

Bloodline 221

Chapter 221 - Unexpected Contact

They were transported back to floor 602.

Immediately they arrived on floor 602, Gustav excused himself from the group and started heading towards the room area.

'It's time... I only need to channel it a little bit more to get to the fourth step,' Gustav said internally as he moved across the corridor.

Gustav activated the map and confirmed that the room area that was restricted to the normal participants was now accessible.

Gustav deactivated it and started moving towards that area once again.

When he got to the area of intersection he could see the route that led to the room area on the left while going up ahead led to the exit of the floor.

"Hmm?" Gustav noticed a figure coming from up ahead.

The figure also seemed to be heading towards the room area but he paused when he noticed Gustav.

It was a black curly haired 5'7 kid with similar facial features to that of Gustav.

The both of them paused their footsteps before arriving at the corner spot that led to the turning and made eye contact.

Smirk! Frown!

Gustav smiled while the other kid who was obviously his little brother had a long scowl on his face.

The atmosphere became tense in an instant but Gustav's reaction seemed to be reducing the tension.

"I know what you did kid... I may not have the time to deal with you right now but don't worry soon enough," Gustav voiced out before turning towards the side to head into the room area.

"You..." Endric turned around and was about to attack Gustav from behind when he remembered something and paused.

Gustav's grin grew wider as he kept moving forward.

"By the time I'm done with you, you'll be sorry!" Endric shouted out while pointing at Gustav's back.

Gustav ignored his exclamation and kept moving forward. He looked around for his room.

Endric clenched his fist as Gustav's back grew farther and farther away from his line of sight.

'Just you wait... Big brother my ass!'

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After about seven minutes of searching Gustav found a room with his badge number on it.

He used the same method as before to unlock the door and went in.

This room happened to be more spacious than the previous one.

There was even the view of the city from the window panes behind.

Gustav wasted no time in heading towards the bed area and sitting in a cross legged format.

He closed his eyes and breathed in as he started channeling his bloodline.

In the beginning before he became a zulu ranked or even started channeling his bloodline, the system gave him a kind of boost.

His bloodline was channeled past the third point and since there were only four channel points he only needed to channel it to the fourth to become a zulu ranked.

After he became a zulu ranked he noticed that the four channel points located within his body had been linked.

Bloodline channeling was literally making the bloodline within the body increase in saturation so the points became linked by his bloodline after getting to the zulu rank forming a circle.

Within the circle was a kind of small red pool that increased in size as Gustav went from the first step to second step.

Now that he was third step the red pool had increased in size to the extent that it was nearly making contact with the circular barricade the four channel points formed around it.

The moment it's volume increased to the point where it made contact with the four channel points barricade, Gustav would have achieved fourth step.

Gustav focused his senses on the red pool inside and it started bubbling.

His focus at this moment was so intense that a kind of serene vibe had been formed around him.

The surroundings was silent, except for the bubbling sounds coming from Gustav.

-Five weeks ago

After Gustav got the confession from Ebun, he gave him something he had been preparing for a while.

When he was abducted back then, he asked miss Aimee to get him the brain tweak helmet used on him.

Of course she asked why he needed it and he just claimed that it was for research purposes and truly Gustav wanted to experiment on the helmet but he never truly had the time to do that since he was preoccupied with so many things.

When he was putting revenge plans into motion he remembered the helmet which he kept within his second room.

He was initially going to wipe Ebum's brain with atomic disintegration but remembering that he couldn't control how it went due to what happened with Hung Jo and Ben the other time he decided making use of the brain tweak helmet would be a better option.

He wiped Ebum's memory of the last one day with the brain tweak device and returned him back to the laboratory after making him unconscious.

Gustav didn't want to arouse any suspicions when he finally came for the true culprit behind the scenes which was why he resulted to this. He had decided he would fully deal with Ebum after taking the entire disciplinary committee down.

For the next two days Gustav made plans. However he didn't negate his training and hunting down mixedbreeds within the border.

Even though he hadn't really been focusing on killing mixedbreeds within the border he still kept feeling a kind of tingling on his skin whenever he went there.

It always felt like there was an invisible eye watching him and it got stronger each time.

Even when he tried to shake the feeling off by running from location to location within the border it was futile.

Gustav had to multi task to make plans to discover why he felt that way within the border while also dealing with the kitchen incident.

After Gustav finished making plans he had to contact a particular person to assist in a crucial part of the plan.

During break in school the next day he stood underneath a shade behind the school cafeteria conversing with a girl.

"Do you understand the plan?" Gustav asked the white haired girl in front of him.

Chapter 222 - Fourth Step

"Do you understand the plan?" Gustav asked the white-haired girl in front of him.

"Hmm, I do," The girl nodded slightly in response.

"But if I do this, will that ensure that you'd help me out in the future?" She proceeded to ask.

"Hmm, if this goes well, you'll definitely score more points with me and increase your chances of securing a future partnership. Just make sure you don't mess it up," Gustav stated.

This girl he was speaking to was none other than Maltida.

Gustav devised a plan where he needed the input of a prestigious and popular girl within the school.

Maltida was the only one that came to mind, so he decided to call her up.

"I won't mess up... I have good acting skills too, you know," She smiled wryly.

Gustav could sense a feeling of melancholy in her voice, but he didn't dwell on it.

"Alright, let's head back,"

-Two hours later

Inside the room, Gustav opened his eyes and smiled.

"Finally, the fourth step," He said with a look of elation.

He could feel his body being nourished with energy the instant he achieved the fourth step.

The red pool within his body expanded and made contact with the four points barricades.

After that happened, they merged together, and Gustav couldn't sense the four points anymore.

Everything became one large red blob for a few seconds; red roots started growing out of it.

"Looks like achieving these roots have something to do with achieving serial rank," Gustav noted while observing it within his body.

After a few more seconds, he stood up and moved around the room, trying to feel the changes within his body.

'Hmm, I can feel a certain kind of energy oozing out of my body... It's very faint, but I can sense it,' Gustav said internally while throwing his arm out like he was fighting an invisible opponent.

After a few seconds of jumping from place to place across the room in a bid to test out his body improvement, Gustav decided to head out.

'I won't be able to get a handle on my current strength if I don't test it out one way or the other,' Gustav said internally while changing his clothes.

He was still in the organic suit at this time.

It wasn't hard to get out of it since it had a computerized function that made it dismantle independently.

After Gustav got out of it, he put on black pants and a hoodie before heading out of his room.

He wore the hoodie fully on his head and held his face down as he moved across the corridor.

After getting out of the room area, he headed towards the left.

'Time to check out the other floors,' Gustav said internally as he moved towards the exit area of the current floor.

Gustav was sure that the MBO tower didn't just have floors for sleeping and eating.

Obviously, the participants were only sent to these floors for accommodation.

Now that they were given access to the next five floors, he was intrigued about their functionality. He felt that the MBO wouldn't just make five floors next to each other just for the purpose of accommodation.

Gustav arrived at the end of the corridor in a few and stepped onto the circular glowing panel in front.

Immediately after he got on top, a bright glow appeared from above and covered him from head to toe.

Trrroooiinn!

His body was pulled up with intense speed.

Gustav was unable to make out his surroundings and could only see a white light flashing in his line of sight for a few about five seconds.

After the five seconds passed, his vision cleared up, and he found himself at the end of a corridor. He could tell that he had already arrived on the next floor.

He looked down and noticed that he was standing on a similar glowing panel to the one he used to get here.

Gustav started moving forward down the corridor.

"Map," He called out.

Troiin!

The map of the floor was displayed, and Gustav instantly took notice of the change.

Upon arriving on this floor, the map had updated itself and changed the layout to that of this floor's own.

"Oh, a testing floor," Gustav noticed that this was the only word on the map.

There were different sections on the map, but they all had numbers representing them.

Gustav moved across the corridor and turned towards the second left turning he came across.

He even met some MBO officials while moving across the place, but they ignored him since they knew that no one would be able to get to this place without giving authorization first.

After moving for a few more minutes and taking several turns, Gustav finally arrived in front of a doorway and walked through it.

He arrived in a wide-open space.

This space had runways and different kinds of humongous humanoid machines that could be seen moving about in different spots.

Lots of officials in black could be seen moving about here.

Towards the east, Gustav could see a massive green one. It was so big that its head was only about a hundred feet away from making contact with the ceiling.

It would only need to raise its arms to make contact since it was more than a thousand feet tall.

It had a wide circular hole in its chest area with blade-like arms and a triangular-shaped head. There was also a purple glow at the tip of its head.

About four thousand feet ahead, there was a square-shaped structure placed opposite it.

It looked metallic, but it was expanding in size as seconds passed.

'Wow, this is the first time I've seen technology like this. How are mixedbloods supposed to fight against this if an enemy makes use of them?' Gustav wondered as he stood by the side and watched.

"TESLA OV #144783 AT 100% CAPACITY!"

"INITIATING CHARGE IN 5!"

A loud robotic voice reverberated across the vicinity.

"4!"

"3!"

"2!"

"1!"

The empty hollow space in the chest area of the large humanoid machine had already lit up with dangerous purple-looking energy.

"FIRE!"

The instant this command was given, a purple beam shot out with intensity from the chest area of the humanoid machine.

Zwwwoonnnn!

Chapter 223 - Touring The Test Areas

"FIRE!"

The instant this command was voiced out, the purplish beam shot out with intensity from the chest area of the large humanoid machine.

Zwwoonn!

In an instant it arrived before the square shaped metallic structure and slammed into it.

The mighty purplish beam consumed the entire square shaped structure in a manner of seconds.

'Such immense power,' Gustav was awed by what he had just witnessed. He stood there and kept watching, focusing his attention on the appearance of the beam.

The entire metallic square shaped structure was as large as a bungalow building yet the purplish beam was large enough to cover it.

'Hmm?' After the power of the purplish beam died down Gustav noticed that there was still something left from the square shaped metallic structure.

Although what was left wasn't very large compared to the initial size, Gustav was still surprised to see that there was something left.

"TESLA OV #144783 HAS FAILED THE INCINERATION TEST!"

The robotic voice from before announced once again.

At first, Gustav was dumbfounded and wondered how that performance would be considered a failure but in the next second he figured it out.

Vrroooooiiiiinnnn!

What was left of the metallic square shaped device started increasing in size and in just a few seconds it had become as large as it was before.

Gustav realized that the test was probably based on the destruction of that regenerative square structure in one go.

Although the structure had taken quite the damage and was nearly totally obliterated, the part of it that was still left was enough for the entire thing to regenerate.

"It was a failure again huh?"

"The fire power isn't strong enough to obliterate a level 98 cubic spe-nanite in one go,"

"Send a report to Jo industries,"

Gustav could hear the voices of the officials that had been observing from his standing position.

He saw a person dressed in a kind of pilot uniform come out of the large humanoid machine as some officials also went up to meet him.

Gustav who had been standing at the entrance area finally decided to move to other areas and check them out.

The moment he took a step forward an alarm rang out.

Beep! Beep! Beep! Beep!

"UNPROTECTED LIFEFORM DETECTED!"

A robotic voice announced.

The instant that announcement was made everyone turned around to stare at the entrance area.

Gustav noticed that their eyes were focused on him.

'Oh I'm the unprotected lifeform,' He realized.

Some of the officials started heading towards him.

"Kid to go further in you'll need a protective suit," The first to get to him was a fat looking middle aged man with black goatee.

"The testing floors are always very dangerous especially for a youngster such as yourself so please before proceeding, put on a protective suit," Another male official with a bulky build explained

After hearing that Gustav understood the reason for the alarm and stares.

The officials obviously noticed him when he first arrived and also knew that he was among the participants of the entrance test.

However they had thought Gustav was only checking the place out and wouldn't go passed the entrance area which was also a safe zone so they ignored him.

"Where do I get the suit?" Gustav inquired.

The officials pointed behind him towards his left. There was a silver colored booth there. Gustav didn't miss this booth upon his entry into this test area but he had totally ignored it thinking it was some kind of storage room or something.

Gustav did as he was told and moved towards the booth. The booth had no door but the moment he arrived in front of it, an opening appeared and he proceeded to go in.

After getting in, a bright light engulfed his entire being and Gustav was reminded of the time he arrived on the static floor to undergo the test sub phases.

In a few seconds the light went out and Gustav found his entire body clad in a bulky white and black suit with a large helmet.

His entire body had been covered from head to toe.

Because of the helmet his vision had been dyed red however it didn't hinder his visuality instead it kinda helped in improving it.

The helmet was a computerized type that gave him a 270 degrees vision and also read energy so it could alarm him when a situation was dangerous.

Gustav could read energy using God Eyes but he didn't have a 270 degrees vision unless he transformed into a solar worm. Also the suit was extremely sturdy. From feeling the texture Gustav could tell that it would be very difficult to break through its defenses.

Gustav walked out of the booth and the officials in the vicinity nodded before some of them went back to their activities.

The fat official with a black goatee walked towards Gustav and asked, "Would you like a tour of test floor 012,"

Gustav nodded in affirmation and proceeded to follow behind the man.

By the way I'm official Glanus, from the HMR warfare department," The man decided to strike a conversation with Gustav as they moved about the place.

"I'm Gus..." Gustav was about to reply with his own name when officer Glanus interrupted.

"Gustav Crimson haha you don't need to tell me your name, you're popular all across the tower right now," He said with a burst of light laughter.

"Oh," Gustav muttered with a wry smile.

"Honestly we're all proud that we have such a genius in our city... Be sure to represent us well in the global final phase," Officer Glanus stated.

"Hmm," Gustav nodded slightly but within himself he said, 'I don't really care about representing the city, I'm here for my own reasons but I will make sure I don't soil the name of the teacher who trained me by performing badly,'

"Officer Glanus," Gustav called out to him as he passed through another area where a large humanoid machine was initiating combat with another towards their south west.

"Yes?" Officer Glanus responded.

"You mentioned being from the HMR warfare department... what is that all about?" Gustav asked.

Chapter 224 - Sudden Explosion

"You mentioned being from the HMR warfare department... what is that all about?" Gustav asked.

"Oh yes you see... The MBO has different departments tasked in different fields of operation and specialty," Officer Glanus started explaining.

He went on to tell Gustav that this department made use of humanoid technology to go on missions issued by the MBO.

Apparently the humanoid machines was not only technological based but also biological since it also made use of the pilot's bloodline to boost its capabilities.

These humanoid machines were called HMR.

As they moved about the place officer Glanus explained a lot to him about the department while also showing him different types of HMR as well as happily introducing some of their pilots to him.

Officer Glanus wasn't a pilot, he was one of the higher ranking analytical HMR engineers working in the department so he was well known by a lot of pilots.

Gustav also noticed that he wasn't the only one dressed like a puffed up marshmallow moving about the place. He had seen quite a few people in protective suits like him.

Since he noticed that the officials weren't in protective outfits Gustav guessed that these were probably other participants checking out other floors like he was.

He also noticed that they were moving by themselves unlike him who was being toured around by officer Glanus.

He realized that officer Glanus seemed to be giving him special treatment which made Gustav feel quite suspicious because people don't normally do that but when he remembered his newly acquired fame, he felt that was probably the reason.

Officer Glanus took him to the far south of the test floor and called on a pilot to get into one of the HMRs and give Gustav a little show.

The pilot who went by the name Hime proceeded to enter his HMR which was about three hundred feet tall with a black armor covering its chest area and yellow arms that looked similar to massive spears.

Gustav watched as the large humanoid machine engaged a square shaped metallic structure similar to the one he saw at the entrance earlier. This one transformed into a kind of monstrosity that Gustav had never seen before and the pilot engaged it.

[God Eyes has been activated]

'Oh I see it draws a certain kind of energy from the bloodline and combines it with the weaponry aspects of the machine... He is also able to use his bloodline ability through the HMR,'

Gustav was using both the see through ability and the energy reading to check on the internal structure of the HMR. He wasn't able to observe every part but he was able to use what he had noticed to bring up an analysis.

Gustav asked if he could test drive an HMR but officer Glanus declined saying a zulu rank would be unable to endure the strain to the body as well as the mind and end up becoming paralysed permanently.

After this display was over Gustav left test area 012 and moved to the closest one after it which was test area 010.

Even though the amount of test areas on the map were up to a hundred, they were all on the same floor which proved that a single floor in the MBO tower was larger than the combination of multiple parks.

Even though there were up to a hundred test areas and four more unrestricted floors above Gustav had decided that he was going to visit everyone of the test areas as well as the remaining four floors.

It was still around nine in the morning and since they were given a twenty four hours break about nineteen hours were still left. Gustav wanted to make use of half of that time to check on all the floors and use part of the rest to test out his strength in one of the training rooms.

Gustav started going from test area to test area and he was awed by the things he saw.

The MBO had diverse number of technologies and wonderful weaponry in their possession.

The purpose of the test floor was to try out varieties of new things that hadn't been tested in the battlefield yet.

Gadgets, artilleries, transport combat vehicles, enhancement suits, e.t.c.

With everything he had seen while moving from place to place within the last three hours Gustav concluded that the MBO was probably the most equipped force in the entire galaxy.

He hadn't gone into outer space before but the fact that he had read about how earth had made pact with other lifeforms outside of the galaxy on mutual ground without being exploited or invaded proved that the MBO was plenty capable since they are in charge of keeping the earth safe from extraterrestrial life forms.

After another two hours had gone by Gustav was finally visiting the last test area which was test area 104.

Immediately he went through the entrance a loud explosion greeted him,

BOOM!

About a hundred feet ahead of his position was a sight of a mighty explosion that was still increasing.

Bang!

The shockwave slammed into Gustav sending him flying towards the wall behind.

A crack appeared on the wall and Gustav body became embedded seven inches in.

Gustav felt dizzy for a second as his body slid to the ground.

"Cough! Cough!" Gustav placed his hands underneath his mouth as he coughed out specks of blood onto his sleeves.

His ears were ringing so loudly that he couldn't even hear the sound of his coughing.

Everytime he left a test area he would have to return the protective suit he got from that test area and when he visited the next he'll have to wear the one available over there.

Since he was just arriving here he wasn't putting on any protective suit which was why he receive the full brunt of the shockwave with his body alone.

"ANTI SHOCKWAVE MATTER 02 HAS BEEN OVERWHELMED!"

"ANTI SHOCKWAVE MATTER 03 HAS BEEN ACTIVATED!"

"SHOCKWAVE IS NOW BEING SUPRESSED!"

"EXPLOSION BARRIER 02 HAS BEEN OVERWHELMED!"

"EXPLOSION BARRIER 03 HAS BEEN ACTIVATED!"

"EXPLOSION IS NOW BEING CONTAINED!"

The voices of different AI reverberated across the place as sirens rang out.

Chapter 225 - Candidate 00126 The Rising Star

"EXPLOSION IS NOW BEING CONTAINED!"

The voices of different AIs reverberated across the place as sirens rang out.

Gustav was starting to regain his senses, so he heard bits of the announcements.

[-520 HP]

'It's been a while since I last bled. I wonder what caused this explosion?' Gustav said internally as he cleaned his blood-stained sleeves while sitting up and leaning his back against the wall.

He stared at the front, where he could see the explosion being covered by a blue energy field as it shrunk in size.

'At the very least, I got something from it,' Gustav thought while reaching out to grab something in mid-air.

He grabbed onto something only he could see because right before the shockwave slammed into him, he activated Energy Installment.

Energy installment absorbed part of the energy from the blast into a spherical orb that was currently invisible to everyone's eyes except Gustav.

'Hmm? The system just reacted to it...' Gustav noticed, but before he could confirm, he noticed the explosion had almost shrunk completely.

Officials could now be seen moving about the place with panic expressions displayed on their faces.

-"Who knew the upgraded reactor would go haywire because of the experiment and cause such a disaster?!"-

-"The third layer explosion barrier had to be implemented because it overwhelmed the first and second,"-

- "The power was too much for the installments to contain,"

Gustav could hear the voices of the officers from his position. None of them looked injured in the slightest. However, the surrounding was in shambles.

- "Are the kids alright," One of the officers in blue asked.

- "Yes, captain Mitch, the protective suits functioned well enough to keep them safe from the explosion,"

Upon hearing that Gustav understood that other participants were also on this floor.

He noticed that the injuries he received from getting blasted backwards by the shockwaves were almost fully healed.

Gustav decided to stand, but before he could, one of the officers ahead stared in the direction of the entrance and noticed Gustav.

"Captain, there's a kid over there. I think he's injured!" The MBO officer voiced out and hurriedly started moving towards Gustav's location.

The other officers also noticed Gustav seated on the ground far behind with his back against the cracked wall.

- "A kid without a protective suit? Get the medic over here immediately!" The captain commanded as he also approached Gustav.

Gustav stood up before anyone could get to him.

"I'm fine," He stated while cleaning the blood at the sides of his lips.

"Kid! you're going to be... wait, how can you stand?" The officer that noticed him voiced out while scrutinizing Gustav from head to toe.

He could see blood on Gustav's sleeves and a little dirt on his cloth, which came from slamming into the wall, but aside from that, there was nothing else.

- "Wasn't he caught in the blast? Why does he look only slightly injured,"

- "This isn't a force a kid like this should be able to handle?"

- "He should be half dead by now. What's up with this kid?"

The other officers that had arrived couldn't believe their eyes seeing Gustav standing and talking like he was unaffected.

They wouldn't have believed he got caught up in the blast if not for the cracked wall behind and burned parts of Gustav's clothes as well as some other things, which clearly proved that he was caught up in the explosion.

"Are you alright, kid?" The captain asked while approaching Gustav.

He stood opposite Gustav and observed him.

"I'm fi...." Gustav was about to repeat himself when one of the officers on the left interrupted.

"This face looks quite familiar... oh my, aren't you Candidate 00126, the rising star!" He voiced out.

When he mentioned that, the rest of the officers' eyes also widened slightly.

-"He is the one,"

-"Being on the receiving end of one percent of that shockwave would leave a Zulu rank on the brink of death."

- "Oh, looks like he truly is more powerful than the rest,"

- "Truly a promising young lad this one,"

Upon hearing them speak about him this way, Gustav was nearly half cringed to death. 'The rising star... pfft what's that, more like a falling star since that's what made me what I am,' Gustav said internally.

Although he felt like this on the inside, he didn't let it show in his expression. Instead, he just kept a blank face.

The captain proceeded to apologize to Gustav and explain what had caused the disaster.

The explosion, of course, was caused by an experiment gone wrong. A new power source meant for backing up a spacecraft's weapon system was being tested.

The original power source and the substitute didn't sync well, causing the explosion a few minutes back. Both of them exploded together and overwhelmed the first and second-layer security protocols put in place.

Originally, incidents that involved explosions occurred a lot since they experimented with spacecraft engines. However, they hadn't expected it to be this bad.

Luckily, Gustav was very far away from the core of the explosion, which was why he was only hit by a little bit of the shockwave. If he had been to the explosion's core, his injury would have been way worse than this.

It still surprised the officers around that Gustav was okay. However, since they knew he had a unique transformation bloodline, they guessed that the beast he could transform into had regenerative abilities.

In order to make it up to Gustav, they decided to give him a tour of the place exclusively even though there wasn't much to see because the explosion had incinerated half of the equipment and gadgets.

Gustav was only able to see a few uninteresting things that were left at the far corners of the test area.

After a few more minutes, Gustav left the test area since it was about to go through some kind of rejuvenation.

The only thing he saw that piqued his interest was the half-destroyed spacecraft that was half the size of the spacecraft in test site #47.

Gustav had always wanted to enter a functioning spacecraft. Unfortunately, this spacecraft, just like the first one he ever came into contact with, lacked functionality.

Chapter 226 - Things Happening Behind The Scenes

He moved towards the exit area of this floor with a slightly disappointed look on his face.

When Gustav arrived before the panel that was going to move him up to the next floor, a smile appeared on his face. 'At least I got something out of it,' he said.

[Does host wish to absorb this energy into the system]

[YES/NO]

Gustav could see the system notification in front of him as he held onto the spherical orb filled with dark blue-colored energy.

It turned out that the energy he absorbed from the explosion was compatible with the system.

The system couldn't absorb every type of energy to upgrade. It could only absorb specific types of energy. Now Gustav had figured that the power source for spacecraft was also among those types of energy.

As the panel beamed Gustav up to the next floor, he activated God Eyes to check the energy points of the energy contained within the spherical orb.

[God Eyes has been activated]

>129,000<

Even though the number wasn't as high as when he absorbed the Salitre pure crystal, this amount was already high enough, and it came from just the shockwaves alone.

'Maybe it would have been higher if I had been in the heart of the explosion.' Gustav said internally as he arrived on the next floor.

'But if I was, I probably wouldn't have survived,' Gustav recollected just how mighty the explosion was as he started moving forward.

Gustav started touring the second accessible floor also.

'Yes,' He said internally, and the system began to absorb the energy from the orb.

<Absorbing energy » 1/100%>

On the 602nd floor, where all the participants were accommodated, Angy and Glade stood in front of the room with the number '00126' above it and knocked repeatedly.

"I don't think he's in," Glade spoke from behind.

She was tired of seeing Angy knock on the door over and over again.

"Maybe he's asleep," Angy sighed as she turned around and leaned her back against Gustav's door with a crestfallen look.

"Him? Does he even sleep with those menacing eyes? I doubt he does." Glade voiced out as she imagined Gustav's face.

"What? Hahaha." Angy started laughing after hearing that.

Glade made a low hmph sound and leaned against Gustav's room door also, "Maybe he'd be a lot more good-looking if he wasn't so grumpy,"

"Hehe," Angy giggled again.

"He is really... Go...od looking..." Angy muttered with a dreamy look.

Glade turned to stare at her and shook her head with pity before tapping her forehead.

"Snap out of it, fangirl," She stated while Angy held her forehead cutely with a look of pain.

"Come with me, let's go somewhere else," Glade voiced out while grabbing Angy by the wrist and pulling her along as she stormed off.

In a particular part of the city, Miss Aimee stood in front of a glass wall.

She seemed to be on a call with someone, and within a glass wall and was the large greenish rock she got from the tall building a day ago.

She was still clad in the full, black leather jacket and purple shirt, but at the moment, they looked tattered.

Parts of her clothes were torn and messed up.

She had a small scald on her left neck area.

"Yeah, those bastards were really strong, and I was almost forced to remove my limiters," She said with a frown.

"He really brought in some of the well-known powerful mercenary mixedbloods to guard the rock,"

"Of course, I didn't let them leave in one piece either,"

Miss Aimee spat out a chunk of blood from her mouth towards the side and continued speaking.

"Yeah, I got the rock now, but something doesn't seem quite right,"

"Hmm, with the information I gathered, those five bastards should be strong enough to cause me more injuries since I still have my limiters. For some reason, it seemed like they were reducing their attack strength... Don't get me wrong, they still attacked me severely, but with the information I gathered, they should be more powerful,"

"Hmm, I can sense that something is amiss somewhere,"

"It's doesn't matter what he plans in secret... He'll never get his hands on this rock again until I figure out what's within,"

"I am not handing it over! You lots suck at keeping things safe, especially in such a place that is full of corruption,"

"There's no guarantee that it won't end up in the wrong hands if it is kept there. Have you forgotten that his father's industry partners with you lots?"

"Shut up, you dimwit! I'm keeping it,"

Miss Aimee voiced out and cut the call.

She stared at the green rock within the glass wall barricade.

"What's so special about this rock? Sigh! One thing leads to another, and I still haven't gotten a lead on what Gustav found within the border," She muttered, but then she noticed something on the rock.

"Hmm? It just glowed up for an instant there."

Miss Aimee said while moving closer to the glass wall.

It was only for an instant, but she saw the glow.

'Why do I feel like his presence has gotten stronger, and it's coming from that,' Miss Aimee wondered while scrutinizing the crystal.

'Even if it's risky, I must make him have contact with this rock to confirm my suspicions,' Miss Aimee thought with a fierce look.

'Looks like I'll have to attend the final phase in person,'

After another six hours had gone by, Gustav had successfully visited three more floors.

His knowledge of the MBO had been significantly increased in the last eight hours.

He also realised that the MBO was very diversified.

Different departments with different purposes had all come together to make a perfect base of operations.

Remembering how there were other towers in the remaining five prestigious cities, Gustav came to the conclusion that the MBO had numerous resources. They would definitely be a force to reckon with if anyone tried to mess with them.

This made Gustav wonder, 'Why does the MBO never interfere in matters regarding lower graded mixedbloods abuse or the happenings within the neighborhood area? they could have easily dealt with such happenings, so, why?'

Chapter 227 - Making Infiltration Plans

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'Did they truly feel it was beneath them to handle such tasks,' Gustav said internally as he moved across the floor.

Thinking about this, he knew the society trampled upon weaklings and made them feel less of themselves. Even though normal humans and slarkovs weren't treated as bad as weak mixedbloods, they were still made to feel inferior, which was one reason they lived at the edge of the city.

The fact that the MBO had ignored small matters like this made Gustav feel disgusted about joining them because he was also a victim of a similar situation. He would have died if not for the system so, he believed others would have successfully committed suicide since not everyone could be as lucky as him.

He wasn't feeling like a hero or anything. He just felt the MBO should at the very least live up to the name they built for themselves.

Since they called themselves the Mixedblood Organization and were supposed to deal with every situation concerning mixed-bloods on the planet, they shouldn't ignore even small things like that.

If Gustav was still feeling petty, the MBO would be among the places he would have decided to take revenge on since, in one way or the other, they were kind of involved.

However, his end goal in joining the MBO was to make use of them and build his strength till he reached a level where not even a single person would be able to dictate whether he lives or dies.

'This place needs to undergo some serious changes... time to start making plans,' Gustav's expression turned fierce as he came to an internal conclusion.

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After another two hours had gone by, Gustav had finished touring all the five unrestricted floors. At this time, it was already late in the evening, but twelve hours were still left till the start of the fifth phase.

Gustav was not content with everything he had seen; he was still interested in climbing higher and seeing more floors.

He approached the exit of the 607th floor and moved towards the panel that would lead him to the next floor. As expected, a red barrier prevented him from going through.

Gustav placed his hand on the barrier once again, 'Should I just absorb enough energy to let me breakthrough,' Gustav thought internally with a serious look while checking his surroundings.

Smirk!

Gustav smirked and turned around, 'Hidden cameras are almost everywhere... with my rising popularity, there's a chance that I'm being observed,'

Gustav decided to head towards the closest restroom. He held his right hand up and stared at his badge number.

[God Eyes Has Been Activated]

Gustav used the see-through ability to check out his palm.

'Even though the badge liquified and merged my palm, I can still tell that a tracker was inputted,' Gustav noticed the small green dot hiding in the middle of the blood vessels underneath the number on his palm.

He instantly figured out that it was the tracker.

[Atomic Disintegration Has Been Activated]

Gustav was about to make use of Atomic Disintegration to get rid of it, but then he thought of something.

'What if they get alerted if one of the trackers gets destroyed or loses connection?' Gustav wondered.

Thinking up to this point, Gustav decided to try another approach.

[Gravitational Energy Container Has Been Activated]

Gustav conjured a spherical container and made it float in front of him.

He concentrated Atomic Disintegration around his left fingertips, causing them to be coated in silver light. He raised his left hand above his right palm and pointed his index finger that was coated in the silver light towards it.

[Slash Has Been Activated]

Gustav stabbed his left index finger down with intensity.

Puchi!

His finger pierced into his right palm and came out of the other side. Blood was spilled, but he wasn't done yet.

Swhii! Swhii! Swhii! Swhii!

He cut a square hole on his palm with his fingers causing blood and meat to fall from underneath. Gustav could see through the hole on his palm but surprisingly, no expression of pain could be seen on his face.

[-20 HP]

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Underneath his right palm, the chunk of flesh he cut out fell into the orb he conjured a while ago.

It was currently filling up with his blood.

[Regeneration Has Been Activated]

In a few seconds, his palm stopped bleeding and slowly began to close up.

'With the way it mixed with my cells, I'm sure the tracker also makes use of blood to function properly. So, this amount of blood along with my energy should keep it functioning for the next thirty to thirty-five minutes,' Gustav analysed.

'That's how much time I'll have to check out more floors,' Gustav concluded.

He stared at the mirror in front.

'It's about time I put my original bloodline to the test,'

[Genetic Transformation Bloodline]

Grade: B

Abilities Tied To Bloodline:

<Shapeshifting>

<Joints Reversal>

<Size Manipulation>

<Cognitive Concealment>

Gustav stared at the system interface where Cognitive Concealment was displayed. This was a new ability that was added to shapeshifting after his bloodline got upgraded to B.

Gustav had tested out this ability before and noticed that it could hide his presence.

He would still be visible, but he could sneak up on almost anyone with his presence erased. It was similar to Silent Advancement but better because Silent Advancement only masked his feet, making his movement silent.

Now Gustav had decided he was going to shapeshift and also make use of Cognitive Concealment to hide from the cameras that could see through his change in appearance.

The only downside was Cognitive Concealment could only be activated for about ten minutes. With the amount of energy it consumed, Gustav could only activate it about three times if he didn't want his energy to run out.

Frrhhhoouuummm!

Gustav's appearance transformed into a five-foot-tall middle-aged-looking man with short brown hair and a full moustache.

After changing his clothes, he walked out of the bathroom and left the spherical orb with the tracker floating inside one of the toilets.

Chapter 228 - Final Phase Location

After changing his clothes, he walked out of the bathroom, leaving the spherical orb with the tracker floating inside one of the toilets.

Gustav had already activated Cognitive Concealment as he moved towards the exit area of the floor.

[Energy Instalment has been activated]

Even before he arrived in front of the red barrier, he had already activated the energy Instalment.

The energy from the red barrier was being sucked away. It weakened due to that, and Gustav only created a small entrance for himself to go in.

He passed through it and deactivated Energy Instalment as he stood on the panel.

Just as he expected, the moment he deactivated Energy Instalment, the barrier started regaining power and went back to normal.

'Since I only have thirty minutes, I should make it count... The floors where spacecraft are kept. It starts from floor one thousand nine hundred and three,' The instant Gustav thought of that floor, the panel activated.

Sshhhrrooooouumm! Swwhhhhiiiiinnnnzzz!

He was instantly moved up and started travelling through the floors.

In just three seconds, the beam had taken him past a hundred floors.

After a minute had gone by, Gustav arrived on floor 1903.

The instant he moved past the entry point, his sight was greeted with a large blueish space.

"Wow," Gustav couldn't help but exclaim as he walked into this place.

The place was vast, but Gustav could see the walls behind were transparent.

'So, this is how space looks like,' Gustav couldn't help but admire how beautiful space was looking from this height.

The walls were transparent so he could see the endless darkness of space staring back at him; however, the shiny round lights in the far distance and even close by made everything look marvelous.

He could see a side of the blue earth floating and glowing.

This part of the floor was already in outer space. However, it wasn't really far since the earth still looked quite large. However, it had already stabbed through the stratosphere.

Gustav could see the moon. It still looked a bit far, but it was way larger than he expected.

He looked around his surroundings on this floor.

'Spacecrafts,' He had been so occupied with checking out space that he didn't notice the spacecraft lined up in front.

Trrroooiinn! Troiinn! Trrroooiinn!

"THE JELLY 127 IS READY TO TAKE FLIGHT!"

"ASROCK SQUAD IS READY TO GO BACK UP THE FALCON RECONNAISSANCE ON PLANET HAIDI!"

Announcements from AIs could be heard as some of the spacecraft in the distance lit up.

Some spacecraft that he could see were as large as the size of an entire football stadium.

Officers in bright blue-colored uniforms could be seen moving from place to place.

Gustav also decided to stealthily check the place out while acting as a cleaner.

After about four hours had gone by, Gustav was heading back towards his room since it was late in the night already.

Even though he only spent about thirty minutes up there, he was glad about finally entering space.

Well, even though he wasn't really in it, he saw it as adding more knowledge to what he already had.

He wasn't able to enter any of the spacecraft but seeing functioning ones from a closer angle also brought him some kind of insight.

After leaving the 1903rd floor, Gustav headed for the training room on floor 602.

He tested out his new strength, did some combat self-training and meditated while making plans.

He was now going back to his room to get an early rest for tomorrow's final phase.

Unlike the fourth phase, which was broadcasted all across the city, the final phase wouldn't be broadcasted.

However, the final phase was like a world stage since it was so dangerous to the point that death was a possibility. So, the MBO didn't want it to be showcased to the public.

The only time a broadcast would be displayed was when the participants that passed the phase were being enlisted into the MBO.

This was also the time when the Five great commanders would show themselves.

These five great commanders were said to be the legends of MBO.

They were the five most powerful leading figures in the MBO.

There were other very powerful top legendary well-known officers in the MBO. However, the five commanders made decisions regarding things that went on in the MBO.

They were not just powerful in strength but also powerful in command.

According to the information, Gustav gathered, they were the only ones that could order the number one-ranked most powerful MBO officer to go on missions.

Gustav already heard rumors about the most powerful man who does not take orders from anyone even though he was in the MBO except for these five.

He was said to be the most powerful MBO officer and the most powerful mixed blood on the entire planet.

The MBO called him the Champion of Earth.

That title sounded a little cheesy to Gustav, but when he started hearing of his feats, Gustav began to rethink the title.

Gustav guessed the five great commanders had quite the power and influence for them to be able to pull off sending him on missions.

Although he didn't know much about the most powerful MBO officer, however, since he was hearing about him from a lot of people, Gustav was sure his strength wasn't just superficial.

'Miss Aimee did say she wasn't the most powerful... I guess I have to be prepared to meet these five great commanders after the final phase,' Gustav said internally as he arrived inside his room.

He proceeded to lie down on his bed and sleep off to regain his lost energy.

[Initializing Five Year Quests]

<Procedure » 1/100%>

[Five Year Quests will complete initialization in five days]

If Gustav was awake at this time, he would have noticed these system notifications.

Unfortunately, he wasn't, and just as these notifications appeared, they also disappeared a moment later.

The next morning the participants woke up early.

The moment twenty-four hours went by, an alarm rang out, and the participants were told to hurry towards the waiting room.

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Chapter 229 - The Caskia Ruins

"We shall now head out to the Caskia Ruins!" Gradier Xanatus stated after all the participants had gathered in the hall.

The participants' faces showed confusion upon hearing Gradier Xanatus's words since this was a location they had never heard of. Nevertheless, they obeyed the next instructions of Gradier Xanatus with no questions since they knew they'd be briefed later on.

Gradier Xanatus urged everyone to go through the spatial doorways that appeared in the middle of the room.

After going through those doorways, they arrived inside a hangar where different types of aircraft were kept.

Two large rhombus-shaped aircraft were already waiting for their arrival with engines fired.

These aircraft were the size of a two-storey building, colored green with red and black stripes. They had no rolling fans or anything like that. They had been built in such a way that only powering the engines up were enough to make it lift off.

Over two hundred participants split into two and boarded the aircraft. In a few seconds, another spatial opening large enough to consume an entire three-storey building appeared several hundred feet ahead of them.

Zweeeiiiiii! Zweeeiiiiii!

Both aircraft zoomed off into the spatial opening.

After passing through, they appeared tens of thousands of feet above Plankton City.

Lots of participants now understood why the tower didn't have an entrance or exit.

That wouldn't be needed since the MBO had a variety of teleportation devices that transported people in and out and to different places on the floor.

Gustav sat somewhere in the middle of the passengers' seat beside the window areas just so he could look outside.

He stared at the city from their current height as they flew towards the northeast part of the city.

The speed of the flight was insanely fast, and even with the city being very big, in only about five minutes, the various aircraft had already arrived at the edge of the city.

While they were moving, the participants were being briefed about the Caskia Ruins.

A projection of the place they were travelling to appeared on within both aircraft.

"THE CASKIA RUINS WAS FORMERLY AN UNDERGROUND MINING FACILITY LOCATED AT THE BORDERS BETWEEN EMPRHIM AND ASHURA CITIES HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO."

The artificial intelligence started with this.

"HOWEVER, IT ATTRACTED A LOT OF MIXEDBREEDS WHO WERE DRAWN BY THE ENERGY OOZING FROM THE UNMINED ENERGY CRYSTALS WITHIN THE RUINS."

The AI explained how the ruins became overrun by mixedbreeds which prevented energy miners from working and caused some of them to lose their lives in the process since it was practically invaded by a multitude of them.

The MBO was tasked with cleansing the place and wiping out the mixedbreeds that had gathered there.

Although the mission was a success, almost all the energy crystals had been consumed by the mixedbreeds.

The place still attracted a few mixedbreeds after the cleansing because they sensed the remnant of energy left. Nevertheless, since the government couldn't find anything left there, they practically abandoned the facility.

About fifty years later, it was turned into a low-level maximum-security prison for Mixedbloods and Aliens.

A barricade was built around it to fence the mixedbreeds inside along with the rogue Mixedbloods and Aliens.

Once sentenced to imprisonment in the Caskia ruins, the Mixedblood or Alien will be nearly stripped of their powers before being thrown into the place.

They would have to survive for however long their sentence is within the Caskia ruins with whatever amount of strength they were left with.

The mixedbreeds within were also left there, so presently, it was a habitat for rogue mixedbloods, mixedbreeds and Aliens.

It was one of the secluded locations in the world that could be called a mixedblood prison.

The Mixedbloods within were unable to escape the barricade that surrounded the ruins since they had been weakened.

After listening to the information the AI passed across, the participants could more or less understand what the final phase was going to be about.

It terrified some of them when they thought about it, but they put up a brave face.

In about twenty minutes, the aircraft was already flying above a wasteland area.

Nothing but plains and sands could be seen out here. It was like they were in the middle of nowhere.

Troooiinn!

"We have arrived at the Caskia ruins," A hologram of Gradier Xanatus appeared inside both spacecraft.

The participants looked through the window and noticed a tall barricade in the distance. It was tens of thousands of feet away, but due to the height, it was very noticeable.

The barricade was not just solid, but it was also induced with energy from the crystals that used to be mined hundreds of years ago, which was the reason it was currently glowing up.

The participants also noticed other spacecraft that looked similar to the ones they were currently boarding, heading towards the same direction.

"As you have been given information about the final phase location, I shall now brief you on how the final phase is going to take place," Gradier Xanatus continued.

"All participants will be dropped off inside the barricade from thousands of feet above. When you get in, your primary objective is to survive the next four days."

It was truly similar to what they thought it would be. At this moment, hundreds of spacecraft had arrived before the tall barricade that surrounded the entire ruins.

They hovered above the ruins. From above, it could be seen that the barricade was square-shaped, and the space within the square was almost half of an entire city.

However, the structure that could be seen within was quite small. It was only as big as a small bungalow building.

It was a building, but it only led to the underground ruins. There was no space for living within or anything like that.

The participants could see the large opening held by countless pillars that led underground from their current altitude.

Everyone figured that the underground ruins was probably very vast underground which was the reason for the wide space within the barricades.

Chapter 230 - Start Of The Fifth Phase

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"Your secondary objective is to retrieve as many grand stones as you can," Gradier Xanatus stated.

"Huh?" The participants were confused by the sudden mention of a secondary objective and grand stones.

Before they could start throwing questions around, Gradier Xanatus began explaining.

The MBO had placed some energy shards called the grand stones inside the Caskia Ruins before the participants arrived.

The ruins no longer had any energy crystals inside, so they had to put these ones in manually.

Gradier Xanatus explained that the participants were to gather as many as they could while trying to survive.

Gathering these shards would also increase their points.

The participants were excited when they heard this. Those that had lesser points saw this as a turning point since, according to Gradier Xanatus's words, the shards were scattered in different places across the ruins.

They felt that if they were lucky enough, they could find these stones before others.

While they were immersed in their wild thoughts, Gradier Xanatus told them that numerous mixedbreeds would also be coming for the shards the moment they sensed it.

This dampened some of them as they thought about how they would have to deal with mixedbreeds while trying to get the shards.

"Team up if you have... Survival is the ultimate goal. However, If you can't deal with a bunch of weakened criminals and low-level mixedbreeds, then you're not meant to be here!" Gradier Xanatus voiced out.

"Drop will be initiated in one minute. Pick up your electronic survival bag." Gradier Xanatus stated.

Shhhsshh! Shhhsshh!

The ceiling of the aircraft opened, and a backpack was revealed.

The participants picked up the backpack and wore it.

"After jumping from the aircraft, your electronic bag pack will automatically power on and fly you down. After that, the nitro power will be cut off, so none of you will be able to escape using it," Gradier Xanatus explained.

"There are some tools kept inside for your usage, properly make use of them... We will be watching!"

Immediately after saying this, Gradier Xanatus's holographic form disappeared.

"INITIATING DROP IN 39 SECONDS!"

"38!"

"37!"

"36!"

"35!"

"34!"

The participants were on their toes as the AI counted down.

They kept staring at the ruins below, wondering how the internal structure underneath would look.

"Are you ready?" Gustav asked Angy beside him.

"Hnm," She nodded with a smile on her face.

"Hey, Rival, you won't ask me?! No fair!" Ria, who was sitting three places to the left side of Gustav, shouted out.

"I don't care," Gustav muttered without even turning to stare at him.

"Ekk! You..!" Ria pointed at Gustav with a disgruntled look.

"Stop spitting on my face, you loud-mouthed idiot!" Glade, who was seated on Ria's right, voiced out with a repressed look.

"Hey, who..." Just as Ria wanted to retort, the last countdown reverberated inside the spacecraft.

"1!"

"OPENING HATCH!"

Immediately after those words were voiced out, the floor of the aircraft opened up.

Fwowoosshhhssmmmm!

The wind blew into the aircraft through the opening underneath their bodies.

"ENGAGE DROP!"

This was the last announcement they heard from the AI before their seats were pulled from underneath them and folded into a small cube.

"Kiiaarrhhh!"

"Arrrgghhhh!"

"Kieekkk!"

"Ahhhhhhhhh!"

Most of the participants screamed out as they fell from underneath the aircraft.

Fwoooshhhhsss!

Numerous bodies could be seen dropping from the sky towards the ruins below.

They were falling from a height of over ten thousand feet, so it was enough to give anyone anxiety even though they knew the backpack would save them.

Participants that had bloodlines that gave them a flight ability were unable to activate it.

Other participants tried activating their bloodlines also and found out that they couldn't.

As Gustav fell, he stared at the structure that was thousands of feet below, slowly becoming bigger and bigger in his sight.

The wind blew his hair backward, making him look extremely cool.

He was among the few participants without a hint of fear on their faces.

He turned his head to the left side and noticed Angy's frightened look.

He stretched out his hand and grabbed onto hers.

Angy turned to stare at him and smiled. The frightened expression on her face was gone.

"Ugh! A sore sight to see indeed!" Ria voiced out from the side and placed both of his hands by his sides before diving forward.

Angy and Gustav ignored him, of course, and focused on the structure below as they descended.

Ria started descending quicker than others.

Some of the participants saw his action and also did the same. They didn't want to give Ria the chance of getting the ruins before they did because of the grand stones.

When they were two thousand feet away from the ground, the engine in the backpacks activated.

Twoosshh! Twoosshh!

Blue fires ejected from the backpacks, and the participants stopped falling loosely.

The backpack controlled their fall and started flying them towards different parts of the environment around the structure beneath.

Fwooshh! Fwoooosh!

The backpacks separated the participants taking some towards the north area and some towards the south.

They became scattered around, and in a few seconds, everyone landed.

At that instant, the participants regained their abilities and started heading towards the entrance ahead.

Gustav was dropped at the far east of the entrance.

Angy and the others had been separated from him, and the structure was now thousands of feet away from his position.

'Does the MBO always have to make everything a hassle?' Gustav sighed internally as he looked around him.

Some participants were also dropped not far away from his position, but he had never seen these ones before. So, he assumed they were from other aircraft, which also meant they were from other cities.

'Oh well, this is good too... I prefer working alone,' Gustav said internally as he dashed towards the structure ahead.

[Dash has been activated]