

THE GOD VIRUS

Chapter 371 Goodbye 6

Soon, all that was left of the once magnificent hotel that had just been razed to the ground was its pathetic remains.

And taking a glimpse of the entire show, Virus' expression had long gone extremely dark.

She was gone now. That was the only notion that kept passing through Virus' head. Repeating itself over and over again.

And that notion itself was followed by the lucid memories of Hu Yuexin herself.

Their first meeting at the entrance of the hotel itself...

Their first kiss...

The time he went running into the middle of nowhere in order to save her...

The time she had narrated the tragic story of her life and her son...

The time she cried her heart out after hearing he was leaving...

Everything simply flashed in front of Virus' eyes as he experienced this strange feeling of loss; a type of feeling he didn't think he would experience over the loss of Hu Yuexin.

But he was. And that pained him.

MINUTES BEFORE

After watching Virus leave, the Chinese beauty was now once again serving different rooms of the hotel. However, all that was occupying her mind was Virus himself.

'He must be close to the airport already, right?' She pondered to herself while wearing a blank expression.

'Will he really come back? Or did he say those words just to comfort me?'

Different lines were going through her head when abruptly, the ground started to quake and shake.

Rumble~

"Ahh, what's going on?!" Shrieked the guest Hu Yuexin was serving at the moment. Both of them were terrified.

"I-I think... it's an earthquake! Let's leave to the lobby quickly!" Said Hu Yuexin out loud, her own face long gone pale by now.

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Soon, just as they were about to reach the lobby, a terrifying howl was heard.

ROOAR~

This instantly sent intense shivers down to Hu Yuexin's spine. She was greatly confused while not understanding what exactly was happening.

Notwithstanding, finally arriving at the lobby, she rushed at the already gathered crowd before asking the receptionist who she was familiar with, "Lian Tai, what's going on? Why doesn't the quivers stop?"

"H-Hu Yuexin! A g-gigantic monster is wreaking havoc everywhere outside! We need to remain inside the building until the Guardians deal with it!"

Trembling all over, the receptionist replied before also adding, "They say the monster's already destroyed a few buildings! Damn it!"

PANG~

Rumble~

"Ahhhhh..." It was at this time when another round of intense shaking was felt by everyone as various people started screaming in fear.

"I-I think another establishment had been just brought down to the ground... damn it! Hope it doesn't come our way." Stated the receptionist who Hu Yuexin had just addressed as Lian Tai.

"W-we need to take cover somewhere... just in case!" Understanding the gravity of the situation, Hu Yuexin anxiously started looking everywhere trying to find some kind of shelter that would possibly protect her in case something fell on her.

'I can't die here! No matter what... I can't die yet... my son... there's my son! I need to protect my son at all costs!' As this notion was screaming within her, she searched all around herself warily. She was indeed extremely disturbed by everything happening around her.

Some time passed when finally, the Chinese beauty found a rather decent shield to take cover underneath. Therefore, showing no hesitation whatsoever, she hid there. At least now, she was feeling slightly more secure.

And it was exactly at this moment when another howl was heard before their building started to experience the most fierce earthquake until now. This time, it was as if the building itself was quivering all over. And indeed, outside, the highest section of the hotel construction was destroyed as the building came crashing down.

"Ahhhh..." meanwhile, Hu Yuexin was screaming nonstop as she felt her entire life flashing before her.

PANG~

Soon, nearly everyone was squashed to death beneath the debris. Even Hu Yuexin's temporary shelter cracked into several pieces as the weight came pressing on Hu Yuexin herself!

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Now, the entire building had been leveled. Meanwhile, beneath the debris, covered in dust and full of injuries, Hu Yuexin was taking her final breaths.

She no longer felt her own body. She was quite certain she wasn't going to live this time.

'M-my... son...' even her thoughts were somewhat broken at this point, 'I... can't... leave... my son. I... haven't even seen that man... return yet... but why... why do I... need to die?'

'Why is it that... every tragedy falls upon... me? Why kind of... unforgivable sin... did I commit for me to... go through everything I did?'

'W-will... will I see my son... again? Will I see that man again-' her last line of deliberation was cut off at this point as she drew her final breath of despair before her body powerlessly fell on the wrecked rubble as her consciousness retreated into oblivion, never to be lit again. Forever.

Hu Yuexin... was gone.

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Meanwhile, outside, Virus continued to gaze at the remains of the hotel in all quietness.

Slowly, he started to feel something missing inside himself. As if he had just become... less.

This sensation at first annoyed him. And before soon, it started to frustrate him somewhat.

Then with frustration came anger as it ended in... rage.

Pure...

Rage.

Something that belonged to him alone had just been taken away; never to be returned again!

This was Virus' first time in his new life that he had lost something permanently. And that was starting to blind him in endless wrath of insanity.

Despite everything, however, none of that rage or maddening wrath of his was exhibiting itself on his expression at all. The only change his rage caused on his face were those freezing eyes of his which were emitting an extremely piercing glint inside them.

The coldness and the sharpness exuding from those eyes of his were so extreme that anyone who took a momentary glimpse of them would instantly get the illusion of straightly gazing into the deepest abyss of the frozen hell itself!

Simultaneously, accompanied by those deadly eyes of his, an invisible yet blood-curdling murderous intent began to be emitted and released from all over his being!

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Chapter 372 Not In The Mood

This was some of the accumulated killing intent that had formed and come into existence as a result of countless kills—directly or indirectly—Virus had committed throughout both his lives!

And feeling this psychotic killing intent directed at itself, even though the infant Kraken was an entire block away, a shiver went down its whole plant figure as it froze in its current spot into an unmoving state.

At this time, the creature was feeling as if it was being targeted and stared at by the most horrifying predator it had ever come across. It knew something extremely horrifying was gazing upon itself as it had this illusion that it was

going to be minced into countless pieces even at the slightest of movement. And that was why it was frozen still.

Meanwhile, desiring to annihilate the Plant Kraken as quickly and brutal as possible, Virus's body shot in the direction of the beast as a fissure was left on the ground!

Soon, Virus was already in front of the monster as he jumped high into the sky. The next moment, his body was already at the same height as the head of the Kraken as he sent the heaviest punch he could muster right at its head, "Die."

Bam~

Promptly, one section of the creature's head was blasted as if it had just been hit by a grenade.

With his scale-covered fist having successfully connected to its intended target, Virus was just about to decide his next course of the attack, when, to his surprise, four gigantic plant tentacles were thrown in his direction.

And of course, while still floating in the air, Virus immediately began calculating the best course of action he could take in order to dodge or counterattack the approaching tentacles.

However, what he faced next could only somewhat astonish him in return.

He was astounded because he realized the speed of the incoming tentacles was even faster than his fastest speed and that no matter how hard he tried to dodge them, he still wouldn't be able to leave the enormous and overarching attack perimeter of the tentacles as they were simply too big and too many to evade by basic limited movements of various parts of the body.

This meant that although his mind was fast enough to come up with possible solutions to avoid the attacks, his body just could not keep up with that kind of speed.

Therefore, all Virus could do now was to watch the approaching tentacle exposedly.

Bang~

And just like that, Virus's figure was slapped a dozen meters away into a random building, creating a crevice on the wall of the building as a result of the hard impact.

Meanwhile, to everyone else who was still alive to watch the creature in horror, the whole chain of Virus jumping and attacking the monster, and then the infant Plant Kraken's counterattack had merely taken around a single second or two!

It didn't take long before Virus's physique which was now covered in dust and carried some light surface injuries walked out of the crevice created on the wall of the said building.

And staring at the monster in distance, Virus noticed that the spot he had just punched in its head area seemed to have healed and grown out perfectly once again. It seemed the Plant Kraken had a rather strong regrowing ability.

'If I had to compare its strength to that of a human's, I would say it's as powerful as someone in the fifth level of the Liberation stage.' Concluded Virus while casually dusting off some of the dirt from his clothes.

To be more precise regarding the power-ranking of various people and beings, Virus was aware that those in the 1st Level of the Liberation stage were as strong as when he himself utilizes his [Median Configuration – Fragmentary Integument] alone.

The humanoid bunnies of the rift which he had fought against before were at this level.

Even Hartas and Hadelia of the Burning Sparrow clan who were perhaps the strongest cultivators he had fought against in the Martial contest were at this level of power as the two had just entered the Liberation stage, aka Qi Circulation stage, at the time.

While those in the first level of the Liberation stage were that powerful, the cultivators in the 2nd level of Liberation could be considered comparable in strength to his current perfectly tempered body alone which had achieved the True 6th Level: Ethereal Metamorphosis.

In this regard, Virus judged that the two Horned-Pigs that he had gone against in the past were also at this level of power; the 2nd level of Liberation.

And then comes the Flying-Pig which was even mightier than the two Horned-Pigs. Virus appraised the Flying-Pig to be equivalent in ability to that of a cultivator at the 3rd level of the Liberation stage.

Virus was able to go against and defeat the Flying-Pig while utilizing both his tempered body and [Median Configuration – Fragmentary Integument] together; meaning, he was at least as strong as someone in the 3rd level of Liberation while utilizing both of his perks.

Then there's the 4th level of Liberation Stage which Virus believed he would be somewhat able to go toe to toe with and most likely defeat while making use of all three of his perks; his ring, his internal energy, and his tempered body.

Unfortunately, Virus had never gone against any creature who might be similar to cultivators at the 4th level of Liberation in their sheer competence.

Instead, what he was against right now was the infant Plant Kraken before him which had directly skipped the 4th level and had the strength-level of

someone at the 5th level of Liberation. And this fact alone was slightly irritating and even bugging Virus at the moment.

Frankly, Virus wasn't in the mood to engage in any fight whatsoever, he just wanted to gut the insides of the creature, shower in its green blood, and taste his sweet revenge while trying to control his currently gushing fury which didn't seem to have an end to it. However, since it was stronger than expected, doing that was proving to be harder than anticipated.

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Chapter 373 The Darkest Night, The Shining Moon

Just as Virus' comparably slow body was about to take his next course of action into play, without any warnings whatsoever, the Plant Kraken went in motion as it appeared in front of Virus the very next moment before one of its tentacles smashed right at him.

Bang~

Unfortunately, the tentacle monster didn't seem to have any intentions of wanting to stop or give up at this point as the previous tentacle-attack was followed by many others.

Bang! Bang! Bang!...

After a few assaults, finally stopping, the green Kraken's eyes attentively stared into the small crater that had appeared in the middle of the city, wanting to see the results of its actions.

And then, gazing into the scene filled with dust, the creature was faced with a man, meters inside the cavity on the ground, still standing with his scale-engulfed hands raised above his head, covering and shielding his head against the continuous battering of the tentacles of his enemy.

With his freezing eyes as determined as ever, Virus was glaring into the monster's green eyes. Never once, during the entire process did he take his eyes off of the monster.

Truthfully, the tentacle monster was stunned seeing him standing-still even after it had trampled on him like that. Although it saw some bleedings in various parts of Virus' body, relying on its instincts, it was quite confident that those were only shallow wounds and injuries. They were not going to be fatal at all.

Of course, the creature still wasn't just going to stop and wait for Virus to make his move. Thus, one of its tentacles shot in Virus' direction, and shortly after, that tentacle wrapped itself around him.

Then, with the intention of wanting to examine Virus from a close distance while squashing his body into mincemeat, it brought his physique high-up right in front of its huge eyes.

SQUISH~

After that, the tentacle began squishing and wrapping itself around his figure harder and harder to the point that even Virus was starting to feel some pressure on his extremely firm bones and skeleton.

Meanwhile, getting a feel of its prey inside its grasp, the green Kraken knew that its adversary was close to his possible limits. He was going to shatter and break apart very soon. And that made the creature even more excited as it squashed the ant within his grasp even further.

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Soon, the monster was just about to finally break a few of Virus' hard and solid bones...

RAT-A-TAT-A-TAT-A-TATAT~

Grrrrrr~

When abruptly, a section of the tentacle that was clenching Virus' firm physique exploded into several gory pieces of green meat before a massive amount of blood also sprayed all around him.

Now, even though Virus was covered in green blood from head to toe, he was at least free.

Dozen seconds ago, Virus was just about to make his next move, when, making use of its great speed, the Plant Kraken suddenly rushed at him before bombarding him under its tentacles.

Bam~ Bam~...

Under the nonstop bombardment of the ugly being, Virus was aware that before the tentacle monster ceases to attack, he would not be able to make any movements. All he could do now was to raise his arms above his head and defend against the continuous trashing.

Bam~

Under each attack, Virus sunk deeper and deeper into the ground itself...

Bam~...

Still, his resolved eyes didn't shake in the least as it was clear to him that the damage he was receiving was close to none since his scale-covered arms were absorbing most of the force behind the tentacles. Moreover, the hardness and the solidness of his skeleton was nothing to joke about. So even if his speed couldn't keep up with the opponent, he was at least confident in his bones and overall defense.

A while later, after the attacks ceased briefly, once again, before Virus could make any moves whatsoever, one of the monster's tentacles grabbed him

with all its might. Then, bringing him close to its face, it clutched its grip harder and harder to the point that even Virus was feeling some amount of pressure.

Of course, no longer being under the nonstop punches of the creature still allowed Virus several new opportunities and possibilities of counterattacking. Therefore, not even wasting a single nanosecond, he directly connected to his ring.

'Divine Initial Configuration – Machine gun!' This command was also followed by another arrangement, 'Explosion mode!'

RAT-A-TAT-A-TAT-A-TATAT~

Grrrr~

And following the noises, as simple sounding as that, surrounding the location which was locking Virus up, the tentacle exploded into many pieces. And the next moment, already free, all around Virus was covered in green blood while he showered beneath it.

Furthermore, he didn't move or try to dodge the blood at all. The only movement he made was to close his eyes shut before sinking in the soothing melody of the monster's screams of agony. Apparently, he was relishing the feeling. This was what he wanted.

Of course, after being dealt some rather excruciating damage, the Kraken retreated in a hurry, distancing itself from this human who it now considered more of a threat than before.

Regrettably, however, by the time it was successful in retreating, the wounds on that particular tentacle had already closed up. The monster's healing ability was frightening indeed.

This immediately forced a frown to show up on Virus' face as he raised his futuristic-looking machine gun before commanding it to shoot without any pause.

RAT-A-TAT-A-TAT-A-TATAT~...

By now, the scales covering Virus's 'right' arm had already disappeared. This happened because, from the second division onwards, every time he divides the ring, some selective part of the scale gets retracted before transforming into the commanded dividence.

In more simple terms, after triggering the [Median Configuration – Fragmentary Integument], Virus divided the ring once which transformed it into his [Simple Mask], it was fine up to this point. However, now that he had divided the ring once again for the second time, the scales covering his right arm had retreated as it changed into the machine gun he was holding currently.

Anyhow, under the persistent barrage of the machine gun, various wounds started to take shape and appear on the Kraken's body, unfortunately, since every part of its physique was too thick and substantial, the explosive shots of the gun didn't count as that much of a threat to it before its injuries closed up. Moreover, even stacking up the explosions could not penetrate deeper than a certain point on the creature's plant skeleton and body.

'Hmm, it seems even the machine gun's useless against its gigantic figure... if I want to deal with it... I think I'm gonna need to cut off those massive tentacles in a single slash.' Deliberating up to this point, Virus concluded, 'I'm gonna need a big sword.'

'Divide Initial Configuration – Longsword!'

Promptly, the machine gun dissipated before reconstructing itself into a very lengthy sheathed pitch-black longsword which automatically connected itself to his waist.

Now that the longsword had been formed, casually grabbing it from the hilt, Virus next pulled it out of its scabbard as it immediately started to give off an awe-inspiring yet spectacular blue hue of light from all over itself.

Hence, momentarily gazing at this dark longsword in his grasp which was emitting the blue icy light, Virus murmured.

"The Darkest Night, The Shining Moon."

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Chapter 374 The Dark Longsword

"The Darkest Night, The Shining Moon."

That was the name of this dark longsword and it was seeing the light of the day for the very first time in history.

Now that Virus had the longsword in his grasp, all Virus had to do was to charge at the monster before brandishing it at its gigantic figure.

Yet, unfortunately, Virus knew better that the chances of success in charging like that were a rather small number.

Having already simulated the result of his direct attack internally and having gone through what he did previously, Virus was quite sure that the Plant Kraken's attack and movement speed was higher than even him. Therefore, in order to come out triumphant, he needed to somehow increase the possibility of a successful attack landing on the creature's physique.

'Hmm, I should calculate the likely solutions to the situation-' Just as a sharp glint had gone through Virus' eyes, abruptly, he was interrupted by a feminine sound, "Die for me!"

Fshhh~

ROARRR~

And it was followed by a rage of red flames which covered the entirety of the Plant Kraken in a single instant.

Surprised by this unexpected turn of events, Virus looked toward the source of the noise, only to catch the sight of the familiar face of the famous Guardian, Atish.

At the same time, she was also staring back at Virus very intently. Her eyes were shining so brightly that it was as if she wanted to penetrate right through the mask of Virus so as to unearth all his secrets in one go!

"Y-you... you're the Dark Savior!!!" Pointing at him, she screamed in both shock and veneration as if she had just laid her eyes upon her greatest idol in the world.

'Those pitch-black scales covering his legs and arm... there's no mistaking it! He's definitely that dark-haired man, the Dark Savior!' She concluded with her eyes wide open.

Truthfully, the moment Atish's eyes had landed on Virus' figure, her mind had promptly gone back to a few years ago to a certain point in time where she had watched the television with her eyes dim in absolute despair and helplessness.

It was at that time, after witnessing the monstrous strength of the flying-pig and the tragic death of the Burglar Tank right in front of her eyes, she had felt a heavy sensation of despair and suppression on her entire existence while gloom had covered the whole planet.

And it was precisely at that bleak time when a dark-haired youth had shown up as he heroically battered one humanoid-rabbit after another, sending them

right into their eternal sleep, which in return, sent waves upon waves of soothing hope into the despondent hearts of everyone around the globe itself, Atish included in that list.

Now, while gazing passionately at his dashing figure, a notion went through her excited mind, 'The Dark Savior! The reason why I became courageous enough to step forward and start my journey as a Guardian. My hero!'

"Hmm?" Meanwhile, hearing her recognize him and address him as the 'Dark Savior', to be honest, Virus wasn't surprised in the least.

This was because he was already aware of the fact that his 'Dark Savior' persona was still quite famous and known in the eyes of the world even though he had mysteriously gone missing ever since.

To many people, the appearance of the 'Dark Savior' was like a turning point. A turning point where gloom seemed to be somewhat replaced with hope and light itself. In a way, he was like a symbol of aspiration today. A symbol of what one might even call heroism... a hero.

"Are you gonna continue staring blankly in my direction, or are you gonna help me deal with that thing?" Stated Virus before turning toward the creature that had been temporarily immobilized due to being surrounded in flames.

Finally snapping out of her stupor after catching his oddly awakening voice, a smile full of anticipation displayed itself on her face. "I... I'll help you. Just tell me what you need from me. Also, c-can we be friends? Perhaps... exchange numbers even?"

By now, the Plant Kraken was still howling and screaming in pain as it burned by the intense fire all around itself. However, although somewhat fatal, it didn't seem like the red-flames posed a grave danger to Kraken beast's life due to its strong regenerative capabilities.

And understanding this fact very clearly, Atish knew she was helpless in killing the Plant Kraken by herself. She could perhaps only momentarily restrain the monster while he dealt with it.

Therefore, she simply turned toward Virus and asked for guidance.

To be frank, she was quite speechless by how powerful the monster before her was since prior to today, she didn't believe there was any monster of the rift which she couldn't deal with by herself. But now... such a creature had shown up in front of her out of nowhere!

'Uh... that makes me remember, the last time the Dark Savior made an appearance, just like this time, there happened to be a monster around that no one could handle! Could it be... he only shows up when a beast appears that the current humanity can't deal with?' Her eyes were exuding such a deep brilliance of exhilaration and reverence at this point that one might even mistake them for a lighthouse in the sea!

And the more she wondered about the topic, the more confident she became that her conclusion was indeed the case.

"Just stall it like you're doing now, I'll do the rest."

Not being in the mood to entertain her at all, Virus only told her what to do before going quiet entirely.

Seeing the rest of her words ignored, she could only look at the monster once again while pouting. She was feeling slightly upset, however, she understood this wasn't the time. Therefore, raising her hands, she started focusing on maintaining her flames.

Fssshhh~

Seeing the sunken flames begin raging once more, Virus went into motion immediately.

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Chapter 375 Chinese Abnormals Association?

Actually, from the moment Atish had shown up at the scene, the probability of failure in dealing with the monster had decreased by a large degree.

Unfortunately, however, the odds were still in the Plant Kraken's favor.

Swish~

Charging directly at it, Virus instantly reached the vicinity of the monster.

'Eh, how is he gonna bypass the flames by the way? I'm not yet that good at controlling my fire as of-'

'Oh, no! He's running straight into the fire! He'll burn himself! I need to warn him!!!' Her eyes went wide open in distress as she opened her mouth, about to scream at him in a warning.

But before she could pronounce anything from her vocal cords, Virus was already within the raging flames much to the stupefaction of Atish!

"Nooo!" She yelled in anguish and fear, already despondent at the unimaginable outcome of his careless charge into the wall of fire.

'I need to extinguish it at once!' Just as this line appeared in her mind, a new startling scene displayed itself in front of her.

She witnessed Virus standing totally fine within the fire itself as he jumped high into the sky, to the same height as the Plant Kraken itself.

"He... he's okay? How?" She was immediately perturbed out of her mind since she had yet to witness any human being who could directly withstand her flames up to this day.

Meanwhile, from the very instant Virus dashed into the blaze, he was experiencing rather excruciating affliction all across his body over his skin, yet

still, he didn't even bat an eyelid as he continued his path into the firestorm without any intentions of wanting to stop whatsoever.

Moreover, his clothes and caped hoodie were burning as they soon turned into ash itself. To be honest, the notion of his cover being blown occupied Virus' mind more compared to the burning sensation all over his skin at the moment.

Therefore, connecting to his ring, he commanded once more.

'Divide Initial Configuration – Garments'

And it was followed by another, 'Duplication!'

Immediately afterward, parts of the scales covering his other hand were retracted as they transformed into a thin set of clothes that covered his body at once.

And since he had added the command 'duplication', the style of this new set of garments was the same as that of his previous wear. Everything was copied to the very last detail.

Although it had taken just a single second before his body was covered once more, unfortunately, at that very moment, Atish had still laid her eyes upon Virus' bare hair.

'Eh, how did the clothes reappear over his body? I'm sure they'd just burned to a crisp... and why was his hair darkish-silver in color? I remember clearly it was dark the last time I saw him on the television... did he dye them perhaps?'

Luckily yet, she didn't suspect it much. Instead, she was more alarmed by the clothes that had appeared out of nowhere. Not only that, but she was also even more disturbed by the fact that his clothes were no longer burning within her flames!

Simultaneously, within the blaze, Virus jumped as he was soon on the same level as the plant beast. And noticing that the Plant Kraken was still distracted by the pain of fire, quickly grabbing the rare chance, he hacked down with his dark longsword!

Swish~

At once, one of the green tentacles of the Kraken was chopped off as it fell on the ground much to the startlement of the beast itself.

ROAAAR!

The detachment of the tentacle from its body was followed by a howl of agony and a great deal of green blood gushing from the location of the separation itself!

Witnessing this scene and watching how beautiful Virus had attacked and injured the beast, Atish's eyes were burning with fervor. The same reaction applied to anyone who still happened to be watching the scene from afar.

Anyway, now that his attack had succeeded, without any hesitation whatsoever, Virus retreated.

He retreated because he noticed that the beast's attention was now on him completely.

Leaving the flame domain at once, Virus looked at Atish and praised, "Good job. Keep doing that and we might have a chance. I'll attack again when that monster forgets about me or gets careless again."

"Argh... o-ohkay... in the meantime, can I ask you something?"

"What is it? Be quick." Not wanting to waste time, totally expressionless, Virus permitted her to throw her question before him. At the same time, the Plant Kraken's wound closed up. Fortunately, this time, since the tentacle was

chopped off from its very root, it didn't grow back as the injury only closed itself in order to stop the bleeding.

"Why did you show up here today? Did the Chinese Abnormals Association summon you? Could it be that you're a member of the Chinese Abnormal Association?!"

Actually, Atish was here right now because due to her being in very close proximity to the rift, the Chinese Abnormals Association had immediately contacted her and had requested her help in return for a certain price.

They couldn't summon her directly since she didn't belong to the Chinese Abnormals Association. Thus, the only option they were left with was to request her assistance for a fixed price which would tempt the red-head beauty.

"The Chinese Abnormals Association? Nope, I'm here for another reason." Was Virus's sole yet frigid response. Simultaneously, his head turned in the direction of a certain debris.

"I see... can you please tell me which guild you belong to? Shadows? Dominators? Perhaps Hunters? Or another guild entirely?" By now, her eyes were about to burst in respect and high approval.

"A Guild?" Murmured Virus. However, it was at this time when he suddenly realized the Plant Kraken's attention was once again on the blaze rather than him. Therefore, he rushed at it with no further words.

Very quickly, he was already within the diameter of the fire before he flew up again.

Then, just as he was just about to slash at another tentacle of the monster with his [The Darkest Night, The Shining Moon], all of sudden, the Plant Kraken's eyes were fixed on his figure!

'Shit! It was a trap indeed.' Was the only notion that went through Virus's mind as three tentacles promptly attacked him from three different directions.

Bang~

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Chapter 376 Dark Savior!

Following that, his figure was slapped out of the vicinity of the fire as he crashed right into a mass of rubble.

"Dark Savior!!!" Cried Atish, extremely worried about Virus' current condition within the rubble.

Of course, it didn't take long before Virus emerged from within the debris again. Only this time, his surface injuries seemed even worse than before.

'As expected, it seems I'm still rather disadvantageous in this situation even with her assistance... the odds are indeed on the Plant Kraken's side.' He concluded calmly while gazing at the Kraken in the distance.

Actually, Virus had known the possibility of this type of situation developing was rather high from the very beginning. Still, since this was his only option and because there were still some chances of success left, he had decided to go along with it and see how the situation would proceed from thereon.

But now, he had failed indeed.

"This won't work, the Plant Kraken's smarter and shrewder than I thought." His eyes didn't leave the sight of the creature while he shook his head repeatedly.

"Ah... then, what do we do now?" Helplessness flashed through Atish's eyes. By now, perspiration had filled her forehead. "I can't hold it off for much longer either..."

Without responding at all, Virus merely placed a hand beneath his jaw before beginning to contemplate and calculate the alternative possible answers to this particular circumstance.

'I need to be quick and deal with the monster as soon as possible before rushing to check Hu Yuexin's current situation. Though extremely unlikely, she might've survived by hiding somewhere that was able to keep her safe from the crash.'

'But how do I deal with this fucking veggie?' Closing his eyes, as he wondered about this particular question, massive amounts of calculations started to pass through his head nonstop.

Moments later, his eyelids abruptly fluttered open as a few sure-fire solutions revealed themselves before him.

'Solution number one requires me to wait for the other guardians to get here before dealing with the monster together with them.'

'Solution number two... I can summon my transportation spaceship here and crash the cockroach veggie beneath it.'

'Solution number three... I need to...'

Unfortunately, solution number one was against his goal of dealing with the Plant Kraken, which was to kill it as quickly as possible before charging to see how Hu Yuexin was doing currently. So this option was instantly denied by him.

Solution number two was rejected as well since that would draw too much attention and suspicion to himself. This option was rejected with the foresight to the future when his identity was finally revealed to the world.

But coming to solution number three, shaking his head helplessly, he could only decide to proceed with it. 'Solution number three it is then.'

There were indeed some detrimental points and aspects to proceeding with the third solution. But... it was indeed the best and most efficient method to handle the monster considering the limiting criteria he had in mind.

Having made a decision already, Virus no longer went on to consider option number four or five. Instead, turning toward Atish, he inquired, "I have a method of killing it. But in order to do that, I need you to restrain it for a minute or two. A few minutes at most. Can you do it?"

Furrowing his brows, a cloud of confusion covered Atish's sight. "I can do it... but what can possibly change in a minute or two?"

"Just do it. Leave the rest to me." No longer bothering himself with her, Virus directly sat down cross-legged on the wrecked asphalt before closing both his eyes.

Witnessing such a scene, Atish's lips parted from one another as she could only stare at Virus's strange chain of action speechlessly.

Meanwhile, having closed his eyes, Virus instantly concentrated on his internal body.

Soon, an awareness of his Energy Pathways together with the motes of energy coursing through them displayed itself to Virus.

Next, controlling all of the internal energy, he led them to the thirteenth knot straight away as he crashed them against it. 'Sigh... if I want to break through the 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th twists in my Energy Pathways, I would need several decades at least before successfully breaking through to the [Liberation] stage. But considering the strange phenomena happening all over the Earth, I don't have the time for that.'

He continued, 'Therefore, the only option I'm left with is to discard the idea of untwisting those remaining knots and instead forcefully bring about the first

circulation within my Energy Pathways utilizing only twelve of my Pathways. Sigh... what a pity.'

In fact, since the very beginning, Virus had known that he would be able to forcefully break through to the [Liberation] stage from the moment he had affluently untwisted the twelfth obstruction and entered the thirteenth level of [Energy Disentanglement] stage.

This was the case because the moment a person disentangled his twelfth knot, a kind of gate of law would be opened for that person as the world itself would permit the said being to directly breakthrough to the next stage of cultivation on will.

Of course, the more knots one had and the more he untwisted of those knots, the greater one's cultivation would become after breaking through.

Sadly, however, it seemed that opportunity was not going to present itself to Virus as he was now about to head on connect his twelfth pathway to his first, thus completing the first circulation within his body and forcibly breaking through to [Liberation].

Anyhow, after guiding every bit of energy within his pathways to the twelfth one, he immediately tried joining the first one to the twelfth by trying to push the internal energy gathered within his 12th pathway directly to the very first itself, thus creating the first circulation.

Virus was expecting a great deal of obstruction on this path of trying to forcibly progress to the next stage since history had proven that when those with more than 12 Energy Pathways tried to break through earlier, before untwisting all their pathways, they would face a great hindrance that would result in the process of progressing to the following stage extremely hard.

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However, for some unknown reasons, the moment he pushed the energy pumped up within his twelfth pathway to the first, as if it was the most natural process to ever exist, a threshold seemed to have been broken through while it smoothly flowed into the first one. As simple as that.

Hua~ Hua~

At the same time, within his Pathways, as if the world's laws themselves had just descended upon them, the countless motes of energy started to go wild as they entered an innate process of transformation.

They were going through a qualitative change.

The entire process only took around a few seconds before it stopped completely. However, what was needed to happen had already happened in these few moments as Virus had successfully entered the domain of Liberation.

The First Level of Liberation!

He could be now assumed to have just gone through the doorstep of the 1st level of the Liberation stage as he had successfully achieved the early 1st Level of the said stage.

By now, not even a single minute had gone by, which was a lot less than the time Virus had requested of the red-head Guardian, Atish.

At this point, Atish's forehead was already covered in droplets of sweat as she was giving it all while focusing to keep the Kraken beast locked up in his place. But seeing how pale she looked, it was clear that she was already on the very verge of her absolute limit.

Therefore, not delaying even a single nanosecond, promptly opening his eyes, Virus grabbed the hilt of his dark longsword and at last rose to his feet once again. "You did a good job. Leave the rest to me."

After these simple words of comfort, his eyes were already shrouded in the eternal darkness of ice as he looked at the monster before him that frigidly.

Meanwhile, on the other hand, watching Virus act this way, Atish was so lost that she didn't know how to feel anymore. 'You just sat there for a minute and now you say you'll handle the rest?! How? Is this a joke to him? Or perhaps did he lose his mind?'

'Sigh, I really hope that's not the case... because that would be the end of me and many other people in the city...'

"Are you sure you can kill it now? You just sat there and now-" With her brows creased, Atish queried. She was extremely worried about the unfortunate outcome that was awaiting them.

Nonetheless, Virus's lips didn't part from one another at all as he simply guided and concentrated all of his now somewhat transformed internal energy on both his legs and arms.

If a cultivator looked closely enough, however, he or she would notice that the internal energy still couldn't leave and be released from any part of his body. They were still caged within the perimeter of his physique.

Furthermore, without the notice of nearly anyone, a helicopter had also long since appeared in the sky above as a cameraman was filming the incidents below passionately. Apparently, he was broadcasting the scene live to the rest of the world.

On the other side, noticing Virus standing up, the Plant Kraken's attention was once again drawn to the person who had chopped off one of its beloved tentacles as rage began to boil once more within its slightly sentient eyes.

Truthfully, the thought of losing one of its precious tentacles had long made its fury reach the absolute peak as it now wanted nothing but to swallow Virus and everyone else in the area whole.

And seeing its eyes focused on himself again, Virus started walking in its direction silently.

This made the tentacle monster look forward to the moment when Virus would enter the fire wall, to the possible domain of its reach, in contempt.

Still, Virus didn't appear to be bothered by this at all as he merely continued on his path forward.

Soon, he was at last at the absolute border of the creature's reach as he took the final step... forward.

Immediately, the savageness within the monster's eyes seemed to have been amplified by tenfold as three of its tentacles were promptly shot forward in order to immediately squash him into a meat patty.

Watching the incoming tentacles from every direction, however, Virus simply watched them get closer and closer until at last, it was just a single meter away from him.

And it was precisely in this very moment, when all of a sudden, to the eyes of Atish who was watching from the sidelines desperately, Virus's figure seemed to have vanished with a puff.

This instantly made her eyes go wide open as she could only stare in Virus' previous spot in absolute disbelief and shock.

'W-where did he go?' Just as this notion had gone through her head, a silhouette briefly took shape beside the creature as it was soon followed by the fall of a tentacle and a shower of green blood that drenched the shadow within itself.

ROAAAAR~

The next instant, the grief-stricken cry of the tentacle monster reverberated around the area much to the stupefaction of everyone present there.

Just as she had caught the sight of Virus's body, however, it disappeared once more as it was also followed by the fall of another tentacle of the Plant Kraken.

HOWWL!

Now, the monster's speed was clearly inferior compared to the upgraded Virus. The situation had been successfully reversed as the odds were totally on Virus' side.

In the meantime, catching the sight of the third tentacle falling, still as expressionless as ever, Virus jumped and appeared beside another tentacle before slashing it just like a knife cutting through butter.

Successively, the fifth and the sixth tentacles dropped on the floor with a bang!

Watching the now pathetic Plant Kraken with only two tentacles remaining, Virus charged beside it as he kicked it with all his might, forcing the creature to fall.

Bam~

Its condition was so bad that it could no longer even stand back up.

Meanwhile, unconsciously, all those who were viewing this terrifying sight of the massacre were holding their breaths in absolute dread.

"W-who is that? How can he be so strong? The camera can't even catch a sight of his shadow!!!" Said one of the viewers who was watching this scene of slaughter with a friend of his.

"I-I don't know... but whoever he is... H-he's definitely a top Guardian!" Responded his friend whose jaw had long since dropped on the floor.

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"I-Isn't that... isn't that the Dark Savior?" Slowly but surely, some people started to recognize Virus' pitch-black scales as they started connecting him to that hero of the past.

"Oh yeah! I-I think that's really him!!! That Dark Savior has appeared again! Not in America this time... but in China!" Soon, people even started chatting regarding the topic on various chat platforms.

"But has he not withdrawn from the public eye since that day? Why would he appear now?" A suspicious person asked while furrowing his brows. He suspected there to be a particular reason for Virus's appearance today.

"No idea bro, no idea. My only guess is that since this monster seems too overpowered for the current humanity, he has appeared to shield us from it. Since he's, you know... like the protector of the Earth." Replied a zealous netizen.

Meanwhile, on the site of the battle, once more, Virus shot toward the fallen body of the Plant Kraken as he sent one punch after another directly to its head.

Bam! Bam! Bam!...

Now that he had broken through, after concentrating the internal energy that had gone through a qualitative change on his fists, they were so fatal that with each passing punch, a large section of the beast's head would cave in. This resulted in a terrifying yet gory scene to be displayed before the eyes of the viewers.

This process continued for some time, until finally, after having successfully landed many fists on the squirming creature, all of a sudden, he stopped entirely.

Then, brandishing his sheathed sword again, he simply sent three cuts on the sorry figure of the creature.

Swish! Swish! Swish!

As a result, two of the slashes promptly separated the remaining tentacles from the beast's physique while the last one directly divided its head into two equal parts.

Just like that, the Plant Kraken was at last... dead.

Now that the beast's yelps of agony had stopped, a deep silence descended upon the area. The same situation was taking place in every location and house that was watching this frightening yet relieving sight. A dominating silence.

In the meantime, having confirmed its death, Virus continued staring at the unmoving carcass of the beast for what felt like an eternity. Of course, it only felt like an eternity to Virus' horrifyingly fast mind while to the rest of the world, only a second had gone by when the Dark Savior started moving again before vanishing from their sight once more.

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'To pinpoint her exact location, I need to activate that.' Thought Virus to himself while standing in front of a particular wreckage.

Simultaneously, beneath the debris, within the spinal cord of a certain motionless body, unnoticeable changes started to take place.

And these changes, of course, displayed themselves in Virus' line of sight.

LOADING ... 12%

LOADING ... 47%

LOADING ... 62%

LOADING ... 89%

LOADING ... 95%

LOAD COMPLETE!

[Communication Device Loaded to the implanted Host.]

[Ding! You have activated the 'Communication' feature for the Host...]

[Other hidden features, LOCKED]

[WARNING! WARNING! No signs of breathing, brain activity, or heart beating detected from the Host...]

[The Host has been confirmed to be dead.]

Seeing the last line of report from the communication device he had secretly implanted within the spinal cord of the Chinese beauty, the last rays of hope that she might've somewhat survived vanished from Virus' mind. Hu Yuexin was gone.

Still, he didn't falter for even a single second longer as he charged to the pinpointed location he was sensing from the device.

Bang! Bang! Bang~...

Just like that, he punched, grabbed, and threw anything that was obstructing his path away.

And it took around two minutes before he finally reached the pinpointed spot as the bloody corpse of a certain beauty revealed itself in front of him.

Yet as expressionless as ever, he gently lifted her already broken body before princess carrying her to a clean surface.

Then putting her down with a dark face, his unique awareness was instantly released as it began examining every part of her cold and wounded corpse.

'Indeed, I can detect no signs of brain activity, heartbeat, or breathing. She's truly dead now. I was still too late.' He concluded casually with no emotion passing through his eyes. He was calm to a terrifying extent.

The prospect of resurrecting her didn't even cross Virus's mind. Because even in the far future, after a certain duration passes from the death of a person, resurrection would be impossible.

That was due to an unknown phenomenon that mankind could only connect with the so-called soul which even they had difficulties comprehending. The unknown territory of the soul.

Of course, the current Hu Yuexin might still be resurrectable since not much of time had passed from her death. Her soul might just still be attached to her body. Just maybe.

Unfortunately, what made her resurrection impossible was the fact that Virus was still incapable of producing the technology required for the resurrection of the recently dead. And by the time he successfully builds the relevant piece of technology which was many levels higher than his currently accessible level of production, Hu Yuexin's soul would long have departed from her body.

And considering doing the traditional current medical resuscitation methods, Virus didn't even bother himself. Because for one, she had already stopped breathing for too long, and... her body was far too broken and injured for her to stay alive after being revived.

Without himself even noticing, sitting beside her corpse, Virus had long sunk into a strange state as he continued watching her face quietly. True in a sense, he was frozen still.

This situation proceeded for a while, until at last, due to being disturbed by a shadow that had silently appeared beside him, he was forced to regain his awareness.

"Are you okay?" Said the shadow in a sad yet worried tone, having already spotted the corpse of the beauty.

Regaining his momentarily lost focus after being disturbed like this, Virus was somewhat surprised and even stunned for losing himself like that. Moreover, what caught him even more off-guard was the fact that he had softly placed his palm against Hu Yuexin's beautiful face from an unidentified point in time.

Nonetheless, putting the matter aside for the moment, picking her up once again, Virus began walking in a random direction without responding to Atish's concerned question at all.

And seeing him not answering her in any way, how could Atish not understand or empathize with his current grieving condition. Therefore, she didn't insist on proceeding and instead simply offered her what she believed to be his, "Here. This is the bead that I extracted from the Plant Kraken. It rightfully belongs to you. Please take it before you leave. Also, I'm sorry for your loss."

Stopping in his tracks, Virus didn't move for a while. A few seconds later, without turning back, he responded briefly, "You take it, I don't need it."

With that, no longer bothering himself with her, he left as his silhouette disappeared from her line of sight.

Meanwhile, watching his vanishing back, many complex thoughts were going through Atish's head. Complicated notions about the person called the Dark Savior.

'So he was here for her.'

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Chapter 379 Racking Anguish

A WHILE BACK

Watching Virus disappear into the darkness of the night, varying degrees of anxiousness had covered both Amara and the golden beauty's faces. While this sense of distress was more intense on Amara's face, the golden beauty didn't appear to be that worried due to her unwavering confidence in her master.

Still, she couldn't stop an unpleasant feeling from rising within her heart. For some reason, the golden beauty had a bad premonition regarding this entire situation.

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Sometime later, watching the intense battle between the man and the beast at the far distance, Amara couldn't help but phrase with anxiety, "Do you think he'll come back safe?"

She had just seen Virus getting slapped away once again. To be honest, Amara was shocked silly witnessing how strong Virus actually was. Although they were too far from the scene and she could barely see shadows of a man at the far distance, she could feel how powerful he was.

"Definitely!" With an assuring smile, the golden beauty didn't hesitate to respond.

"I-I really do hope so." Amara's eyes were clearly red at this point. It seemed she wasn't as confident as the golden beauty indeed.

Unwilling to take her head off of that direction, Amara had just vowed to keep watching the fight until the very end, when all of a sudden, she was startled by a sharp cry beside her, "Ahhh!"

Startled, she turned around only to witness a golden beauty who was grabbing her head with both hands as she yelped in what appeared to be extreme agony.

"W-What's happening to you, Bella? Why are you screaming like that?! Are you feeling unwell somewhere?" Extremely alarmed, Amara's eyes went wide open as she grabbed the golden beauty's hand.

"I-I don't know... m-my mind... it feels like it's about to burst. Like my consciousness is about to be invaded and shattered apart, Arghh. For a while after we took off from the hotel, I-I've been feeling this way. I-it was a simple light headache at first... but it got more intense as... as time passed. Ahhhh!" By the end of her explanations, unable to tolerate the pain once more, she screamed even louder.

It was clear the driver was also frightened out of his wits remembering Virus' gun which was pointed at his head. He couldn't imagine what his fate would be like if Virus came back and something bad had happened to one of his precious companions. Therefore, very concerned about his own life, he suggested, "H-how about I take you to the hospital, miss?"

Catching the question, a sharp glint went through the golden beauty's eyes at once as she uttered in a determined tone, "You'll be going nowhere until Aizen returns! Do you hear me? If you put a single finger on the steering wheel, I'll kill you." Even in this situation, the golden beauty's number one priority was still Virus. She couldn't even imagine a case where he came back wounded and no one was there to receive him.

She would rather die than for that to happen.

Just as she had this vague sensation of being on the absolute limit of her strange state while gritting her teeth and crying from time to time, abruptly, all of that pain vanished. As if it wasn't there, to begin with.

"Ah, the pain... it's gone." Surprised, she notified Amara.

"Eh, what was that... how could a pain just appear and disappear on its own?" Amara was even more confused by this chain of events. Nevertheless, she was relieved it was no more.

"I don't know either..."

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Several minutes after the disappearance of the sharp needle-like affliction, just as the golden beauty was feeling relieved about her strange headache, the pain returned.

"Ahhhhhhhh!" And this time, it was even more intense and horrifying than before! This forced the golden beauty to scream reverberantly while grappling her head with both hands as she rolled around on the seat of the limousine.

"What happened? Does it hurt again?!?" Perturbed right out of her wits, Amara questioned. Internally, she was praying nonstop so nothing would happen to her before the return of Virus. Because she could not even envisage the consequence of a situation where he came back and something unspeakable had happened to her.

Because if she had learned anything from her stay with the golden beauty and Virus in these past few days, it was the fact that the golden beauty was surely the closest person to Virus in the entire world. She was the woman that he cared the most about, even if it didn't show itself that much.

It was to the point that she was certain if Bella said she was second on the matter, let's not get near someone saying first, no one would dare say third even!

And now, Amara had this strong urge that the consequence of something indeed happening to the golden beauty was something that the current her couldn't handle at all.

No, let's not talk about the current her, she had the feeling the entire world might not be able to tolerate 'that'.

Accompanied by those thoughts, uncontrollably, an image of the entire planet bursting apart flashed through her head. 'I mean... think about it, he's the chairman of the fucking Virus Industries! What if he decided he no longer wanted to sell the temporary cure of the Mutated HIV to the world due to his grief or something... wouldn't the entire mankind go extinct then?' Her heart was trembling at her own concept now.

"Should we just take you to the hospital? Please, Bella, just say yes, if Aizen came back and something had truly happened to you, that would be very bad!" Insisted Amara out of concern.

"Ahhh, NO!!! We're not going anywhere until he returns!" Of course, she was adamant about persisting in her decision while rejecting sharply.

"O-Okay! Don't talk then, just try to preserve your energy and last until he returns, then we'll take you to the hospital together!" Realizing she was not going to budge and change her mind, Amara could only concede.

Soon, the throbbing pain which felt just like being pricked by hundreds of needles right in her brain vanished again before returning sometime later.

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Several minutes later, just as the piercing torment had momentarily gone quiet, the shadow of a person which was gradually getting closer and closer was spotted by Amara.

Soon, the visage of the other being was clear to her as she mouthed, "It's him! He's back!"

Simultaneously, pushing the car's door open, Amara got off the limousine wanting to welcome him. However, the next instant, noticing the motionless

body of a woman on her arms, her face slightly went pale as she stopped in her tracks.

Next, raising her head in order to catch a sight of Virus's current facial expression, she became entirely quiet. She went silent because she was seeing a type of visage over his face which was totally unfamiliar to her.

Although he looked just as expressionless as ever, there was a dark quality to it now. A type of darkness that didn't exist before his departure.

At this time, the golden beauty who had been just momentarily relieved of her agony also got off the car and went to greet her master only to be faced with the corpse of Hu Yuexin.

"Is that the woman who was in charge of providing us with the necessary services at the hotel?" The golden beauty queried speechlessly. She was speechless because she was caught off-guard by Virus's somewhat caring yet dark face. She had never realized that Virus had gotten close to this woman until now.

Nonetheless, putting the matter aside for the moment, wanting to confirm something, she directly went ahead and grabbed Hu Yuexin's unmoving hand, searching for any pulses that might exist on her body.

Unfortunately, what she felt next immediately clarified the entire situation to her. 'So she's dead and master's sad about it.'

Meanwhile, the moment she touched Hu Yuexin, a strange sensation was felt by her, as if a burden had just left her. But she didn't pay that invisible feeling any heed and instead focused her attention on her master's well-being.

"Please don't be sad, Mas- Ai..." Honestly, this was all she could do and say to comfort him right now, and to be frank, that came to torture her even more than the throbbing affliction she had felt previously.

However, shaking his head, Virus denied, "It's okay, I'm not sad. Let's go... we need to take good care of her body and-"

Just as Virus was about to finish his sentence, something happened which instantly dumbfounded the trio present at the scene.

Right now, much to their disbelief, the corpse within Virus's arms started to give off a somewhat vigorous light as Hu Yuexin's entire figure started to inexplicably lit up before it forcibly separated itself from Virus's arms and began hovering by itself on the very air itself!

Next, incomprehensible transformations seemed to be occurring on her body as the petrifying wounds of various degrees of gravity started to close up and heal by themselves!

"W-what's happening to her!!!" Cried Amara in a stupor. She was so appalled that she no longer knew what she was seeing anymore.

"M-Master... what's happening to her?" Even the golden beauty had been greatly dismayed by this incomprehensible phenomenon before her eyes as she questioned Virus.

"I-I... don't know." The most confused and aghast person among the trio, however, was perhaps Virus himself as he gazed at the hovering body in utter bewilderment.

'What the actual fuck?!' His pupils constricted to the size of a tiny dot as he stared at the flying corpse in front of himself.

Since Virus did not even have the most basic understanding of the situation in front of him, he was thunderstruck very much indeed.

Subsequently, slowly but surely, every wound covering her body closed up and before soon, Hu Yuexin's entire physique was as healthy as before!

No, Virus clearly understood claiming that would be an understatement since he noticed that Hu Yuexin's body was even more thriving and vigorous than before!

Anyway, after having healed up entirely, gradually, the shine covering her body started to dim as her body slowly landed on the ground again.

Soon, the brilliance of light was also gone entirely as Virus charged at her at once!

The first thing he did next was to examine the current condition of her body.

"Ah..."

'She's breathing!'

'Her heart's beating again.'

'There are clear signs of brain activity too... she's not brain-dead. That means her soul is still within her and her brain isn't injured either!'

'I don't see any more external or internal injuries anywhere in her body too... she's healed up completely...'

Promptly, the results of his various examinations displayed themselves to him as he took a short gasp full of disbelief.

'How is this even possible?' Just as this notion popped into his head, Hu Yuexin's eyelids began to tremble as they slowly fluttered open.

"Whu a'a xuia? (Who are you?)" A sharp glint of light went past her eyes as she pronounced an incomprehensible set of words as soon as focus seemed to have returned to her.

Nonetheless, what astonished Virus to no end at first was what he saw within those extremely deep eyes of hers which coerced a shiver down Virus's spine.

It was following afterward that he momentarily put the matter of her profound eyes aside and instead focused on her strange words which forced a frown to sit on his face while various possibilities instantly crossed his mind. 'Could she have suffered from some sort of brain damage which resulted in a type of aphasia[1]? A severe case of Global Aphasia[2] perhaps? Or is it a kind of Xenoglossy[3]?'

"Can you understand what I'm saying? Do you know who you are?" Wanting to collect more data in order to come to the most narrow conclusion and diagnosis, in fluent Mandarin Chinese, he questioned further.

Meanwhile, listening to him, Hu Yuexin's brows promptly creased as uncertainty shrouded her eyes.

Afterward, she continued watching Virus, Amara, and the golden beauty talk for nearly half an hour without responding in any way.

In this half an hour, Virus tried everything he could to force her to respond more to his stimuli. He even tried grabbing her hand so as to drag her into the car before continuing the process. Unfortunately, that seemed to make her very angry as she immediately threw his hand off and freed herself violently.

Nevertheless, just as the clock hit thirty minutes, her lips at last parted from one another as she mouthed calmly. "Who are you? Where am I?"