intent to begin with... no, this is impossible! Just how many people do you need to slaughter in order to have this kind of... but... but... he's clearly only a teenager! It can't be! This must be an illusion!'

Afterward, finally forcing himself to take a deep breath, he continued, 'No... I should calm down... even if he has such a monstrous killing intent... so what? He's still just a normal mortal without any kind of cultivation whatsoever in the end! Right!' As he finally concluded his own thinking process, trying his best to ignore the killing intent, a wide grin sat on his face as he uttered with a harrumph, "I did it... so what? What can a simple mortal like you possibly do about it, huh? Hmph! Anyway... prepare to die now... tch, though I admit, you're really talented in sending someone into a bad mood!" Uttering this, he was now ready to begin his next round of attack.

All along though, Virus' sharp gaze didn't leave the elder at all as he continued staring into the guest elder's eyes with a dark expression so cold that anyone would tremble upon experiencing it slightly just once.

"How dare you look at me like that... you rascal!" As expected, the guest elder couldn't stop himself from entering into a state of panic while looking at his gaze, however, seeing himself horrified at the sight of a mere junior also made him feel extremely humiliated inside and that made him very irritated and antagonized.

'Tch... this time, no one would be able to save your fragile mortal life.' So, as this thought popped into his head, with obvious anger apparent in his tone, he began muttering his next attack technique, "Reverse Soaring..."

However, before he could even finish, out of nowhere, something invisible seemed to hit him hard from above as he was flattened tens of meters under the ground the very next moment!

Right now, just a couple of steps in front of Virus' cold face, a gigantic crater which was almost a hundred meters in depth, width, and length had shown itself!

However, the shocking thing was that... there was nothing that had previously made contact with the ground or the guest elder himself!

The whole scene that had occurred was that one moment prior, there was nothing as the guest elder was hovering above the ground, ready to attack... however, dumbfoundingly, the very next moment, out of nowhere, a gigantic crater of tens of meters suddenly appeared on the ground a few steps in front of Virus who still wore that dark expression over his face as he muttered, "I told you you shouldn't have done that."

Chapter 195: Be Safe

Then, he thought, 'Forcing me to drop a nuke on an ant-'

As he looked at the golden beauty's destructed body, feeling a mix of indescribable emotions, he picked her body princess carry style, "It's time to go home, Lil Belle." At the same time, just as he muttered this, on nothing but thin air, abruptly a line of light began to be drawn as the very next moment, a door was opened right in front of him which showed the inside of a certain spaceship.

'Others must've heard the loud noise of the spaceship crashing on that guest elder... it's better if we rise to the sky immediately.' Thought Virus as he began to walk inside the spaceship.

As he went inside, putting the golden beauty's body on a bed in the spaceship, gazing at her sleeping face for a moment, he directly sent a command to the spaceship itself.

Promptly, the spaceship began to move as it took off to the sky. Meanwhile, a voice was heard from inside the spaceship, "Warning! Only forty percent of the shield remains intact."

"Time remaining until full recovery of the shield to a hundred percent, 1:24:54... 1:24:53... 1:24:52-"

Right after they had taken off, just as he had expected, a few elders showed up there as they looked at the gigantic crater in front of them with shocked expressions.

"God... what happened here... who could possibly create this kind of..." One of the elders said in bewilderment.

"Ahhh... I think there is someone lying down there at the bottom-" Another dumbfounded elder suddenly spotted a body as he immediately jumped inside without any hesitation.

"Oh no, it's guest elder Falcon!" While the other two elders were still staring at the crater in disbelief, they heard a shout which definitely belonged to the elder that had just jumped inside the pit.

"What... did he just say guest elder Falcon?" Knowing this matter seemed to be way more serious than they had initially assumed, with some beads of sweat appearing on their foreheads, both of them jumped inside in a hurry while yelling in impatience, "Is he still alive?!?"

'God... please let him be alive... if he's dead... our Silver Sky Sect is finished and we're all going to be... massacred!' In the meantime, while descending, one of the elders deliberated to himself while shivering in fear.

"Barely... he's barely alive, both of you... hurry up."

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"So he's still alive." Listening to their conversation, gritting his teeth for a moment, Virus mumbled while thinking, 'It's not an ant... no, it was a cockroach.'

Virus had assumed that he would most likely die with the whole spaceship crushing him like an ant, however, now he realized that the guest elder either had a higher stage of cultivation than the level his spaceship could deal with or that he had a special means of defense which was very strong. Whatever it was, he was sure that the current him couldn't deal with it considering the fact that the other elders had also shown up now.

He was confident that even if his current spaceship was the weakest battlespaceship which was used for warfare, then right now, the guest elder would be already dead over and over. But unfortunately, it was just a transportationspaceship used only for the purpose of commuting since he didn't have the means of creating even the weakest one among the battle-spaceships with the current level of technology he had access to at this moment. Although his transportation-spaceship had some means of offense, even before making an effort on attacking the guest elder with them, Virus was pretty confident that they wouldn't be able to kill off the guest elder. So, the only remaining choice he had was to activate the shield completely and then drop the spaceship on him with rather fast speed.

However, unexpectedly, the guest elder was still alive, and that made the flames of anger once again blaze up inside Virus' eyes as he uttered with determination, "I'll be back for you-"

Then, looking at the golden beauty's currently deactivated body, he voiced, "Let's go home for now."

Afterward, with great resolve filling his eyes, he took one last glance at the elder which was being taken away as the spaceship began to shoot outside the atmosphere of the Cultivation Earth and left.

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As the spaceship was far enough from the Cultivation Earth, a rift opened in front of the spaceship as it left this world.

Right after the rift closed off, like always, a very ancient man showed up in the previous location of the rift as he muttered, "I'm late again... sigh, what is it exactly... maybe I should..."

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A few minutes ago, while Astes was walking back toward the sect in a very downcast mood, abruptly...

BANG~~~

"Eh..." She jumped in fright hearing the loud noise as he murmured, "What was that?!"

After contemplating a little about what that noise could possibly be and what it implied, her face suddenly turned very ashen as she thought, 'No... it couldn't be that... nothing would happen to junior brother-'

Then, as she came to herself a bit, she realized that she was already dashing toward the source of the noise, however, since her cultivation was rather low

right now, it took her a while to arrive at the source of the noise. And by the time she arrived, the elders had already brought the injured guest elder away with themselves.

Feeling startled after seeing the huge pit in front of her, her body began to tremble a little while staring at it, 'What happened here? Could it be that... something happened to them...' As this thought went through her head which was the most likely possibility, she spotted bits of scrap metal and blood splashed in a corner, which made her feel as if she had fallen to the deepest level of hell for a moment as her heart felt even more uneasy, 'Could it be that one of those greedy elders... no... please... be safe.'

Afterward, filled with anxiousness, she started searching around trying to find any clues which might help her understand what had happened there, however, eventually, after finding nothing, the only thing she could do was to go back and pray that both of them were still fine.

END OF VOLUME THREE.

Chapter 196: Danger Alarms

TECHNOLOGY EARTH

Watching the five drunk best friends dance like there was no tomorrow, the Security ugly couldn't stop a wide grin from appearing on his face as he thought, 'They seem so happy... especially miss... I think this is the first time I'm seeing her this happy... I'm glad I brought them here.'

A few minutes passed as the five friends started to slowly get separated from each other among the dancing crowds which had everyone jammed together.

This obviously made the Security ugly's job a lot harder as he had to now focus on five different people and directions at the same time. However, even if he was putting some of his focus on Ella's best friends, around seventy percent of his focus and awareness was still on Ella since he was aware that even if he could lose the other four people, he couldn't lose Ella even if he had to sacrifice his own life.

'They should just stick together... I should notify Ella about this just in case...' As he was pondering along these lines, abruptly, inside his sharp focus, he realized that one of Ella's friend which went by the name of Mary was being dragged away by a few drunk people outside the crowd of people.

Seeing this, the Security ugly was hesitant as to go or not since he understood that if he left his current location to go after Mary which was being dragged out of the dancing floor, Ella would be completely unguarded and if

she was left alone without anyone to watch over her... even though the possibility of something truly happening to her in this short period of time was very meager, it was still possible!

'What should I do? Maybe I should explain it to her about this whole situation and bring her over with me... no... it would be too late by then.' Thought the Security ugly as he was in a deep dilemma as he remembered that he had promised Ella to protect her friends.

He also couldn't connect to the whole world to see everything from the eyes of the cameras and CCTVs since that was only permitted after his master gave his direct permission to him, so he couldn't make sure if this was planned by someone or not, however, according to his calculations with the limited data he had at hand, he realized that there was a seventy-eight point eighty-nine percent chance that it wasn't the case.

'She's going to hate me if something really happens to her friend... sigh, okay, let's just trust the numbers!' Next, this notion went through his mind as he began to move while gritting his teeth, 'I'll deal with them in a moment and then come back in the quickest speed possible!'

As he had made a decision at last, with an extremely quick speed, the Security ugly began to move among the dancing people, however, since it was very crammed right now, his speed was slowed down by quite a bit as he continued to push his way through the throng.

"Now!" At the same time, seeing the bodyguard finally gone, the boss of a particle group signaled his underlings to bring the two girls away.

And receiving the signal, two people among the crammed crowd began to get closer and closer to their target.

In the meantime, just as Ella and Jessica were dancing jovially, someone grabbed each of their hands as they were pulled out of the dancing crowd. However, since they were truly hammered and wasted right now, they didn't even have the slightest of awareness to realize that their hands were being pulled, so without any kind of resistance whatsoever, both of them were pulled out of the nightclub from the back door to a very dark and empty alley.

"Boss is truly smart! Truly magnificent..."

"Hahaha... great plan boss!" Just as expected of the hooligans, the first thing they did after succeeding was to flatter their boss.

"Haha... so it was successful... you start." Seeing that their plan was successful, pointing at his suited underling beside himself, the boss uttered.

"Boss... can we watch as you two..." In the meantime, the other four underlings which were beside the two questioned with very lewd faces.

"Haha... okay, you watch and learn from your boss!" With a loud laugh, he agreed. Since honestly, the thought of being watched by others while fucking a beauty made him extremely aroused.

"Then I shall begin first, boss, hehe..." In the meantime, getting the order to start first from his boss, the suited underling followed the order as he jumped on Jessica instantly and grabbed her dress with both of his hands as he... ripped them apart!

Rip~

"Eh..." The harsh movement of her dress being ripped apart brought some of Jessica's consciousness back, however, she was still drunk as a skunk.

"Ow..."

"Beautiful-"

At the same time, the four underlings who were watching the whole scene couldn't stop themselves from phrasing their thoughts as they looked at Jessica's plump milky-white breasts which were covered by her sexy black bra.

"Hehe... such a hot body... I'm so lucky-" In the meantime, looking at those white melons, the suited man voiced as he sealed his dirty lips on Jessica's cherry pink lips.

"Mmmhhmm..." Jessica, who had regained even more of her consciousness by now shivered in terror as she finally realized that someone was kissing her and that the upper-half of her body was totally naked with only her bra covering her.

She began to fight with all of her might, however, no matter how hard she tried, instead, it seemed like it only made the other person even more amorous as he even grabbed one of her melons inside his grip as he began to squeeze it very hard, "Mmmmm!"

'No...!' Jessica thought as she continued to struggle with a red face which resulted from her being tanked up.

"Haha... she's blushing... she must be feeling inflamed herself... she must be enjoying it, haha! We have such a naughty one here..." However, seeing her red face, all of them thought that was the sign of her taking pleasure from being violated, even if she pretended to struggle and resist.

"Haha... come on! Stop the foreplay! Just start fucking her already!"

"Yeah! Hurry up! You're not trying to make love here, you're trying to fuck her... so just start fucking her already... fuck her really hard!" From the sidelines, looking at the suited-man continue kissing Jessica, the four excited underlings who were watching the whole show with hard dicks encouraged him to take things a level higher.

Watching his suited underling violate Jessica's lips and chest, an evil grin found itself on the boss' face as he muttered, "I can't wait anymore... Ah... my heart is beating so fast... I wanna fuck!"

Then, as he made a decision to begin too, looking at Ella who still appeared to not comprehend the situation she was in currently, he pounced toward her.

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After the Security ugly stormed in the direction Mary was taken off to, as he finally caught up, he was about to charge at the two hooligans when he realized that both of them had a very wide grin on their faces as if they were already successful!

And seeing this immediately triggered a lot of danger alarms inside the Security ugly's head as the possibility of Ella being in danger increased substantially instantly!

With the numbers increasing, not wanting to be delayed here even for a second more, he directly charged at them as he punched both of their heads with all his might.

Puf~

Puf~

Next, a very distinct sound of two watermelons popping and exploding was heard as he the Security ugly charged back toward Ella's previous location while his mechanical heart had already jumped into his mouth, 'Please be safe... please, miss...'

Afterward, as he finally arrived at his previous spot, his face went completely ashen, "Oh no... this is bad!"

Realizing this was a matter of life and death now and that in case something truly happened to Ella, his master was probably going to destroy him entirely

anyway, no longer caring about Virus granting him permission first, he directly connected to every phone's camera, every CCTV, and every other source available inside and outside the nightclub while trying his best to pinpoint Ella's current location.

Chapter 197: Help

In the meantime, the boss was just pouncing toward Ella when the suited man finally decided to take things a level higher as he stopped kissing Jessica and separated his mouth from her lips.

"HELP! PLEASE, SOMEONE! ANYONE! AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH

Jessica, who was horrified of what was happening to her and especially what was going to happen to her next, seeing her sealed mouth was finally free, began to scream like there was no tomorrow as she truly hoped it would garner the attention of some passers-by or anyone else who could help her at all in her current situation.

Hearing her shrill voice, made everyone's eardrums truly hurt as they looked at her in annoyance, "Bitch! Stop yelling for help! No one's gonna save you!"

"Urrghh, my ears... ouch! What a bitch!"

However, what no one realized was that this scream was like a clap of thunder to the wasted Ella as her eyes turned wide-open while she finally regained some clarity as she looked around in confusion when she spotted the man who was pouncing toward her, 'Eh, what's going on? Why am I here? Wasn't I in the nightclub just now? What was that scream? Why is this disgusting man coming at me?'

"Ah... it's your turn now beauty... come to this daddy's embrace now!" At last, as the boss was finally right in front of Ella, he was just about to steal her lips, when the afraid Ella's face went pale as she understood what the other man was trying to do. So, with fear covering her face, closing her eyes, wanting to defend herself with all her power, she sent her fist toward the face of the so-called disgusting man who was almost upon her.

Bam!

Bang!

The next moment, as everyone still had a wide evil grin on their faces, abruptly, they realized something had just flown by them like a rocket!

"Eh, what was that..." Asked a bewildered thug, not quite understanding the whole situation since his attention was previously on Jessica and the suited man who were going to elevate things soon.

However, some of the thugs whose attention were clearly on their boss now wore ghastly faces which were white as a sheet, "Bossss!!!!"

Seeing their boss pass from beside them like a bullet and then crash into a corner very hard, the thugs were truly dumbfounded as all of their smiles froze!

They also just couldn't comprehend how a woman can have that kind of terrifying strength.

A few seconds later, when they eventually got a grip on themselves, all of them charged toward their boss' mutilated body whose condition was unknown.

In the end, as all of them understood what had just happened, with very livid expressions, they charged toward the disfigured body in order to check its current status.

"He... he's not breathing!"

"Check if his heart's still beating!"

"Ah... no... nothing... Boss' dead..."

"What ...?"

Hearing that their boss had died just like that, blood was drained from all of their faces as they had a hard time believing what they were seeing.

One of them uttered in bewilderment, "Impossible... boss was alive and kicking just now..."

In the meantime, hearing the other person had died, Ella's face turned ashen as she looked at the corpse a few meters in front of her in shock!

'He died? Just like that? So... I killed him? I murdered someone?' These thoughts began to pass through her head as she sat there with a blank look in her eyes, however, what made her feel a hundred times more uncomfortable and painful was that she wasn't feeling any kind of remorse or any other emotion for that matter about murdering someone.

Then, raising her hands in front of her face, she looked at them as she wondered, 'What's wrong with me??? Why am I like this? I murdered someone for god sake and I'm feeling nothing!!! These hands...'

Although she wasn't really feeling anything intense right now, she understood that the act of murdering someone was the gravest sin possible, something she could never come back from. So despite all of that, she understood what she had done and that made her extremely uncomfortable inside as it pressured her conscience greatly.

'Why? Why is this happening? Why should I be in this kind of situation?' As these notions popped into her mind, without her realizing, she began to think about Virus, 'Ai... where are you... why... why are you not here right now? Why aren't you here when I need you the most? Ai... I'm a murderer now...'

"Elle... are you okay?" Jessica was completely free at this moment as she was left alone after the thug boss was sent flying, so, walking beside Ella in horror, she held her hand while looking at her best friend's face in worry.

As the thugs finally accepted the fact that their boss was dead, blood began to cover their eyes as that sense of bewilderment was replaced by an intese emotion of rage!

"She killed the boss... I'll slaughter her! I'll cut her into a thousand pieces!" One of the thugs voiced while gnashing his teeth while looking at Ella.

Simultaneously, the other four including the suited man also rose up as they stared in Ella's direction in absolute hatred!

The next moment, four of them took out knives from somewhere inside their bodies while the suited man searched his boss' corpse as he picked a pistol from inside the dead man's pocket.

The two girls, including Ella, were already terrified seeing the four thugs with knives in their hands, however that wasn't the end as they even spotted the suited man holding a gun which left them trembling and pale.

"Don't shoot yet... we'll first cut her up! It would be too easy for her to die with just a bullet." Raising his hand, one of the thugs phrased toward the suited thug.

"I know... I have no plans of letting her go just like that... you four, go at her at once!" The suited man said while gritting his teeth.

Seeing four thugs about to charge at them with big knives in each of their hands, Ella's expression went stiff and rigid as she knew even though she had super strength together with a very fast speed... she still wouldn't be able to dodge all of them at once while punching them simultaneously.

She was aware that she didn't have any kind of techniques or martial arts to back her strength or her speed. Moreover, since she had to protect Jessica at

the same time, she understood very clearly that she wouldn't be able to come out of this situation unscathed or even alive.

She was certain that even if by some godsend luck she was able to come out of this situation alive, she wouldn't be able to fight back against a gun and dodge a bullet!

"Attack them! Make some additional holes in both of them!" Shouting, the suited thug ordered.

"Alright! Attack brothers! Let's avenge our deceased boss!" One of the other four thugs proclaimed with bloodshot eyes.

"Ahhh..." Then screamingly, the four began to charge toward the direction of the two trembling girls.

As the image of the four charging thugs reflected itself inside one of the girls' eyes, she hopelessly thought to herself, 'Ai... where are you? Sigh... Would I be able to see you again?'

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In the meantime, without anyone realizing, in a somewhat distant place in space, outside the atmosphere of Earth, a rift opened and closed as an invisible spaceship silently came out of it.

"We're home, Lil Belle." Watching the beautiful blue planet in his line of sight, Virus uttered toward the deactivated golden beauty while hearing no response in return.

'Let's see how everything has progressed while I was gone. let's see the current situation on Earth...' As this thought passed through his mind, Virus directly connected himself to the waves which existed even right outside the atmosphere of Earth.

Then, an instant later, he was done checking the current situation of different countries and cities in the whole world as he nodded in satisfaction, "Hmm... the CEO ugly has done a good job. Great!"

"I wonder how Ella and the four uglies are doing right now..." As he murmured this, curious, once again, he connected to one of the waves in space as he began to check the current state of those he was curious about, however, the very next moment, very unbefitting of a teenager, his eyes and expression

turned so chilly and hideous that anyone would be probably left trembling from the mere sight of it.

Chapter 198: He's Mine

Then, with that unsightly and dark expression of his face, not wanting to waste a second more, giving the spaceship the exact coordinates, a rift opened once again as the spaceship disappeared inside of it.

In the meantime, even though he had just deactivated his ring and had to tolerate a lot of pressure on his body because of it, he still connected to his ring as he sent a new command to it, 'Trigger Median Configuration – Fragmentary Integument!'

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Meanwhile, seeing Ella gone to his extreme horrification, the Security ugly first cursed his rotten luck before searching every CCTV and every other form of eye or ear available to him. Then a few seconds later, as expected, the current location of Ella was spotted through the microphone of the cellphone that belonged to one of the thugs.

'Found her!' Next, as he thought this, he began charging toward that alley with his fastest speed without wasting even a second more.

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'Am I really going to die like this?' As the reflection of four charging thugs with knives in their hands was displaying inside Ella's eyes, this thought went through her head.

"Ahhh..." The four thugs were now just around eight meters away from Ella and this distance was getting closer and closer.

Seven meters...

Six meters...

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Two meters!

However, without anyone noticing, very quietly, a rift blinked in the sky right above the dark alley.

Then, shockingly, as if a portal to another world had opened itself, a door appeared in the middle of the sky as a man whose both arms and legs were covered in scales jumped right from there.

If anyone happened to see this specific scene, they would've probably thought that this was some kind of magic or that aliens had invaded them.

Boom~

The next moment, a rather loud sound, somewhat similar to the sound of an explosion, was heard as something landed a few meters away from the charging thugs.

Although everyone was startled hearing the loud noise, since there were only a meter before the collision and the start of the fight, other than the suited man, no one else looked in the direction of the explosion which was now covered in dust.

By now, Ella was standing as she was ready to engage in a bloody fight with the thugs any seconds while she wondered, 'Wish I had seen him one last time before it was all over...'

"Ahhhhhhh, die!" All four men with the big knives in their hands were now stabbing toward Ella simultaneously as Ella gazed at the incoming knives in despair while realizing that it was indeed impossible for her to defend against all four of them.

'It seems-' This notion of despair began to pass from Ella's head when to her astonishment, in the very last moment, she realized that she was being hugged by one arm of someone as that certain someone had raised his other hand to easily deflect the four incoming attacks at the same time!

Looking at the face of this person which was now hugging her, Ella felt a familiar feeling rise inside her, however, then she realized that it was just a teenager which she had certainly never seen before in her whole life!

"Who are-" She was then just about to question who he was, when out of nowhere, to her shock, she saw a huge machine gun with red lights all over it appear in his grip as he began to shoot non-stop while a very chilly glint passed through his eyes.

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She watched in fear as the four thugs bodies were reduced to many pieces of raw meat.

Finally, ten seconds later, she saw that the shooting had stopped. However, by now, almost nothing had remained of the four thugs as this unknown person which was hugging her had even shot their raw flesh which had dropped on the ground.

The suited man was frozen still in terror by now as he watched his underlings arms and legs drop on the floor...

He even watched their heads explode like a watermelon which had fallen on the ground as brain matter splashed everywhere!

Even their organs were not spared as different organs were now covering the alley.

At last, as he was no longer able to tolerate this scene in front of him, the suited man dropped on his knees as he began vomit with a colorless face, "Bleeerghhh."

Jessica too, was on her knees as she was puking all over. Her whole body was trembling while looking at the scene in front of her in horror. Then, after she was done, she felt no strength in her body as she passed out.

However, for some reason, Ella didn't seem to feel much after seeing such a gorry scene other than a mild feeling of disgust overwhelming her.

While the suited man was vomiting though, Virus didn't seem to have any intentions of shooting him down as he just watched him be done with it first.

A couple of seconds later, when the suited man's stomach was emptied out, he rose to his feet as he aimed at Virus with a trembling hand. To be more exact, his whole body was shaking in absolute fear while looking at the person in front of him in hopelessness.

"Who... who... who are you? Why would you-" These words were the only words he could utter. There was no feeling of anger or hatred inside his eyes about losing his underlings or his boss anymore. There was only... fear.

'I have to shoot him quickly before... or... I have to-' These kinds of thoughts kept popping in his head as he understood that if he didn't do it now, he was certainly going to die the very next moment. So, finally gathering all of his remaining last bits of courage, he took the shot and pulled the trigger continuously.

Bang! Bang! Bang! ...

Just like that, closing his eyes unconsciously, he emptied all of his bullets in the direction of the person which made him filled with fear with his whole being.

Then, filled with hope about the result, the suited man opened his eyes while expecting to see his target bleeding from all over his body.

Unfortunately, what he witnessed next made him only stunned and then filled with even more terror. Because, right now, someone else was standing right in front of Virus and Ella.

'He's that bodyguard!' The suited man thought.

However, what made his dread increase even further was that all of the wounds which were showing on the body of this bodyguard began to close up and heal the very next moment, 'Oh, god... who have I offended.'

"Don't kill him. He's mine." Then, as the Security ugly was about to dash and kill, Virus ordered with an icy tone.

"Yes, master." Without any hesitation, the Security ugly bowed before storming toward the suited man as he took the pistol from his hands and grabbed his collar, waiting for his master to come and deal with him.

"Who are you...?" Finally, as the situation seemed to have been dealt with, Ella inquired while looking into the eyes of this teenager which she had never seen before.

Hearing the question, a realization hit Virus, 'Oh right, I still look like a teenager.'

"I'm..." Then, he was about to say something when he was interrupted by Ella's next course of action.

In the meantime, remembering she was still inside the embrace of this stranger, a blush showed itself on Ella's face as she pushed him away and escaped from his arm.

"I said... Who... Who are you? Do you know Ai?" She asked again.

"Sleep for now." However, deciding to not say anything for now as it was too shocking to realize that your boyfriend could change the way he looked like, Virus hit her neck as she fainted.

Then, gently putting her sleeping body on the ground, Virus' expression changed to a very cold one once again as he walked before the suited man

who kept begging for his life, "Please... spare me... please... don't kill me... I'm going to die in a year anyway... please." Tears and snot were also covering his face.

"Not kill you? I'm sure you're gonna change your mind soon enough." Phrasing this sentence in a chilly tone, he began to move as he brutally pulled both of his arms off.

"Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhh..." Obviously, as his arms were no longer a part of his body, the poor suited man started screaming as he was currently going through true hell.

Not stopping there though, Virus pulled his legs too as both of his legs were also detached from his body the next moment.

Looking at the yelling person without limbs in front of him, Viurs opened his mouth, "Do you still wanna live?"

"Please... ah... please... kill me... Ahh... Ahhh..." said the bloody suited man.

"Didn't I tell you...?" Feeling the punishment was enough and any more would be meaningless, punching his head, the suited man's skull bursted as he passed away.

Afterward, standing up, he stood still deadly silent without any kind of emotions showing itself on his face.

Seeing this, how could the Security not understand what was going on through his master's mind, so walking before him, "Master..."

Slap!

He was just about to continue his sentence when a slap landed on his face.

This slap was so powerful that the flesh of one side of the Security ugly's face was gone entirely.

"Do you know why I hit you?" Uttered Virus very coldly with a dark face.

"Yes, master. This slave deserves to die." Not daring to look into his master's eyes, as if his eyes were stuck to the very ground itself, the Security ugly voiced.

Chapter 199: Never Come Back

Staring into his eyes with all seriousness, Virus finally let out a sigh of helplessness as he voiced while shaking his head, "Damn it, Security ugly, be more careful from now on!"

"Yes, master." Understanding that the storm seemed to have passed, the Security ugly uttered while celebrating inside.

Then, Virus gave his new set of orders, "Okay, call those people and have them take Ella's friends back to their home."

Picking up the sleeping Ella, he added further, "Also, I'll drop you off at Ella's with my spaceship. Continue watching over her there and let me know when something happens."

"Yes, master... by the way, should I clean up these bodies?" Pointing at the various body parts left on the ground, the Security ugly inquired to which Virus' reply was that there was no need for such action, "Just leave them be, they deserve to remain like this."

Afterward, first, Virus put Ella inside the spaceship as he patiently waited for her friends to be gathered before sending them away with some loyal people who worked for the Virus Industries.

'If something happens to them... she might be upset with me, so I better-' Of course, Virus also did some quick background check on them in order to see if there was a risk of anything going wrong due to them. After making sure they were clean, and that they had quite a stable mentality, he was relieved. But still, just to be sure he continued having them under surveillance while they were being taken back to their houses.

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After dropping Ella and the Security ugly off at her house, Virus finally returned to his private island where the Island ugly was already waiting.

"Welcome ba... uh, master! What happened to Miss Bella?" The Island ugly was shocked seeing the golden beauty's condition in Virus' arms, 'What did they go through for her to end up like this?' Speechless, the Island ugly wondered. He understood clearly that the golden beauty's body was even harder than their extremely durable bodies, yet, she was wrecked to that state and that startled him to no ends.

"Let's go fix her up." Not bothering to explain, Virus replied as he began walking toward the parked SUV beside the spaceship.

"Did anything particular happen while I was gone?" Although he could figure everything out by himself in just a moment, he didn't do that since he had

previously decided to live and enjoy the entertaining life of a human being which was, to be frank, quite interesting to him right now. So he inquired directly.

"Um... not much, since the world is in chaos right now, the atoll and matters related to it are pretty much safe. However, before the worldwide disease was announced to the world, the Seychelles government visited the island and they even searched our building." Elaborated the Island ugly with a frown.

To Virus, It was clear that Seychelles wouldn't be able to find anything wrong with the island since everything was secretly done miles under the ground. Nevertheless, hearing that the government had investigated them, Virus' mood turned even more sour as he uttered, "The world thinks this atoll is just a place for me to enjoy myself... though if anyone investigates our company a bit, they would realize that the technologies are popping out of nowhere and that would make them believe there is a hidden team of highly intelligent scientists plus very advanced technologies concealed somewhere... and obviously... this atoll is the most suspicious place they can think of, so the Seychelles government must've come for some treasure hunting that might benefit them, tch."

'Maybe it's time to-' As this incomplete notion went through his head, shaking his head he stated, "Forget it for now... let's go fix Lil Belle."

Afterward, Virus himself began to attach new body parts to the golden beauty while the Island ugly helped from the sidelines.

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Two hours later, the golden beauty's eyelids began to flutter as they slowly opened, "Master...?" She mumbled in confusion.

"You're awake, Lil Belle." Said Virus with a reassuring chuckle.

"Where are we? Weren't we... what happened?" Thinking about the last thing she could remember, the golden beauty's queried anxiously.

"Don't worry everything's fine. We're home now, you're safe..." He comforted in a soft voice.

'Thank god, but I didn't want master to see me like this...' Looking down at her own body which didn't have any flesh in many places, the golden beauty responded in a downcast tone, "I see..."

Seeing her dispirited way of behavior, assuming she didn't like to remain in this fleshless state, Virus said, "Let's go... both of us should change back to our original forms... like that, your flesh will be recovered too."

"En." She nodded with unknown thoughts going through her head.

Soon, inside the First Floor of the Underground World, an extremely beautiful girl with golden hairs and golden eyes exited the Shape-Shifter Technology with a bright smile showing itself on her face as she inquired with a quick twirl, "Hehe, how do I look in my original looks master?"

"Does that even need asking? My Belle is the most beautiful girl in the whole world! A beauty that would ruin worlds!" Replied Virus proudly while thinking, 'The way she acts has gone through a 180-degree transformation.'

Listening to his words, a crescent smile appeared on the golden beauty's face.

A couple of minutes later, the Shape-Shifter Technology's entrance was opened once again as a mind-boggling devilish man walked out of it.

As he came out though, deciding to cheer the golden beauty up a little, taking a funny yet tempting pose, he muttered, "How do I look?"

"Pfft-" As expected, suddenly, she burst out laughing before continuing, "Master's the most handsome!"

"Right?" Placing her two fingers under his chin, said Virus while gazing into her eyes.

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"Take this fruit and restore it to its original shape. Be careful while carrying it... this fruit is very important to me. It's the reason why we left for so long." Stating this, he threw the Brisk Balance Fruit toward the shocked Island ugly who promptly increased his accuracy to the maximum in order to catch the fruit in a way so no pressure or damage would be relayed to the fruit itself.

'Sigh... Why do you throw it at me if it's so important!' Sighing in relief after catching the fruit, the Island ugly thought in defeat. Though he didn't dare to say it out loud.

"Also, you have two days to gather the rest of the necessary material." As soon as this order was given, a list of material together with their picture popped into the Island ugly's head.

'Cold Dark Fungi, the heart of a Sun Bone Fish, Blue Rock Grass, Blue Flame Flower, and Golden Dried Sand Vine.'

Seeing the list of plants and animals, the Island ugly was speechless as he ruefully smiled, 'You want me to gather these things I've never heard of nor have I seen before in mere two days?'

Externally though, he accepted the command as he quried, "Um, Master, where can I find these things?"

"Use the radar to pinpoint the exact location of each material... however, since you need a rough address to look for... let me explain a bit." Uttering this, Virus continued, "First you need to know that all of the things I mentioned can only grow and live in extreme places on Earth where no one has access to at the current day and time-"

Taking a sip from his teacup at this point, he stopped talking for a moment as he pondered, 'Ah... I truly missed this tea. The tea there was utter trash!'

Then he added, "Cold Dark Fungi can only be found deep inside the ices of the south pole. The Sun Bone Fish and the Blue Rock Grass can both only live and grow at the very bottom of the ocean itself under extreme pressure and absolute darkness."

Taking another sip, he continued, "Then there is the Blue Flame Flower which can grow deep inside the lava of an active volcano... and lastly there is the Golden Dried Sand Vine which grows at the unreachable bottom of the Sahara desert."

"You can use the spaceship in whatever way you like in order to reach those places... just don't forget to activate the shield first or you might never come back." He concluded with an amused grin.

'Are you seriously grinning thinking about my death right now?!?' Speechless once again, out of frustration, the Island ugly thought screamingly.

Chapter 200: Deepest Part

"Uh... what a bad headache. Where am-" Grabbing her forehead with one hand, Ella's eyelashes began to tremble as it slowly fluttered open.

A light of clarity appeared inside her eyes as it was soon replaced by confusion after looking around herself and realizing she was on her own bed already, "Eh, how did I come back?"

At this time, her room's door was slowly opened as a middle-aged woman walked inside with a glass of water, "Gee, Elle! Why did you get so drunk last night? You should thank god that Aizen sent his friend to watch over you, otherwise how would've you come back? Do you even know how drunk you were? You had completely passed out!"

"Hmm?" Hearing this, Ella's mind began to race as she began to remember, 'Last night... I was at the nightclub and then-' At this point, her face abruptly went pale as she arrived at the point where she and Jessica were dragged out of the nightclub into a very dark alley by some thugs! However, unfortunately, her memories of that moment were extremely foggy to the point that she couldn't recollect what had happened afterward at all.

Seeing her daughter in a daze, assuming it was because of the terrible hangover she was experiencing, after letting out a sigh of helplessness, she began strolling out of the room while uttering, "Sigh, drink the water, it'll help."

Fear overcame her as she hurriedly tried recalling the rest in panic, 'No... please, come on Ella, remember!'

'No, no, no... first I need to call Jessica and make sure she's fine!' Immediately picking her cellphone, she called Jessica.

Beep~ Beep~

"He... hello? Who is this? Ah, I have such a headac-"

Interrupting her, Ella anxiously questioned, "It's me, Ella! Are you okay Jess?"

With a giggle, she replied, "Oh, Elle... hmm, why wouldn't I be okay? Why are you bothering me so early in the morning, lemme sleep! Eh, but how did I come back? I can't recall a thing after we got so drunk. Hehe, did mister prince in white horse's bodyguards brought me back? Ouch, my head!"

"You really don't remember?" Having some doubts, Ella asked again.

Growing curious, Jessica inquired, "Huh? Why do you keep asking that? Could it be... did I do something naughty? Oh my god, what did I do?"

'She can't remember either?' Deliberating, Ella muttered before hanging up, "Oh nothing, since I can't remember much either... I thought you would. Anyway, as long as you're fine, it's okay. Will call you back later."

It was unknown why Jessica couldn't place the incidents of the previous night, it might've been because of the trauma she received as a result of going through such a horrible experience or maybe because she had been extremely drunk at the time.

"I need to recall what happened no matter what! Otherwise, I will no longer have the courage to look into Ai's eyes... However, if something truly happened last night, then-" Muttering to this point, her whole body began to tremble as some traces of tears showed on her face, "Sob, no, nothing must've happened-"

"I, I should ask the Security bro-" Mumbling this, she reached to her phone once again before hesitating, 'But... but what if something truly happened- no, no... Security bro must've protected me.'

"Hello miss, do you need something?" Came the Security ugly's voice from the other side of the line.

"Secur... Security bro, where... where are you right now?" Stuttering a bit, she queried.

"Hmm? Of course, I'm inside the van in front of your house? Did something happen?" His whole body tensing up, the Security ugly questioned.

"No, I'm coming to see you, I've got something to ask." Promptly hanging up, she rushed out of the house.

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"What is-" The Security ugly was just about to complete his sentence when Ella jumped in the middle of his words, "What happened last night??? I can't remember what happened after I was brought to the dark alley... could it be that I've been already...?"

Instantly, a sharp light passed through the Security ugly's eyes, 'Hmm? She can't remember?'

'Should I tell her that master saved her?' Thinking up to this point, he recalled how Virus didn't confess it was him who had saved her and didn't even say that he could change his appearance, he contemplated 'No, master obviously didn't want her to know. Should I lie?'

Arriving at a decision, understanding that the first and the most important thing he needed to do right now was to reassure Ella, he phrased his thought,

"Don't worry, miss. I know what's going through your head. But please be rest assured that nothing like that happened because I arrived in time and saved you."

Listening to his words, filled with doubt, she prayed, "Really?"

"Really! Why would I-" Before finishing his sentence, his eyes went wide open as he realized that a specific someone had charged into hugging him, "Sob, thank you!"

'Ah, I don't wanna die... please let me go miss.' The Security ugly was frozen still in terror by now as he didn't dare to move in the slightest because although he knew this hug was just a way of thanking him and didn't really mean anything, he couldn't be sure if Virus who was definitely watching would get mad over this and destroy him forever.

"Ah... okay, miss, you're welcome. No need to mention it again." Finally coming to himself, with perspiration already covering his forehead, he pushed Ella away in a nervous and horrified manner.

Fortunately though, even after Ella left, nothing such as a specific spaceship flattening him or his data and codes abruptly being deleted did not happen.

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Two days passed just like that as Virus was currently laying back on a lounger beside the beach while taking a sip from his orange juice from time to time.

'I need to check my [Existential Codes] as soon as possible since I feel like something might be wrong with it. But... I need to create a certain tool that's almost one grade higher than the current level of technology I can make at the moment, so, unfortunately, it's impossible for me to do that right now-' As this line of thought was passing through his mind, it was stopped by a certain golden beauty who was sunbathing right beside him in her red bikini, "Master, what are you thinking so deeply about?" {A/N: Existence Codes has been changed to Existential Codes... since I feel like it rhymes better.}

"... Nothing much. How is it? Are you enjoying the beach?" Instead of replying, Virus changed the topic cleverly.

"Ah... Very much... Master-" Then, she appeared to want to say something, however, just as she was about to pronounce her piece of mind, her cheeks turned red as she didn't continue.

"What is it, Lil Belle? Just tell me, it's okay." Quickly catching that she seemed to have some difficulties expressing her thoughts, Virus asked back.

"Um, okay. Master... can you help me put some sunscreen lotion on my back?" By now, her flushing face was as red as it could possibly get.

Hearing the simple request, an amused light showed itself inside Virus eyes before mouthing with a hearty laugh, "Haha, sure. We have around half a day before the Island ugly's finished anyway, so let's enjoy the rest of our remaining time together."

After that, rising into a sitting position, he picked up the lotion that was placed beside the lying golden beauty before popping open its lid.

"Half a day? He's still not done finding the materials? Where is he right now?" Watching Virus pour the lotion on his palm, a bashful expression displayed itself on the golden beauty's face as she tried to lessen the feeling of shyness she was having by changing the subject.

"Uh..." Not catching up the small moan which had uncontrollably escaped from the golden beauty's mouth when he had gently placed his palm on her jade white back, he began to slowly rub it while adding, "He's currently at the deepest part of the Pacific Ocean. Since even the shield of the spaceship can only last for an hour before breaking apart from the pressure, he's forced to wait for a few hours every time the shield is at its limits and that's why it's taking some time for him to return."