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On their next exit, a gigantic planet, a few times bigger than Earth showed up right in front of them.

Unlike Earth, which was mostly covered in blue and oceans, this planet was fifty-five percent covered in green, which meant that oceans of forests had covered the planet instead of oceans of water.

Around twenty percent was made up of red areas. These were the deserts and the empty fields on the planet. Having said that, one difference of this planet with Earth was the fact that its soil was seemingly red.

And the remaining twenty-five percent was made up of water, the seas and oceans.

"Woah... so many forests and green areas!" Exclaimed the golden beauty gazing at the planet before her, which was beguiling in its own right.

"Master, is this planet livable for humans? Does it provide the necessary stuff like oxygen? Isn't it toxic to them?" Her eyebrows raised, she continued staring at the planet in front of them while throwing one question after another. She was indeed very curious.

"Hmm, it's should be roughly suitable for us to live on and there shouldn't be anything toxic that endangers human life within the atmosphere." Said Virus relaxedly.

"Is there also any intelligent life on the planet?" With her eyes shining a bit, she inquired again out of pure interest.

"You might know about it soon." As he uttered that, the spaceship disappeared into the atmosphere of the planet in its invisible mode.

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Pssh~

The door of the spaceship opened up as an excited golden beauty dashed out in a hurry.

Next, while touching the ground, she voiced, "Woah! Master, look, the ground's covered in red everywhere! It's as if the whole planets soaked in blood."

"These trees... they seem to be new species of trees... I've never seen anything like them on our own Earth." At this point, she turned her head toward the sky. However, instantly, she became mesmerized.

Because, right now, in her line of sight, she was gazing upon two suns shining from right beside each other. However, since they were rather distant from the planet, the sight didn't differ by that much from the view of the sun from Earth, the only dissimilarity was the fact that there were two of those blinding lights now.

What had truly mesmerized her, however, was a gigantic planet in her line of sight since it was so close that it felt in case she reached out her hand, she would be capable of touching it.

This scene, other than being extremely beautiful, was in fact also somewhat terrifying to look at, since it gave one the illusion that the other planet was just about to collide into this one!

Also, all these things aside, a river was floating down from beside them. Nonetheless, it was no ordinary river as it was slightly emitting a bright light from itself. Its water was shining!

Running before the flowing watercourse, sinking her hand into it, she muttered peacefully, "Ah... this river... I've never seen a river as pleasing and alluring as this..."

A few seconds passed. At last, finished with her appreciation of the rare scenes around her, standing up, she asked in total anticipation, "So, master, where is that rare 'Water of Life' you're searching for? Let's go find it!"

"Didn't you just touch it?" Grinning amusedly, Virus questioned.

"W-what? You can't possibly be saying... the entire river?" As her eyes popped open in shock, she stared at the river once again. Then, she added, "This entire river? But... that's too much! Shouldn't it be something rarer?"

A broad smile hanging over his face, Virus added, "Yes... it's supposed to be extremely rare... in more than one million years later. Right now, there is plenty of this water."

"Th-that's amazing! Doesn't the 'Water of Life' have any other uses? I mean, with so much at hand... master can easily do whatever he wants with them without any worry about running out of them!" With flashing eyes of excitement, she muttered.

"Haha... of course there are many uses for it! Let me tell you, this water's going to be very helpful for our cultivation later on!" He said, matter-of-factly.

"Let's not talk about it's benefits to cultivation. Just drinking it on a daily would keep the body in the most optimum condition, meaning, you won't ever get sick due to being weak. And the possibility of catching diseases like cancer would be nearly zero percent!" He added further.

Nonetheless, not stopping there, he went on, "And most importantly, if a human being continues to drink it constantly on a daily basis, over time, it would greatly improve the condition of the body. And that would gradually result in the lifespan of a normal person increasing greatly! For example,

instead of living for around 100 years, a human being will be capable of living for nearly 1,000 years at least, and it stops being effective around that time just because the body develops a resistance to the water. If the body did not develop that resistance, theoretically, as long as one constantly drinks it, that person should be able to live indefinitely, which means that the person would practically be immortal!"

"Anyway, in short, you can say it results in substantial growth in the lifespan of an average person which is priceless in its own right! And that's also why it's called the 'Water of Life'!" He concluded.

"Wow, that's amazing master... if we sell this on Earth, I bet those tycoons would spend their entire fortune just to live longer!" Voiced the golden beauty with shining eyes of expectation.

"Of course! Time is money, but money's not time." Nodding his head, Virus agreed nonchalantly.

"Anyhow, those were not its only uses... another use for it is that it's considered a high-quality ingredient for cooking, making tea, coffee, etc. so, from now on, you can cook and make the things you want using this water." He also noted shortly.

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"That's an amazing idea! Hehe... now I look forward to seeing how the food or the drink prepared with this water would taste like..." She commented with flashing eyes of happiness.

"Okay, we should collect some water and leave quickly before we face a headache." Mouthing this, he turned his head toward the spaceship momentarily. Following his gaze, five Worker Robots exited the spaceship in

an orderly fashion. Each of them was carrying a 200-liter 55-gallon drum as they casually walked toward the river before starting to fill them up.

In the meantime, as the Worker Robots filled one 55-gallon drum after another, Virus and the golden beauty had nothing better to do, so they could just sit under the shade of a tree with strange leaves in the shape of mugs while watching the Worker Robots do their job.

"The leaves of this tree are so weird, master. We could literally use it as cups to drink water whenever we feel like it... if there are any intelligent races on this planet, it must be nice for them to have access to mugs whenever they feel like it..."

"You're the weird one for thinking that!" Barked Virus in response.

Not paying any attention to his sentence though, she continued, "Since I'm the first person to see the tree, I shall name it... hmm... let's just call it the 'Mug Tree'."

"It already had a name. But sure, 'Mug Tree' sounds appropriate."

Happily, she said back, "Right?! Named it like that because it literally bore us mugs!"

"No shit!"

"Oh, right! Master, where do these waters come from?" Staring at the waterway, the golden beauty questioned.

Standing up, Virus severed a single mug leaf as he strolled toward the river. While dunking the leaf into the water flow, he elaborated, "This water comes from deep within the planet itself, probably the deepest spot this kind of water can exist in."

"Oh, is that so? So is the water so extraordinary because it gets mingled with some unique material under the ground?" Looking at her master's strong back figure, she queried.

"That's not what makes the water so special... apparently, what makes this water exceptional are three things. First, it's a certain attribute of this planet to attract energy from the entire Cigar Galaxy. Second, it's the position of this planet in the Cigar Galaxy, which is said to be exactly in a spot where it makes it possible to attract energy from all over the galaxy itself. And the last but not least is the unique energy of this galaxy which adds that certain characteristic to the water itself." Taking out the mug full of Water of Life, Virus drank all of it in one go.

Giggling in humor, she phrased, "Hehe... so it's the energy or rather... the smoke of the Cigar Galaxy that's unique. Hehe... anyway, joking aside, that's really aweso-"

Roar!

She was just about to finish her praise of the water when she was interrupted by a strange roar.

Shocked, she turned in order to see the source of the noise...

But what she witnessed next stunned her even further.

Because, in front of her, there were two 1 meter pitch-black beasts which were very similar to panthers! However, unlike panthers, even their eyes were entirely black. Moreover, their paws were more similar to the fingers of a human being, only, instead of nails, there were sharp claws attached to the end of them. This fact alone made them much more dangerous than panthers with claws.

Still, to the golden beauty, these parts weren't the astonishing points of the beasts in front of her. The astounding fact was that the two beasts were

wearing leather armors on their bodies and they had even trimmed their claws and fingers with some iron-like materials!

Even more so, the golden beauty could swear those sharp eyes which were gazing at her were totally comprehending exactly what they were looking at!

"M-master... what are these things?" Asked the golden beauty with a bit of a chill apparent within her tone.

Not making any sudden movements, while staring at them, Virus replied, "Didn't you ask if there were any intelligent beings present on this planet? Well... you're looking at them. At this moment in time, this is the current dominant race on the planet... they were lucky enough for their brains to evolve to the point of acquiring consciousness and free will. Though they're not as smart as humans, they still have some basic wisdom."

"Ah... you mean... they are capable of thinking?" Said the golden beauty. In return, Virus responded with, "What else could I mean! Yes... their intelligence can be placed somewhere between apes and humans. Anyway, you can address their race as Panumans."

"Seriously?"

"Yeah."

"Ok..."

"Grr... owl... grrri, grrroarrrrr?" Suddenly, one of the Panumans started producing weird noises.

"What's happening right now?" A bit speechless by the continuous weird noises the Panuman was making as if it was expecting her to understand its growls, helpless, she could only turn to her master.

"They just demanded an answer from us, they asked, 'What are we? And why have we intruded into their sacred ground of Water of Life?'"

"For real?"

"Yeah... lemme transmit their language knowledge into your mind, you'll get it then." Muttering that, Virus sent a lot of information regarding the Panuman's current language into the golden beauty's head.

"Oh... I see!" Receiving the knowledge of their language, a shimmer of comprehension passed through the golden beauty's eyes.

After that, she inquired, "But why do they consider this place their sacred ground? Could it be they're also aware of the value of the Water of Life?"

"Of course! Their evolution toward gaining consciousness itself mostly took place because of the presence of the Water of Life. Otherwise, they wouldn't have acquired wisdom at this point. They were still far from it." Virus explained.

Understanding the situation, the golden beauty stated, "Oh... I see! So they evolved because they continuously drank from the Water of Life!"

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Meanwhile, turning toward the two beasts, Virus voiced in their language, "Who or what we are doesn't matter. We just need some water from the river. Then, we'll leave."

"Stop taking any more water from our sacred ground! Tell your subordinates to stop and return all they have taken from us! If you do that, we'll consider not eating your corpses." The Panuman growled these words. {A/N: I'll only write the translation of their growls and conversation from now on. But you can imagine them making a serious of growls, and Virus growling back in return. :D}



"Master? Why aren't they attacking us? Why are they just watching and talking like civilized people?" Confused by the way those Panumans were acting, the golden beauty questioned.

"Well, they're at least that smart to not attack some being entirely unknown to them. Thus, they're waiting for their comrades to join so they would deal with us together." Was Virus' answer.

"Ah... when did they notify their comrades?"

"The roar we heard at first, that was them alarming their friends... they should be arriving soon enough..." At this point, turning his head around, Virus saw that the last container was filled to the brim, meaning, it was time for them to depart.

"Let's go. We need to hurry and leave before the other Panumans come, otherwise, it might be a bit of a headache to deal with them." He remarked casually.

"Ah... alright, let's go then." And so, they began walking toward the spaceship as the Worker robots had already carried all of the 55-gallon drums within the spaceship itself.

"Halt!" However, at this time, one of the Panumans roared in anger.

The two of them, of course, didn't listen and continued strolling toward their spaceship in a very relaxed fashion.

Seeing this, the Panumans started to deliberate. They wanted to wait for the other soldiers to arrive before attacking together. But now, that didn't seem to be one of their options. So, after a brief gaze into each other's dark eyes, they charged.

Roar!

Immediately, an evil grin crept on Virus' face. Nonetheless, not paying any heed to them at all, he proceeded on his path.

When the two were almost upon Virus, both of them leaped in his direction as their sharp claws were getting closer and closer to his defenseless back.

Then, just as their attacks were about to hit him, at the very last moment, Virus turned around as both of his hands disappeared in the direction of the two Panumans. The speed of his hands was so quick that the Panumans couldn't see them at all. To them, Virus' hands had literally... vanished!

A moment passed, and now, two Panumans were being grabbed by their necks as they continuously struggled within his palms.

To be more exact, he was holding them from the back of their neck. Like this, no matter how hard they struggled and tried to free themselves. They couldn't, because their claws couldn't reach their opponent at all.

"You two should've just left."

Crack~ Crack~

Two cracking noises were heard next as the Panumans no longer breathed. They had been killed just like that.

Casually throwing their motionless bodies on the floor, just like dumping garbage, he uttered, "Let's go."

Then, they sauntered to the spaceship. Just as they put their feet within the spaceship, however, numerous weird noises were heard.

Roar! ROAR~ GROWL!

AWWWOO! GRRRRR! Roar!

Rawr! Hiss~ Grunt...

{A/N: Here they're probably yelling and screaming. Saying stuff like, attack brothers! Enemy! Rip him into shreds!, What is that thing they're entering, Ouch! You just stepped on my fingerish paws dude, etc.}

Instantly, all around the spaceship was surrounded by what appeared to be at least tens of thousands of Panumans. Everywhere was filled with Panumans to the brim.

Seeing this, Virus sighed, "The number of these Panumans are countless on the planet, that's why they can dominate the planet. And that's why I called them a headache. Let's go." The moment he uttered these words, the spaceship's entrance closed itself as it took off into the sky. Leaving behind tens of thousands of Panuman who were charging in the direction of the spaceship behind.

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After returning to Earth, without busying himself with anything else, Virus came back to New York.

He wanted to complete the process of creating the golden beauty's body as soon as possible because he had something else he had been postponing for some time now as he had been always busy with everything else all this time.

Of course, the first thing he did after his return was to sit on the couch in order to rest and relax for a bit. He also told the golden beauty, "Lil Belle, would you mind making some tea for me."

"On it, master!" Replying like that, she happily took off toward the kitchen. However, just as she was about to enter, she stopped and questioned, "Oh, right... master, should I make the tea with the 'Water of Life' or normal water?"

"Water of Life would be best." He answered casually.

"Alright!" Heeding his preference, she returned toward the elevator as she easily picked up a 200-liter 55-gallon drum like it was nothing and started walking back toward the kitchen with a silly smile.

Soon, a cup of tea was placed in front of Virus as she muttered, "I'm still not that familiar with the best timing to make the best tea with the Water of Life, so please make do with this for now, master."

Picking the cup of tea, Virus brought it close to his nose as he took a sniff of its aroma which was already spreading throughout the floor.

"Hmm, this is simply heavenly. It makes me wonder how a simple tea can be so fragrant due to a simple change in its water." He said casually before adding, "It's really good, Lil Belle, thanks."

Showing a coy smile, she mouthed back, "You're absolutely welcome, master."

Nodding his head, Virus' all attention was drawn to the tea as he finally took a small sip from it.

The moment it was poured into his mouth and touched his tongue, however, a feeling as if he was soaking in a comfortable hot spring transmitted throughout his tongue. It was such a delightful experience that he felt like he would've moaned if he wasn't someone with great control.

Taking another sip after a while, he continued the appreciation of the tea while passing his time of rest and relaxation.

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A few hours later, finally being done with his rest, both Virus and the golden beauty entered the laboratory. They were finally about to begin the procedure of body creation.

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"Is everything I asked for prepared?" Turning toward the golden beauty, Virus inquired.

"Um, yes. Some of the materials were bought by the CEO ugly while some others were obtained through the Island ugly." Nodding her head, she confirmed before proceeding, "But, master... why are these ingredients somehow different than the stuff you gathered while you were creating your own body?" She asked a bit befuddled.

"Hmm, at the time, I could only gather the common materials that were accessible through normal means which the people of this current era possess. But now, we have many more resources and means at hand to gather higher-quality items." Explained Virus inadvertently.

"Oh, I see... but what's wrong with those more poor-quality materials?" Mystified, the golden beauty queried further.

In response, as if he was answering to something very obvious, he uttered, "It's really simple. Those more common materials resulted in my body having a lot more impurities than it should have originally... and I'm sure you remember how many hardships I had to experience in order to cleanse and remove every last bit of those impurities from my entire physique. It simply consumed a lot of my time."

"Un, I know, master." Nodding, the golden beauty acknowledged.

He added further, "Also, if you clearly recall the last time we went to the Cultivation Earth, you still must remember the 'Impurity Identifying System' of that place which was done through a special type of Orb. This system, from worst to the best, respectively was... black, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, azure, purple, pink, and white... of course the paler each color got, the better it was." Briefly getting quiet at this point, he went on, "If I had tested myself prior to starting and finishing the Purifying Stage perfectly, I'm sure the testing Orb

would've displayed a deep black color. Which means around 99 percent impurities... and according to the elaboration of that elder at the time, that was one of the trashiest-quality bodies that could even be considered to have been abandoned by the heavens itself! I had that kind of body because of the poor-quality materials I used."

"Now, if I hadn't gone through the purifying stage, with that kind of body, breaking through in my cultivation stage and levels would've been extremely difficult and slow for me, I would've literally been a snail... luckily for me though, I had the means of cleansing my body through the Purifying Stage... in fact, I cleansed my body to the point the Orb screened a colorless gaseous light which was unheard of on the whole Cultivation Earth at least." Briefly pausing at this point, his mind momentarily flashed back to how many levels he had to perfect in order to complete the Purifying Stage flawlessly.

However, very soon, he continued his delineation, "Now, however, due to the simple fact that I'm creating your body through the usage of higher-quality ingredients, the impurities within your body would be a lot lesser! We still have to check the impurity level afterward in order to know the precise level of the filth within your figure, but I promise it'll be a satisfactory number.

Furthermore, there is even the 'Water of Life' added to the ingredients now, which helps in decreasing the impurities on the entirety of your body to another level once again."

"That's why the ingredients of your body differ to a certain degree... do you get it now?" While maintaining eye contact with her, he was done clarifying at last.

"Oh... I understand. So that was the reason..." Nodding her head in total comprehension, the golden beauty confirmed.

"Alright... let's begin the procedure then, place every ingredient I point at in the specific entries that are required." He said before walking in front of the

cylindrical tube that was used in order to create his own biological body in the past.

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Around two hours passed. During these two hours, Virus had requested the golden beauty to place certain materials at particular locations within the cylindrical tube. Simultaneously, his mind never stopped functioning as thousands upon thousands of codes in a futuristic language were blinking on and off on the 3D screen of the cylindrical tube.

Now, at this moment, reaching a crucial point in his coding process, he abruptly threw a question, "Do you still want to have the same face as you do right now? Or should I make some modifications to it? Just be comfortable and tell me honestly."

He also didn't forget to add, "Since this is a mask that's going to be plastered on your face for an eternity, you better consider how you want to look very carefully before answering."

However, the golden beauty didn't need to think, not even for a single second, before replying with an unfaltering determination glimmering inside her eyes, "No, master... I want to keep this face. Don't worry, I won't ever regret it."

Meanwhile, a specific notion appeared within her head, 'Since this is the mask that master specially designed for me... there's no way I would ever want to change it.'

"Alright then... then I assume I should make your age the same too?" Virus questioned once again. The day the golden beauty had opened her eyes to the world, she appeared to be around 18 years old or even younger in age. And to this day, she still had the same look and the same young body.

"Yes, master." She responded without any hesitation whatsoever.

"Alright then." Nodding in affirmation, he gave his next order in a hurry, "Empty an entire 55-gallon drum of Water of Life into the tube right now." Simultaneously, he started inputting two particular DNA Cores within her body data while the Water of Life was also emptied within the cylindrical tube.

A while later, after being finished with the process of inserting the information of the two special DNA Cores, he commenced the procedure of designing her overall external appearance and age.

Finally, after everything was finished, a text came screening itself on the 3D monitor.

『 Do you want to initiate the process of biological body creation? Yes/No 』

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『 Do you want to initiate the process of biological body creation? Yes/No 』

〈The Time Required for the Physique to be completed— 11,548 hours: 34 minutes: 12 seconds. OR, 481 days: 04 hours: 34 minutes: 12 seconds.〉

'Yes.' He confirmed casually.

Immediately, the countdown began.

〈Countdown— 481 days: 04 hours: 34 minutes: 12 seconds...〉

〈Countdown— 481 days: 04 hours: 34 minutes: 11 seconds...〉

〈Countdown— 481 days: 04 hours: 34 minutes: 10 seconds...〉

〈Countdown— 481 days: 04 hours: 34 minutes: 09 seconds...〉

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By the side, looking at the countdown, the golden beauty mouthed, "Master? Why does it take so long? I think it should've been shorter since it took less time for you to create your own body. At this rate, it'll take around a year and



four months before the body is ready for entry... is it because the ingredients are of higher quality?"

Giving his affirmation, Virus said in return, "Yes, since the cylindrical tube is trying to make a better body with higher quality materials, it takes more time. Well, this happens since it's the same tube technology as before..."

"Hmm... alright... then is that it? We just need to wait till the countdown finishes and then the body is ready for me to enter?" She wondered.

Acting nonchalantly, Virus gave a response, "Basically, yes... we just need to add a new 55-gallon drum to the cylindrical tube every three months. That's all."

"Oh... so it's like that. I'll do that myself then..." Taking on the responsibility, the golden beauty said.

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Afterward, as it was pretty late already, a little tired, Virus went off to his bed before sinking into a deep sleep.

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The next morning, coming off his bed, he sauntered into the bathroom while stretching out which was accompanied by a simple yawn.

After freshening up, exiting the bathroom, he walked toward the hall before sitting on the couch and starting his morning by watching television.

Currently, a certain channel was holding a discussion regarding a particular person.

"So, it has been days since the debut of the person who called himself the 'Dark Savior', but still, no one has been successful in finding him, what's your thoughts about this, Professor West? I mean, what's your analysis on this

specific matter? How is it possible that no one's capable of discovering his identity?" Amanda urged speaking in a professional tone.

As his forehead furrowed into an agonized frown, he started talking, "Well, Amanda, to be honest, this is a mystery to myself too... I mean, the government has seen his face and we've distributed his picture everywhere, I mean literally everywhere within the country! So by now, someone should've seen and reported him... or at least someone who recognized him should've called since we've also put a big prize reward for the person who gives us any reliable information about him. But until now... there's been nothing! Nothing at all! Which practically should be impossible... unless he's from another country. But even the other countries are searching for this dark horse, but as far as we're aware, even they've been helpless in bringing his true identity into the light..." Shaking his head helplessly, he went on about his analysis.

At this point, the golden beauty brought a cup of tea which was brewed using the 'Water of Life' as she greeted him next, "Good morning master, did you have a good night of sleep?"

"Yeah... thanks for the tea." Expressing his gratitude with a soft smile, he continued watching the television.

"Oh, that's such a mystery then... anyway, as everyone saw it, I would say he's pretty strong and if we can find him and recruit him as an Abnormal soldier who works for the country, he would prove to be a crucial asset to us... do you agree with this notion of mine, Professor West?" Amara inquired further.

This time, without any hesitation whatsoever, he started voicing, "Absolutely, I also witnessed his strength, and I agree that he's really strong. If he just shows up himself, the government has also promised to fulfill almost any request he may have. Oh, right... just in case he's watching, can I say something to him?" He enquired while initiating eye contact with Amara.

"Sure, go ahead, Professor West." Amara gave her confirmation. In fact, this was the sole reason Professor West, who works for the government itself, had accepted doing an interview with this channel in the first place.

Nodding his head in confirmation, directly gazing into the camera, he proceeded, "Mr. Dark Savior, in case you are watching right now, I'm sure you've heard that two new rifts have opened up on the US soil again. So, please contact us yourself, we just want to talk. That's all. You just need to hear our conditions and state any requirements you may have. In case you accept, that would be for the best, but if you don't, that's fine too since we could at least say we tried... anyway, I'm here today to plead on behalf of the nation for you to give us the opportunity to negotiate. This country needs you in order to save-"

No longer interested at this point, Virus turned the television off before picking his cup of tea and taking small sips from it now and then.

"Hmm... master, what are you gonna do from now on? I mean... now that you're pretty much free?" Seeing her master watch the television no more, the golden beauty probed out of curiosity.

Truthfully, Virus wanted to start his cultivation officially ever since he had perfected his Corporeal Tempering stage. He had been thrilled thinking about the path before him. However, since then, as he had been always interrupted due to various reasons such as going over to fight the creatures of the rift, studying the Red-Crystals or whatnot, he couldn't find the time as he was busy doing something all the time.

Thus, now that he was totally free, displaying an enlivened smile, he retorted, "Now? Hmm... since the preparations have been perfected flawlessly, now I shall commence the true journey of my cultivation!"

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"Oh... so master's about to begin his cultivation? If that's the case, is it possible for you to briefly explain what you're going to do so I would also have a general knowledge about how cultivation starts?" Eagerness shooting off her eyes, the golden beauty urged.

Nodding in affirmation, he said, "Sure, why not!" He also added, "Let me start with the name of the earliest stage of cultivation first. It's called... 'Energy Disentanglement'."

Puzzled in return, she queried showing a deep frown, "Huh? 'Energy Disentanglement'? But I remember the cultivators saying that the first stage is called 'Qi Passage Opening'. Why is the name different?"

Totally understanding of the reason behind her being muddled, Virus explained, "Well, basically, their method's the same. But you see, our future civilization couldn't use that name since this universe doesn't have 'Qi' as we do not cultivate Qi in the first place. Instead, what we cultivate is called 'Dark Energy'. So it would've been strange to call the first cultivation stage of this universe 'Qi Passage Opening' while we're not cultivating Qi, but rather Dark Energy! As a result, expanding their horizons even further, the people of my previous world decided to not limit themselves like that and instead granted the first stage a 'multiversal' name where it could be used in any multiverse! Since every universe has a form of energy... thus, they decided to call the first stage 'Energy Disentanglement'."

"Oh... that totally makes sense! It's amazing how humanity didn't limit themselves by giving it a universal name... instead, they gave it a multiversal name! How awesome!" With her eyes glimmering in intense adoration, she praised.

Not caring about her praise of the people of his past world, however, Virus continued, "Yeah... anyway, this 'Energy Disentanglement' stage, which is also known as the 'Qi Passage Opening' stage, consists of twelve levels!"

"Or to be more exact, each level is about one 'Energy Pathway', meaning, there are 'Twelve Energy Pathways' within a normal human body!" He added shortly before mouthing the rest, "And these 'twelve energy pathways' are interconnected as they travel almost throughout the entire frame of the body! However, the connection between them is tangled up and twisted in 'twelve spots'!"

After a momentary stop at this point in order to allow the golden beauty to digest everything, he carried on in a serious manner, "Now... if these entanglements are all disentangled, extricated, and untwined entirely... they would be capable of forming a complete network of interconnected Energy Pathways, simply, they would be whole! And with that, a cultivator would be capable of fully circulating the energy within his body! In another term, he will be able to complete a full circulation on the entirety of the frame of his physique."

After that, he expounded further, "However, even if a single knot or entanglement remains within the Energy Pathways, doing a complete circulation would be literally impossible as the movement would be stopped at the said knot and the circulation wouldn't be perfected!"

"So... in short, the first stage is about starting from a particular Energy Pathway and untwining all of the obstructions and entanglements along the way! And later on, the very moment all of the knots are disentangled and untwined, a single circulation will be finished and the cultivator would thus naturally enter what the Cultivation Multiverse of Qi calls the Qi Circulation Stage!" Virus concluded casually.

"Ah... very impressive, what is the multiversal name of the Qi Circulation Stage by the way?" She couldn't help herself but ask.

Unfortunately, tossing the question aside, Virus uttered, "Hmm, let's not get into something new which would confuse things up. That shall be all I reveal regarding the Qi Circulation stage as of now."

"Un... Alright. So... in short, what you have to do is to untwine all of the entanglements... and each time you extricate and disentangle a knot, you would progress one level in your cultivation stage... is that correct, master?" She inquired eagerly while waiting for his confirmation.

"Yes, that's correct." Was Virus' patient response.

"Hmm... here's another question for you... how does one untwine or untwist these knots? Do we, for example, draw the energy from the world and hammer that energy against the knots or something?" She questioned with glowing eyes while waiting for his response.

With a burst of laughter, Virus started elaborating patiently, "Haha... not at all, the first stage has nothing to do with absorbing the energy of the world and our surroundings. Each Energy Pathway reserves a limited amount of energy that we carry with ourselves from the moment of our birth. All we have to do is to lead those energies on the related knot itself and keep it there. Just like that, those energies slowly disentangle the said knot as they have a unique property of untwining those obstructions naturally and gradually over a period of time."

He also didn't forget to add, "Of course... how long exactly this untwining process would require entirely depends on two facts, first, how much Energy reserve that person has within his Energy Pathways and second, how badly the twelve connections are knotted and obstructed."

"Oh... so do those two qualities differ within each person's body?" Already able to guess the answer, the golden beauty questioned just to make sure.

"Yes, exactly. We could say how much energy reserve a person possesses or how badly his or her pathways are knotted is totally up to the heavens. These two facts also decide the talent of each person on this stage." He clarified passively.

Exhilaration literally emitting off her eyes, she voiced while smiling charmingly, "Oh, I see. So that's the Energy Disentanglement stage... it's simply astonishing! I can't wait to start my own cultivation now, to be honest."

After cracking up, he also didn't forget to mention, "Haha... I look forward to that day, Lil Belle. Oh, by the way, regarding the Energy Disentanglement stage, there are some other essential facts and details that you need to understand first, but I'll clarify them for you later on when you're about to start your own cultivation."

"Okay, that was all, it's time for me to begin now. So, I'll leave into my room and enter a short period of seclusion. Please do not allow anyone to disturb me under any conditions." With a grave glint blinking within his eyes, Virus declared.

"Yes, master!"

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Walking into his own room, Virus closed the door behind himself. But since he was confident the golden beauty wouldn't let anyone inside unless it was absolutely necessary, he didn't lock it just in case.

Then, sauntering toward his bed, he sat on it cross-legged. The moment he closed his eyes, hundreds of simple breathing techniques passed before his eyes in a fraction of a second.

『Internal Energy Sensation』 〈Spark Breathing Technique Description: Mortal-Class Low-Rank—A simple breathing technique for gaining awareness toward Internal Energy. In the Cultivation Multiverse of Qi, it was called 'Internal Qi Sensation', but after some adjustments, it was changed to 'Internal Energy Sensation' breathing technique. With this breathing technique, it would take a normal human around 3 months to gain awareness of his Internal Energy!〉

『Pathway Reserved Perception』 〈Spark Breathing Technique Description: Mortal-Class Low-Rank—A simple breathing technique for gaining awareness toward Internal Energy. In the Cultivation Multiverse of Qi, it was called 'Passage Natural Perception', but after some adjustments, it was changed to 'Pathway Reserved Perception' breathing technique. With this breathing technique, it would take a normal human around '2.5 months' to gain awareness of his Internal Energy!〉

『Sixth Sense: Natural Dark Energy』 〈Spark Breathing Technique Description: Mortal-Class Low-Rank—A simple breathing technique for gaining awareness toward Internal Energy. In the Cultivation Multiverse of Qi, it was called 'Sixth Sense: Natural Qi', but after some adjustments, it was changed to 'Sixth Sense: Natural Dark Energy' breathing technique. With this breathing technique, it would take a normal human around '3.5 months' to gain awareness of his Internal Energy!〉

『Gaining Sight Toward Energy Within The Pathways』 〈Spark Breathing Technique Description: Mortal-Class Low-Rank—A simple breathing technique for gaining awareness toward Internal Energy. In the Cultivation Multiverse of Qi, it was called 'Gaining Sight Toward Qi Within The Passages', but after some adjustments, it was changed to 'Gaining Sight Toward Energy Within Pathways' breathing technique. With this breathing technique, it would



take a normal human around '2 months' to gain awareness of his Internal Energy!>

『Awareness of the Dark Energy Within』 〈Spark Breathing Technique Description: Mortal-Class Mid-Rank—A simple breathing technique for gaining awareness toward Internal Energy. In the Cultivation Multiverse of Qi, it was called 'Awareness of the Qi Within', but after some adjustments, it was changed to 'Awareness of the Dark Energy Within' breathing technique. With this breathing technique, it would take a normal human around '1.5 months' to gain awareness of his Internal Energy!>

『Quick Awareness To The Spark』 〈Spark Breathing Technique Description: Mortal-Class Low-Rank—A simple breathing technique for gaining awareness toward Internal Energy. In the Cultivation Multiverse of Qi, it was called 'Quick Internal Qi Awareness To The Spark', but after some adjustments, it was changed to 'Quick Awareness To The Spark' breathing technique. With this breathing technique, it would take a normal human around '2 months' to gain awareness of his Internal Energy!>

『Internal Hearing』 〈Spark Breathing Technique Description: Mortal-Class Low-Rank—A simple breathing technique for gaining awareness toward Internal Energy. Before and after the adjustment, its name was left unchanged. With this breathing technique, it would take a normal human around '4 months' to gain awareness of his Internal Energy!>

『Sight Acquisition For Spark』 〈Spark Breathing Technique Description: Mortal-Class Low-Rank—A simple breathing technique for gaining awareness toward Internal Energy. It had the same name before and after the adjustment. With this breathing technique, it would take a normal human around '5.5 months' to gain awareness of his Internal Energy!>

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Instantly, tens of these types of spark breathing techniques appeared before Virus' line of sight before slipping away just like that.

Actually, when someone wanted to begin his or her path of cultivation, the first matter he had to deal with was to gain an awareness of the 'Internal Energy that is reserved within his Pathways from the moment of his or her birth', this first concept and activity which was like an entry barrier for anyone who wanted to commence his path of cultivation was called, 'Internal Energy Spark'.

Of course, the cultivators of the Cultivation Multiverse of Qi called this entry barrier the 'Internal Qi Spark' and it was later on when the Technological Universe gave it the multiversal name, 'Internal Energy Spark'.

Anyway, the simple matter of this 'Internal Energy Spark' was what separated a normal human from a beginner cultivator. Because the moment a human being gained an awareness toward Internal Energy, would be the moment he enters the first level of Energy Disentanglement stage.

That's right, entering the first level of the Energy Disentanglement stage had nothing to do with knots and entanglements unlike the rest of the levels of this stage!

In the past, a person had to meditate for many days, months, and even years in order to acquire this simple awareness toward the energy reserved within their pathways. And at first, indeed, everyone truly had to meditate by themselves without any guidance, reliance, or external help to ease its difficulty. They were all alone in this regard.

However, as time passed, many cultivators began to develop and invent simple spark breathing techniques with the sole purpose and goal of assisting their descendants, sect members, clan members, etc. in their path of breaking through this simple barrier and their entry to the world of cultivation.

And currently, those tens of hundreds of spark breathing techniques that were created for the sole purpose of gaining awareness was passing before his eyes one after another.

Unfortunately, he realized almost all of them were only Low-rank Mortal-class spark breathing techniques with a few being Mid-rank of the same class.

The reason why almost all of them was Low-rank was because at this point, the comprehension ability of a human being would be rather low, so it would be extremely difficult for them to exercise any complicated spark breathing techniques, thus, the cultivators only created the most simplified spark breathing technique they could since any higher than Mortal-class Low-rank would prove to be useless most of the times.

However, that was not the case for Virus as he was looking for the highest-ranked spark breathing technique since the matter of complication wasn't a problem for him.

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He at least wanted a Peak-rank Mortal-class spark breathing technique. Unluckily for him though, the highest-ranked Spark Breathing Technique he could find was a High-ranked Mortal-class. And there was only one such technique. Oddly, however, it was simply called 'Spark Awareness'.

『Spark Awareness』 〈Spark Breathing Technique Description: Mortal-Class High-Rank—A rather simple breathing technique for gaining awareness toward Internal Energy. Before and after the adjustment, it reserved the same name. With this breathing technique, it would take a normal human around '1 month' to gain awareness of his Internal Energy. However, the comprehension of this technique is almost impossible for a normal human being before initiating the cultivation.〉

'This is it then, I guess...' As this notion popped into his head, without wasting any more time, taking a deep breath, he began to follow the exact instructions within the breathing technique to every little detail without missing any of them.

Simultaneously, he was also comprehending almost every little detail he was following as thousands upon thousands of analyses were going on internally in his mind.

With a spark breathing technique of Low-rank or Mid-rank, on average, a normal cultivator usually took around two months to gain the spark, a genius around 40 days, and a super genius around a month.

Anyway, according to the history Virus had access in his head, excluding the cultivators of the Technological Earth, the fastest it took the cultivator of the Cultivation Multiverse was around fifteen days. Of course, this was only the 'recorded' history.

As to trying to gain awareness with a High-rank Mortal-class spark breathing technique, other than lacking access to this kind of breathing skill, the normal humans indeed couldn't even begin to comprehend the details or measurements of different breathings or such facts. At least not before starting their cultivations officially. So with these aspects considered, almost no one even tried picking a breathing technique of the High-rank.

Hmmm~ Pheeewww~

Haaaa~ Heee~

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Six hours passed quickly as Virus was still following the exact instructions of the technique very seriously. Other than doing that, however, he was also emptying out all other notions from within his head as he focused all of his

attention trying to gain that awareness and spark to the Internal Energy within his Pathways.

Once again, time began to elapse almost instantaneously...

Seven hours...

Eight hours...

Nine hours...

At this point, Virus' stomach was making weird noises, complaining about not eating anything for nine hours. To be truthful, he was also feeling very tired too as the breaching technique depleted a lot of his energy, however, not paying them any heed, he continued.

Ten hours...

Eleven hours...

By now, the outside had turned completely dark, it was the night time. But there was still nothing happening within Virus' body. Moreover, his face had gone a little pale as beads of sweat were also rolling down from his face from time to time.

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Just when the timer hit twelve hours. As if a barrier had been finally shattered apart, slowly, within his world-view, changes started to take place as...

One mote of light was sparked within his body and it was followed by...

The second...

Then third...

And soon, he could sense hundreds of these motes of lights within his body existing at particular locations.

A while later, he could clearly feel lines of light which were the Internal Dark Energy reserves within his Pathways!

Actually, it wasn't that the mote of lights had sparked into existence. No, it was called 'Spark' because the moment someone finally gained an awareness of the Internal Energy within himself, it felt as if a spark had come to exist within that person's body, thus it was called 'Spark'.

Also, the light wasn't actually a light! Virus couldn't actually see the energy with his eyes, so how could it be bright like a light? In fact, it was just a sensation that transmitted to him which he could clearly distinguish from the rest of his body, thus it felt like shining lights within the body.

Anyway, as he had finally felt the spark, at long last, that barrier which has been keeping him from commencing his cultivation shattered apart as he successfully entered...

The First Level of the Energy Disentanglement Stage!

Then, opening his eyes in celebration while grinning from ear to ear, he was just about to stand up and leave the room, when abruptly, an intense radiance of luminous shine began to emit itself from the palm of his left hand! And this luminescence was so unimaginably bright that one simply felt disbelief by the fact that such a light could exist in the first place.

Hua~ Hua~ Hua~

"What the..." Wave upon waves of this intense light began to be released in all directions! In the meantime, stupefyingly, Virus could only divert his gaze from looking at the light directly as he avoided it at all costs!

He was avoiding the light because every time he tried looking at it, he felt his entire existence trembling from the mere sight of it down to his very core! And an unconscious feeling that even if he looked at it just once, he would be annihilated entirely transmitted into his instincts!

Meanwhile, outside the room, the golden beauty was staring dumbfoundedly toward the room of her master motionlessly. Because... an intense light was being emitted from the room which her master was at currently!

She was dumbfounded to such a degree because as if the wall and the door of her master's room didn't exist, the lights were just passing through as they displayed themselves before her!

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The same was happening outside 4 Times Square as the otherworldly light was being released to every direction wave upon waves!

A lot of people passing by the building stared at the highest floor of 4 Times Square with wide eyes of shock, confusion, disbelief, and many other extreme feelings all together at once!

In short, at this night, many people from different corners of New York witnessed an unbelievable scene that would be unforgettable for the rest of their lives!

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"Wh-what is that light?" A man vocalized looking at 4 Times Square with wide eyes of astonishment and shock.

The same questions were passing through the minds of everyone around walking by the building.

The odd thing about this brilliance of light, however, was that it couldn't be stopped by the buildings or whatnot as it directly passed through them as it came out visible from the other side of the building too. This ensured that as long as the wave of shine proceeded, everyone would be capable of spotting it!

And because of this, even people who were in a rather long distance from 4 Times Square building in New York were able to witness this mysterious and incomprehensible light which made one realize the difference by a simple gaze.

This also instantly alarmed many officials of high positions in both the city itself and the entire country as a whole!

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Meanwhile, on the highest floor of 4 Times Square, the golden beauty who had been stunned silly up to this point finally snapped out of it as she dashed into the direction of the room.

"Master!!!" Opening the door in an absolute hurry, she jumped into the room as she looked at her master whose left hand was emitting that luminescence everywhere.

"Wh-what's wrong with your hand, master!" Horrified, she barked.

As beads of sweat and paleness had long covered his face by now, Virus muttered weakly, "N-nothing... Y-you can leave... go... protect the floor, don't allow anyone to e-enter h- Ahhh..." By the end of his sentence, he abruptly let out a yelp of agony.

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As his hand started to glow in an extreme light even more brilliant than the sun in some way. Virus was wondering what was happening with his left hand when abruptly, his entire face went extremely pale like a sheet!

Because he suddenly realized, some kind of energy was being released to the rest of his body from the source of light within his left hand, the part where the energy was most intense at, as it wreaked havoc everywhere it traveled!



Due to this realization, immediately releasing all of his own unique awareness on every part of his physique, in addition to his weak awareness of his Energy Pathways which he had gained by entering the first level of Energy Disentanglement stage, he began to inspect every fraction of his body!

A few seconds passed when, much to his stupor, he noticed that mysterious stream of energy, which was nothing like anything he had ever seen before, sweeping within the pathways of his left hand.

Though the stupefying fact which sent shivers down to Virus' spine wasn't this! It was the very fact that it was destroying the Energy Pathways of his left hand!

Boom!

One of the Energy Pathways within his left hand which extended to many parts of his body, starting from his fingers, began to burst apart!

The energy was indeed damaging his Energy Pathways!

No... it wasn't simply damaging them. To be more exact, it was fully destroying his Pathways to the point of nothing remaining of them!

This was accompanied by a sharp excruciating pain that was as if someone was blowing up his very nerves from inside out!

However, due to Virus having an unwavering level of determination, he didn't falter as he never even let out the slightest of noise due to experiencing this kind of affliction which would've long made anyone scream and even faint in pain!

Unfortunately, though, it looked like this was just the beginning, as the energy flowed and swept through his other Energy Pathways too. And everywhere the energy was flowing into, it was followed by a muffled sound of 'Boom' as that place was annihilated to the point of no return at all!

Bang!

At this point, a complete Energy Pathway was destructed to the point of nihility! Now, it appeared as if there was nothing there in that part of the body from the very start!

Unluckily for him, the energy continued to violently course through his Pathways as every single place it went to, chaos and annihilation followed!

Bam!

A second Energy Pathways was entirely destructed, from its beginning to the end!

Then it was followed by a third!

Gnashing his teeth with bloodshot eyes, Virus, however, continued to persist without even a single moan!

Nevertheless, watching his twelve Energy Pathways bursting apart one after another, a kind of despair and gloom flickered within his eyes! A kind of despair he knew could not return from!

This was because... if his Energy Pathways had been damaged to some degree, although he couldn't have been capable of making it as new as before, he still would've been capable of repairing them to some extent. But unfortunately, as if God was playing a huge joke on him, they were being demolished and leveled to the point of no return! To the degree that one would think there was no passage in the body to begin with. A natural-born cripple without any aptitude for cultivation! And even Virus couldn't fix something like this!

By now, the strange energy was wreaking havoc in two of his Energy Pathways Simultaneously as an instant later, both of them were no more!

Boom!

"Wh-what's wrong with your hand!" He heard a terrified scream all of a sudden.

Looking at the source, he saw that it was the golden beauty gazing at him with clear worry displaying itself within her eyes.

So, gathering every bit of will he had, he voiced rather helplessly, "N-nothing... Y-you can leave... go... protect the floor, don't allow anyone to e-enter h-Ahhh..."

Boom!

By the end of his sentence, however, three passages of energy exploded at the same time, and this level of pain was something that was hard even for Virus to grit his teeth through and persist on. So, he could only surrender and scream at the stabbing pain of suffering which had already entered a new realm altogether!

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"M-master... what's happening? A-are you gonna be f-fine?" With deep worry and anxiety apparent within her tone and face, the golden beauty queried further.

"I said GOOOO!!!" Savagely, he shouted toward the golden beauty, knocking the sense out of her at once. This in return, made her very astonished as she could only stare at him with wide eyes of disbelief.

She was astonished and even shocked because this was the first time Virus had yelled at her like that. So, a bit downcast now, nodding her head in a hurry, she said, "Yes, master." Then turning around, she began to leave the room quickly while still stealing short glances at her master's spasming image who was convulsing around on the bed in a restless manner.

'Just what kind of pain is he experiencing for him to act like this? No normal level of agony would ever move master... but now, looking at the way he's acting, I can't even imagine what kind of incredible pain he's going through... sigh, I just hope nothing bad will happen to him. I can't even imagine a world without him.' As she thought of this in distress, letting out a powerless sigh, she left the room in order to guard the entrance per the orders of her master.

Meanwhile, eight out of his twelve Energy Pathways were already obliterated... perfectly and utterly!

Anyway, soon it was followed by...

The ninth!

And then...

Boom!

The tenth passage was no more!

"Puff!" At this point, without any warning prior, abruptly, Virus coughed a mouth full of blood! Making his bedsheet crimson red in blood!

However, this wasn't the end of his misery because it was soon followed by the eleventh!

And finally... the last twelfth Energy Pathway was no more!

And at this point, as if relieved at last, Virus... fainted!

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A few hours elapsed quickly.

Now, even though he was still experiencing a great deal of fatigue and tiredness, deciding to ignore that, putting every bit of his remaining willpower into it, he forcefully pushed his heavy eyelids to open wide apart.

Immediately, the worst kind of sensation transmitted all over his body as he clearly felt the pain and fatigue throbbing almost everywhere.

Without paying any heed to the now tolerable pain, however, focusing his own unique awareness all over his body, he realized... he no longer possessed any Energy Pathways within his entire body!

After also trying to utilize his weak awareness of his Energy Pathways which he had gained by entering the first level of the Energy Disentanglement stage, Virus instantly understood... that weak awareness no longer existed at all! Meaning, he was no longer in the first level of the Energy Disentanglement.

'No... I can fix this! As long as the data of my Energy Pathways exists within my DNA, I can definitely find a way to heal them and revert them back!!!' As this notion popped into his head, carrying his heavy body, he slowly pushed forward, walking toward his laboratory in a snail-like pace.

On the way, he didn't encounter the golden beauty since the entrance to the elevator and the laboratory was on the opposite sides.

At last, arriving at his laboratory, biting his finger without any hesitation, he dropped a single drop of blood on [Microscope 1.0]. A few minutes passed when finally, the 3D picture of every data regarding his DNA displayed itself before him!

However, what he saw immediately paralyzed him in his standing spot. Of course, it was followed by utter despair and anguish!

Because he noticed, the DNA information regarding his Energy Pathways was nowhere to be seen at all! It was as if they had been erased entirely, not only from within his body but also from his very DNA Core itself!

"A-am I a cripple now? Did I turn into a useless trash without any possibility of cultivation? Is that it?" He murmured in a low tone of pessimism and hopelessness.

"N-no... Never! That can't happen! I'm VIRUS! Nothing's impossible for me!!! There must be a way to cure the Energy Pathways... even if they are destructed entirely! There must be!" In an almost howling tone followed with surges of insanity clear within his eyes, he savagely vocalized.

No one, not even Virus himself, truly understood what exactly would happen to the current planet of Earth if this Artificial Intelligence indeed went mad! His insanity would probably set the world aflame and follow by the death of millions or even billions if it didn't end in the total annihilation of the planet itself.

Not only that, his madness would probably even reach the other planets of the universe and multiverses! It was a terrifying notion indeed!

Meanwhile, in sorrow, pushing his thinking speed to its very ultimate level, he began to search every last bit of data and knowledge he possessed within his head.

Infinite memories, pieces of knowledge, and databases so great in magnitude and size that it would probably shock any living being in the world started to pass through his head at an impossible speed!

Memories of thousands of years and longer!

Knowledge of hundreds of thousands of years and beyond!

An accumulative database of an entire universe... No! More than a single universe!

In short, knowledge worth eons was passing by the second through his mind.

The accumulative knowledge of nearly two universes and more!

One second passed...

Two seconds passed...

And even an entire hour passed!

However, no matter how hard he searched, nowhere in any corner of his mind, had there ever been a mention of repairing a set of Energy Pathways that didn't exist anymore.

Realizing this, and understanding clearly that he had been caged within this useless body forever and more from the very moment he had entered it resulted in him feeling as if he was the most futile being in the world.

Since day one, from the second he had entered his eternal body, Virus had always felt as if Cultivation was possibly one of the only sources of everlasting entertainment for him!

And entertainment... was one of the main purposes of his existence!

But now... even that was taken away from him!

Thus, by every passing fraction of a second, the despair, the gloom, and the insanity intensified within his wrathful eyes. He was losing stability!