

Bloodline 151

Chapter 151 - Suspects

"The disciplinary committee responsible for giving you the punishment of working in the kitchen were not satisfied with the way I treated you when you first started working here," Boss Danzo voiced out.

"Uh?" Gustav was a bit surprised to hear this.

Even though they showed disgust towards him due to his bloodline that shouldn't be a reason for them to go this far, right?

People died and Gustav felt it made no sense for them to do this for something that minor.

"Boss Danzo, what made you feel this way?" Gustav asked after hearing that.

-"Well, I discussed with one of the four teachers from the disciplinary committee, Mr. Lon... They wanted me to increase the workload you were receiving in the kitchen and when I disregarded Mr. Lon's demands, he didn't look very pleased," Boss Danzo explained.

'Of course, they wouldn't be pleased, they went as far as spreading rumors about me using bloodline enhancement drugs when I beat Hung Jo and his gang up... This is definitely their doing,'

At that moment Gustav was feeling incensed.

- "Also they were unhappy when I officially employed you to work part-time in the kitchen,"

Boss Danzo added.

As Gustav recalled this conversation, his face squeezed up even more.

'Those bastards... Five people are dead because of you all,'

Since the initial investigations brought him no answers he decided to use another means of approach but he had to wait till tomorrow to do that.

Gustav stood up from his bed and walked towards the second room in his apartment.

He opened the door and walked in.

Shhhssh!

White gas flowed out of the room Immediately the door was opened.

The entire room felt cool. A rectangular board was placed in the middle of the room and four cylindrical glass containers that contained frozen bodies of mixed-breeds could be seen placed at different corners.

Scientific tools and pieces of equipment were placed in a standing rack on the right side of the room.

"Should I extract this ancient boptic panda bloodline, it seemed pretty good," Gustav stood in front of the third cylindrical container while speaking.

Inside this container was the body of a panda with a hard shell-like covering on its back, arms, and chest.

It took Gustav quite some time to deal with this one since its defense along with its bloodline was very good but he was hesitating on whether he should take its bloodline or sell it intact to the lab he would be visiting two days from now.

"If I sell the item I got from the school as well as the body of these mixed-breeds that should bring my balance to around eight million... It's won't be best to extract too many beast bloodlines since they might end up becoming useless and I also still have to get Atomic Disintegration to Zulu ranked before the test begins," Gustav said with a look of contemplation.

"It would be best to sell them all," Gustav concluded with this.

Gustav put this room together about two months back. Inside this room, he had been preserving the body of mixed-breeds and also experimenting on the ones he didn't sell.

What Gustav had been experimenting on was how mixed-breeds had a much more saturated bloodline than mixed-bloods but he hadn't been able to solve that.

He believed that if he was able to solve this, bloodline channeling would become easier and mixed-bloods might even be able to use their bloodline to its full potential just like the mixed-breeds who don't need their bloodlines to be graded.

He only had some research materials and tools but not enough knowledge to do everything he wanted.

Although he hadn't progressed in this research, he learned a lot of things about the anatomy of mixed-breeds.

About thirty minutes later Gustav left his apartment to go patrol with Angy once again.

Gustav had to put off infiltrating the border today due to the investigation of the kitchen incident.

During their night patrol, Angy noticed that Gustav wasn't quite there and his mind seemed to be preoccupied with something.

After they were done for the night and headed back into the apartment Angy finally decided to ask Gustav what was bothering him.

Gustav replied to her that everything was fine whereas she could tell that everything wasn't okay.

Angy knew Gustav was very tight-lipped and probably wouldn't say anything even if she kept disturbing him about it so she decided to take a step back while assuring him that he could talk to her about anything.

While they were walking through the corridor Angy remembered something she saw in the news channel and decided to talk to Gustav about it.

"Gustav, I heard that your school kitchen was burnt down due to the recklessness of the chief cook," Angy said with a curious look.

Gustav suddenly paused his footsteps after hearing that.

"Hmm? What's wrong?" Angy also paused her steps and turned around to stare at Gustav when she noticed he wasn't moving.

She stared at the noticeable look of annoyance on his face and wondered if she said something wrong.

Gustav's face turned dark and he stared at Angy, "Don't believe everything you see on the news," He voiced out before he continued walking forward.

Angy had a look of confusion as she stared at him walk past her. The serious change in expression on Gustav's face dumbfounded her.

Her mind went back to the news and she remembered something else.

Angy quickly walked forward and arrived beside Gustav.

"By any chance did you know anyone who worked in that kitchen? Is that why you're acting like this?" Angy asked while grabbing hold of Gustav's left arm.

Gustav had to pause his footsteps again. He didn't reply to Angy neither did he turn to stare at her but from the expression on his face, Angy was able to piece things together.

That was how she understood that his sour mood was connected to this matter.

"Oh my God, are you okay?" Angy suddenly dragged Gustav into her embrace.

She placed Gustav's head on her chest and held him tightly with a look of concern.

Gustav was held like a baby by Angy but he didn't turn her affection down. He felt the warmth her body exuded which gave him a feeling of calmness and comfort.

After a while, they separated and Angy asked Gustav to explain how he was connected to the kitchen staff.

Gustav decided to tell her a bit about how things started close to five months back.

He mentioned how he worked in the kitchen due to a school punishment and ended up being taught how to cook which led to him being hired later on.

Chapter 152 - Bidding Farewell To A Cherished One

He didn't mention anything about his ongoing investigation or how he suspected the school disciplinary committee of causing the incident, he only mentioned his connection with the kitchen and its staff.

When Angy finished hearing his narration she felt bad for him than she did earlier. Initially, she only thought Gustav was acquainted with a person there but now she realized he knew everyone there and had formed a bond with them.

Five people ended up losing their lives and from the way, he narrated it she could tell that he was also close with the blamed chief cook who seemed like a nice person to her.

Angy and Gustav talked for a few more minutes and in their discussions, she kept trying to cheer Gustav up.

Angy hugged Gustav one more time and rubbed his face affectionately before bidding him goodnight.

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The next few days were pretty uneventful in school. The kitchen incident was starting to die down and the old chefs were reinstated, all except for boss Danzo, Gustav, and the dead staff of course.

A new chief cook was put in charge and this person happened to not be an old staff.

He was placed in charge by the school board and happened to be quite an influential cook also.

Unlike boss Danzo, this new chief didn't let Gustav continue working with them, saying he wasn't qualified to step foot in the kitchen.

Boss Danzo was the reason why Gustav was able to work there in the first place, with him gone Gustav already expected that this was going to happen, especially since the disciplinary committee were the culprits of the incident and planned the entire thing because of him.

The other staff members pleaded for the new chief to employ Gustav back but their pleas fell on deaf ears.

Gustav on the other hand wasn't bothered and kept focusing on investigating the issue until boss Danzo gave him a call for them to meet somewhere.

Boss Danzo and Gustav met in a cake shop not too distant from the school after the activities for the day ended.

"Gustav I'm leaving Plankton city," Boss Danzo was the first to break the few seconds silence between them.

"Why?" Gustav asked with a crestfallen look.

"Because there's no point in remaining here if I can't cook... My cooking reputation is practically ruined here since no one will be willing to hire this old geezer hehe," Boss Danzo laughed lightly as he spoke causing the tense atmosphere to ease up a little.

Gustav stared at him for a few seconds before speaking, "What about Mara?" He asked.

"That's exactly why I wanted to see you if not I would have just left the city without informing anyone and maybe send you a message later, hehe," Boss Danzo laughed lightly again after saying that but Gustav's face still looked as dark as ever.

"Gustav, my granddaughter, Mara will be entering the MBO training camp as a mixed-blood scientist in training, which means, you will get to see her from time to time. Please I want you to take care of her for me," Boss Danzo requested with a pleading look.

"Hmm? She's entering the research department?" Gustav asked.

"Yes, she was picked a few months back but this year's batch hadn't been fully picked yet so she still had to hold on," Boss Danzo explained.

"Oh, I see... I will definitely try my best to watch over her if I'm able to pass the entrance test and get enlisted," Gustav stated with a serious look.

"That's a relief then, I will have to rely on you for this," Boss Danzo smiled while responding.

"Hnm but why does Boss Danzo sound confident in me passing the entrance test... What if I don't pass?" Gustav asked.

"Haha, son you're kidding, right? After everything you did during the incident, I don't doubt your entry anymore," Boss Danzo replied while laughing lightly.

Gustav scratched his head slightly after hearing that. He had nearly forgotten that boss Danzo already knew about him being stronger than he was supposed to be.

"I was worried about your dreams getting crushed by reality and the fact that you will have to come to terms about not being able to get into the MBO with your low-grade bloodline... I had already decided that when you fail and got back, I would take you into my home and take care of you while also passing my legacy down to you but now... I'm no longer worried about that... I'm sure that you'll do well and

won't have to suffer the fate of reality crushing your hopes, good luck my boy," Boss Danzo said with a smile.

Gustav was moved by boss Danzo's words again.

He stood up from his seat in front and gave a low bow.

"Thank you for everything boss Danzo," He said with a look of gratitude.

Even though others within the cake shop were staring at him, he didn't flinch in the slightest and remained in the same position for several seconds.

"Ah, you don't have to do that my boy... I'm happy to have helped you in any way I can," Boss Danzo said while dismissively waving his hand.

From the bottom of his heart, Gustav was grateful for everything Boss Danzo did for him. He still couldn't bear to part ways with him but there was nothing he could do about the current situation.

He swore in his heart to look after Mara if he managed to get into the MBO. This was the way he decided to repay boss Danzo.

Gustav took his seat after doing that and asked boss Danzo one last question.

"Which City do you plan on heading to?"

"It's not a very popular city but you might know it... This city is known as, BURNING SANDS," Boss Danzo said with a profound look.

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About thirty minutes later Gustav had arrived back in his apartment. He came to terms with the fact that what had happened had happened and he couldn't do anything to change it.

Mopping around wouldn't help in any way so Gustav planned his next step.

"I can't let them go scot-free with what they have done..." Gustav leaned his jaw on his knuckles as he spoke.

"I will make sure they all pay,"

Chapter 153 - A Month Duration

"I will make sure they all pay," Gustav said with a hate-filled expression before standing up from his bed.

He changed out of his school uniform into a full set of black clothing before stepping out of his apartment.

Gustav walked towards the balcony on the left side of the corridor.

Twiiiiii!

The door opened up and he walked through it. What appeared in his line of sight were the outlines of buildings around the neighborhood.

This building was seven storeys high so Gustav could see the roofs of other buildings in the area since this was one of the tallest in the neighborhood.

Gustav walked towards the edge of the balcony and stared at the neighborhood.

Towards the left was a road that led upwards. At the end of the road which was more than twenty blocks away were two intersections.

One led to the left and the other to the right.

While on his right side was a path that led to the back of their building but it still extended downwards leading to the sparse forest region before the border.

Gustav usually went through the path on the right but this time he was heading for the east of the border since he was still investigating the issue of mixed-breeds crossing the border so he would be headed for the path on the left.

Gustav brought out a mask from his storage ring.

This mask was red with two long horns at the top.

"Although faint, I've been sensing that weird presence more and more recently," Gustav muttered as he put on the mask.

[Size Manipulation has been activated]

Gustav grew to a height of over six feet with a slightly muscular frame.

Gustav didn't need size manipulation to change his appearance anymore since he had shapeshifting, the problem was, shapeshifting not only took up lots of energy points but also had limitations since it could only enable him to take the form of a person.

While using shapeshifting he would have to transform to another person that had this stature if he wanted to grow to this size but with size manipulation, he could just change his size to whatever he wanted it to be and wear a mask to hide his facial look.

Gustav turned towards the left and walked to the edge.

The other building's rooftop was about eleven meters away from his position and the entire building was about five stories tall.

[Silent Advancement has been activated]

Gustav turned around and moved nine steps away from the edge.

[Dash has been activated]

He suddenly turned back around and bolted forward.

Swooshhh!

His body arrived before the edge immediately after taking one step. Once he got to the edge he squatted slightly without pausing his movement before pushing his body upwards with his legs.

Thoom!

Gustav's body traveled in mid-air, flying above the neighborhood and the street below.

His line of sight only caught a one-second glimpse of the street downwards while he was in between both buildings' rooftops.

Bop!

Gustav's body crossed the space between both buildings and landed on the other one.

Swooshhh!

He didn't stop moving, his body blurred once again as he ran across the roof of this building hardly causing any sounds.

Fwooom!

He leaped upwards again after he got to the edge of this rooftop and his body traveled several meters in the air before he landed on the next building rooftop.

Gustav continued leaping from rooftop to rooftop within the neighborhood, headed towards the east side of the border.

The people around the neighborhood barely noticed him due to his speed and his silent movement.

In a few minutes, he had arrived on the rooftop of the last building in the area.

From this rooftop, he could see the sparse forest region ahead and to his left was the road that divided the border into two halves.

Gustav leaped downwards and dashed towards the right side.

Some minutes later he arrived before the border.

Gustav once again carved out miniature circles using his right and left index fingers while moving across the place.

When he was done carving out around fifty invisible circles he clasped his palms together.

The instant he did that, fifty milky glowing circles appeared in mid-air around the place and began to absorb the power of the border into them.

The green, red and blue wall of lines were being absorbed from the bottom corner and in a few seconds, an opening had started forming.

The first time when Gustav made use of this ability, he could only make smaller circles due to the fact that Gravitational Energy Container Bloodline was unstable and hard to control so he had to create up to a hundred smaller circles before he was able to absorb enough energy to create an opening.

If he had made each circle bigger it would have collapsed so making it smaller was the only way for it to work which was why it usually took around three minutes for the opening to appear but as Gustav started learning the energy technique he got from the system he was able to increase the size of the circles as the days went by.

Now that he was able to create palm-sized circles he only needed to create fifty circles to absorb the energy from the border and create an opening under two minutes.

Once the opening was created, Gustav dashed in along with the circles following behind him.

In a few more seconds the border closed up and the energy balls disappeared, phasing with the space around Gustav.

'This marks two hundred and thirty-five... Since the entrance test is coming up soon, if I get enlisted I won't be able to come back here for a very long time... I must make sure I gather lots of EXP as well as filling up the gravitational field around me with enough energy just in case of emergencies,' Gustav thought as he walked towards the dense forest in the distance.

'According to the map, there are still forty-three places that I haven't visited on this side of the border... In a month and a half, I must make sure I visit every one of them as well as the ones on the other side,'

[Sprint has been activated]

Gustav dashed into the distance and leaped onto the branch of the first tree he arrived in front of before he started to leap from one tree to the other.

Chapter 154 - One Day Left

-Six weeks later

It was early in the morning around nine am. The weather seemed lovely and the entire city looked very lively.

The sun hung on the eastern part of the blue skies shining down upon the beautiful modern city.

The screens on the surfaces of buildings as well as the ones placed in mid-air across several parts of Plankton city all showcased one thing...

NUMBER OF DAYS LEFT TILL THE START OF THE MBO ENTRANCE TEST: 001

A particular building that extended high into the skies, piercing the clouds above was looking particularly glamorous today as it stood tall in the heart of the city.

It also displayed this same announcement.

The MBO entrance test that everyone had been waiting for was going to take place the next day.

The youngsters most especially were excited about it. Some were feeling very tensed while others felt confident in their abilities.

Rumors had been flying around about the test. Some said it was going to be extremely difficult and brutal while others said it would be fun-filled.

Everyone had heard a thing or two about how the past MBO entrance tests were even though the entire process wasn't disclosed to the public.

One thing that was regular among these rumors was the difficulty level of the test. The MBO entrance test took place every two years so everyone was determined to pass it so as not to spend two more years waiting for another chance.

At the moment, over two hundred thousand teenagers and young adults all around the world were said to be interested in participating in the test.

People already had an idea of how the MBO was going to divide the test venues and sessions within every city but no one knew the exact locations where the main test would take place.

The MBO was pretty secretive with their actions but whenever they wanted to do things like this, it would become a public topic.

In every mixed-blood household, there was at least one mixed-blood interested in joining the MBO so it was bound to be packed.

In a luxurious household, a young boy in dark green long hair who looked no older than seventeen stood with his back slightly lowered in front of a man sitting on a chair within the living room.

The atmosphere was a bit tense as the man in a sitting position held onto a small black cube.

"Ceaser, your participation badge has been sent by the MBO, I hope you're prepared for tomorrow," The man spoke with a solemn look.

"Yes father, I am perfectly ready," The teenage boy replied.

"You had better be! You have already shamed me by failing the special test... You had better not disappoint me this time!" The man spoke with a very powerful voice causing the surroundings to vibrate.

The boy flinched back a bit before replying, "Yes father, I won't disappoint you this time," He said in a fidgety manner.

In another luxurious household, a scene similar to the one previously was playing out but the atmosphere here wasn't as tense, instead, it was the opposite.

"Baby, you know father loves you... Tread softly," A man with white hair and golden locks behind sat on the sofa while holding onto the hands of a girl who was seated beside him.

The girl had a Loli-like face with indigo-colored hair.

"Ah, I know that already papa, hmph," The girl replied with a disgruntled expression.

"Hahaha, don't beat anyone half to death this time, remember you failed the special test because of your temper," The man said with a burst of laughter.

"Hmph, they better know their place!" She replied with a pout.

In another household that seemed more humble compared to the other two, a teenage boy was on his knees in front of his mother.

They were both dark-skinned and the boy had bushy afro-styled hair with a handsome look.

"Mother, give me your blessings," The boy said while displaying a wide set of white teeth. His smile looked extremely charming with his caramel-colored skin.

His mother returned his smile with a beautiful smile of her own.

She bowed her head slightly and kissed him on his forehead.

"My boy, I believe you can do it," She said after withdrawing from him.

"Here's your badge," She added while extending a black cube towards him.

The boy reached out both his palms and she placed the cube on it.

Similar scenes played out across the world with slight differences in execution.

Everyone participating in the MBO entrance test, had badges of participation send to their homes. Without these badges, they wouldn't be able to access the tall MBO building in the heart of the city.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

In a small space surrounded by wooden white walls, a battle was going on between two people.

A teenage boy and a young lady clashed repeatedly with different weapons in their grasps.

They were both dressed in Yukatas and as they jumped around the place, their outfits bloated due to their speed and made small flapping sounds.

Their bodies blurred due to their fast movements and small winds were also generated.

"Good thing you're able to contain your attacks to a particular range now instead of spreading destruction to the surroundings," A female voice was heard as both figures blurred across the place.

"It's all thanks to you miss Aimee," A light male voice replied.

Bang!

A loud collision was made and both figures slide backward separating from each other.

The boy slid back by seventeen feet while the young lady slid back by three feet.

Both of them straightened their bodies and stared at each other with a light smile displayed on their faces.

In both their hand were purple metallic poles with pointy tips.

"Good job, you're able to measure to a tenth of my strength now,"

The female who happened to be miss Aimee was the first to speak up.

"Even though it's just a tenth, I'm glad," The boy who was obviously Gustav replied.

"You've really grown in these past six months," Miss Aimee said while walking towards Gustav, "A truly unbelievable amount of growth," she added.

Gustav at this point was around 5'9 in height, he was now taller than miss Aimee with a slightly buffer look.

"It's all thanks to miss Aimee," Gustav replied while staring into Miss Aimee's eyes with a smile.

"No, it's all due to your hard work and mysterious power which you never revealed to me," Miss Aimee said while placing her right palm on his chest while staring back into his eyes.

"Do you plan on keeping this secret from your mentor forever?"

Chapter 155 - Last Training Session

"Do you plan on keeping this secret from your mentor forever?" Miss Aimee asked.

Gustav's face still had the smile on even after hearing her question. He continued staring at her with a calm look while responding, "But miss Aimee already knows that I can copy the appearance of whoever I wish to,"

Miss Aimee was very shocked when she found out about this, about one month ago because she had always believed that Gustav's original bloodline wasn't useless like everyone said. She believed its ability was only limited by the grade and just as she had thought, his bloodline was truly a rare type.

'His bloodline really has a lot of potential,'

"Well, if not for the stunt you pulled I wouldn't have known about that since you never told me outright but still... We both know that your ability to change your appearance still doesn't explain your insane strength neither does it explain some of the things that happened in the past," Miss Aimee voiced out with a complicated expression displayed on her beautiful face.

"Hmm, like?" Gustav asked with a look of curiosity.

"Like how those mixed-bloods lost their bloodlines," Miss Aimee responded with her eyes widening slightly.

"Miss Aimee already knows enough... I will leave the rest to your imagination," Gustav said with a small chuckle.

"Tch, hiding things from even me," Miss Aimee said as she removed her hand from Gustav's chest.

Gustav chuckled even more at her response and proceeded to sit on the floor.

Miss Aimee also did the same and sat beside him.

For a few seconds, there was silence between them causing the atmosphere to give off a peaceful vibe.

Sigh~

A small sigh escaped from miss Aimee's mouth after several minutes had gone by.

"Tomorrow is the day huh?" She voiced out with a low tone.

Gustav kept looking forward with a solemn expression.

"This is our last training session together, I sure won't miss a troublemaker like you," Miss Aimee muttered.

"On the other hand I will miss the times we spent together, miss Aimee and I'll be sure to pay back your kindness in the future," Gustav said with a smile as memories of the last six months came flooding through his mind.

"Where did you learn those cheesy lines...? Save them for your lover," Miss Aimee said with a dismissive look.

Gustav laughed after hearing her words again.

"With your current strength, passing the physical test phase shouldn't be a problem but the rest will be based on a variety of other things... Watch out for the other tests... The main test will be a combination of five things" Miss Aimee paused before turning her face to stare at Gustav while raising her index finger.

"Bloodline, Prowess, intelligence, wisdom, and mental capability," Miss finished raising her five fingers and placed her hand down after listing out those things.

"Bloodline will always be the number one requirement because the MBO believes that even without intelligence or the rest of the other qualities, a mixed-blood with a high-grade bloodline can still be trained to achieve greatness," Miss Aimee explained with slightly furrowed eyebrows.

"From what I remember your bloodline used to be below F-grade but it has undergone some changes within this past six months... We can only hope for it to be as high as C-grade because if not... Passing the test would be a problem," Miss Aimee said with a look of worry.

'Unless I get involved which would cause some suspicions,'

Miss Aimee could already sense that Gustav's bloodline was no longer below F-grade. Anyone with a brain would be able to tell after seeing the change his original bloodline had undergone.

Gustav wanted to assure miss Aimee that he met the bloodline requirement but if he did he would practically be admitting the fact that he was aware of his bloodline increasing in grade which would arouse suspicions since the only known way of figuring out your bloodline grade was by undergoing the examination in a lab.

Gustav didn't want to risk the system being exposed even till now.

"Hmm, let's hope the examiners are a little lenient even though my bloodline doesn't qualify," Gustav said in response even though he knew this was impossible.

"Hahaha, those old foogies, that's impossible... But don't worry... I believe in you Gustav," Miss concluded with a smile.

Gustav smiled back, 'At the very least I can't betray her expectations of me,' he said internally with a resolute look.

"Have you gotten your participation badge?" Miss Aimee asked.

"Hmm? Participation badge?" Gustav voiced out with a clueless look.

Miss Aimee explained to him that it was something received by young adults all over the world participating in the test.

"That's the only way you can be allowed entry into the tower," Miss Aimee concluded her explanation with this.

"Ohh, that tower," Gustav's eyes shown a bit of excitement after hearing that.

'I finally get to enter,'

"Hmm, the MBO space/Underground tower 007 is where the registration will take place and it's also where kids from this city interested in joining the MBO will be addressed by the higher-ups," Miss Aimee explained.

"Oh I see, how do I get my badge then?" Gustav asked.

"It will be sent to your home by the MBO themselves. Although they don't send it to everyone, you will definitely have received it," Miss Aimee assured Gustav.

Gustav's mind became calm after hearing that, 'It should be home by now then,' Gustav thought.

"Gustav, it's time for you to show them what you're capable of, are you up to the task?" Miss Aimee asked with a smirk.

"Hnm," Gustav nodded in response with a look of resolve but then he remembered something.

"Will miss Aimee be picking another student from the school to train after I get in?" Gustav asked.

Miss Aimee extended her right hand towards Gustav's forehead upon hearing his question.

Flick!

She flicked his forehead lightly.

"Ow," Gustav held his forehead with a look of pain. Even though she barely put strength into her finger when she flicked his forehead, it still hurt.

"There can only be one Gustav... No other student is interesting enough for me to spend so much time with," She said with a smirk.

Chapter 156 - Surprising Appearance

"I doubt anyone besides me would be able to take your bullying either," Gustav replied while faking a look of annoyance.

"Hahaha,"

"Hahaha,"

Both of them burst into laughter after that exchange for several seconds before stopping.

Silence reigned for many seconds as they stared at nothing with smiles on their faces while reminiscing.

"Gustav, I will be resigning from teaching..." Miss Aimee finally broke the silence.

Gustav was not surprised by her declaration but he still asked, "Why?"

"Due to your discovery within the border... I have to finish investigating that issue so I will be traveling to another city, two weeks from now," Miss Aimee said with a solemn look.

Gustav stared at her with a contemplative expression. He was quite speechless and didn't know how to respond.

"Don't worry, we'll meet again in the future... Don't forget that I still have to receive my compensation, hehe," Miss Aimee laughed lightly after speaking.

Gustav couldn't help but smile back. This was the very first time he was seeing miss Aimee show so many emotions in an hour.

What Gustav didn't know was, miss Aimee smiled more in the last six months than she ever did in the last six years.

She never shone such in classes or around anyone else he knew besides him so even though she kept mentioning compensations Gustav knew that she truly cared for him and he was very grateful for that.

"So miss Aimee, which city will you be headed to?" Gustav asked with a curious gaze.

An hour later Gustav had arrived in his apartment. Today's events played out in his mind and he couldn't help but look very focused at the moment.

"Oh, miss Aimee mentioned the badge," Gustav remembered this and stood up from his bed before he started checking around his apartment for the badge.

Miss Aimee already described its appearance to him and assured him that his apartment security protocols couldn't stop the cube from finding its way in so long as it was sent by the MBO.

Gustav looked around for over thirty minutes but he couldn't find anything like what miss Aimee had described to him.

Even though he knew he had checked properly while also making use of his abilities, Gustav still decided to search the entire apartment once again and this time it took him thirty minutes.

After he finished doing that he sat on his bed with a dumbfounded and defeated expression.

"Did the MBO make a mistake or what? Where is the participation badge I was supposed to receive... Or am I one of those who didn't receive one?" Gustav considered these possibilities but when he remembered miss Aimee's look of confidence when she mentioned he would have gotten one, he stopped doubting.

Gustav's mind wandered to various things and possible reasons as to why he couldn't find it in his apartment.

"Fill your name, address, and other details on the collection form if you are interested in participating in the test!"

"Remember, you cannot participate if you are not a Zulu ranked mixed-blood by then,"

Gustav's mind went back to the time when the MBO inspectors visited their school.

"That's it," He voiced out with a look of realization.

"Looks like I'll have to visit that place," Gustav said with a slight frown.

When he filled in his information on the collection form six months back, he hadn't rented this apartment yet so he filled in the address of his parents' house.

Gustav guessed that the cube must have been sent to his former household.

"If I'm gonna visit them I might as well get it done before nightfall," Gustav muttered and stood up to change his clothes.

After a few minutes had gone by Gustav left his apartment and headed towards the nearest bus station.

Just as he left the building Angy came out of her apartment and headed to his.

Kom! Kom!

"Hey, Gustav are you there?" She raised her voice while knocking on his door.

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Ten minutes later Gustav arrived in his old neighborhood.

He stared at the familiar bungalow-type houses within the vicinity. He kept walking on the side of the road while looking around, checking for differences but he soon lost interest when he didn't notice anything.

His appearance didn't garner ridiculing glances as it used to in the past because the people moving around the neighborhood couldn't even recognize him. He had changed quite a lot in that past six months. He was close to being six feet tall now with a buff build, charming looks, and smooth blonde hair.

Even his manner of walking had a lot of elegance mixed in. He had a very straight and confident look unlike before when he was always looking timid.

Gustav arrived in front of the butter-colored bungalow building he lived in for seventeen straight years and memories begin flooding in once again.

He had an expressionless look as he arrived in front of the door and knocked gently.

Kom! Kom!

"Darling, please get the door, I'm still busy with this,"

A familiar feminine voice drifted into Gustav's ears from inside.

'Hmm, darling?' Gustav remembered that his mother only said that word when a person was around.

Click!

The door made a clicking sound and shifted to the side.

"Huh?"

"Oh?"

Gustav stared at the familiar figure that appeared in front of him with a slightly surprised look while the figure stared back at him with a dumbfounded expression.

"Who are you?" The man who opened the door asked with his left eyebrow raised slightly.

It was a middle-aged-looking man with a square-shaped face sporting dirty blond hair.

Although Gustav also had dirty blonde hair, it still looked more refined and beautiful compared to that of the middle-aged man.

'He doesn't even recognize me,' Gustav smiled as this thought came to his mind, 'I guess this is all for the best then... I don't need any senseless banter,'

Gustav changed the tone of his voice, making it deep before speaking.

"Erm, I am participating in the MBO entrance test... I seem to have sent the wrong address to the MBO so my participation badge ended up here... I'm coming to get it," Gustav said with a polite look.

"Oh, you mean that?" The man asked while pointing towards the shelf area inside the apartment.

Gustav's sight followed where his finger pointed at inside the apartment from his position at the entrance. He saw a black cube floating above the shelf on the other side of the living room.

Chapter 157 - Shameless Beyond Compare

From his position at the entrance, Gustav's sight followed where the man's finger pointed to inside the apartment. He saw a black cube floating above the shelf on the other side of the living room.

"Oh, thank you," Gustav said and walked in while the man moved towards the side.

Gustav walked into his former abode and looked around the place.

He noticed that neither his brother nor his mother was in the living room which gave him a sense of relief. He really didn't mind meeting them but he would rather not spend an extra second than he was supposed to in here.

"If the cube is yours, it should react to your presence," The man spoke from behind while staring at Gustav's back.

Gustav arrived in front of the shelf and just as he said, the cube flew towards him and landed on his palm.

"I will now take my leave," Gustav turned around to head out but he was blocked by the man.

"My son is also participating in the MBO entrance test, I want him to have allies with high graded bloodlines such as yourself," The man voiced out with a pleading look while staring at Gustav.

Gustav stared back at him with an expressionless look, "I'm sorry mister, I can't be allied with your son," he said while moving towards the left and passing by the man's side.

"But why? I just showed you kindness by letting you into my home and you want to repay me with this ungrateful attitude!" He voiced out loudly.

Gustav paused before he got to the door and slightly turned his head towards the side.

"I can't help your son since I only have an F-grade bloodline," Gustav voiced out with a smile.

"What? You're an F-grade mixed-blood?" The man voiced out with a look of disbelief.

"Hnm," Gustav nodded in response.

"I allowed such filth into my home! Ptoi!" The man shouted with a look of repulse and spat towards the side.

"Get out!" He shouted out once again.

"I was already..." Before Gustav could complete his sentence, a woman rushed out from the passageway behind, with a look of urgency.

She looked to be in her early forties, sporting long brown hair.

She bore an uncanny facial resemblance to Gustav. Even though Gustav looked a lot different from how he used to be, they still had similar facial looks which was noticeable if one looked closely enough.

"What's wrong honey?" She said immediately she arrived before the man and held onto his shoulder.

"Look at this F-grade filth that walked into our home!" The man shouted while pointing at Gustav.

"What? An F..." The woman who was obviously Gustav's mother was speaking when she noticed the face of Gustav which was slightly turned towards their direction.

"You..." She said with widened eyes.

"What's wrong?" The man beside her who happened to be her husband as well as Gustav's birth father asked when he noticed the weird look on his wife's face.

"Gustav..." She voiced out with a look of disbelief.

"Eh?" The father exclaimed with shock before turning to stare at Gustav.

His eyes widened as he finally noticed the resemblance between the boy and his wife.

He stared at Gustav from head to toe and from toe to head several times. The look of disbelief was so obvious on his face.

'What's with that confident look and expression,'

"What... How... Did he change so much?" Gustav's father couldn't help but ask with his eyes nearly popping out of their sockets.

The last time his father visited the house was around eight months ago so he couldn't understand how such a tremendous change could occur in less than a year. It made no sense to him no matter how much he thought about it.

"But you said he was dead!" The father said while pushing his wife's arms away from his shoulders.

"Erm honey I.. I.. I.." She stuttered repeatedly while trying to reply.

Gustav snorted and turned around to leave.

"Erm, Gustav, hold on... This isn't what you think you're our precious son too, you have to look after your brother in the MBO," The mother said frantically.

The father was once again dumbfounded by her statement and wondered where this was coming from.

Gustav paused his steps again and turned around to stare at her.

"I'm just an F-grade though, how can I be your precious son or watch over your truly beloved son?" Gustav asked.

"Come on son, don't be like that... I know that with your teacher entering into the MBO should be an easy task, won't you watch over your little brother, Endric," She said with a loving gaze while staring in Gustav's direction.

'What a shameless woman,' Gustav said internally before turning around.

"She's no longer my teacher and I have to pass the test before getting in," Gustav stated just as he got to the door.

"Oh, is that so," The look on his mother's face suddenly changed into that of disgust, "I knew you would never be able to keep such a high-class person as your teacher... Useless will always be useless," She voiced out with a repressed look.

The father stared at them from the side in silence since he was unable to keep up with the conversation.

"Don't think you're better than my lovely son, he will defeat you in the camp! Yes, he has already left home for the tower as a special candidate he won't be joining the likes of you for the test!" She added with a crazed look.

Gustav opened the door. His face was still as expressionless as ever. He couldn't even be bothered to banter with her.

"I have been lenient twice... The next time your son crosses path with me, bearing foolish intentions... I will destroy him," Gustav said with such a cold tone that even his parents shivered after hearing his words.

Bang!

Before they could regain their composure, Gustav had already left the apartment.

"What was that? I sensed the energy of a serial ranked from him... What is going on?"

Chapter 158 - Travelling To The MBO Tower

"What was that? I sensed the energy of a serial ranked from him... What is going on?" The father asked with a confused look while staring at his wife.

"Serial ranked? You must be mistaken," She responded with a look of disbelief. She couldn't even begin to imagine Gustav's strength being up to that level.

"Endric is only a step four Zulu ranked now, there's no way that an F-grade would already be serial ranked,"

Minutes later Gustav arrived back at his apartment.

He already had a feeling that some kind of drama would have happened once he went back there so he wasn't too surprised.

He decided to tone down his replies so he wouldn't have to spend more time than he wanted to in that sickening household.

One thing he was happy about was the fact that his parents hadn't changed and he guessed that Endric hadn't changed either.

He hadn't forgotten about what he went through in that household but he was still feeling grateful that he at least had a roof to stay under during those years which was why he never thought of really dealing with them.

Now, he felt they had made use of the leniency points they had left with him so he decided that the next time anyone from that household tried anything foolish, he would do to them as he had done to the others in the past.

"Since I was able to cause so many problems for the biggest school in the city, dealing with a small family is nothing," Gustav chuckled lightly and took off his red jacket before sitting on his reading chair.

He brought out the black cube from his storage device.

Zwooommm!

Immediately after he grabbed the cube rays of light suddenly erupted from it.

TIME OF REGISTRATION: 8: 00 A.M

VENUE: MBO TOWER

Gustav stared at the information that appeared within the flash of bright light.

In about three seconds the light dimmed and the cube dissolved into Gustav's palm.

"Huh?" Gustav was surprised by the sudden development, miss Aimee didn't tell him that this was gonna happen.

Trrooiinn!

His palm glowed up and a number appeared on it.

"00126, hmm, a lot of mixed-bloods will probably be trying their luck this year," Gustav muttered after seeing the number that appeared on his palm.

No one needed to tell him before he knew that the number couldn't be washed off by any cleaning agent or taking a bath.

It was obvious that it would be there till the end of the test or something.

"I'll be saying goodbye to this apartment soon," Gustav stood up and started walking around the place.

"It brought a lot of benefits..." He muttered as he looked around.

"I won't need to hide my strength from now on... If my cover-up plan works out well, I won't even need to hide my usage of different bloodline abilities," Gustav said with a look of relief.

"But it will also be stupid to reveal everything... Who knows the number of enemies I will make in the future... Best leave some surprises for them when they come to challenge me," Gustav said with a contemplative look.

Kom! Kom!

Gustav heard a knock on the door and went to open it.

"Gustav... You're back," A sweet feminine voice drifted into his ears.

The next morning Gustav woke up around six am.

His daily tasks had undergone a change when the system finished its upgrade almost two months back but Gustav still only needed thirty minutes to complete them.

»Daily tasks:

<Execute a 60 feet vertical jump>

(Status: Completed)

<Run around your neighborhood seventy times in a span of thirty minutes>

(Status: Completed)

<Do 900 push ups>

(Status: Completed)

»Difficulty level: C

»Rewards:

<+200 EXP>

<+1 Vitality>

<+1 Endurance>

Gustav stared at the rewards after completing today's task and nodded with a look of gratification before heading back to his apartment.

The daily tasks were not only different from before but also changed to different tasks each day.

The rewards every day was also different based on the difficulty of the daily tasks.

If the difficulty was higher, he would be able to get more rewards.

Although there was not any sweat on his body, Gustav still headed to the shower after getting back home.

In a few more minutes he had dressed up.

Around seven am Angy came to knock on his door and they both headed out of the building after her parents bid them a tearful farewell while wishing both of them good luck.

Angy was dressed in a green sweater and slim blue trousers while Gustav wore a crimson-colored jacket and black pants trousers. Angy looked really athletic today and it was due to the test.

Everyone was dressing up in clothes that would be good for easy movement. Only a stupid person would wear any kind of restricting clothes to the entrance test.

Immediately after they arrived outside their apartment building they noticed a hoverbike in the distance.

On it was a beautiful lady sporting ash-colored hair.

"Hey kids, let's go," She voiced out with a sweet smile.

"Miss Aimee," Angy smiled while voicing out and hastened her steps.

'This is a surprise,' Gustav didn't expect that miss Aimee would be transporting them with her bike.

Angy sat on the bike first and Gustav sat behind her.

"Hold on tight," Miss Aimee warned as she started the engine of her bike.

This warning was for Angy since this was her first time boarding miss Aimee's bike.

Angy nodded and held onto miss Aimee's waist. She shivered when she felt Gustav's fingers lock onto her waist from behind.

Since Gustav was behind, he didn't notice the shade of red that was already forming on her cheeks.

Sweeei!

Miss Aimee's hoverbike sped off into the distance while carrying the three of them.

While on the bike Angy now understood why miss Aimee asked her to hold on tight.

Miss Aimee was moving with so much speed that the buildings in the vicinity were blurring right before her eyes as they streaked past them.

Even though her bloodline granted her speed the speed of the bike was way beyond her capacity.

This had her wondering, 'How is miss Aimee able to ride at such speed without causing any accidents?'

Chapter 159 - Miss Aimee Worries

This had her wondering, 'How is miss Aimee able to ride at such speed without causing any accidents?'

In a few minutes, they were already closing in on the long tower positioned in the heart of the city.

Gustav and Angy stared at the majestic tower that kept getting closer in their line of sight.

The closer they got, the more Angy felt tensed but as for Gustav, the closer they got the more his excitement grew. Of course, being a good actor, Gustav was able to hide this efficiently.

They weren't the only ones headed there so road traffic was already forming the closer they got.

Since Miss Aimee was using a hoverbike she was able to move amid the other vehicles in the vicinity.

A lot of other participants within different vehicles stared at the bike streaking through the road with ease and wondered how a bike could move with so much speed in such a clustered space.

In about two more minutes they closed in on an area barricaded by energy walls similar to that of the border but Gustav could tell that they were on different levels and somehow this area was a lot more secure.

It was no longer a residential area. Not even a single house could be seen around here. different roads linked to the barricaded energy walls.

Within the barricaded walls, the high MBO tower could be seen standing proudly and looking majestic.

Armored vehicles moved in and out of the barricaded area and security operatives in blue and black technologically advanced suits also moved around the place.

Miss Aimee slowed down their speed and came to a stop several hundred meters from the entry point of the barricaded energy walls.

"This is as far as I go kids," Miss Aimee said after stopping the movement of the bike on the side of the road.

Gustav and Angy nodded before getting down from the bike.

They walked forward a bit and turned to face Miss Aimee.

"Good luck you both," Miss Aimee said to them with a smile.

"Thanks, miss Aimee," They both answered and turned around to stare at the facility in front for a bit before moving forward.

"Gustav," Miss Aimee called out to Gustav after he and Angy walked a few feet forward.

"Keep moving, I'll catch up with you," Gustav said to Angy before turning around and walking back towards Miss Aimee.

Other vehicles could be seen moving towards the entry point of the large vicinity ahead.

Lots of them passed by Miss Aimee's and Gustav's position and arrived at the entry points in front. Miss Aimee was the only person with a vehicle that stopped this far from the entry point.

"Hmm? Is something wrong, miss Aimee?" Gustav asked with a look of curiosity.

"Are you sure about Angy? I understand that she's a lovely girl and I also like her but is she really cut out to be your accomplice... Don't you think she might pull you down? You know there's a vast difference between you and her," Miss Aimee voiced out her concerns.

"I understand what you mean, miss Aimee but I can assure you that although she doesn't seem it, she actually is quite special... She might surprise you today," Gustav said with an assuring look.

Gustav speaking up for Angy made miss Aimee reevaluate Angy, 'Maybe he sees some kind of potential in her that I don't,'

"Also, it's an individual test so if she fails we won't be able to partner up in the future so I can't be sure if we will become accomplices in the future," Gustav added.

"Don't jump to conclusions so soon... What makes you think every test is going to be individual?" Miss Aimee said before turning on her hoverbike's engine again.

"Huh?" Gustav exclaimed.

"Just be careful... You're a shining star, I don't want your light to be dimmed," Miss Aimee said before turning her bike around and zooming off into the distance.

Gustav's face returned to normal after miss Aimee's departure. He turned around to stare at the facility with a determined look before starting to move forward.

At this moment, some participants had also gone through the entry point after going through physical examinations and some security protocols.

No vehicle was allowed into the vicinity. The MBO branch in any city was always well guarded and restricted from public entry.

Even a rich and influential mixed-blood wouldn't be allowed in unless for official purposes.

A lot of mixed-bloods that were brought to this place with luxurious vehicles were also denied entry, so every mixed-blood who wanted to participate had to get down at the entry point.

Gustav, Angy, and many other mixed-bloods strutted into the vicinity after passing the examination protocols.

Immediately they got in, what appeared in their line of sight were several small buildings connected to the base of the large tower.

Technological power plants constructed with power crystals could be seen around. These plants were in charge of powering up the large tower that was so tall, it pierced the clouds.

The outer surface of the tower had glowing colors on them that prevented anyone from seeing what was within.

It was structured to look unique and was as wide as a hundred sky scrappers placed together.

No one knew how tall it was since that information wasn't publicly disclosed but a lot of rumors have been spread about how its tip crossed the outer layer of the earth's atmosphere.

The vicinity surrounding the tower was also very wide so the participants would have to walk for up to an hour before they could arrive at the tower.

There were still vehicles moving within the facility.

Mostly armored vehicles but they didn't even bother trying to carry anyone of the participants.

The participants had been told at the entry point that they had to walk towards the tower themselves.

Gustav and Angy were currently moving with a group of sixty.

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

Of course, being teenagers, there was no way these kids wouldn't interact with each other.

Although a lot of them were tensed and didn't interact with anyone, the rest weren't bothered.

Chapter 160 - It Has Begun

Gustav remained focused and stared at the building ahead while activating God's eyes.

[God Eyes has been activated]

Gustav's eyes zoomed in on the building.

'So many energy points for a single building... Even God eyes are having a hard time calculating it,'

In Gustav's line of sight, the base of the building had had a stable yellowish with green energy flow but the energy points kept increasing in number.

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This was the highest energy count Gustav had seen while making use of God's eyes, yet it still kept increasing.

Gustav's sight started traveling upwards from the base of the MBO tower.

Even though God eyes had improved over the past weeks it was still impossible for him to see the top of a building that was more than ten thousand meters in height.

Gustav was intrigued even more.

Just as he started retracting his vision, he noticed something along the road that led to the base of the tower about a hundred feet away from their current position.

'Hmm? What's going on?' Gustav wondered with a curious look.

He was currently walking in the middle of the crowd so he wanted to move further ahead to check on what he noticed however before he could, something happened.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The ground was suddenly blasted open, toward the east, west, and north.

"Kyaahh!"

The participants were caught unawares and about thirteen of them started falling into the wide holes.

The cracks continued to widen across the ground and more of them kept falling into the holes.

Mixed bloods with fast reaction time, quickly activated their bloodlines and leaped out of the coverage area of the crumbling ground.

Gustav leaped about thirty feet forward while Angy dashed forward with speed along with several other mixed-bloods.

Ruckus! Ruckus! Ruckus!

When everyone had escaped the range of the crumbling grounds they started looking around in confusion while voicing out their suspicions and concerns.

Behind them was a three hundred feet wide hole created from the combination of three holes. They were so deep that the bottom couldn't be seen. This frightened everyone.

About twenty of the participants had fallen into this hole.

-"What's happening?"

-"Why is such an incident happening in the MBO yet no official is trying to help us?"

Everyone looked around and noticed that the tanks and other vehicles moving around in the vicinity didn't even bother with them.

The crumbling of the ground was loud enough since it sounded like an explosion which meant the officials in the vicinity must have heard it. Everyone was wondering why the officials ignored it.

Krachum! Krachum! Krachum!

Just as the participants were still voicing out their confusion, the wide hole suddenly started mending itself.

Broken pieces of the ground started joining together and creating more.

In a few seconds, the ground had gone back to its initial look.

"Huh?"

Everyone was surprised to see this happening and wondered what was going on.

"Angy let's keep moving," Gustav said to Angy who was also gobsmacked by the current development.

"Eh?" Angy exclaimed but Gustav didn't mention anything else before moving forward.

Angy quickly followed him from behind.

"Hey, you still want to keep going after seeing what just happened? What if the ground collapses again?" A boy with a silver-colored forehead called out to them with a worried look.

"You want to stay here?" Gustav asked without turning around.

His question brought everyone back to reality. They couldn't get to the tower without walking. Since the officials in the vicinity kept ignoring them, they could either decide to keep moving forward or backward.

Either way, they couldn't escape walking on the ground.

Gustav and Angy were at the forefront now and everyone else followed behind them.

"Angy, this way," Whenever Gustav moved to the side, he would call out to Angy to also follow his footsteps.

Sometimes he would move seven steps to the left, other times he would move several steps to the right also.

The mixed-bloods behind guessed that he was probably doing that because he didn't want to trigger the ground crumbling so they decided to follow in his and Angy's footsteps.

This continued for some time and some of the people behind grew tired of Gustav moving about like a drunk

- "Why do we have to follow this guy and do what he does?"

- "I think it's because he knows the parts of the ground that is dangerous,"

- "Don't be ridiculous, how could he know when we're all clueless about it?"

- "I'm tired of moving about like a monkey,"

They voiced their displeasure.

Gustav who was at the forefront moving from side to side with Angy heard their voices and said, "I didn't ask for anyone to follow me, if you're free to walk however you wish to,"

The three who spoke from behind stared at Gustav's back and gritted their teeth before straying from the lineup of the others following Gustav.

"Ah you see, I knew this monkey was just leading us around," One of them spoke while walking on the right side of the road several feet behind Gustav.

"Angy, we need to cross seventy feet in the next three seconds... Go!" Gustav voiced out and dashed forward.

[Dash has been activated]

Fwoooshh!

Angy heard that and reacted instantaneously by dashing out after him.

The mixed-bloods behind them wondered why they suddenly sped up but once Gustav and Angy traveled more than seventy feet forward loud explosions rocked the grounds again.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Booom!

Six different parts of the ground blasted open this time.

The smile on the face of the mixed-blood who spoke earlier froze as his body started falling into the first hole when the ground beneath his legs disappeared.

The other three that agreed with him also started falling into the same hole.

As the holes on the ground kept expanding more and more mixed-bloods fell into them but others that were a bit farther from those three were able to react in time and activate their bloodlines before distancing themselves from the grounds that were caving in.

Gustav and Angy had already crossed the area of effect so they weren't affected.

Gustav turned around with Angy and they both stared at the holes that kept expanding with a contemplative look.

'Miss Aimee mentioned that the MBO had unorthodox methods of doing things... This means the test has already begun,' Gustav said internally with a smile on his face.