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Confused even further, she phrased, "what are you talking about? No one's going to be your father!"

"B-but... he said... he said if he becomes my daddy, he will make little Wei get better. He told little Wei to force mommy to sleep with him! I don't want to! Only little Wei can sleep with mommy!!!" By now, some traces of tears had already gathered at the corners of his eyes.

Anyway, listening to the plain explanations of her son, Hu Yuexin's face promptly went dark as she understood everything. After that, the more she thought on the topic, the more enraged she became, 'That bastard! That bastard Fan Tong... h-how, how does he dare come visit my son and even feed him with that bullshit!!! Damn it!!! He deserves to die!'

Witnessing the deep frown over his mother's face, as if he was wronged, the child uttered, "Mommy, don't be angry, owkay? Little Wei was wrong."

Snapping back by his worried phrase, hiding her wrath, she beamed him a smile before vocalizing, "Mommy's not angry at you, child. I'm angry at that bad man. Don't listen to him okay? Mommy would never accept help from someone like him now let's not talk about marrying him. That will never ever happen!"

"Weally?" Sanguine once more, he asked.

"Yes, really. So don't say you don't want to get better. That makes mommy sad."

Hearing her say 'that makes her sad' immediately made the child anxious as he leaned over and hugged her in the jet black interior of the taxi, "Owkay, don't be sad mommy..." It was incredibly dark because it was night time outside as the taxi was now driving outside Shanghai on a desolate road.

"That's my baby-"

Screech~

It was at this time, when out of nowhere, an unknown car overtook them before blocking their road, thus preventing them from moving forward any longer.

"Who!" Yelled the taxi driver startled while pushing the brake to its ends.

"Are they trying to mug us?" As the driver voiced this, he instantly became anxious as he tried reverse-gearing and scurrying back.

But as soon as he looked behind from the rear-view mirror, much to his horror, he realized another car was locking them from their back.

Left with no other choice, the driver could only powerlessly wait and leave their fate at the hand of the rubbers. Of course, if it was anything too dangerous, he was planning to just push the gas pedal to its ends even if it wrecked his car.

A few seconds later, someone exited from the car in front of them as he casually sauntered in their direction.

Meanwhile, observing the silhouette covered in shadows, to their distress, Hu Yuexin and the driver spotted a baseball bat being carried by the figure too. This made them afraid even further.

Walking before the taxi, at last, the other person knocked on the window of the taxi while mouthing, "Drop those two and fuck off if you don't want to die."

Catching these words, the driver immediately realized the assaulter seemed to have a beef with his passengers. This promptly made him somewhat

relieved as he gazed back at Hu Yuexin, "I'm sorry... but please get off my car. I don't wanna die in the middle of nowhere."

By now, the terrified Hu Yuexin had already realized it was Fan Tong staring at her from outside the taxi wearing an evil grin.

"No..., please... don't... please..." still horrified, Hu Yuexin begged the taxi driver not to do that to no avail.

Unfortunately, not listening to her pleas at all, the driver only unlocked the door and said, "They won't get off, I've unlocked the doors, please take them away yourself. I don't want any trouble."

"Hahaha... a wise choice. Cowards live longer indeed." Declaring this sentence, he opened the passenger door before grabbing Hu Yuexin's hand before pulling her outside the car despite her complaints and screams.

"Don't touch my mommy! Don't!!! Go away! Bad man! Go away!!!" Meanwhile, the little kid was already in tears as he tried keeping his mother inside the car while pulling her other hand helplessly.

Sadly, the little kid with his small and bony figure had no power that could contend with Fan Tong. Thus, both of them were dragged outside the taxi before the car drove away as his road behind was finally unobstructed!

"w-what do you want from me!" Shouted the Chinese beauty forlornly. Nevertheless, despite the fear she was experiencing currently, she refused to let go of her son who was within her embrace. She was ready to defend her son's life at all costs.

"Haha... you bitch, we meet again! So you finally got your hands on a Redcrystal, huh?"

"W-what are you talking a-about!? I have no such thing!" Refused Hu Yuexin as beads of sweat were already showering down her forehead.

"Hahaha... I'm not an idiot. You took your kid from the hospital and now you're headed in the direction of that Abnormal's address, the Abnormal that can help your son I mean. That could only mean one thing! You finally got your hands on a Red-crystal."

Not stopping there, he continued, "Moreover, the only person who recently bought a Red-crystal is that bastard son of a bitch! That fucking bastard who knocked me unconscious!"

By this point, deep red had covered Fan Tong's line of sight as he started cursing at her, "You're such a bitch indeed! You kept refusing my offer! But you went ahead and accepted his crystal instead! Tell me... was it fun letting that man fuck you instead of me? Huh? You're such a slut! A whore I tell you! He already fucked you till you felt like a retard, didn't he?"

"W-what are you talking about, you disgusting filthy man! You think everyone's so disgusting like you?" Replied the Chinese beauty while trying her best to cover the ears of her wailing son. She didn't want him to hear such awful words.

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"It's okay, don't be scared. Mommy's here. Mommy will protect you." She also didn't forget to whisper softly into his ears, not forgetting to comfort him even in this type of situation.

"Haha... is that so? I don't believe it! I'm confident you've been fucked over and over again. Nevertheless, it doesn't matter now."

Suddenly reaching his hand, he grabbed her bag while mouthing with a smirk, "Both your body and the Red-crystal will be mine now!"

Hearing this claim, however, instantly made Hu Yuexin's face go extremely pale in absolute fear. A type of fear she'd never felt before.

Now, her feeling of terror wasn't because of being scared of Fan Tong or losing the purity of her body. No, she was only horrified at the concept of losing the Red-crystal which was going to help her son!

Her most precious son!!!

"No! I won't give it to you! You'd have to kill me first!" Declaring that, she refused to let go of her bag like there was no tomorrow for her.

By now, Fan Tong was grinning from ear to ear as he pulled the bag with all his might, but much to his dismay, he realized he couldn't snatch the bag from her no matter how much force he put behind his pull. This immediately annoyed him a great deal as he kicked her in the stomach, thus successfully getting his hands on the bag.

"N-no... anything... a-anything but that. P-please, give it back." While writhing in pain on the floor as she tried her best to protect her kid, she murmured.

"Hahaha..." Ripping the bag apart, he emptied everything out on the asphalt before picking the Red-crystal, "I have a Red-crystal now! I can also transform into an Abnormal! Yes!"

Next, throwing the obtained Red-crystal into his car, he offered, "Come on, stand up and follow me willingly. I'll take you to one of the empty mansions my family has around here. I'll knock you a few dozen times before sending you away to the city together with your son."

"I-I'd rather die!" Screamed Hu Yuexin helplessly, "give it back!"

"Hahaha..." not paying her any heed whatsoever, however, Fan Tong strolled before her and tried princess carry her to the car forcefully.

Slap~

But faced with a slap and an intense struggle instead resulted in Fan Tong being blinded in rage.

"You!" He once again jumped at her only to chance upon her nonstop struggle once more.

She aimlessly and repetitively kicked, punched, slapped, etc. And seeing this, one thing was apparent... the fact that she wasn't willing to be moved and violated in the least.

Regrettably, however, many wounds and injuries were showing up all over her body. It seemed Fan Tong wasn't one to give up either.

"Slut! Just come while I'm offering nicely!" Enraged at her unwavering grapple, that was the only words Fan Tong could voice in return.

"N-no... never." As blood was dripping from many parts of her body, she powerlessly lay on the ground, however, her eyes were still shining in a determined glimmer. She wasn't going to give up until her last breath.

To be honest, even now she wasn't scared of this scum Fan Tong in front of her. What she was worried about was the fact that she hadn't heard a single sound uttered by her child since a while ago. That nearly pushed her into the brink of having a heart attack right there.

Still, having no time to check on him due to the persistent Fan Tong, she could only continue fighting while crying at the same time.

This process went on until the Chinese beauty's eyes fell upon a sharp object right before her. An object that had fallen from her bag when Fan Tong had emptied it out on the asphalt. Her small knife which she carried with herself everywhere she went.

Being a single mother with no man to protect her, this was one of the measures she had taken in order to protect herself if she ever experienced any type of danger.

Anyhow, the second her eyes fell on the object, resolved like never before, a brutal light went through her eyes as she seized it before lunging it at his leg.

Thrust!

"Ahhhhhhh..."

Immediately, the weird sound of metal penetrating flesh reverberated around the area as a wailing Fan Tong fell on the ground with his leg already starting to bleed.

"Y-y-you! B-bitch... Ahhhhhhh..." trembling at the sight of the amount of blood escaping from his own body, Fan Tong started screaming again.

"Young master!!!" Simultaneously, two people rushed at them from within the car behind. They were Fan Tong's bodyguards who had been commanded to watch to this moment.

Nevertheless, running before him and seeing the amount of blood gushing out of his foot, they realized the gravity of the situation as both of them stared at Hu Yuexin with pure killing intent.

Yet before they could even attack Hu Yuexin, Fan Tong ordered them to take him to a hospital asap, "You fucktards! Take me to the hospital! Now!!! Ahhhh!!!"

With that, having received their orders and understanding Fan Tong was going to be in danger unless they took him to see a doctor quickly, they picked him up, placed him within one of the cars before scurrying away.

While one of them drove the car at the back, the other drove the one at the front. And just like that, they soon disappeared from the scene.

As they left and the lighting of the cars disappeared, total darkness fell upon the surroundings as Hu Yuexin remained on the side of the road with many injuries covering her body. The little kid had also long gone quiet and unmoving.

"Sob... sob, waah... someone, a-anyone, pl-please... help." She begged for help for a few minutes only to be met with no assistance whatsoever. She was currently in the middle of nowhere with no car passing the road. Moreover, she was almost on the verge of passing out due to the injuries and the horrible experience she had just gone through, but she knew she couldn't pass out right now, or else her son's fate would be truly tragic. If he was still alive that is.

In the end, remembering her phone had also been within her bag, she slowly started searching all around herself within the starless pitch-black night.

Soon, her hands grabbed something like a paper, but she understood it wasn't her phone, so she continued her scout further until ultimately, she touched something which felt like her phone.

Grasping it at once, she pressed a button as the dim light of its screen was turned on.

However, what she saw next forced her to fall into despair. Because she realized the screen had been cracked very badly. And although it was emitting a white light, she could see nothing from it. This meant that she could neither call someone nor ask for any help.

'What do I do... What to do... how do I save my son... no... I need to do something-' internally, she was going crazy as she was experiencing intense desperation.

And it was then, as she was randomly pushing the touch screen of her phone in anguish and distress, she heard the sound of numbers being pressed. 'Ah... although the screen is broken, it's touch function is still working! I can call someone!!!' With a ray of light shining upon her tragic night, she deliberated about the question of who to call.

But then... she realized she couldn't recall anyone's number.

'Damn it, who even memorizes someone's number in this day and age.' She pondered in gloom as more tears, blood, and snot covered her face.

It was also at this exact moment when the dim light of her screen fell upon the piece of paper she had chanced upon before... the contact information that man had given her!!!

Once again filled with much hope, not realizing calling the cops or an ambulance would've been much easier, imagining the possible locations of the numbers on her broken screen, she gradually typed one number after another.

Beep, beep, beep, beep...

Moments later, a familiar voice that felt like the sound of an angel right now was heard from the other side of the line, "Hello?"

Not wasting any seconds, wailing loudly, she responded stutteringly while trembling nonstop, "P-please... rescue my son. He's... I-I don't even know if he's still a-alive... waaaah, my son, sob, pwease, s-save him... m-my poor babyyy-"

Pronouncing those incoherent words with great difficulty while refusing to let go of her child, already way over her limits, dropping on the hard asphalt, she collapsed.

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'Hmm, where am I?' As her eyelashes fluttered open, Hu Yuexin was faced with this question which was confusing her to no ends, above her, an unfamiliar white ceiling forcing her to be certain that she wasn't in her own wrecked and small rented cottage at the moment.

'Why am I waking up here and not on my bed?' She questioned again while doubting the entire situation.

It wasn't until she looked around and her eyes fell upon the familiar face of the otherworldly beguiling man when waves of memories invaded her brain as a realization hit her!

A realization that was full of horrific memories of her child passing out in her embrace while she desperately tried defending her son and herself from the abuses of that ruthless animal and eventually stabbing him and calling the charming man before her.

"M-my baby! Wh-where's my baby?" She vocalized gathering every bit of strength she had all over her body. She was trying to scream that question. But unfortunately, due to her being too weak, it wasn't near the level of being counted as a scream.

"Calm down, your son's fine for now. He's already being treated under the most premium level of this hospital." Softly grabbing her exquisite yet bruised hand which was currently ice-cold due to the external liquid that had entered her body from the IV drips, Virus reported.

Hearing his reassurance, Hu Yuexin seemed to calm down by a lot as she threw another inquiry at him, "How's his condition? Is it dangerous? He'll live right?"

Chuckling at her anxious expression, Virus said, "Don't worry. He's really fine for now. Fortunately, he's a strong kid." Relieved by the news, taking on her most sincere tone, she didn't forget to thank him, "Thank you for saving my son. Really. I owe you the world."

Taking an overall glimpse of her bruised body and face, Virus phrased, "Sure, now, enough about your son, how are 'you' feeling? What happened to you? Why were you in the middle of nowhere with your son alone?"

Hearing the inquiry, turning toward the ceiling, Hu Yuexin turned quiet for a few seconds before her face paled abruptly. Soon, tears began to drip from the corners of her eyes as she uttered in both despair and grief, "H-he... he took the Red-Crystal... sob... and then... h-he... he tried taking me somewhere to... rape me. Sob, he took the only thing that could've helped my son. My, sob, poor child..."

"Who?! Tell me his name."

And came the anticipated response, "F-Fan Tong."

"I see."

Simultaneously, in another ward inside the same hospital, a fly was buzzing above Fan Tong's bed. Now what made this housefly worth mentioning was its particular eyes which were exuding immeasurable intelligence. Obviously, that intelligence belonged to no one else other than Virus.

Anyhow, after examining Fan Tong's stabbed leg, looking at the wounded beauty in front of him, Virus thought, 'We have a bewitching savage here.'

Next, shaking his head at the amusing sight, he didn't bother himself with Fan Tong for now.

Meanwhile, after going through her initial state of fear regarding the entire situation, the Chinese beauty's eyes began to be filled with resentment, and a couple of seconds later, gnashing her teeth in deep hatred, she murmured, "I'm gonna kill him."

"Woah, calm down, little beast. You're too weak to do anything about this injustice done to you or your son right now. You'll just be sending yourself to your death if you try anything funny." Looking at that light of darkness flickering within her pupils, Virus knew she was dead serious. She was going to murder him in case she ever had the chance to.

If this injustice was done to her alone, she would've been too horrified to act, but now that someone had hurt her child, she had lost all reason.

But gazing into those eyes filled with hatred and wrath, strangely, Virus seemed satisfied with her reaction. As if this was what he had been desiring to see from her.

'Those eyes of hers... interesting. Fan Tong, you've just sparkled the resentment of a woman. Oh... no, let me rephrase that... the resentment of a mother!' At the same time, he proclaimed outwardly, "Just calm down and think rationally, I mean... if you die, who's going to take care of your son?"

Just as expected, Hu Yuexin started calming down at the mere mention of her one and only son. She couldn't imagine leaving her son alone in this cruel world.

Afterward, feeling extremely powerless and weak, turning toward Virus with her wet eyes, she queried, "What do I do then?" She was feeling so wronged for her child that she was having a hard time breathing.

"Do you want my help?" Mouthed Virus, looking forward to her answer, "Since you literally agreed to be a slave to my every wish, you just need to utter the words and I'll handle the problem at the snap of my fingers," raising his fingers, he added further, "I mean... I'm really protective of my possessions, you know? Slaves included in the list."

"Who's your slave!" Yelled the Chinese beauty speechlessly, "I never said I'll be your slave!"

"Haha... you did, you agreed to be whatever I want you to be... meaning I just need to say... be my slave, hihihihi..." At the end of his sentence, an eerie laugh reverberated within the ward, sending shivers down to the spine of anyone who was hearing it.

Hu Yuexin too, got goosebumps at the mere sound of his creepy laugh, not knowing how to react anymore.

And regarding his absurd claims, of course, she assumed he was just joking around.

But... was he?

Noticing that his tease had been a great success as her mood had been uplifted somewhat, Virus decided to get serious and asked, "So, what do you say, do you need my help?"

Hearing this question, turning rather solemn, she concluded, 'You've already helped me with the Red-Crystal, so how can I request your assistance again? I'm not that shameless. Everything's my fault and I need to take care of my problems myself or die trying.'

'If only I was an Abnormal myself ... '

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Nevertheless, shaking her head, she rejected his offer gratefully, "No. You've helped me a great deal by giving me the Red-Crystal already. And... I can't depend on you forever. So... I'll handle my issues myself from now on."

Hearing this, while staring into her determined eyes, Virus remained silent for an entire minute with his thoughts unknown to everyone but himself.

"W-what? Why are you looking at me that way?" Noticing his somewhat heated stare, Hu Yuexin could only feel awkward about the entire situation.

And it was exactly at this point, when, standing up from his seat and bringing his face right above hers, he simply whispered, "You realize losing the Red-Crystal does not nullify our private contract, right? The deal is still in effect."

A shade of red covering her cheeks from the closeness of their faces, the Chinese beauty was about to look away feeling shy. But before she could do that, grabbing her chin forcefully, Virus declared "seriously though, you're mine. Don't forget that." before engulfing her wounded cherry lips on his own.

"Mmnh-" totally caught off-guard by his unexpected act of kissing like always, Hu Yuexin struggled trying to catch her breath. She was short of breath since her mouth was sealed entirely.

This situation continued for some time when, at last, successfully pushing him away, she desperately inhaled oxygen while muttering, "Hee...haaa... I-I know. I'm... not that shameless. I'm a woman of my word."

Tilting his head forward, Virus expressed his satisfaction, "Good girl."

Recalling something else, he went on, "Oh, that makes me remember... I saw that your son has leukemia cancer, moreover, it was written down that the disease likely passed on from his mother to him while giving birth. Is that true? You have leukemia?"

"How do you know?! Who told you that?" Thunderstruck at the mention of him knowing about his son and his detailed condition, she could only question out loud.

'Well, since this hospital isn't where your son's been originally hospitalized in and since they were asking what's wrong with your son, I had to hack into that other hospital's database and read through some of his basic information.' This notion flickered through his head, but of course, he didn't admit that out loud. Instead, he manipulated the truth slightly and uttered, "I have my connections." And indeed, he had his connections. Direct connections to the entire planet.

"I see..." Leaning inwardly, Hu Yuexin wasn't surprised by his response. Rich people had their own special methods of getting their hands on the information they needed.

Anyway, being reminded of her son's disease forced a painful expression to show up on Hu Yuexin's face.

Meanwhile, noticing her downcast and disheartened behavior, knitting his furrow, he asked, "What is it? Are you dying too?"

Displaying a bitter smile at this point, shaking her head, she started clarifying, "It's not like that. I've never told this to anyone else... but since you helped me a lot. I'll tell you."

Taking a deep breath at this point, she revealed, "Actually... I'm not my child's birth mother."

"Huh? What do you mean? He looks so much like you, there's no way he's not-" Before he could finish, however, Hu Yuexin interrupted, "The reason there are so many similarities between our features is that... he's actually my sister's child who died a few years ago. I'm his aunt."

Not pausing at all, she went on, "After giving birth, the doctors realized my sister had leukemia... even worse, she didn't have much time to live."

"Hmm, that's so unfortunate. But why are you acting like his mother then? Are you not gonna tell him about his birth mother?" Befuddled by everything, Virus questioned.

Letting out a helpless sigh to that, she replied while shaking her head, "I can't. Because... my sister's last wish, her only request for me, was to raise him as his real mother. She didn't want him to grow up without both of his parents. She wanted him to at least have his mother." By now, her eyes had long gone red due to heartache.

"Oh... so that's what's going on." To be truthful, this revelation had blown Virus' mind away. This was totally unexpected for Virus.

Unable to control herself at last, the Chinese beauty started shedding tears while confessing further, "B-but, sob, a few months after her death, I discovered her disease had passed on to my baby too. The doctors s-said... the disease is most likely to have passed on at the time of his b-birth... Boohoo..."

While patting her head gently, he comforted, "I understand. You've had it really tough, haven't you? Good job. Good job. You've been great at this."

Finally being told these few simple words which she was dying to hear from anyone for a long time, no longer able to remain strong, throwing herself into his arms, she began wailing, "Ahhhh..."

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After she was done crying her eyes out, Virus decided to sit there for some time. Around an hour later, after a simple peck on her forehead, he left the hospital.

Before leaving, he didn't forget to notify her that the hospital will be transferring both of them to her son's original hospital. Of course, while on his way outside, he casually paid every expense to the hospital.

He, to some degree, had also hesitated on whether to deal with Fan Tong right there and then. However, recalling that resolve shimmering within Hu Yuexin's eyes when she rejected his assistance, he in the end couldn't bring himself to deal with that trash personally. On the contrary, he was now looking forward to what was going to happen later on with burning enthusiasm. In all fairness, after getting to know her and her complicated situation better, Virus was feeling slightly complex inside.

Before, without any background checking, he assumed her to be a single mother who had probably screwed around with someone, leading her to be pregnant with a child. But now, after getting a rough picture of her unfortunate circumstances, he realized it was anything but that.

"What a silly woman... no, what a silly girl." He muttered while driving back to the hotel.

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Chapter 365 A Mountain That Cant Be Crossed?

Returning to the hotel, taking a quick shower, Virus threw himself into the king-sized bed before sinking into a deep sleep. Today's been a tiresome day for him.

The next few days, other than keeping his internal energy concentrated on the twists inside his Pathways, he simply decided to relax and enjoy the city as he accompanied the two beauties by his side.

The trio frequented a lot of restaurants trying many delicious dishes, beverages, wines, etc.

With the girls' nonstop insistence, they also visited several cultural heritage sites within or surrounding the city.

And right now, they had just arrived above the Oriental Pearl TV Tower.

Currently, looking under his feet, Virus was watching the entire city right through the glass floor, and for some reason, it gave him the sensation of floating within the infinite skies while looking down on the entire world itself. Although he quite liked this sensation of being at the top, the apex, it kind of made him feel lonely too, which was quite sad and boring to him, to be honest.

"Woah, the city's right beneath us, I'm on top of the world!" Screamed the golden beauty in utter joy, drawing the attention of a few tourists around. She was absolutely delighted by the amazing sight beneath her.

"It's like I'm flying among the clouds!!!" By now, her eyes were shimmering with great enthusiasm. Standing here above the glass floor, she felt like nothing could hold her back anymore. She felt free.

Meanwhile, watching Virus somewhat arrogant yet lonely figure, and the golden beauty's unfettered expressions, Amara could only feel speechless in return, 'What's with these two? Err... why am I not getting any extreme feelings like them?'

"Aizen, do you like it here? Are you happy?" Finally unable to contain herself, Amara inquired.

To this question, Virus simply remained silent for quite a while before giving his plain response, "I'm both happy and sad at the same time."

This answer, in return, only forced Amara to curse him nonstop, 'Which one is it in the end! Are you happy or sad! You can't be both, damn it. Just say I don't wanna answer that if you don't feel like it! Idiot Aizen!'

During these past few days, Virus had also seen Hu Yuexin serving him quite a few times at the hotel. However, for some reason, she seemed extremely occupied with something since she left every day right after finishing her shift.

And when Virus had inquired about the reason behind this behavior of hers, she had replied with "I'm busy taking care of my baby these days since he seems to have gone through some kind of trauma after that day. He keeps worrying about me when I'm not around so I try to be there for him as much as I can."

Due to that, other than giving her a peck on the cheek now and then, Virus didn't bother her at all. He actually quite liked the fact that she was such a kind and responsible mother.

Of course, that type of close action like a peck on the cheek was done only when neither the golden beauty nor Amara was around since he simply didn't feel like being questioned about the entire situation. He just wanted to keep it something light or in other words... casual.

"How long are we gonna stay here, Aizen?" As they were enjoying the scenery around them, Amara queried all of a sudden. This question had been something she was holding back for the past two days.

"Why do you ask? Are you in a hurry?" Turning toward her, Virus said.

"Uh... yeah, you know how I'm the branch manager of our New York branch corporation. So... I can't really stay any longer since I was ordered to return at once by my father. There seems to be something urgent going on at the company." Slightly disappointed herself by the urgency, Amara replied. If it was up to her, she wanted to stay by his side forever. But she had a company to look after. So, she couldn't.

"Hmm, if you had something urgent like that, you should've returned by yourself, Amara." He uttered these few words expressionlessly. But this made Amara slightly depressed and even sorrowful, because to her, this sentence of his made it seem like he didn't care about her being present around him or not.

Fortunately, what he stated next coerced her to feel a lot better, "Hmm... but, you're right, I've had enough fun here." Taking a pink diamond out of his pocket which he carried everywhere with himself like a lollipop, he added,

"And I also have something I'm required to attend to. So... we'll return tonight. I can always come back after I'm done with my other stuff."

Not pausing there at all, he declared further, "Bella and I will get off on my atoll first and then you can leave off to New York on my jet, how does that sound?"

"Great!" Chuckling happily, Amara tilted her head in agreement.

"Okay then."

After returning to the hotel, while Amara and the golden beauty were packing up, Virus decided to utilize the little time he had before leaving Shanghai fully. Thus, sitting down on the couch, he once again concentrated all of his awareness on the countless motes of internal energy inside him.

For the past one week or so, other than his time dedicated to sleeping, he had been trying to untwist his thirteenth disentanglement the entire time!

However... unfortunately, the only result he was faced with was... failure.

One hundred percent, absolutely, utter, failure!

He called it an utter failure because since the moment he had begun, if the entire road of disentangling the thirteenth knot completely was considered one hundred percent, in this foregone one week or so, he had only treaded a single percent of the entire path!

Truthfully, facing this outcome frustrated Virus to no ends since he understood if things continued to progress this way, disentangling the thirteenth knot was going to take years! And that was just talking about the thirteenth knot alone!

And if you consider the incoming 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th knots, the Energy Disentanglement stage was going to take decades at least before he was finished, and that was assuming the next knots was not going to get any harder to untwine!

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To Virus, this was a real nightmare indeed!

It was a real nightmare because no matter how hard he deliberated trying to come up with a possible solution, in the end, no results revealed itself before him. He was truly lost.

Even after including every single available pill, pellet, drug, serum, etc. which he could get his hands on according to his database, there was absolutely nothing that could assist him this time. Virus was truly in a pickle.

With that being said, the only option, the only path he could partake now was to persist through with no alternatives whatsoever!

And 'that' made it a nightmare!

'Is my cultivation going to remain this weak for many years to come? Is there really nothing else I can do? Fuck...'

Knock~ Knock~

With his brows knitted together, he was just about to begin the process of thinking even outside the box, when the knocking on the door interrupted him at once.

"Aizen, it's night time and we're ready to leave!" Immediately, Amara's barely hearable statement forced Virus out of his long contemplation.

Opening his eyes, Virus gazed outside his window at the dark night, 'Time sure flies. Especially when you're cultivating.' He had been so lost while concentrating the small particles of energy on his thirteenth knot that he assumed an hour had passed at most.

No matter, understanding it was time to move, standing up, he began walking toward the entrance of his presidential suite for one last time. Of course, he also didn't forget to leave half of his awareness on the concentrated motes of energy inside him since he didn't want the particles of internal energy to dissipate allover his Pathways.

"Have you two packed already?" He probed while taking pleasure at the mere sight of the two dressed up luscious beauties standing in front of his door.

These clothes were specially selected from the mountain of clothes the two had bought during their stay time in Shanghai.

"Yes, let's go." Mouthed Amara with a cute twirl, smiling rather plainly.

"Okay." Nodding in agreement, Virus directly closed the door behind himself since his stuff was already put in a suitcase by the golden beauty herself.

Sometime after that, Virus, Amara, and the golden beauty reached the lobby.

"Okay, I'll settle the bills, you two stay here for a second." Declaring this, Amara left for the reception quickly.

Virus too, recalling something he had to do before leaving, turned toward the golden beauty and phrased, "Lil Belle, you and Amara wait for me inside the car, I'll be back right away." Having said that, he disappeared in a random direction.

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Currently, while on her way to serve one of the specified rooms, the Chinese beauty was pushing the food cart forward.

She was still working at the hotel tonight because this day was that time of the week where she had to stay for her night shift.

'Maybe I need to notify the hotel and tell them I really can't take night shifts for a while anymore.' Just as this notion was passing through her head, out of nowhere, two hands blocked her eyes, barring her from seeing anything. "Ah-" She jumped with a yelp, frightened out of her wits.

Despite the fact she hated to admit it, she had been extremely jumpy and anxious even at the faintest of noises these days.

She had been acting this way ever since going through that night.

Anyway, seeing her startled just like a frightened cat, retracting both his hands at once, he decided to stop joking around.

As her eyesight was clear now, Hu Yuexin instantly recognized the culprit, "Yyou idiot! T-that really scared me! D-don't ever do that again!" Some traces of tears had already gathered in her eyes too.

Seeing this intense reaction from her, Virus could only exclaim apologetically while grabbing her shoulders gently, "Woah! It's me, Aizen. Why were you startled like that, I just wanted to surprise you. But didn't expect you to be that triggered..."

Rather worried about her at this point, Virus asked, "Seriously though, are you okay, Hu Yuexin?"

"I-I'm okay... why are you here anyway? If you need anything, you could've just called the room service." Pulling herself back together, she queried while evading making direct eye-contact with him.

Looking into her dodging eyes nonetheless, Virus informed her while displaying a brilliant smile, "Um, actually, I'm here to say goodbye, I'm leaving."

Hearing this unforeseen piece of news, Hu Yuexin's eyes promptly went wideopen as she gaped at Virus silently. She was frozen still. To be honest, she was totally caught off-guard by the sudden news of him leaving.

In fact, she was frozen still because she didn't know how to react to this piece of news at all.

Notwithstanding, beneath that irresponsive figure of hers, she was certain that she was experiencing a sense of loss. As if she was about to lose something very precious to her. Again.

'Put yourself back together, you stupid woman! It's not like this relationship was ever going to work out!' Just as this line of thought had flickered through her head, feeling ridiculous yet numb, she could only reprimand herself even further, 'heh, what relationship? There wasn't even a relationship to begin with between the two of us. He was always destined to leave. Moreover, isn't it better that he's going to leave anyway... since it means I might be free from that promise too?'

While it was true she was thinking that, on the contrary, the faint light within her eyes which fate had already hushed to a great extent previously subsided even further.

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Returning to the topic, to this day, for Hu Yuexin, life had been anything but easy.

At first, she had been a simple girl who didn't know what loss even was. She was pure and happy, untainted by the brutal clutches of fate itself.

Unfortunately, that happiness didn't last for long as one day, pretty much the same as every other day, she received the tragic news of her parents' car accident. And just like that, that normal day had transformed into her personal apocalypse, her worst nightmare. The nightmare of turning into an orphan.

Still, being the strong-willed person she was, and more importantly, due to her older sister still being there for her, she felt a lot less lonely. She, at least, had someone else in this cruel world. Someone she could depend on and call 'family'.

'I'm not alone. My sister's here.' She thought to herself at the time.

Yet, after that fateful day, even though she gradually snapped back to her initially cheerful state, to Hu Yuexin, the loss of parents always felt like a needle pricking at her heart, sending waves upon waves of tormenting pain at her very core. A type of pain that was never going to go away or vanish.

Still, time at least made the bleeding more tolerable.

And that fact became even more true when her sister became pregnant, thus forcing a big smile to take shape on Hu Yuexin's otherwise forlorn face. The thought of having someone else in their small family made her feel content to no ends. She felt blessed once again.

But unfortunately...that ray of bliss only persisted until she was faced with the miserable news of her sister being diagnosed with a fatal type of cancer.

This, once again, shattered Hu Yuexin's world into countless pieces. Her existence, at that point, felt broken even more so as she felt pent-up almost to the point of insanity with nowhere to release!

"How can the world be so brutal to me? Why? What did I ever do wrong to deserve any of this? What did my sister do wrong to be punished like this?" She screamed in despair. Wailing nonstop at the unbearable pain seeping into her very soul itself.

But as if that wasn't enough, another tragedy soon fell upon her when her child was also diagnosed with the same type of cancer as her dear sister, may her soul rest in peace!

After that, there were no longer any fancy feelings such as happiness or bliss in her life. She no longer hoped. She no longer dreamt. She no longer wanted to even live! However, watching her baby in excruciating pain, how could she? She had to stay strong for him! She had to make sure he received the best type of treatment so he would experience the least amount of pain and affliction!

Thus, for her son's sake alone, she began pulling her shattered bits and pieces together. Again.

After that day, for him... she worked overtime, she slept less, ate less, and no longer smiled. Not from the bottom of her heart anyway.

From that day onwards, for Hu Yuexin, every chuckle was a mere smile thrown at the direction of her poor son with the sole purpose of trying to make him even slightly more cheerful and jovial.

Hence, for years to come, Hu Yuexin remained floating in the middle of absolute darkness and despair...

At least, that was the case until, one day, a man showed up. A man who, just like a shining ray inside the absolute darkness itself, had placed a Red-Crystal in front of her, giving her hope once again. A kind of hope she was certain she shouldn't have since she firmly believed, 'All hope is a false hope. So it's better not to hope at all.' This was a belief life had deeply engraved within her.

Nevertheless, being the stupid person she was, Hu Yuexin hoped again as she accepted the Red-Crystal. She wasn't simply sanguine because of the Red-Crystal per se, but rather at the notion of someone existing in her life, someone who was willing to 'give' her the Red-Crystal, someone she could perhaps even rely on!

Therefore, at that moment, she experienced the sensation of really having someone else in her life. Even if that existence was somewhat distorted and with possible ulterior motives, at the bottom of her heart, she still appreciated that existence, that reliance. But now... out of nowhere, she had been notified even that tiny positive presence in her life was going to disappear just like that, at the snap of her fingers.

And that was also why Hu Yuexin was having this mirage of being thrown into the absolute bottom of the deepest abyss as it all came crashing on her.

"Hello? Hu Yuexin? Hu Yuexin!" Suddenly snapping back to reality by his intense shake, a chilly coldness replaced the momentary confusion and despair covering her eyes.

Soon, looking directly into his eyes, she said in an expressionless yet piercing tone, "Oh, you're leaving? Good luck... and goodbye."

Facing her freezing eyes, saying Virus wasn't astounded at all would be an understatement. Since he was. He really was.

This was Virus' first time of catching a sight of that kind of gaze from her.

Still, assuming it might be because she was sad due to him leaving, he vocalized, "I've some urgent stuff to deal with back at home, but don't worry, I'll return soon enough and come visit you sometimes. Okay?"

Unfortunately, these comforting words of his still didn't break the ice surrounding her eyes as she proclaimed as cold as ever, "It's not like I'm worrying or anything. Return... or not return... it's not really any of my goddamn business, no?"

Not pausing there, she went on, "It's not like I'm your girlfriend or anything, right? I'm at most just a simple slave to you, right?" By now, her eyes had turned really red as tiny veins of blood were barely visible within them, "S-so, there's no need to say goodbye to this slave. Goodbye." Having finished with her words, turning around, she once again started pushing the cart forward.

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Somewhat stunned by her questions which could even be called statements from her part really, for almost an entire minute, Virus simply watched her disappearing yet extremely fragile back silently.

Indeed, she had no intention of stopping or looking back at all.

At any rate, just as her silhouette was about to blink out of his sight, Virus ran.

He charged at her with his fastest speed, therefore appearing behind her almost instantaneously. Then grabbing her quivering weak body, he turned her around, only to be faced with her tearful face.

Witnessing those loads of tears covering her beautiful eyes, not opening his mouth at all, Virus embraced her. He hugged her right amidst his strong arms.

Subsequently, he began whispering into her ears softly, "Listen here, you silly girl. I said I'm not leaving for good... which means I'm really not leaving for good! I'll return in a while. That's a promise."

"Also, you're not my slave. But be it a slave, a girlfriend, a mistress, or even nothing at all, none of that really matters. What's important here is that you're mine. That seals the deal already. You need that to understand that because I'm not gonna leave you alone."

Her last line of defense finally broken by his ending sentence which smashed directly into her weakness, unable to withstand all those feelings pent up inside her since forever, Hu Yuexin started crying her heart out, "Waaaaah..."

After that, she wept for a few minutes straight before, at last, showing some signs of calming down and stopping.

Alternatively, promptly noticing this change in her, separating himself from her trembling figure, after taking a short glance of her still wet eyes, opening his mouth no more, he simply sealed them on hers.

Simultaneously, secretly taking a futuristic-looking syringe out of his pocket, he directly pushed it at the back of her neck, right into her spinal cord. But he didn't activate it for now.

On the other hand, receiving this passionate kiss of his, Hu Yuexin could feel herself melting at the intense sensation of this man called Aizen, and that only made her even more unwilling to depart before a single drop of tear fell from the corner of her eye.

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After Virus was finished taking his time saying goodbye to her, he walked out of the hotel before entering the luxurious limousine that was going to escort them to the airport.

"You're back! Are you done with your unfinished business?" Exclaimed the golden beauty jovially.

"Yep, I'm done taking a dump." Wearing an amused expression, Virus joked.

"Ew! Mast-ai! You didn't need to report that!" Proclaimed the golden beauty while taking on a disgusted expression that only seemed cute to Virus or even Amara for that matter.

"Haha, how's your training progressing anyway? Were you able to spark your awareness of the motes of internal energy inside you?" Questioned Virus in such a volume so Amara wouldn't be able to hear.

"Umm... not yet, that makes me think... maybe I'm doing something wrong." Turning somewhat crestfallen, the golden beauty reported.

"Haha... don't worry, it takes time. Just be patient." He reassured her casually.

Afterward, the trio went silent as only the sound of the radio reverberated within the car.

"So, the next song was requested by a girl who's suspecting his boyfriend to be cheating on her. The song's called 'Betrayal' by Zhou Chuan Xiao. We'll be playing the song shortly after hearing what the girlfriend has to say to his boyfriend." Announced the female host with a chuckle.

"Hello? Can you hear me?" A young feminine voice queried doubtfully.

"Yes, everyone can hear you, young lady, please relay your message." Confirmed the host kindly.

"Ah, okay..." going quiet momentarily, the girl began talking, "Ye Yimu, you bastard! I'm gonna kill you, you hear me? You dare cheat on me?! I'm so fucking gonna-" her connection was suddenly cut off at this point in time as the host started to talk with a bitter laugh, "Haha... our call was disconnected due to some complications. Student Ye Yimu, please be careful of your girlfriend... haha... now, let's move on to the song."

Listening up to now, Virus felt tickled by the girl at the absurdity of the entire situation.

Soon, the requested song was on the play.

"All these years I presumptuously gave my everything"

"Always assuming it'll exchange for a fair response"

"The curled strand of hair by your bedside cruelly spelled out"

"That a lingering love can never match up to a moment of happiness"

"Your affections have betrayed my love; and sacrificed my life"

"I sold an entire world but receive ashes in return"

"Your cruelty has betrayed all love; a beautiful dream awakes suddenly"

"Feelings-"

The song was abruptly put to a sudden stop as the host started to make an urgent announcement.

"We deeply apologize to our listeners, but there's been a major incident going on in Shanghai which all television and radio channels are required to broadcast and warn!" Exclaimed the host in an anxious tone before proceeding, "We've just received the news of a Rift breakdown in Shanghai exactly in XXX street around XXX Hotel. We kindly request all our listeners around that neighborhood to evacuate the area immediately."

"The government's making this emergency announcement because, according to the data we've received, it seems the creature or creatures that had been discharged from that specific rift has proven to be far stronger than anticipated."

"I repeat, please evacuate the area at once! Apparently, the Guardians dispatched to the relevant rift had been already killed by the creatures. Therefore, it's extremely dangerous to be there as it's left with no protection whatsoever."

"We've just received further details regarding the incident! The report says that the rampant monster or monsters are wreaking havoc everywhere! They're even tearing down buildings! Please heed our warning and leave the area until the newly dispatched emergency Guardians and military reaches the site."

Alarmed by the emergency broadcast, turning in Virus' direction, the golden beauty queried while furrowing her brows, "Eh, wasn't that hotel the one we were staying at? It seems the rift we witnessed in that neighborhood had opened up. Hope everyone's fine there."

By now, Virus' expression had turned slightly dark as a single notion was going through his head, 'Hu Yuexin's still working in the hotel.'

'Should I return or ...?'

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'Sigh...' shaking his head, the possible consequences of him not going back became transparent to Virus immediately, 'there is a high chance of her death as one of the casualties. Although she might get lucky and live, the possibility of that is just too slim.'

'I told her she's mine; that I won't leave her alone. So even if it's just to keep that promise, I should go back, right?' Having finally reached a conclusion, determined, he ordered the driver with no hesitation whatsoever, "Turn the car around, we're returning to the hotel at once."

Hearing this declaration, the driver's face went pale, "B-but, s-sir... it's too dangerous, there's no way I'll go to that messed up place. I'm sorry, but I won't-"

Before the driver could finish his rejection, however, a futuristic-looking handgun was placed at the temple of his head before he heard a chilly order, "I said return... or die. Your choice."

"Y-y-yes, sir!" Scared out of his wits, heeding the order, the driver promptly made a U-turn.

Even Amara was surprised to hear about Virus' wish of wanting to go back. She was even more thunderstruck at the sight of the gun inside his grasp, 'Eh, where did the gun come from? Did he always carry that around with himself? Why didn't I notice it before?'

Nonetheless, putting her sense of astonishment aside, Amara advised, "Aizen, I-I think it's better if we don't go there... I mean, why do you even want to return? There's nothing for you to-" Once again, interrupting the other side, Virus exclaimed rather emotionlessly, "You can get off the car if you don't want to come. It's your decision."

Honestly, Amara didn't get why he wanted to go back to such a dangerous place. Of course, that was the case since she had no idea regarding the events that had taken place between Virus and the Chinese beauty.

Notwithstanding, after that, Amara also turned quiet. Even though she was afraid, she didn't want to leave him alone in the middle of such a battlefield.

Since there was no one else to try to stop Virus anymore, under the direct command of Virus himself, the driver pushed the gas pedal to its very end as the limousine sped in the direction of the hotel in trouble.

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Five minutes later, Amara and the golden beauty were staring at the horrifying scene at the far distance with their eyes wide open.

"Wh-what is that thing...?!" Shrieked Amara while gaping at the creature at distance. She was certain that she had never seen such a petrifying monster in her entire life.

"I-I don't know. That thing's really huge!" The golden beauty also had the same opinion as Amara.

At the same time, while staring at the giant tentacle monster far away, Virus mumbled a few words in all seriousness, "An infant Plant Kraken."

Barely catching this shocking revelation of his, a shiver went down the golden beauty's spine as she wondered in disbelief, 'That monster which is around fifteen to twenty meters only in height is an infant? What would the mature one look like then?' Currently, the so-called infant Plant Kraken had already covered a rather tall building under its long overarching tentacles as it seemed to be pressuring the building beneath itself to come down from all sides.

Crack~ Boom~

Soon afterward, under the fearful gazes of Amara and everyone else watching from every direction, the tentacles successfully forced the above portion of the building to crumble apart as it all came crashing down on the sections below. Therefore, the entire building which could even be called a small skyscraper caved in and fell into numerous pieces. The building was down.

"O-oh my God! That building's destroyed! It ruined the entire thing so easily!!! Th-that monster... who can even kill that thing?!" With her face already very pale, Amara stuttered.

Although she didn't have an in-depth knowledge regarding the rifts, she still watched the television from time to time and thus, she at least had a rough knowledge about the current strongest creatures that popped out of the rift now and then.

However, no matter how hard she deliberated on that topic, she couldn't recall having ever witnessed any other creature as powerful and strong as this one anywhere!

Not talking about its enormous physique, the mere fact of how effortlessly the creature was demolishing various buildings with no injury whatsoever was already way above the scope of her imagination.

Meanwhile, after bringing down it's sixth building, the Plant Kraken quickly moved above another nearly medium-sized skyscraper.

"Ah, that's our hotel!" Screamed the golden beauty while trembling at the sight of the tentacle monster targeting the place they had just left. Even the mere notion of envisioning what could've possibly happened to them in case they hadn't left the place made her very apprehensive and uneasy of the entire situation.

Beside them within the car, noticing the gigantic plant life's next target, Virus expression seemed to turn a lot darker as he abruptly pushed the door of the moving car open!

"Ah... Aizen! Wh-what... what are you doing? Please don't leave! You'll die!!!" Shouted Amara helplessly. Even though she wasn't sure, she had the hairraising feeling that Virus was about to go and fight the apocalyptic monster head-on. She couldn't even imagine his tragic fate if he indeed did try to do that.

Although she was aware that Aizen was rather strong after having witnessed him easily killing a Guardian, she still didn't believe Virus was capable enough to go against such a sinister monster!

In fact, she had a hard time believing that anyone in the entire world would be able to fight that thing alone. It simply sounded nigh impossible, 'Maybe... maybe there'll be some hope if several strong guardians partied up... I-I hope.'

Still, even if it was just to calm Virus down, she added, "Let's just leave, okay? The dispatched Guardians will arrive soon. I'm sure they'll be able to easily deal with the disgusting monster themselves!"

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Nevertheless, ignoring her completely, Virus turned toward the golden beauty before voicing coldly, "You guys wait for me in the car. But don't come any closer, do you understand?"

He also didn't forget to take out and wear the brown cape hoodie which the golden beauty had bought for him previously.

There was no way Virus was going to wait for the Guardians to arrive because Hu Yuexin was most likely going to be dead by then. Even if some Guardians did indeed come sooner, who was to say they'd be capable enough to defeat the monster?

At least Virus wasn't willing to risk it.

"Please... please allow me to follow you, Mas..." Phrased the golden beauty wearing an anxious face. To her, it didn't matter if she lived or died, what mattered was to accompany her master in everything he went through, both life and death.

Hearing those words of hers, a deep frown took shape on Virus' forehead. Then, since he was in a rush, not caring about Amara being present there at all, he declared, "I'm ordering you as your master, no matter what happens to me, even if I am to die next, you are not permitted to put yourself in danger. You're not allowed to come any closer."

Then no longer paying anyone any further attention, he exited the limousine before vanishing into the dark shadows of the night.

"Aizen!" Screamed Amara, unable to take her eyes off of his disappearing silhouette; she was feeling extremely fearful for him as she just didn't understand why he would insist on going there that much!

Unfortunately, Virus' figure was no longer visible to her. He was already on his way of storming toward the monster with the quickest speed his body could muster.

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After coming off the car, gathering every ounce of strength he possessed, Virus was currently charging in the direction of the hotel warily. By now, this part of the city had long transformed into an apocalyptic ruin as if a devastating earthquake had just descended upon this segment of the city alone. Almost all around the tentacle creature was covered in dilapidated remains of various buildings as it sat above the hotel's building leisurely while looking down at the entire metropolis itself. It was about to squeeze the hotel into smithereens next.

And observing those strong and green tentacles of the Plant Kraken, Virus knew, although he was extremely fast right now, he wasn't going to make it.

No, he wasn't even close to making it!

Therefore, wanting to possess even more speed, he directly commanded his pitch-black ring on his finger.

'Trigger Median Configuration – Fragmentary Integument.'

Promptly, pitch-black scales covered both his arms and legs while the space between the scales was glowing blue all over.

Boom!

Now, some cracks were left behind on the asphalt as Virus' speed increased even further.

'I can't let others see my true face.' Even though he was in an absolute rush, his mind was still as clear as ever while he didn't forget to consider the various impacts of him fighting in front of perhaps many eyes watching. That was also why he didn't forget to wear his cape hoodie inside the limousine.

But understanding that wasn't enough, he directly connected to his special ring once again.

'Divide Initial Configuration – Mask,' it was also followed by another line of command, 'Simple design.'

Following that, his entire face was immediately covered by a brown mask which automatically adjusted its own color to that of his cape hoodie.

Amazingly, however, even his eyes couldn't be seen through the mask as the eye-hole parts were now shining in an intense icy blue light just like that of his scales. Even the empty lines that were left behind on the location of his mouth and nose were glimmering blue.

'Alright, the problem of my identity is solved now.' He judged casually.

ROAR!

Suddenly, the deafening cry of the Plant Kraken reverberated around the area as many fissures and ruptures started to appear on the body of the hotel construction itself. It was about to be squashed into devastation!

Realizing this, beneath the mask, Virus' eyes went wide open as he deduced instantaneously, 'It's about to make its move! My speed's still not enough...'

'I need more speed!' Leading all of his internal energy into his pathways covering his legs, Virus' speed increased by almost another level!

At this point, Virus had already broken through all of his previous speed records. This was perhaps the current absolute limit of his speed.

Still, although he was using his internal energy too now, he wasn't going to utilize any type of Mortal-class movement technique whatsoever since his own control over his feet and body was better than any type of mortal-class movement technique which was only helpful in granting the user of the said technique a better control over their legs at this rank.

And talking about the utilization of an even higher-ranked technique such as the Human-class, at his current stage – Energy Disentanglement – even Virus was incapable of doing it. That's because, above the Mortal-class, the Human-class techniques required the practitioner to be able to release the energy inside their body outwardly, which was impossible for Virus before breaking through to the next stage of cultivation.

Notwithstanding, time elapsed as Virus got closer and closer to the hotel structure by every passing second.

Crack~

PANG~

Unfortunately, as if fate itself was laughing at his inadequacy – telling him his speed still wasn't good enough – just as he was around a single block away from the hotel, the above segment of the construction came crashing down on the entire building itself while intense quakes were felt all around the district.

"..." Due to that, abruptly stopping in his tracks while watching the collapsing building, Virus didn't scream nor yell, he didn't even show any type of exaggerated reaction, no... all he did was to silently stare at the entire construct falling down into its own destruction.