

Bloodline 1341

Chapter 1341 Gustav The Scapegoat

That would be another waste of time but it wouldn't be bad to have one of them in the meeting. Since they were so close he should be able to understand how Gustav Crimson mind works and maybe predict where he might be heading," The MBO officer with a mohawk rubbed his moustache as he spoke.

"Bring in Officer E.E,"

Minutes later, a dark skinned male officer with black bushy afro and moustache walked in. He was around 6'2" in height and had strikingly handsome yet mature looking facial features.

His presence instantly attracted the attention of every single officer within the boardroom.

'So this is the famed Officer E.E,'

'He is just a kid yet he survived the collapse calamity,'

'I can't sense his level... could he have achieved a higher bloodline rank than me?'

Thoughts flooded the minds of many of the officers present as they stared at E.E who happened to have two stars attached to the side of his MBO uniform.

"Welcome Officer E.E," The officer with a mohawk said with a strong tone.

"Thank you General Dikstrat," E.E nodded with look of respect.

"Let's get straight to the point. We've been stagnant in finding Gustav Crimson for the last six months. His last sightings were somewhere on the outskirts of Invria Nupe Galaxy... every search had been futile since then. No traces of him," General Dikstrat explained.

"Let me guess, you need my help finding where the fugitive may be located," E.E chimed in.

"Yes," General Dikstrat stated.

"General, I already cut ties with the fugitive long ago and informed the MBO of everything I knew about him that would help in finding him. The first time he was successfully captured was due to the information I provided. If they hadn't lost him, he would be within our grasp by now," E.E shook his head in disappointment as he got to the last part.

"We understand and appreciate your contribution officer E.E. We are not disputing the fact that you have been a great help so far but we need you to brainstorm now and predict his movement.

Could there be any place he might have mentioned that you maybe forgot or missed out the last time? Any information that could help?" Gendfal Dikstrat voiced with a pleading tone.

"General I understand how urgent it is for us to capture the fugitive before anyone else does. Especially for the safety of the earth and the rest of the world. I'll see what I can do but you will have to give me some time," E.E stated with a tone of understanding.

"Wonderful... I shall be expecting a feedback from you," General Dikstrat voiced while standing to his feet to extend a handshake to E.E

E.E received his handshake and gave an MBO salute before excusing himself.

"What a great kid. He didn't let sentimentality cloud his judgement. He has a great future in the MBO," One of the officers voiced out after E.E left.

- "That is why he is already a decorated captain at such age. He is quite capable,"

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E.E walked past a bunch of people in MBO uniforms. It would seem he was in an MBO Base since MBO officers could be seen moving to and fro across the vicinity.

Truck like floating vehicles could be seen all across the place along with military like structures. A group of MBO officers jogged past him and greeted with looks of respect.

E.E nodded with a smile as he kept walking. His mind traveled back to his meeting a few minutes ago and his face showed a slightly worried expression.

"I have to deter them but this is getting a bit troublesome. If I provide inaccurate info it affects my credibility which might ruin things over here but If I provide something accurate, it would affect Gus," He murmured.

"Why did things just have to be this way?" He muttered while his mind went back to over seven months ago.

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"We finally made it back..." Matilda voiced with a joyful expression as the blue and greenish planet came into view.

Cheers~ Cheers~ Cheers~

Within the spacecraft, loud cheers rang out as everyone instantly became ecstatic. They had been journeying through space for over a month and had to make a few stops but fortunately, they managed to make it back to earth just when they ran out of supplies.

Unlike everyone else celebrating, E.E noticed Gustav remain in his sitting position with a moody expression.

"Come on bro, cheer up a bit," He said while slapping Gustav's back.

"We may have successfully gotten back but this is where things get serious," Gustav said.

"What do you mean? Are you still worried about Falco and Angy's situation? We'll definitely find them man," E.E voiced with an encouraging tone.

"Not that..." Gustav voiced while staring in Endric's direction who was seated beside Sheila.

"You'll understand when the time comes..."

It wasn't until a few days after that E.E would come to understand why Gustav said that.

MBO spacecraft intercepted them in Earth's outerspace to confirm that they were truly the group from Planet Ozious. The Spacecraft had over ten thousand Ozis species within since Earth participants and the MBO officers that followed, offered shelter to them.

They were of course welcomed into the planet and taken to a safe location to be catered for. As for Earth IYSOP Participants, they were welcomed back by the entire earth. The whole planet was in uproar after their return.

The news for the last one month before their return had been of Planet Ozious destruction. They were speculations about them perishing with the planet and some had even begun to mourn their passing.

The last footage displayed to the rest of the world during IYSOP was the spread of the dark hole consuming the entire first layer.

The world government had addressed the earth once after the incident, claiming they would do everything within their power to retrieve their youngsters and they did exactly that. It turned out that the multiple rescue spacecraft filled with MBO officers, arrived at the location where Planet Ozious was located weeks later, only to see an empty spot.

Not only was that location in space empty, it was also whitened like a sheet of paper. It didn't look like space. It looked like everything within a large radius had been completely erased. To make matters worse, the earth participants were nowhere to be found and their spacecraft didn't appear on any of the radars.

The world government was eventually going to announce the loss when they suddenly appeared over Earth in outerspace.

Few days into their return to Earth, they were kept under surveillance to be catered for and to undergo proper checkup. Everyone had their families coming to visit in the facility where they were kept except for Gustav and Endric.

Gustav was kind of moody during all of this and less talkative even when his friends tried to get him to cheer up. They assumed it must be due to the Angy and Falco situation. They were all affected by what had happened after all.

Gustav gathered them upon the fourth day of their stay in the facility and mentioned a couple of things to them.

"As we're speaking right now the alliance is having an emergency meeting. The thousands of planets under the alliance that were in Planet Ozious before its destruction had people within who also survived. These people are witnesses... besides them practically the entire universe had also witnessed some of my feats so they will be easy to manipulate," Gustav paused at this point.

"Witnesses? What does that matter?" E.E questioned with a look of confusion.

"The destruction of Planet Ozious will be linked back to me. I'll be blamed for it and deemed dangerous to the universe at large. The alliance will join hands to want to contain me and Earth will not be able to refuse," Gustav revealed.

Gasp~

"What? That's... but you saved a lot of lives," Matilda felt blood rushing to her head as she spoke.

"In the grand scheme of things, that wouldn't matter. An entire planet is destroyed now and if I am taking the blame for it, that also means my merits wouldn't matter. The universe will blame me and since no one wants to end up like Planet Ozious did... they will have no choice but to come after me," Gustav's revelation shocked the rest of the group.

"That is bullshit!" Elevora couldn't help but let out as her body visibly shook from anger.

"After everything we've fucking been through? We lost Angy and Falco and now they're going to do this to you?" E.E felt his ears might be playing tricks on him.

"Is there nothing we can do to stop this? There must be something we can..." Aildris didn't get to complete his sentence before Gustav interrupted.

"There is nothing we can do. Some of them witnessed the Death Angels trying to take Falco away and mentioning that they're here to end me..."

Chapter 1342 We Can Take The Fight To Them

"There is nothing we can do. Some of them witnessed the Death Angels trying to take Falco away and mentioning that they're here to end me.

Even if that isn't enough to put the destruction of the planet on me, with the power I displayed during IYSOP, a lot of them are scared of how I will turn out if I am allowed to continue growing without hindrance. People fear power that is beyond their control. Some of them would also want to acquire me and slice me open to see how I tick. This is the perfect opportunity for them to place a moral reason on wanting to capture me since they have to hide their innate desires.

Not like I didn't predict that this would happen one day. What I didn't expect was for it to be the entire universe... the same universe, I am burdened with the task of saving," Gustav let out a self ridiculing chuckle.

"The only reason they haven't come at me yet is because Miss Aimee is still around. Once she leaves, they'll push forward," Gustav added.

"Why don't you tell her so she can protect you?" Sheila inquired.

"No. Its better if she doesn't get involved this time," Gustav shook his head.

"I will be long gone by the time they label me as wanted so no worries," He added.

"We're coming with you..." E.E stepped forward.

"No. The only person leaving with me is Endric. As for the rest of you, I need you guys to remain here," Gustav refused.

"But..."

"No buts E.E. You guys are more useful to me here than having to become wanted alongside me... now I'll lay out my plans so you guys can properly understand..." Gustav stated.

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'Now I gotta act as the betrayer to become the most trusted MBO officer and further my ranks... this is bullshit. Gustav shouldn't have to run,' E.E couldn't help but grit his teeth in anger as he thought.

Everything happened just as Gustav told them a day after. The same earth that Gustav had saved more than once turned against him completely the moment they heard he was responsible for the destruction of Planet Ozious.

"Those bastards couldn't even give him the benefit of the doubt... do they even deserved to be saved?" He wondered out loud as he paused his footsteps.

The group was aware of the premonitions now and the alliance was working to uncover the truths behind what was coming. Gustav couldn't even rely on Miss Aimee right now even if he wanted to because she was at the forefront of the investigation. She had left her planet to find more clues.

The alliance also pretty much believed that by capturing Gustav they would be able to get more information and maybe prevent it. For the last eight months they had not gotten very far with the investigations.

Amongst the instructions Gustav gave E.E to reveal to the MBO, one of them included the five premonitions and how what happened to Planet Ozious was supposed to be the second one.

At the moment, the world was well aware that a third premonition was coming and would appear at any part of the universe at an unknown time. The questions still remained... Premonitions to what? Who is the enemy?

All this time E.E had been divulging one information or the other about Gustav. Some false to mislead them and some accurate so his words held credibility. They got close to capturing him a few times due to this but never did.

It was preplanned and Gustav was the one who gave E.E the specific information to reveal which also made him aware of their coming. All in all it had really worked out and E.E got promoted a couple of times especially since he was successful in every mission he got issued since their return to Earth.

"I'll have to contact Gus..." E.E concluded before twirling his middle finger behind his index.

Frroouuhhhh~

A violet colored vortex opened up before him and he proceeded to step in.

E.E instantly arrived on the other side, finding himself atop a skyscraper with the view of a night sky and a glowing city before him.

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Within an underwater lab research center, an elderly looking man with a diamond shard embedded into his forehead stood before what looked like a three wall metallic looking prison.

Beside him were a couple of men in Laboratory suits and medical looking equipments by the side.

The see through amored glass before them, provided them with the view of the creature held captive within this structure.

It was a pitch black ten feet tall being. It's hollow eyes were eerily grey in color and the massive twelve inches horns protruded out of its head made it look worse than the devil mentioned in folklore.

Despite having an humaoid build, It had claws for fingers and talons for feet. This creature had three shackles on each limb with massive glowing white chains attached to them which spread forth in all directions.

"Any new data?" Grand Commander Shion questioned.

"Yes yes Commander, this spectacular specimen you brought to me has opened my eyes to a lot of possibilities... I have sampled parts of its tissue and it is nothing like I have ever seen before. Unlike human, mixedblood or alien skin, its skin possesses minerals that exist not in a world like ours. I wish to extract more but it is also corrosive in nature, however it can..."

"Dr Markle focus," Grand Commander Shion cut off the thin and scrawny looking scientist before he could continue tooting further.

"Ah yes my apologies," Dr Markle pushed his glasses up with a wry smile.

"Did you find anything yet that can help determine where it came from?" Grand Commander Shion questioned.

"A new inkling of information we discovered a few days back..." Dr Markle said while tapping on the board before him.

Ting~

A projection appeared displaying the footage of a body microscopic state under the observation of high research tech.

There would occasionally be a small vibration within the displayed cells. It was very subtle but nonetheless visible in this state.

"What am I looking at?" Grand Commander Shion inquired.

"For so long, amongst other things, we have been working to understand the reason for this phenomenon and now we do," Dr Markle paused for a bit while tapping on the computerised board before him.

Ting~

Another projection appeared beside the initial, displaying something similar but at the same time different.

"This is a regular person in our world... do you notice the difference?" Dr Markle questioned.

Grand Commander Shion squinted his eyes as he stared back and forth between the two projections. His eyes slightly widened as he noticed the one next to that of the creature in captive vibrated as well but more in a circular and barely noticeable way.

"Is there something wrong with that one?" Grand Commander Shion asked.

"No, that is precisely how everyone of us here is. We vibrate on the same frequency. That of the specimen is different. It vibrates on a different frequency that is not of our world and that is why our universe is rejecting its presence," Dr Markle explained.

"Hmm so now this confirms the speculations about those beings coming from an entirely different world... a different dimension," Grand Commander Shion eyebrows furrowed.

"This also shows us that the specimen is limited in strength and ability. It should have reduced to nothing already yet it is still very much alive and kicking," Dr Markle analysed.

'If they were limited, that means without limitations they could have been way more powerful than that...' Grand Commander Shion couldn't help but break out a little sweat.

"How does this help with what we need?" Grand Commander Shion inquired with a strong tone.

"Its dimensional frequency has been analysed and computed. Since the grand commander wants a way of accessing the dimension it came from, what you need do is to get the data to spatial builders. Based on the info in this cube, they can create a portal that would lead directly to the dimension the specimen originated from," Dr Markel explained while holding out a small black cube.

Grand Commander received the cube with a nod of appreciation, "Now we can take the fight to them instead of waiting around," He stated.

"One thing to remember though Grand Commander..." Dr Markle voiced with a tone of caution.

"Hmm?" Grand Commander Shion mumbled.

"If the roles were to be reversed, a mixedblood no matter how powerful, will find their body collapsing from the inside out. They wouldn't survive for up to a minute in a world that is outside our universe... This specimen is just too powerful and seems to be immune to death that is why it has remained for months without issues," Dr Markle warned.

"I see... how long do you estimate someone on my power level lasting?" Grand Commander Shion questioned.

"At most six minutes," Dr Markle instantly answered.

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Chapter 1343 Strange Assault

"Are you saying these creatures are more powerful than I am?" Grand Commander Shion asked.

"Way more powerful Grand Commander... if they had come here without limitations, it will take one thousand people on your power level to contend with a single one of them and even at that, a win isn't guaranteed," Dr Markle shook his head.

Grand Commander Shion instantly bore a troubled look on his face, 'On the earth, there are less than three hundred persons on my level of strength and higher... with the alliance it is much possible to gather that number and more but... needing a thousand just to contend with a single one of them? Not to mention that we are unaware of their hierarchy so this being may not even be the most powerful there...'

While Grand Commander Shion was in his thoughts an unexpected phenomenon suddenly occurred...

Thrrriioouuhhhh~

A figure's arm suddenly materialised before them.

"What the...?" Dr Markle exclaimed as he drew back.

Grand Commander Shion instantly became alarmed and dragged Dr Markle by the collar before jumping backwards.

Thrrriioouuhhhh~

It looked like the figure was cutting through the air as the rest of its body appeared the moment it drove forward.

Dddhiiiiinnnnnnnnnn~

A palpable and incredible overpowering energy suddenly permeated the entire vicinity.

Beep! Beep! Beep! Beep! Beep! Beep!

Alarms began blaring continuously upon the appearance of this figure as the laboratory swiftly went into lockdown mode.

"Who the hell are you?!" Grand Commander Shion yelled as he subconsciously shrunk back.

The figure had a half white, half black feminine structure with a horn on the whitish part of her head which curved downwards. A completely whitish eye in the dark side of her face and a completely black eye in the right.

The choking energy in the air was so overpowering that it pushed even him backwards. Dr Markle had fallen to his knees and was currently gasping for breath.

Krrrychhhhh~

Cracks began to appear all across the walls and armored see through glass.

'I can't let this person cause any damage here and risk freeing the creature...' Grand Commander Shion maintained his calm composure while channeling his bloodline.

The shard in forehead instantly lit up as he fired an intense destructive beam forward.

Thriihhh~

At the same moment, a massive blade appeared in her right arm which she proceeded to swing diagonally.

Swwwhiiiihhhh~

It was like the entire world got cleaved in two as a seering silver line, slashed through the destructive beam easily.

Grand Commander Shion eyes widened as he grabbed Dr Markle in the last moment before the entire structure got divided into two separate halves from the attack.

Grrrruuuhhhhhllll~

Sea waves instantly flowed into the vicinity as cries and yells got drowned out by its intensity. The feminine white and black figure, remained in place, unfazed by the intense wave that had just washed everyone away.

She turned to stare at the mettalic prison where the dark creature was imprisoned and reappeared within. The seawater hadn't managed to flow into this place so it wasn't drowned out.

Just as she reached out to touch one of the shackles, her figure vanished.

Fiinghh~

Within the overwhelming sea waves, hundreds of researchers and scientists were getting swept away.

Grand Commander Shion was currently holding onto Dr Markle with his left arm while his entire shoulder from his right, down to his rib cage area was missing.

This part of the sea had turned from blue to red due to how Grand Commander Shion was bleeding profusely. Fortunately, Dr Markle was uninjured.

Grand Commander Shion had a dark look as he noticed the ruckus and unstoppable destruction around with the others getting swept away uncontrollably.

His forehead gleamed brightly and a surge of energy burst forth from his figure.

Dhhrrriiihhhhhhh~

The waves around him were instantly pushed sideways, creating a massive hole that extended across a radius of more than twenty thousand feet in this part of the sea.

"Ahhhh!"

Plop! Plop! Plop! Plop! Plop!

Hundreds of people in labcoats fell from the air and landed on the rough sea bed with expressions of bewilderment plastered across their faces.

A few of them had bruises but overall there weren't any casualties. They couldn't believe their eyes as they stared at debris from the massive underwater laboratory scattered across the place.

Sea waves had turned to walls around them as they stood over over thirty thousand feet below the surface of the sea. It was truly a spectacular sight.

"Grand Commander! Are you okay?!" Some of them yelled with expressions of concern as they rushed towards the elderly looking man who had nearly half of his entire body gone.

"I'll be fine," Grand Commander Shion said while they helped him up.

"Korrhhh! Korrhhh! Korrhhh!" Dr Markle coughed out water by the side as took a kneeling position.

"The waves will be kept away for the next twenty minutes so let's get you all out of here," Grand Commander Shion said while signaling at the other MBO officers in the vicinity.

The MBO officers who were guards of this facility, moved swiftly towards the emergency sea rides and submarines which had been covered up by debris from the destruction of the underwater lab.

Meanwhile, Grand Commander Shion grabbed a grade one medical pill from his spatial storage and consumed it.

His body slowly began to heal up as he stepped forward to look around.

"No doubt about it, that person vanished just like I sensed..." He muttered with a look of both caution and confusion.

He paused after arriving before a massive mettalic construct which was the size of a building. The front of this construct had a see through glass with cracks all over it and within the construct was a dark creature in captivity.

"They didn't come to free it? Then what was the point of the attack?" Grand Commander Shion had an even greater expression of bafflement as he stood before the mettalic prison.

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"We're almost there," Gustav announced while staring at the holographic projection of coordinates displayed.

"You gotta go back in," Gustav said while turning around to stare at the system.

"What?" The system voiced with a tone of defiance.

"You can't transform. You'll ruin the mission before it begins. Go back in," Gustav said to her with a strong tone.

"What about her? She can't transform either," The system said while pointing at the blue haired girl strapped to the seat beside her.

"Come on you're not this stupid. You know I can change her physical features to suit that of an Abruikis native but I can't do that for you dumbass. You know it won't work," Gustav scolded.

"Tch, then how did Matilda get in then? And what if this one betrays you? We've only known her for three days," The system yelled.

"Matilda has her ways. Stop acting like a damn three year old and get back in here," Gustav yelled back.

The girl by the side just watched with an expression of helplessly. Her azure eyes blinked curiously as she opened her mouth but no words came out.

She had an extremely cute and clueless face, making her looking completely harmless. However, this was the same girl who used to be Falkorn's right hand. On Planet Vesper she was a force to reckon.

No one was aware of her enchanting facial features because she always wore a mask. Some had even assumed she was male or a demon due to her capabilities but Gustav had destroyed her with just a single attack.

She was the only one he spared out of every single Falkorn underling for two reasons.

One, Falkorn had her stripped of her will. She became his underling due to her lack of freedom which made Gustav pity her. During their journey through space for the last eight days, Gustav healed and helped her regain her will.

As for the second reason...

"Don't be silly, you know I need her. You cannot play that role so shut up and get back in," Gustav stated once more.

"Hmph!" The system pouted before folding her arms in defeat.

She walked forward and gave Gustav a dirty stare before vanishing.

"So childish..." Gustav scoffed before shaking his head.

He walked towards Sersi and squatted before her.

"Do you recall the plan?" He inquired.

She nodded cutely, "I have to help my lord ac..."

"Don't call me your lord. You're free from the mental Manipulation now. Call me Gustav or better still, Father, due to the identity we will be adopting," Gustav cautioned.

"Hnm Hnm..." She nodded twice.

"Gustav is Father... Father is Gustav..." She chanted with a light tone.

"No that is not... *sigh* never mind... just make sure you don't call me Gustav when we get down there," Gustav cautioned with a serious look.

"Hnm hnm... Gustav is only Gustav here... Gustav is father down there..." She nodded once more.

"Exactly..." Gustav voiced with an expression of relief.

"Now for a quick recap, watch this and remember you are to act like she does," Gustav said while tapping a couple of buttons on the left side of the wall.

Chapter 1344 He Has His Ways With Makeup

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A footage was projected before Sersi in the next moment and she focused on watching it diligently.

("Tch,")

'Someone sounds jealous,'

("Me? Jealous? Of who? Of what? Damn you virgin!") The system yelled internally.

'Yep definitely jealous and your virgin insults don't fly anymore since I am not one. At least Sersi is a sweet girl unlike you and your gigantic hard headedness,' Gustav shook his head.

("Hey who are you calling...")

The system began to rant uncontrollably in Gustav's head but he ignored her.

"Time to change..." He voiced while staring at outline of a murky looking greyish planet in the distance.

It was still a very small outline which meant it was millions of kilometres away but with the speed of their spacecraft, they would arrive there in only a few seconds.

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Within a vicinity with buildings erected on tips of what looked like massive spikes that extended from beneath, haggard looking figures could be spotted moving to and fro.

The tips of these massive spikes scattered across the place were each no less than fifty feet distance from one another. The spikes seemed so massive that the buildings constructed on them were perfectly balanced.

Some of the buildings also happened to have what looked like massive fans constructed above their roofs.

Thin metallic bridges with cube sized holes were erected from one spike to the other, each all connected like transport networks that helped the people around move from one place to another.

One would have to be careful when moving on these mettalic bridges due to how thin they were. However, there was no other means of movement around these parts since the ground level couldn't be seen from up here.

If one was to fall from the bridges, they would keep falling till their figure disappeared into the sea of greyish mist that loitered beneath. These greyish mists below were thick that they made it impossible for anyone to see how deep the spikes extended.

Every figure moving around here had contour like marks on their faces with teal colored skins. The clothes on their bodies were like furs. They seemed almost primitive but at the same time modern.

One thing that seemed quite visible around this parts was the layer of gloom that hung in the air. It hit like a physical existence with how unhappy the expression on the faces of everyone moving around looked.

The dimly lit sky did not help matters. The air also happened to be cold with the mixture of strange soil like odour.

One of the figures had a cloak around them which they used in covering the entirety of their face, revealing only a pair of eyes. They pushed walked in the midst of the crowd moving to and fro and arrived before a square shaped structure far east of this area.

This place had lesser number of people moving around it and none moving into it. This figure walked towards the side of the structure which happened to be a blind view that people using the bridges would be unable to see.

They proceeded to knock on the black solid structure in a particular pattern.

Kom! Kom!

Kom! Kom! Kom! Kom!

Kom! Kom! Kom!

Kom!

Immediately after the knocking pattern was completed, the entrance made a low shifting noise.

Thruuhhih~ Dhinn! Dhinn! Dhinn!

The wall rescinded in three different ways, revealing a small passageway. This figure proceeded to step in and walked till they arrived at the end.

"Is Tuenviq back?" The figure questioned the moment they arrived within a spacious area where three other people could be spotted.

Two happened to be working on a piece of machinery while the third one was seated at the edge tapping on a keyboard with an holographic monitor before them.

"Senior Matilda, you have returned," One of the two working on the machine voiced with a tone of respect.

Just like the figures on the outside, this one also had a teal colored skin, raggedy clothes and countour like marks on their face. This one happened to have a feminine look with a tail poking out of her rear.

"Oola, where is Tuenviq?" The one who had just arrived pulled the cloak off her figure, revealing her looks.

She had a beautiful long white hair, with red rosy cheeks and semi thin pink lips. She had a 5'11 figure with slender build. Her looks were much different compared to the others in this space which looked like a workshop of sorts.

"Tuenviq isn't back yet," Oola shook her head.

"What is taking him so long," Matilda's face scrunched up a bit with worry.

"He may not be back but we have good news," The male teal skinned figure tapping on the keyboard voiced from the side.

"Hmm?" Matilda moved towards him.

The holographic monitor displayed two figures walking out of a spacecraft and getting welcome by a bunch of people in clean red and green robes.

These bunch of people welcoming the two newcomers also had teal skin and contour marks on their faces but compared to the ones currently situated where Matilda was, they looked a lot healthier as well as cleaner.

"They arrived about an hour ago and were welcome without suspicion," The one tapping on the keyboard said with a joyful expression.

A smile appeared on Matilda's face, "Good job Toldou, this is really good news,"

"Thank you Senior Matilda. I am currently decrypting a message he sent before getting out of his spacecraft," Toldou said with a tone of gratitude.

"Once you are finished with it, show it to me immediately," Matilda instructed.

Toldou nodded in response while Oola approached to stare at the projection which kept displaying the same footage of the newcomers arriving repeatedly.

"How do they look exactly like the Barron Diov and his daughter? I can't find any differences," Oola expressed her astonishment.

"Hihi he has his ways with makeup. No one would suspect a thing so long as he is able to pull off the character," Matilda chuckled lightly.

"Waaa... I still find it difficult to believe that this is him..." She said while focusing on the male newcomer with a cone shaped head and a singular red shade covering half his face.

He was in tight fitted white robe covered by a black cloak with greenish markings.

"The famed Gustav Crimson..." Oola's tone depicted excitement as she muttered.

"We finally have a fighting chance,"

Matilda's face wore a smile as she turned around to face the third person in their group who was single handedly working on a rhombus shaped machinery.

He had a tri monocle and thick strands of scanty black hair on his head.

"Did you manage to communicate with her majesty?" He asked while remaining focused on what he was doing.

"I did..." Matilda's smile vanished at this point.

"What did she say?" He inquired.

"Dahria told me..."

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Within a large abode constructed in between two grey colored rocks, a figure stood within a room. The room was oddly designed with items in places that one would usually find unusual.

However, to people of this planet, this would be considered a very luxurious room.

This figure stared at his reflection in the liquid like mirror before him. The shades on his face made the environment look red but he could see the outline of his seven feet figure properly.

The majestic dark cloak draped around his figure...

The tight white robe on the inside with a belt made out of expensive minerals...

Everything just seemed extreme.

"So that Barron Diov guy just walks around in this all day and every planet he visits fear and worship him... hmm," The figure shook his head as he voiced with a tone of ridicule.

"If only they knew," He added before moving to the side to take a sit on the massive bed.

"The entire planet is in such a terrible state but these guys have enough resources to provide such treatment to a stranger and definitely to themselves..." He shook his head once more.

"They will definitely try to make it look as though everything is alright since Barron Diov is known to be planet investigator working under the alliance who never visits anywhere without his adorable daughter Valuri Diov. Pfft they have no idea that it is me... and the fact that I can scan the entire planet in an instant so I am well aware that only 20% of places are in a better state than the others. Quite pitiful what they turned this into after taking control,"

The figure who happened to be Gustav in disguise knew well enough what Barron's job was. It was to make sure the planet was in a good state, under the right authorities with everything blossoming as they should.

Natives are also meant to be satisfied with the rulers and living under good conditions.

Planet Investigators visited every planet under the alliance and reported back what they noticed. If the planet was deemed to meet the requirements they would leave them alone, if not, the alliance would send an army and forcefully take control of the planet to right the wrongs.

Chapter 1345 I Hope I Didn't Scare You

If the planet met the requirements, they would leave them alone. If not, the alliance would send an army and forcefully take control of the planet to right the wrongs.

The problem was... there was nothing right with this particular planet and Planet Investigators had been here in the past. It turned out that corruption wasn't privy to earth alone. The last time Barron Diov visited he most likely took a bribe and didn't report back what he had seen.

This also explained the luxurious treatment they were giving Barron Diov at the moment. They expected him to stay quiet again.

Unfortunately... this was Gustav, not Barron Diov. They had no idea what was coming to them.

"Oh right... I should head to Sersi's room to make this more believable," Gustav voiced before standing to his feet.

The moment he stepped out of his room, he came into view with a large hallway with extremely high decorated ceilings and two guards stationed beside his room door.

Gustav held his head high with pride as he turned to the left and took strides forward.

"Don't follow me," he stated with a commanding tone, causing the guards to freeze before they could take a step forward. Both guards had been assigned to him and were tasked with following him everywhere he went but now they were at a loss on what to do.

They communicated with their eyes, asking each other whether to follow him and risk irking him, which would result in great catastrophe, or stay back and most likely get scolded by their superior.

After a brief thought, they decided to stay behind. It wasn't like he was going far... or so they thought.

Gustav arrived before a large room door and knocked a couple of times.

"Valuri, it is me," He called out.

Ticchhii~

The door slid open and Gustav proceeded to immediately walk in.

After the door behind him shut, he moved to stand before the feminine figure clad in a tight, sleek, black, outfit. It looked like she was in a jumpsuit of sorts but her head was shaped in a triangular format like Gustav's with a singular yellow eye.

[Mental Manipulation Has Been Activated]

'I'm heading out but you must pretend that I am still here. Which means you mustn't let anyone in,' Gustav communicated with Sersi through their minds to prevent anyone from eavesdropping on them. Not like he wouldn't notice if anyone tried such.

'Alright, father. I will stay here and make sure no one gets in,' Sersi assured Gustav.

Gustav placed his hand on her head and caressed her hair affectionately for a moment before turning around.

"I can make my presence vanish completely without activating Cognitive Concealment so I should be good", He thought while retracting his energy and presence.

Sersi's eyes widened slightly in disbelief as Gustav vanished from her line of sight. She wasn't just unable to sense his presence, she was unable to see him as well.

Gustav was able to do this by mimicking Jack and Mack. Unfortunately, more powerful beings would still be able to sense him if he were to try such in their presence without activating Cognitive concealment. However, with the strength of everyone currently around him, he knew he would go unnoticed.

"He said he is coming... that is all the message says," Toldou said while pointing at the holographic projection before him.

Matilda stared at the message as well with a slightly dumbfounded expression.

"But he doesn't know where we are. Our mole wouldn't have made contact with him yet," Oola voiced with a slightly uneasy tone.

"That can only mean one thing," Matilda said while turning around.

Thiiiiisshhhhhh~ Thiiiiisshhhh~ Thiiiiisshhhh~

The walls before them suddenly separated, revealing a wide passageway that led to the entry point of the structure.

"Uh?" Everyone stopped what they were doing and stared at the empty passageway with expressions of puzzlement.

"Why did it open?" Toldou voiced as a chill permeated his spine.

Oola shrugged in uncertainty, "It never activates unless someone uses the knocking unlock pattern," She whispered.

"But there is no one there," Toldou pointed at the empty passageway as the feeling of eeriness increased.

Thhhiiiiisssshhh~ Thhhiiiiisssshh~ Thhissshhh~

The passageway began shutting back and after a few seconds, silence ensued.

"Hello Gus," A smile appeared on Matilda's face as she voiced softly.

"I hope I didn't scare you," A masculine voice resounded from behind Toldou.

"Eeekkkkkk!" Toldou jumped in fright the moment he turned around to spot someone standing behind him.

His arm instinctively swung forward to slap the figure but before it could reach their face it was stopped.

"It's him," Matilda said from the side after grabbing Toldou's arm.

"OH!" Toldou exclaimed in realization as he lowered his arm in embarrassment.

Oola's eyes widened in astonishment as she spotted the seven-foot-tall figure up ahead in majestic dark robes and one large shade covering half of his cone-shaped head.

"Sir Gustav Crimson? Is that really you?" Oola questioned with stars shimmering in her eyes

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"Sir?" The tall figure said while slowly shapeshifting.

"Oola is a big fan," Matilda said while drawing closer to hug Gustav.

"Oh... eh? That doesn't seem right," Gustav responded after completely transforming back into his 6'3 original look.

He proceeded to return the hug as he and Matilda remained in each other's embrace for a few seconds.

They were both aware that each of them had been through a lot in the past year so the hug felt more like they were comforting each other. Especially since they hadn't seen each other in eight months and had only communicated through encrypted messages that transcended space.

After they separated Matilda felt a little relief. It was like her spirits had been rejuvenated and she hoped it was the same for Gustav.

Pah!

Gustav snapped his finger and the shade on his face instantly vanished.

Oola's eyes widened even more, "It is truly you," She muttered while moving to stand in between him and Matilda.

"It is a pleasure to finally meet you... Can I shake your hand, sir?" Oola gushed uncontrollably causing Toldou to roll his eyes by the side.

"What is with her?" Gustav said to Matilda as he stretched out his hand.

Oola disregarded Gustav's unsettled tone and held his hand like she was holding onto the most priced piece of material in the universe.

'So smooth... so strong... so...' She was lost in her admiring thoughts while Matilda gave Gustav a little explanation.

"They watched IYSOP even if their planet didn't participate. A lot of them are infatuated with you," Matilda said.

"Yeaaa but still I'm wanted and known as very dangerous so..." Gustav had expected a different reaction especially since everyone was scared of their planet ending up like Planet Ozious.

"They know you're here to save them... also not everyone believes the bullshit the alliance is spewing about you. Haven't you heard of the Gustavo resistance?" Matilda inquired.

"The Gustavo what now?" Gustav's mouth hung loosely as he hoped it wasn't what he thought it was.

"A religious group who appeared after you were declared wanted by the alliance. They claim to be your loyal worshippers and also claim that you are destined to free the universe from bondage... whatever that means..." Matilda shook her head while trying to hold the laughter that nearly burst from her lips.

"What? My name isn't even Gustavo..." Gustav was appalled.

At this point, Matilda couldn't hold her laughter in any longer and began letting it out uncontrollably.

Toldou stared at her with a look of disbelief. She had never smiled since she arrived there nearly three months ago, but since his arrival not only did she smile, she even laughed.

"I've never seen such a pretty smile..."

Toldou couldn't help but look bewildered as he wondered just what kind of person Gustav was to cast a ray of light upon the gloomy environment with only a few minutes of his appearance.

"At least some people believe you're innocent and aren't running heedlessly with what the alliance is feeding the universe," Matilda voiced after she finally relaxed.

Gustav pulled his arm back from Oola who had been inspecting it all the while he had been talking to Matilda with gazes of adoration and eyes filled with wonder.

"I hate this outfit... How long do I have to keep it on?" Gustav inquired.

"Till we can guarantee Dahria's safety," Matilda answered.

"I could really just go get her from wherever she is and bring her here," Gustav said with a casual tone.

"You can?" Oola's eyes shimmered.

"It isn't difficult..." Gustav responded.

"It's not that simple," Matilda chimed in.

She turned to the side and walked towards the Alabriukis man by the side working on a rhombus-shaped piece of machinery.

"Riola has been working on this device for the past two months. It's supposed to help free Dahria and the royal family left alongside the royal guards from the energy slave shackles around their hearts," Matilda explained.

"Hmm, energy slave shackles... isn't that one of the forbidden items not meant for sale under the alliance?" Gustav questioned.

Chapter 1346 An Accident Indeed

"Yes," Matilda replied.

"And I can't try to free them because even the slightest bit of tampering would trigger an implosion..." Gustav held his chin as he came to an understanding.

"Yes... there would be no point in freeing Planet Abriukis if the leaders are gone since everything would go to shit if there was no ruler."

"It would all be for nothing if Dahria dies..." Matilda added.

"How long before Riola is finished with the equipment?" Gustav inquired.

"Three days," Riola answered, "So long as you lots can learn to be quiet," He added.

"Grandpa Riola! That's Gustav Crimson!" Oola yelled from the side.

"Especially you kiddo. Your mouth keeps running like a never-ending stream," Riola raised his head to shoot Oola a glance.

"Akkk!" Oola exclaimed like she had just been shot by a thousand invisible arrows.

"Hmph!" Riola readjusted his tri-monocle.

"Toldou get me the fenner wheel," He instructed.

Toldou instantly moved to grab an odd-looking fan-like tool and passed it to him.

"We should leave them to it," Matilda said with a low tone before dragging Gustav into a separate space.

"I'm surprised she's still alive... how long has it been since you two saw each other?" Gustav inquired the moment they switched locations.

"Ten years..." Matilda had a teary expression as she muttered.

Her mind went back in time as she recalled the message she got from Dahria over five years ago...

The image of a beautiful-looking girl with two pear-shaped golden eyes and purplish skin crowned with silky long black hair appeared above a device in Matilda's grasp.

The outline of a square-shaped black mark could be spotted on her forehead along with green contour marks surrounding it.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Sounds of an explosion could be heard coming from the footage which depicted the chaos that surrounded her.

The footage shook severally, and although the visibility in the surroundings was low, one could spot tiny red glowing particles in the surroundings.

"Matilda, I need your help! I didn't tell you the truth all those years ago, but I'm actually a princess to the largest empire on Abruikis.

We are currently at war. My empire was lacking in forces after my grandfather, the Emperor, was assassinated, and my father also went missing leaving me to cater for the kingdom.

I lost over thirty percent of my forces to bad leadership, and some even defected to the other kingdoms after deeming me unworthy to lead..." Tears started streaming out of her eyes as she got to this point.

"I don't want my people to perish, so I will have to surrender. I know many of them will meet their end because of my decision, but I have no other choice so long as some lives can be preserved. I have repeatedly requested help from Earth, but they ignored my pleas saying they cannot interfere in interplanetary wars.

I do not wish to disturb you with my problems, but if this message does get to you... Please, Matilda, get help for my people. I know you, Matilda. You're strong. When you become powerful enough, please try to save my people.

If you can't, it's okay too. Just make sure you live your life to the fullest and be happy. Regardless of what comes to be, I have always loved you, and I will always love you.

I haven't forgotten all the times we spent together. Our fond memories are one of the things that kept me going through the toughest times."

"I focused on getting stronger all this time and increasing my MBO rank so I could finally rescue her and save her planet. Didn't think this is how things would turn out — with Angy missing and you becoming a fugitive," Matilda let out a sigh as she returned to the present.

Not only had she deserted the MBO to go on this unsolicited mission which remained unapproved, but she wasn't even powerful enough to save Dahria and Angy without help.

"If the ones who took over didn't kill her after she surrendered then they must need her for something. They killed her father and immediate family members but left her in captivity. She must hold some kind of value," Gustav rubbed his chin slightly.

"The current emperor wants her to bear his kids," Oola voiced from the side.

"Oh? Couldn't he just impregnate anyone else?" Gustav questioned.

"The royal line has to be continued. They bear a bloodline that will be lost if Her Majesty was to perish without bearing offsprings," Oola explained.

"Hmm, I guess that explains it..." Gustav muttered.

However, he couldn't put his thumb on why he felt there was still something missing but he was okay with working with the amount of information he had.

"I'll head back for now and give them a little run for their money." Gustav voiced while turning around.

"Three days... After that, I'll strike. I should take them by surprise," Gustav added.

Matilda nodded in response, "I'll focus on saving Dahria and the others... you go on a rampage when the time comes."

Gustav nodded after transforming back into Barron Diov.

"Gustav..." Matilda suddenly called out to him before he could leave.

"Hmm?" He mumbled after pausing his steps.

"Try not to interfere when you see any wrongdoings on your way back... It's best we remain as discreet as possible," Matilda cautioned.

"Sure," Gustav stated before completely vanishing from their presence.

("It might be a little too late for that warning,") The system rang in Gustav's head as he reappeared outside the structure.

"Shut up... it won't cause any issues," Gustav responded internally as his figure blurred.

Swiiiiihhhh~

A burst of wind spread in all directions as Gustav recalled what had happened an hour ago while his figure streaked across the air.

"Please I just need...ded wa-ter for my son!"

Bam! Bam! Pah!

"I'm not... I'm n-ot... not a thief!"

Bam! Pah! Pah!

"Please! My son... my s-on would have... di-ed of thirst like his little sister and mother!"

Bam! Pah! Pah!

"Kiiiarhh! Please! I..."

Bam! Pah! Pah!

The sound of kicks and blows continuously rang out as a group of three in green and red robes surrounded an Abruikis native in a tattered outfit. They assaulted the blue-skinned individual without mercy despite his heartbreaking screams and pleas.

All of a sudden...

Boom!

A loud explosion rang out behind them causing a large thirty feet tall structure to collapse. The officials immediately stopped and turned around with looks of confusion as everyone ran helter-skelter.

"You two go check it out, I'll deal with..." He was still speaking when he turned his head around to stare at the individual they were beating up a second ago.

"Where did he go?" He asked with a tone of confoundment.

The other two turned around in surprise. "Huh? Where did he go?" Another one of them asked.

"Isn't that what I just asked?" Just as they began arguing about the tattered man who suddenly vanished, another explosion rocked the vicinity.

"Ahhhhhh!" All three of them screamed uncontrollably as a large piece of flaming building descended from the sky.

Bang!

All three of them got crushed before they could get away.

"It was just an accident..." Gustav muttered as his mind returned to the present.

("An accident indeed...") The system said with a tone of ridicule.

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In an unknown location covered with greenish mist, a figure could be barely spotted trotting through. It almost looked like he was walking in the sky since the mist in the vicinity was like clouds with a different color.

This figure had a tight-fitted black t-shirt on with ash-colored pants. His facial hair made him look like he wasn't a day above twenty-six years of age and his curly black hair occasionally fluttered due to the mild winds blowing across the place.

The vicinity seemed quite serene and spectacular. One would feel like they were on a vacation if they visited this place but this was far from the thoughts of the person currently traversing the environment.

KRRROOOOHHH!

A roar suddenly rang out as a serpentine-shaped creature, the size of a sky scrapper appeared within the sea of greenish mist.

It was unknown if it had been there all this time, staying unnoticed, but one sure thing was that it had spotted the individual who had just wandered into its domain.

Twwwiiiihhhhh~

It charged forward powerfully, causing the greenish mist in the surroundings to clear a path due to the immense volume of wind its figure generated.

The humanoid figure it was aiming for suddenly raised his right arm with an unbothered expression on his face.

Pah!

He snapped his finger effortlessly, causing an invisible barrier to appear between himself and the creature.

Bang!

Its gigantic beastly face crashed into the invisible barrier, causing a loud blast to ring out as powerful shockwaves surged forth from their position.

As the greenish mist in the vicinity cleared from the collision, thousands of arm-sized bat-like creatures rained from the air with blood.

Chapter 1347 Meal With Emperor Dhios

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Pat! Pit! Pat! Pat! Pat! Pat! Pat!

Their lifeless bodies splattered across the ground changing its color while the massive serpentine creature tried to contend with the invisible barrier before it to no avail.

The humanoid figure in the midst of this chaos was untouched despite the number of creatures and blood raining from the air.

KRRROOOOHHH!

The serpentine structured sky scrapper sized beast roared once more, causing the vicinity to quake intensely. However, this time, an icy blue light could be spotted gathering in its mouth.

"Nuh uh..." The humanoid figure with adult facial features muttered before stretching his right hand forward.

Thhreeeevvv~

A blue silvery glow coated his entire palm as he proceeded to clench his fingers into a fist.

A powerful telekinetic energy surged forth and the creature before him began trembling intensely. It felt an unfathomable energy rummaging through its insides.

It let out another roar in pain as its entire being got lifted off the ground and the light gathering initially got snuffed out.

Tttrriihh~

The humanoid figure proceeded to yank his arm backwards like he was pulling something.

A flesh ripping sound rang out in the next instant. A massive organ was pulled out of place from its insides and got ripped out of its mouth.

Poooocchhhh~

Blood jetted out of its mouth like a waterfall as this massive meaty organ which was the size of a house, travelled across the air and landed before the humanoid figure.

Splat~ Badump! Bad... dump~

The organ jiggled and let out two loud beats before finally going silent after letting out the third one.

The creature stared at this organ that had come out of it in disbelief as it fell from the air. It remained in place for a few moments, growing weaker by the second before its eyes finally turned listless.

The humanoid figure stepped forward casually and reached out to touch the murky looking organ which had all sorts of liquids spilling from it.

Zing~

The building sized organ emitted a silvery blue glow in the next moment and vanished.

"Seven targurtan hearts harvested... one more to go," Endric muttered as he resumed his steps forward like he hadn't just murdered a creature that cause great havoc were it to be released on the earth.

"I should probably take my time since big brother will be arriving later than planned," He thought out loud as he came to a stop.

He turned back around to stare at the massive corpse of the creature he had just slaughtered.

"Do you think that would taste good?" Endric questioned.

-"I think you need a fresh cut more than you need to eat,"

Endric's forehead emitted a green glow as an elderly masculine voice responded to his earlier question.

"Huh? Why?" Endric asked with a look of bafflement.

Trriiihhh~

A mirror appeared before Endric and he proceeded to stare at his reflection in it.

-"You're only a teenager. You're not supposed to look like a father of six children," Husarius pointed out.

"Do fathers of six children even exist?" Endric muttered cluelessly as he stared at the facial hair that had covered half his face.

-"You're seventeen... how can you be looking older than your nearly twenty one year old brother?" Husarius voiced with a tone of concern.

"It doesn't matter," Endric said while moving past the mirror.

"Speaking of big brother... I probably should have asked him for cooking lessons. How do I turn this into an edible meal?" He questioned with a lost look after arriving before the corpse of the massive serpentine beast.

~Planet Abruikis~

A day had gone by since Gustav's arrival here and in the last twenty four hours he had been entertained and visited by important delegates within this planet.

When he left to visit Matilda the other day, someone had come visiting and since the guards were aware that Barron Diov was with his daughter, they came knocking on Sersi's door.

Fortunately, Sersi didn't answer any of them and proceeded to remain in the room till they left. However, there was this one person who knocked twice and voiced some strange words. After that person left, she sensed that a package was dropped at the door.

After she picked up what was left at the door which was disguised as a gift, she went on to shut it back so as not to arouse any suspicion.

Sersi didn't understand what was inscribed in the package so the moment Gustav returned she gave him a breakdown of everything that happened and handed the package over to him.

"That's one of the moles. He was to deliver the location of Matilda to me," Gustav had explained this to her at the time.

They didn't expect Gustav to figure out Matilda's location and head there himself just by scanning the entire planet.

After the brief meeting with Matilda, Gustav understood that they had moles everywhere. Within the official troops of guards who were like the police force.

Within kingdom royal maids.

Within political offices and even within the higher ups.

Apparently, some of these people in places of authority were still loyal to the crown and not the rebel who took over. The only problem was, if they had tried to free Dahria or fight against the injustices they would have met their end.

The opposition wasn't someone who they could face on their own. However, now that they had a little bit of help, they could finally try to fight back.

'Emperor Dhios... He is as powerful as a peak beta ranked Mixedblood. Almost an alpha but that's the peak level of strength on this planet,' Gustav analyzed as he sat within a dining area.

In this large dinning area, sitting across from him was a nine feet tall blue skinned male with a one inch horn protruding out of his chin. He exuded a domineering aura as he sat in place while throwing a strong gaze at the being sitting from across him.

On the left was, Sersi who dug into the exotic dishes arranged on the dinning table made of a precious green rock.

Opposite Sersi was a young but mature looking purple skinned female. She had a pair of pear-shaped golden eyes and silky black hair. She was extremely beautiful with her massive chest brushing against the side of the dinning as she sat in place.

The Emperor finally lowered his gaze to stare at the dishes before reaching to grab a large piece of meat. He proceeded to take a huge bite out of it whilst maintaining a poker face.

It was at this same moment that the others finally decided to eat as well. Emperor Dhios watched as the ten feet tall being on the far end of the table dig into the food just like he did. They were almost mirroring each other and both radiated with a certain pressure that put fear on the faces of the maids serving them.

The young Abruikis female opposite them also ate slowly without as much as an expression on her face. She almost seemed like a puppet. Sersi seemed to be the only one here eating without a care in the world.

"Investigator Barron Diov, I trust you have been enjoying your stay here." Emperor Dhios questioned after gulping down another large piece of meat.

The silence was finally broken due to this question.

"Indeed Emperor Dhios... My stay here has been quite splendid. It almost feels like a vacation," Gustav who was still in the form of Barron Diov answered with a tone of satisfaction.

"That is wonderful news," Emperor Dhios replied.

"The food is good. The hospitality is truly delightful but I still have a lot of places to inspect in person," Gustav pointed out before gulping down a mouthful of what would be considered wine on this planet.

'This is terrible... I would barf it out if I didn't have to play the role of Diov,' Gustav internalized his disgust.

Emperor Dhios hand paused the drink close to his lips after he heard Gustav's last statement.

"Investigator Barron, I have some gifts for you," Emperor Dhios stated.

"How wonderful..." Gustav spoke with a delighted tone but internally, 'This must be where the bribery comes in,'

In the next instant a bunch of people stepped into the living room and dropped items in large packaging beside Gustav.

"Grey ore stones... thousands of them. As you are well aware, very valuable," Emperor Dhios stated.

"Much appreciated Emperor. Really mouth watering gifts," Gustav said with a tone of appreciation.

"I am indeed glad you like them. I hope this gift implores Investigator Barron to send a good report back to the alliance," Emperor Dhios voiced out exactly as Gustav had predicted.

"Emperor you needn't say anymore. This planet is no doubt in good condition and in good hands," Gustav said while letting out a low chuckle.

Chapter 1348 The Separator Machine Is Ready

"Then I must implore Investigator Barron to excuse me and my wife as we have important matters to take care of," Emperor Dhios voiced while getting up.

"Not a problem Emperor. I am sure you must be busy since running an entire planet must be a lot of work," Gustav replied with a tone of understanding.

"I am sure the investigator is busy as well. Safe travels on your way tomorrow," Emperor Dhios reached out to shake Gustav after waltzing over.

'Tomorrow? He wants me to leave immediately. I guess my presence makes him uneasy but I cannot leave tomorrow. I need to play this off somehow so it doesn't get suspicious if I decide to stay,' Gustav thoughts went on a rampage as he got to his feet.

"As much as I would have loved to leave tomorrow, my daughter wishes to visit the Perking center so I would like to take her there tomorrow. It is going to be our last tourist visit before leaving the day after tomorrow," Gustav said while reaching out to receive the handshake.

"Hmm Is that so?" Emperor Dhios seemed a bit unsettled as he asked with a low tone.

"Father must accompany me. I want to see the Perking Center!" Sersi yelled from the side with food in her mouth.

"Haha! You know how children get," Gustav stated with a light laughter while their hands were still connected.

"Oh wait , does the emperor not have children?" Gustav added, causing Emperor Dhios to retract his hand.

Gustav could have sworn he had a subtle 'hmph!' escape the emperor's mouth. The emperor stole a brief glance at his wife and turned around to walk away.

"I hope you enjoy your time at Perking Center," His voice faded into the background as he soon disappeared along with a lot of royal guards.

'I guess that convinced him,' Gustav said internally.

'The child statement must have gotten to him...' He also recalled how the emperor stole a brief glance at Dahria before leaving. 'I could really just murder him right now and retrieve Dahria but because of the slave shackles... that would be a very risky move. They said three days so after tomorrow, I will end him,' Gustav eye knitted as he decided internally.

Up ahead, Emperor Dhios stepped out with his guards and right hand advisor.

"I feel uneasy. Something smells suspicious," Emperor Dhios said with a low tone.

"My lord... is it because of the investigator?" The advisor inquired.

"I don't know. It is just a gut feeling," Emperor Dhios responded.

"The gifts should serve their purpose but if my lord is worried, I shall make sure they are under complete surveillance till they leave," The advisor voiced out in a bid to calm him.

"Not just that, double the palace guards and make preparations for a battle just in case," Emperor Dhios instructed.

"Yes my lord. If the investigator tries anything, he will meet his end before he gets the chance to leave this planet," The advisor said with a tone of certainty.

"Good," The emperor stated before jumping onto the back of massive creature before him.

The bird like creature which was the size of a building, spread its wings and flapped them powerfully.

Twwhhoosshh~

They ascended into the sky at very quick pace, leaving a cloud of dust beneath them.

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"Good save there Sersi," Gustav said to the female before him as he rubbed her hair affectionately.

"Thank you daddy," Sersi responded with a cute tone as she giggled.

Sersi was unaware of the locations within the planet but she instinctively spoke up the moment Gustav referred to the character she was playing as.

"Now we just have to hold on till tomorrow passes before we strike. Which means we have to visit Perking center tomorrow," Gustav wasn't dissatisfied with the turn out of things.

He just had to go sightseeing tomorrow and nothing about that seemed difficult.

("I hope you are aware that the emperor is suspicious?") The system voiced in his head.

'That is quite normal though. It is expected for a ruler who acquired power through the wrong means and continuously inflicts pain upon his subjects to be on edge when a higher power that could put him in check happens to be at his doorstep,' Gustav responded internally.

'There is no doubt that he was this way the last time the real Barron Diov visited. The only difference was probably the fact that Barron Diov left after getting his bribe. Either ways, he would still get suspicious but he would never be able to put his finger on what exactly is going on,' Gustav added.

("Okay. Just watchout before you get smoked out,") The system warned.

'Sure, Sure... I need to get out of here and meet up back with Endric as soon as possible so I want this to be over with soon as well.'

Gustav wished he could leave right away but he couldn't help feeling pity for the natives of Abruikis.

They had underwent over ten years of bondage at the hands of a dictator. Not only did Emperor Dhios slaughter most of the royal household in Floris Empire, he also turned the people to slaves the moment he took control.

Floris Empire was the largest in the planet especially due to their grey ore stones which was a valuable commodity across galaxies. Dahria was the only daughter of her father who was to take control after the emperor, her grandfather. Her grandfather had lived many years and was still very much active when he got murdered.

Dahria father would have taken control but he and his wife lost their lives in an ambush as well. Dahria was meant to take the throne afterwards but with everything that had happened, a royal uncle made the call to have her sent to earth for her safety. She was to return when she was mature enough to lead and gained power.

That was how she met Matilda.

Unfortunately, things didn't go as planned and she had to return after her kingdom had lost battles upon battles and her people were getting slaughtered like animals. Dhios at the time had a very fierce army with lots of powerful generals under his lead.

He was also uncaring about the lives of the people... all he wanted was control.

After surrendering, he stopped slaughtering her people as promised but he turned them to slaves instead. The men, women and children were all forced to mine for grey ore stones. They were barely making end meets from this but Dhios was getting even more powerful.

Through this, his army grew and he proceeded to conquer not just Floris Empire but the others on this planet.

He declared himself the Emperor of Abruikis afterwards and put the entire planet in bondage. A few years into his reign a lot of areas in the planet became polluted from too much mining for grey ore stones. Waters dried up in many places and buildings had to be constructed on what was left of the ground in these areas.

Grounds were corroding and even the wind was getting polluted. A lot of people lost their lives from the changes but Dhios didn't care. He ensured that his pockets and that of his subordinates continued getting filled.

Dahria was powerless to stop him no matter how much she tried.

"Horrible... truly horrible," Gustav was even more disgusted compared to how he felt with Falkorn.

"This is probably how earth would have turned out if I hadn't stopped Yung Jo that day," He shook his head.

He felt it was even worse that earth never interfered even after Dahria pleaded so many times for assistance. This explained why she looked lifeless today. She had lost all hope.

'If I didn't have people I cared about I would have regretted ever saving that planet more than once...'
Gustav shook his head.

("Why don't you just take control of earth in the future and rule if you don't like the way they do things?") The system inquired.

'Eh? What sort of dumb suggestion is that?' Gustav asked with an irked tone.

("Think about it... If you complete the five years quest, it should be possible. You will be more powerful than them after all,") The system voiced.

'Not interested... they can go fuck themselves for all I care,'

"Is it finished now?"

Within a workshop space, a familiar feminine tone rang out.

"Yes... the separator," Riola answered while tapping the rhombus shaped machinery before him.

"One charge of this and everyone within a one mile radius, gets freed of the slave shackle," He added.

"Good. Now we just need Tuenviq and Toldou to get it there." Matilda said with a serious expression.

"We will," Toldou answered from the side.

"After they are successful, her majesty has to be taken out of the premises so Gustav Crimson can do what he needs to," Rirole chimed in.

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Chapter 1349 The Wait Begins

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"Understood," Oola answered with a nod.

"Rirole, you send Gustav a message... tell him to be ready," Matilda instructed.

Upon conclusion with their plans, Matilda and the others made their way out of the workshop space.

Meanwhile...

"Today was fun Father," Sersi said to Gustav as they returned to their accommodation area

Gustav patted her head softly as they sped away on the back of a massive bird that looked like a mix between pigeon and wolf. Its claws were covered by the massive fur around its figure but it was no doubt there.

On the body of this same creature were two officials in green and black robes. They seemed to be the guards in charge of watching after Barron Diov and Valuri.

Gustav looked down and could see the state of a lot of places on the planet from his bird's eye view. The grey gases occupied a large part of the planet's floor and structures erected on the tips of massive spikes.

"Hmm? Why are these parts different from what I am used to seeing?" Gustav questioned like this was his first time seeing the situation of the planet in some areas.

The question had totally taken the guards by surprise as one could easily see the look of uneasiness on their faces.

"Uh... well... you see erm Barron..." One of them began stuttering.

They were scared of answering wrongly knowing this could put the planet at risk of being forcefully obtained by the alliance which would also mean their heads on a pike since Emperor Dhios would not let such a blunder pass.

"Lord Barron, these places are under construction," The other guard quickly spat out a lie.

"Construction? It seems to cover a lot of places. Wouldn't that be expensive?" Gustav questioned with a look of cluelessness.

"Ah yes, Lord Barron... Our great Emperor is only after bettering the planet so this will turn into an upgrade soon." The other guard added with a convincing tone.

"I see..." Gustav's face showed understanding and cluelessness but internally he was laughing at the guard's responses.

It didn't seem like they were aware that Gustav had collected the bribe yet and they were doing their best not to screw things up. Internally they prayed that the Barron would not ask any more questions.

'Three days up... those guys better be ready or I will really have to leave tomorrow,' Gustav said internally as a twin mountain came up in their line of view.

Fwwhhhhhooooosshh~

The flying bird was controlled to land exactly on the middle part of the left mountain where a gigantic establishment could be spotted.

They had arrived at the location where they were given accommodation.

Gustav and Sersi wasted no time in getting off the flying creature and heading into the large establishment that was structured like the helmet of a gladiator.

The moment they got in Gustav noticed one of the male workers in the establishment giving him some kind of signal.

[Mental Manipulation Has Been Activated]

'They're watching our every move so I'm heading to your room with you again. Remember what we did the other day, make sure no one...'

'...Comes in. Understood Father but why can't I join you this time,' Sersi asked internally.

'Cos I don't know what the situation is yet. I need to hear from the mole first,' Gustav answered internally as they maintained mind communication.

They soon arrived in Sersi's room and the moment they settled in, a knock was heard on the door.

"The emperor sends his greetings. I have been tasked with delivering departure gifts to the Barron and his beloved daughter," A voice was accompanied by the knock.

Gustav went on to open the door and a bald, blue man holding onto what looked like a box handed the entire thing to him.

Gustav nodded after accepting it before shutting the door.

"Must contain a message from Matilda. They're probably done with making that machine," Gustav immediately drew up this conclusion as he opened up the box.

A tab-like device could be spotted which he reached out to grab.

Upon activation, it projected a footage of Matilda.

"The separator machine has been completed successfully By the time you get this message, we will already be infiltrating the main palace where Dahria and the others are kept. This message will display a fifty-minute countdown after it finishes playing. That is how much time we would need to free her of the slave shackle. Then you can come in and deal with the fake emperor and his guards. On no account must you attack before this time frame or Dahria would be lost to us."

Immediately after Matilda finished speaking, the projection went dark for a moment. In the next instant, a timer appeared and began counting down.

<49:55:01>

"So now I gotta wait..." Gustav muttered as he stared at the display.

("You could still watch though...") The system voiced internally.

'True...' Gustav's eyes emitted a crimson glow in the next instant.

[Life Sign Tracking Has Been Activated]

'Coupled with my perception, this should be an interesting watch,'

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In the dark of night, a bunch of silhouettes could be seen circling a perimeter that had a large beast-like structure centered within.

The dim glow of the three green moons in the night sky didn't do well enough to unveil the looks of the silhouettes as they hid behind rocks in the vicinity to hide their presence.

A well-structured path could be seen leading from the mouth of the beast-shaped building up ahead down into the distance where the silhouettes originated from.

The visibility of the extremely beautiful surroundings would have been spotted had it not been nighttime. The area appeared to be more secluded in comparison with the others so it was naturally darker as well.

They proceeded slowly as they could already spot tens of guards moving around the vicinity.

"The moment we're at the entrance of the beast's mouth, we need to deactivate the alarms or we risk attracting backup guards to our location," One of the silhouettes whispered.

"I'll take care of that," Another one of the silhouettes whispered back.

One would wonder how they could hear each other despite how quietly they spoke with each other. However, they had a method of communication that made this possible.

"We need to deal with the guards here first and very quickly before any of them alert others..."

Twwhhhhssooooohhh~

A strange breeze suddenly encapsulated the entire vicinity causing even some of the silhouettes to lose their balance.

"What in the world is that?" One of them uttered with a tone of momentary confusion.

"Done." A feminine voice was heard from up ahead.

Their eyes widened as they swiftly stood to their feet and headed in the direction of the beast's mouth up ahead.

Tens of guards could be spotted sprawled across the place in pools of their blood with a feminine figure clad in all black waiting for them at the entry point.

Some of them were visibly shocked as they froze in place for a bit.

'Did she slaughter them all?' Their eyes widened at this realization.

The Dhios guards were the most powerful force on the planet yet she had just slaughtered them like weak chickens in mere seconds.

"What are you guys waiting for? Move!" She said with a tone of apprehension.

"Yes senior Matilda," A bunch of them answered in unison before heading further.

The entrance to the beast-like structure gave way to a bunch of stairs waiting for them the moment they got to the end.

This whole structure appeared to be constructed in such a way that nothing was located at the center except for a gigantic hole.

The stairways led only downwards so it happened to look like a dungeon of sorts.

"Quickly! We don't have all day!" Matilda said to the others as they made their way downwards on the spiral sloppy stairways.

"Hey stop the..." Two guards down ahead spotted them and yelled but before they could even complete their sentence...

Twiiihh~ Puuurrkkkl!!!

Two large silvery projectiles shaped like spikes shot forward at an insane speed and pierced through both of them.

Their figures were blasted across the air and before anyone could understand what was going on, they spotted two guards impaled into the walls by the side while bleeding out.

"Keep going!" Matilda instructed.

Every one of the silhouettes wasted no time in continuing forward. Sure, the strength that Matilda had shown there was terrifying but she was on their side so they had nothing to worry about.

So he just keeps her down here until he feels like showing her off again or whenever he wants to try mating? Unforgivable!

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Chapter 1350 Unexpected Confrontation

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Silvery liquid gathered around her like orbs as they sped down the structure. They formed shapes according to her will and shot forward with incredible speed as well as power.

Twwhhii! Bang! Twwhhii! Bang! Twwiihh! Bang!

The entire structure quaked multiple times as guards continuously dropped like flies.

After heading down for about ten minutes, the whole place suddenly began to quake uncontrollably.

Unfortunately, this time it wasn't Matilda's doing.

Screeeeevv~ Bam!

A massive rock-like covering suddenly phased out of the wall below like a lid and shuttled to the other end of the wall, completely hindering their descent.

"Looks like they are aware of our presence," Oola voiced from the side, her figure barely visible as well due to her all-black outfit.

"Well this was to be expected but at lea..." Before she could complete her sentence, Matilda suddenly sensed danger and grabbed Riola who was right beside her.

Fwwhii~

She leaped backward with him in her grasp as a streak of yellow shot past, missing them by a hairbreadth.

Bang!

Web-like cracks appeared all over the rocky wall by the side as a small needle-like projectile could be spotted embedded in the middle.

It was so little yet it seemed so dangerous because of the intensity of the damage it created.

"You managed to evade... good," A raspy voice cooed out as a figure could be spotted phasing out of the wall on the opposite end which was over fifty feet away.

A feminine figure in a green armored outfit without a helmet became more visible as they moved closer.

- "That's Ivreen... one of the five generals!"

- "What is she doing here?"

- "We're done for," some of the silhouettes spoke shakily in fear as they identified the figure who happened to be a nearly seven-foot-tall blue being with a raspy voice.

'Only ordinary guards and maybe a few stronger ones than the others should be here... I guess I should take this as one of those unexpected encounters I planned for by setting the timer the way I did,' Matilda said internally as she moved Riola to stand behind her since there was nowhere to hide.

"I assume that person must be valuable with the way a person as powerful as yourself is protecting them," Ivreen stated as yellowish glowing dots began to appear around her.

What is with that...? Something is wrong...

The moment the thought appeared in Matilda's mind, the needle embedded in the wall behind them emitted a yellow glow.

Boom!

An explosion instantly rocked the vicinity, covering the entire area in a world of yellow.

"Ahhh!"

Kiiarrhh!

Loud cries rang out as debris and smoke completely marred the visibility of the surroundings. There was no doubt that the second blast had caused casualties.

Fwee~

Ivreen waved her hand to clear the dust around her as she stepped forward.

"That was too easy... now to slaughter the rest of you traitors," The sound of her boots clicking against the rocky floor multiplied the pressure in the vicinity as her raspy voice shook the hearts of everyone around.

As the dust cleared, Ivreen paused in her tracks.

Her eyebrows furrowed as she spotted a silvery triangular-shaped covering that was only a few feet away from the walls of the structure that had been dented completely.

"So you're still alive..." She voiced with a slightly surprised tone.

"I'm not so easy to kill," A feminine voice responded from within the silvery encapsulation.

Thhhrrrrriihhh~

The silvery encapsulation which seemed to have shielded a number of them from the explosion slowly dissolved. Matilda stepped forward while the dissolved silvery liquid floated and turned into orbs around her.

Behind her were Riola and Oola who both had silver-like armor covering their entire being thanks to Matilda.

"So he is indeed important... I know who to kill now," Ivreen voiced as her figure suddenly blurred.

Twahhii~

She appeared beside Riola with two three-inch needles in her grasp which she proceeded to stab sideways.

'She's fast...' Matilda's eyes widened as she turned around as quickly as she could.

Pah!

Matilda grabbed Ivreen's hand before the needles could make contact with Riola, stopping her in place with sheer strength. Unfortunately, even at that, both needles emitted yellow lights at their bases and streaked forward.

Prrkk~ Prrkk~

Both needles poked through the surface of the armor surrounding Riolo's figure but were unable to pierce through any further.

However, before Matilda could take any action...

Boom! Boom!

Another explosion rang out, this time twice as powerful as the last.

Matilda and everyone surrounding Riolo instantly got blasted away... Ivreen included.

Bang!

Matilda's body slammed into the other end of the wall, blasting through it and causing a small underground collapse.

As the dust slowly began to clear up, people could be seen sprawled across the place bleeding from their orifices. Riolo grunted heavily as he struggled to get up beside a wall that had come crashing down.

"Grandpa Riola!" Oola dived out of nowhere and pushed him out of the way as a gigantic piece of rock fell from above.

Bang!

It slammed onto his initial spot and cracked open.

"Thank you kiddo," Riola voiced with an appreciative tone as he stared at his bleeding ankle.

It turned out that he had taken damage from the blast and some areas on the armored silvery suit had come off.

"Your luck has run out," Ivreen's figure suddenly appeared before them with glowing yellow dots surrounding her figure.

"Ahhh!"

"Damn it! Damn It! Damn it! Damn it!" Toldou yelled as he ran from a bunch of guards in a rocky-looking hallway.

By his side was a figure in a guard outfit as well, holding onto a rhombus-shaped piece of machinery.

"How in the name of Aphris did they find out?!" Tuenviq yelled back as they ran as quickly as they could.

"You're the guard! You tell me!" Toldou screamed in both anger and fear.

Twwhiihh~ Twwhiihh~ Twwhiihh~

Projectiles from the weaponry the guards had in their possession were being fired at these two as they fled from the disaster.

"We have to make sure we protect the separator machine till Old Riole gets down here to work it," Tuenviq stated as they moved in a zigzag format to evade the projectiles.

"Death To The Traitors!" The guards behind chanted as they relentlessly pursued.

"How are we going to do that with all of these guards chasing after us?!" Toldou cried out.

Screeeevv~

The entire place suddenly began to quake as they helplessly stooped forward.

"That is not good," Tuenviq's eyes darted upwards with a tone of concern.

"What? What isn't?!" Toldou asked with shaky breath while wondering if things could get any worse than they already were.

"They closed the rafters..." Tuenviq answered.

"What?" Toldou voiced with a tone of confusion.

"The palace dungeon has been locked down... which means they won't be able to get down here. They are trapped!" Tuenviq yelled with a tone of urgency as they closed in on an intersection up ahead.

"Okay... that did get worse..." Toldou felt like giving up the moment he heard this.

The moment they arrived at the intersection, a massive hole could be spotted further ahead along with a massive stairway that led upwards and downwards in a spiral format.

About a hundred feet above, Tuenviq could spot the rocky wall in a horizontal format that acted as a barrier blocking anyone from leaving or coming down.

Towards their right, was a small path with a ledge that one could fall off if they weren't careful, and towards the left was another one that looked just like the one on the right.

The guards behind were still chasing and drawing closer but at that point Tuenviq came to a decision.

"Take it," He handed the machine in his grasp to Toldou whose eyes widened with disbelief.

"What th..." Before he could say anything Tuenviq cut him off.

"Head left and keep going till you see a turn on your right. It should lead you further downwards. Keep heading straight till you surpass two turnings and when you arrive at the one that leads to your right, take it and keep moving forward till you arrive before a massive decorated door," Tuenviq narrated very quickly.

"Wait, wait, left right forward for..." Toldou's eyes were rolling in confusion as he voiced out but Tuenviq cut him short again.

"There's no time, that is where Her Majesty and the rest of them are kept. Before you get there the drugs should have kicked in," Tuenviq yelled before speeding in the direction of the stairway.

"I must unlock that for them to have access," He pointed at the restricting rocky walls upwards while making his way up the stairs.

"Wait, what drugs? Did you say right after left...? Oh for the love of Aphris testicles!"

Toldou yelled in defeat as he noticed Tuenviq's figure ascending the stairs at a quick pace.