

Bloodline 281

Chapter 281 - Special Treatment

"Hey, kid," Miss Aimee voiced out and placed her palm on Gustav's left cheek.

Gustav responded by placing his own palm on hers that was placed on his left cheek as he looked into her eyes.

'Just what is going on here? Why are they displaying so much affection for each other?' Not just the female officer but even the others behind were wondering the same thing.

However, they were not as surprised as the female officer since she knew who miss Aimee was.

Angy knew miss Aimee was Gustav's teacher, but she had no idea that she was affiliated with the MBO. Even if she knew miss Aimee was Gustav's teacher, she was still jealous to see how close the two were.

She wished to be the one Gustav stared at with so much admiration.

"You don't look surprised to see me," Miss Aimee said as they started walking forward.

"Why would I be? After all, I had to find out from someone else that my beloved teacher is a part of the MBO," Gustav said with a wry smile.

"Oh, are you holding a grudge now? You also hid your true power from your so-called beloved teacher," Miss Aimee said playfully with a light chuckle.

"Besides, I am not part of them... at least not anymore. Don't worry. I'll explain my relationship with the MBO later on. You also have a lot of explaining to do." Miss Aimee paused as she said that and turned to stare at Gustav from head to toe.

"Are you still hurt?" She asked with a tone of worry.

"No, I'm perfectly okay now," Gustav replied as he paused his footsteps to turn to the side.

That was when he noticed that everyone was still behind.

"Are you guys not coming?" Gustav asked with an uncomfortable look after noticing they had been standing and staring the whole time.

"Oh yeah," Wry smiles appeared on their faces as they started walking forward also.

The female MBO officer also moved forward along with them.

"Don't worry, Sasha, I'll handle it from here," Miss Aimee said while leading the youngsters out of the landing area.

"Yes, ma'am," The female officer known as Sasha had a look of relief on her face as she left the premises.

Meanwhile, miss Aimee led the kids into the luxurious mansion.

Sasha, who had left, prayed that the other kids will not be misled by Miss Aimee's affection towards Gustav and mistakenly piss her off.

She had seen miss Aimee in action before, so she knew just how ruthless she could be. She was even surprised that miss Aimee knew her name.

They entered the mansion, which only had two staff working within. They were both maintenance staff that kept the place clean.

The kids found it surprising that there were no butlers. They knew luxurious places like this always had one, but then they remembered they were in one of the MBO bases. With that thought process in mind, they felt it was normal for things to be different from how they knew them to be.

The mansion had different kinds of designs and like painting and arts of battles pasted on some part of the walls.

Luxurious rugs and carpets, as well as the chandeliers made from crystals hanged from different parts of the ceiling.

Miss Aimee showed them to the rooms they'll be sleeping in. In the meantime, she also explained to them that they only had to be here till after the result announcement, which would be held.

After that, she mentioned that Great Commander Shion will be coming to meet them personally, and they would be able to go back to their various cities and homes for the next two weeks. After resting during the two-week break, they were required to get back here.

Gustav wanted to converse with Miss Aimee since he had a lot of questions, but she told him to go rest like the others, that they could talk during daybreak.

Gustav complied and went to bed with the others.

The next morning everyone woke up and freshened up.

They hadn't really taken their baths in the last four days. The ruins had places with water supply, but who in their right minds will take a thorough bath knowing that they were in the jaws of danger and every moment they spent letting their guard down is very dangerous.

They finally took proper baths and freshened up.

This wasn't happening here only. The other participants that were taken to a private lounge within the base also enjoyed the privilege of finally having a good night's rest and a clean bath after four whole days.

After doing all this, the participants got dressed since convoys were waiting for them outside the residential building they were lodging in.

They were taken to a place called the Orbitrary coven, where the results would be displayed.

While that was ongoing, Gustav and the others were having a nice breakfast along with Miss Aimee.

"Who knew you were such a good cook, man" E.E voiced out in delight as he downed a spoonful of food.

Even Falco and Glade were surprised as they ate the food Gustav cooked.

They hadn't expected someone who killed so easily to be this good at cooking.

Only Angy and Maltida knew that he cooked, but this was the first time Angy was tasting his meal.

Miss Aimee and Maltida were the only ones who had enjoyed eaten Gustav dishes before.

"This reminds me of my mother," E.E smiled as he took another spoonful of food.

"Likewise," Angy and Falco voiced out together as they ate.

'Hmm, I wonder what having a mother that cooks for you is supposed to feel like,' Gustav said internally as he took one spoon after the other.

Miss Aimee turned to stare at him with a smile on her face and placed her left hand on his.

It was almost like she could sense what he was thinking. Gustav smiled back and continued eating heartily.

Of course, these details did not go unnoticed by the rest, but they all acted like they didn't see and continued eating with looks of delight and chatting.

After the meal, everyone decided to contact their families about the good news of how they had passed.

While miss Aimee called Gustav over to the second living room to talk.

As this was going on, the participants in the Orbital coven had gotten their verdict.

The scoreboard was displayed, and they were able to see the top hundred from every city in the world.

The scoreboard was divided into three hundred places. Only the first hundred with the number of points they amassed were displayed.

Cries of sorrow and joy filled the place as some found themselves fortunate to be among the top hundred while others weren't so lucky.

Those who didn't make it were escorted out of the premises immediately to be transported back to their cities while the others stayed behind to listen to the information being passed across.

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Chapter 282 - Miss Aimee's Backstory

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"Now, ask me what you want to know," Miss Aimee said to Gustav.

Gustav stared at her for a few seconds before replying.

"I want to know who the real Miss Aimee is... Tell me everything," Gustav voiced out as he placed his chin on his knuckles which were being supported by his elbows that were placed on his thighs as he sat.

"Of course, I can't tell you everything, but I will clear your doubts and make things less confusing," Miss Aimee replied.

Gustav nodded slightly in response as he waited for miss Aimee to start speaking.

"But we're trading secrets, so I expect you to also reveal some things to me after I'm done," Miss Aimee added.

Gustav was already expecting this, and he didn't see any problem with letting miss Aimee know. She already knew he could use different kinds of abilities, so he only had to straighten a few more things out.

By now, it was obvious that Miss Aimee meant no harm, so trusting her wouldn't be a bad thing.

"Alright," Gustav responded.

After Gustav gave affirmation, Miss Aimee started to explain from somewhere close to the beginning.

Miss Aimee narrating her story from when she was still a kid. She happened to awaken her bloodline since she was an infant.

Which was unseen and unheard of. She practically turned the cradle she was placed in into a tree. It grew leaves and branches.

Aimee was born into a prestigious military family that had a good standing in the MBO, so this was good news for her father.

From that day, he decided that Aimee would be a part of the MBO when she grew big enough.

He started training Aimee on how to use her bloodline from the age of three.

Not only was it forceful training, but whenever she failed to complete tasks, she would be dealt with mercilessly by her father.

He was mostly concerned about his reputation and wanted Aimee to do well so she could outshine all of her peers, which she eventually did.

Aimee grew to understand that society only cared about power and having a great bloodline. These two things determine how you were going to be addressed by others.

Aimee's mother was the only person she would always run to because she only had hate for her father, who was objectifying her.

Her mother treated her nicely and always told her to grow up to be whatever she wanted, and she didn't have to play by the rules of everyone.

Her mother always advised and comforted her while listening to all her worries and complaints. In her eyes, her mother was the only person who wasn't objectifying her and wanted her to truly live a happy and uncontrolled life.

Her mother, who had a low bloodline, was treated like a pile of poop by the entire household even when she managed to mother someone as talented as Aimee.

The only difference was after everyone found out Aimee was a genius, the discrimination reduced. However, due to poor feeding and treatment over the past years, even though her mother was now being treated better, she fell ill.

The maltreatment had nurtured a sickness inside her that was slowly taking her life away.

Eventually, Aimee's mother passed away.

This broke Aimee and made her hate bloodlines.

As she grew up to be powerful, she turned cold and heartless to anyone with bloodline abilities.

Miss Aimee was said to hate mixedbloods, but the truth was, she only hated bloodlines and wished they didn't exist.

She had read about how humans in the past were powerless and only had weaponry. She wished the world could be like that again without discrimination, but... She didn't care anymore because her reason for caring was gone, so her hate was transferred to the mixedbloods who carried bloodlines.

At the age of eleven, she got enlisted into the MBO camp. She entered before she was done with the four years of training because, within that time, she had successfully completed lots of missions that were issued to cadets who were still undergoing training.

She ended up being placed in a squad before those four years were up.

Aimee's bloodline was said to be B grade, which was a little common in the MBO, but she was stronger than others for some reason.

Battle prowess, making use of her abilities and dealing with opponents made her stand out.

When Aimee was sixteen years of age, she became a captain of an emergency squad that got sent to different places to assist in battles when the situation had gotten out of hand.

This was where Miss Aimee earned the title Demon Queen.

Miss Aimee was totally ruthless in taking the enemies down and sacrificing her own subordinates to get the job done.

She would sacrifice a teammate without batting an eyelid if it meant getting the job done, and she always did things in the most gruesome way possible.

When tales of her deeds spread far and wide across the MBO, a fellow captain who happened to be more powerful than her at that time approached her with the intention of knocking some sense into her.

Instead, he left with a broken skull. He had an A grade bloodline and was even two levels above Miss Aimee, yet she defeated him easily.

The next one that came to try and do the same had his limbs uprooted by her.

By the time she dealt with several of them, no one had bothered to try meddling in her affairs anymore.

For some unknown reasons, the higher-ups also didn't take any measures.

Other MBO officers only prayed to not be put in her squad.

For up to six years, miss Aimee fought battles and successfully completed each and every single mission assigned to her by the MBO.

However, the price paid in those six years was something the MBO finally decided to do something about.

In those six years, Miss Aimee had grown so powerful rapidly that even the higher-ups became worried. They also wondered if she was just a B grade.

Other MBO officers apart from miss Aimee were also popular and well known for their feats and strength. However, Miss Aimee's case was always a topic that put fear in the hearts of other MBO officers, making her a more discussed topic.

The higher-ups called Miss Aimee in and decided to try and put a leash on her free reign.

Chapter 283 - Mixedblood Ranks

Three out of the five great commanders were also present, along with an MBO officer named Mack Freindzer.

This man was hailed as the most powerful MBO officer. Aimee had never even met him before since they were never in the same place at the same time. However, she had heard about him, and he had heard about her.

Miss Aimee listened to their restraining order and gave them all cold looks before raising her middle finger and heading for the door.

"Mack, Restrain her,"

These were the next words she heard coming from one of the great commanders.

"Sigh, what a drag? You called me all the way out here to deal with an ordinary alpha ranked," Mack Freindzer voiced out with a look of boredom.

"Watch your tongue. She's no ordinary alpha," One of the great commanders voiced out.

Mack Freindzer yawned before standing to his feet, but the moment he did that, a loud blast occurred, and half of the building was blown away.

When the dust in the air cleared, Mack was back on his seat, leaning his jaw on his fist with a more bored expression on his face than he had before.

"We didn't ask you to destroy the building, idiot," One of them voiced out again as they stared at the open space in front of them.

"Mission complete there she is," Mack said while pointing at the ground in front.

Miss Aimee was lying on the ground unconscious.

The three great commanders present nodded. 'As expected, even though she's really powerful, she's no match for him,'

These thoughts appeared in their minds as two officers moved over to pick Miss Aimee up.

Unexpectedly, they stopped when they were only a few feet away due to an invisible force pressing against them.

Shhrroouummm!

Purple like aura covered Miss Aimee as she floated upwards and opened her eyes to stare at Mack with a chilling gaze.

Mack was shocked as his eyes widened, and he stared at miss Aimee, 'She regained consciousness... No, she's not even injured,'

Smirk!

'She is the first to take my fist without getting injured in the slightest... Even though I only used a small fraction of my power, this might be fun,' He thought.

The higher-ups and great commanders present were extremely shocked.

'Why is she using a different power entirely from her original?' They wondered

The entire environment was drowned in an unfathomable pressure as both Mack and Aimee dashed towards each other.

Swiiiiihhh! Swiiiiihhh!

Booom!

The entire vicinity disintegrated the moment they came into contact with each other.

"Wait, Miss Aimee has more than one bloodline?" Gustav asked with a look of confusion as he cut into her narration.

"Yes... I have two bloodlines which is the reason I'm this powerful with two B grade bloodlines," Miss Aimee confirmed.

Gustav had widened eyes as he heard this, 'She hid it so well and never even made use of it even once when training me,' Gustav had a look of amazement as he heard that.

"Also, Miss Aimee is an Alpha ranked mixedblood and not a Kilo ranked?" Gustav asked with astonishment.

"That was three years back. I improved a little after that," Miss Aimee answered bluntly.

'She's practically at the pinnacle... '

Gustav remembered the bloodline ranks to be, Zulu > Serial > Gilberk > Martial > Falcon > Echo > Kilo > Delta > Beta > Alpha > Beacon > Evolver.

Each rank had four steps.

These were levels said to have been attained by the most powerful mixedbloods in the past who passed down this ranking. However, there were rumours that it didn't end here.

Fifty per cent of mixedbloods in the entire world are unable to surpass the serial rank. Thirty per cent manage to make it to the Martial and Falcon rank. A mixedblood would be known as a powerhouse if they managed to make it to this rank.

Around ten per cent were able to make it to the kilo and delta rank, which were known to be among the powerful in the entire world.

The mixedbloods that managed to reach this point were mostly in high places of authority. They weren't seen as normal people, neither were they normal people in society.

Less than one per cent of the mixedbloods in the entire world reached the Alpha ranked, which was considered the pinnacle for all mixedbloods in this age.

For hundreds of years, no one had been able to surpass this rank. Even the five great commanders were stuck in this rank along with Miss Aimee.

Only one person was an exception, and that was Mack Freindzer. The only mixedblood in the last five hundred years to make it to the Beacon rank.

He was the most powerful mixedblood on the entire planet, and the number of battles he had lived through along with the successful missions and planet conquering added to his name added to his fame.

According to a lot of MBO officers, he had never had to throw another punch when battling with a person because it always ended up with an instant win. According to others, he didn't even need to act to defeat an opponent. Some exaggerated his strength and added that a single sneeze of his could part the oceans.

The alpha rank was already god like to others, but it was nothing compared to the Beacon rank.

'Hold on, Miss Aimee is only around twenty-five years old, so how did she achieve this in such a short period?' Gustav wondered as he stared at miss Aimee.

"So, miss Aimee, how did the fight with him end?" Gustav decided to ask the most mind-boggling question.

"Since I'm still here, I obviously didn't lose..." Miss Aimee voiced out.

"So that means..." Gustav's eyes widened slightly in astonishment, but Miss Aimee interrupted before he could complete his statement.

"But he didn't lose either... We had to stop halfway since the base was getting destroyed each time we collided," Miss Aimee added.

"So how is it that you are kilo ranked right now, and how are you still affiliated with the MBO even if you're no longer a part of them?" Gustav inquired with a confused expression.

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Before miss Aimee could complete her statement, the AI installed within the mansion made an announcement.

Chapter 284 - Rewards

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Before miss Aimee could complete her statement, the A.I. installed within the mansion made an announcement.

Miss Aimee paused her speech after hearing that before standing to her feet.

"We'll continue our chat later. It's time for you to meet one of the five great commanders," Miss Aimee said towards Gustav while gesturing for him to follow her.

They walked out of the second living room and arrived at the corridor that led to the luxurious stairway.

From above, Gustav could see a man with white hair and beards sitting on a three-seater sofa in the middle of a lineup of about four sofas.

He had a rhombus-shaped green diamond in the middle of his forehead. He had two slanted eyes with a sharp and penetrating gaze. An aura of calmness and solemnity surrounded him as he sat on the sofa and stared at Gustav and Miss Aimee, who was currently descending.

He looked around the age of sixty, but Gustav knew this man couldn't be less than the age of a hundred years with his level of strength.

It was quite normal to live up to the age of two hundred and beyond so long as you are a powerful mixed blood.

His military-like uniform was crystalline and silver in color, with royal blue stars plastered on his left chest area.

The others had also heard when the A.I. announced the arrival of the great commander, so they also moved towards the main living room.

They had tense looks as they arrived there and noticed great commander Shion sitting on the sofa comfortably.

'So, this is a legendary great commander?' They all had thoughts similar to this.

"Youngsters, please find a place to sit. We don't have all day," Great commander Shion voiced out as he noticed that Falco, Angy, and E.E. were still standing at different corners.

After hearing that, they had embarrassed expressions on their faces as they found a spot to sit.

They all avoided the chair he was sitting on and moved to other sofas in the living room.

Gustav and miss Aimee also finished climbing down the stairs and found a place to sit.

Gustav sat down opposite commander Shion and secretly scrutinized him.

He could sense the energy radiating from this man was not ordinary and also very powerful.

("On other planets, this man would be on the level of a planet conqueror,")

The system suddenly spoke in his mind.

'What's a planet conqueror? I mean, does it have something to do with conquering planets, or it's just a term for powerful figures?' Gustav asked internally.

("Both... With the information I have, powerful figures such as himself would be capable of taking an entire planet on and successfully conquer them. Even in lots of galaxies, there aren't a lot of them on this level,")

The system explained.

'Oh, I see, and the earth happens to have multiple mixedbloods on this level. This must be why the earth has successfully conquered some planets,' Gustav was reminded of the imprisoned vindruellas.

'But how do you know this if your memory is incomplete?' Gustav asked the system.

("My incomplete memories doesn't affect my knowledge of the universe,")

This was the system's last response to him before great commander Shion began speaking.

"I have witnessed your performances during the test phases and noticed the massive potential dwelling within each and every one of you present here," Great commander Shion voiced out.

"The research team did not do a great job of surveying the ruins properly. They were unable to notice the danger that would have caused a massive death if not for you five. We deeply appreciate the effort you five put into stopping the threat." Commander Shion said with a solemn voice filled with genuine gratitude.

"Erm, sire, why am I among? I shouldn't be here," Glade voiced out with a conflicted look.

She kept hearing great commander Shion say 'five of you,' which meant he was referring to just five of them being the heroes who saved the day. This made it obvious that she wasn't included since she didn't remember being of any help.

"We'll get to that..." Commander Shion replied, "First off, we will like for you to keep this blunder a secret," He added with squinted eyes.

The five of them stared at each other in silence and a look of contemplation after hearing that.

In a few seconds, they nodded in response. All this time, Gustav never took his eyes off Great commander Shion who assumed Gustav also agreed to keep it a secret.

"Good... secondly, for your meritorious deeds, we have rewards for you all," Grand Commander Shion added.

"The first is, you all are now special class cadets," He revealed.

"Wow, are you for real?" E.E. couldn't help but voice out.

Great commander Shion nodded in response with a light smile on his face.

"Yes," E.E. jumped up in delight while Angy, Maltida, and Falco had looks of excitement on their faces.

Only Glade looked a bit sulky since she didn't understand why she was also receiving such privilege.

"The second reward is that you all are going to be given the opportunity to pick up any supportive weaponry or gadget of your choice from the Base arsenal store," Great commander Shion added.

They all became more excited as they heard that and looked forward to enjoying the privileges of being in a special class.

"Excuse me, great commander, but I already passed the special class test," Gustav, who was silent all this time, finally spoke.

"Doesn't that mean the first reward is irrelevant for me," He added with a calm look.

He and great commander Shion exchanged eye contact at this point, and Gustav didn't even flinch in the slightest.

'He truly is just as I expected him to be,' A smile appeared on Great commander Shion's face as he said internally.

"You are correct..." Great commander Shion agreed with Gustav

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E.E was confused at this point, wondering how Gustav was already a special class but still participated in the test. The rest understood since they witnessed it themselves.

"Which is why we have prepared a special reward for you," Great commander Shion added.

"Oh?" Gustav voiced out with an intrigued look.

"Gustav Crimson... you have been granted the rank of a Caizer, and your training years in the MBO camp have been shortened to two years. You will join one of the cadet squads as vice-captain and go on low-ranked missions from time to time after your first six months of training.

You are also entitled to the privileges of a special class and more," Great commander Shion listed out.

When he was done, everyone except Miss Aimee and Gustav himself had their eyes and mouth slightly open in surprise.

Although they were surprised, they felt this was an appropriate reward for Gustav since he was the one who actually battled the Vindruella.

"I refuse," Gustav voiced out with a look of disagreement.

The entire place was plagued with silence once again after hearing Gustav's statement.

This time their eyes widened more than before as they stared at Gustav with a shocked expression wondering what he was thinking.

"The rewards are not promising enough," Gustav waved with a dismissive expression as he leaned against the chair.

Miss Aimee smiled internally as she heard Gustav speak. She hadn't said a word yet because she wasn't involved in the topic. She was only here as a witness and secretly to protect Gustav just in case.

"Hmm? What else would you want then?" Even great commander Shion was surprised, but he acted cool and asked.

"I want a favor added to that list," Gustav said while crossing his leg.

"I haven't agreed to keep the Caskia Ruins incident a secret. I nearly lost my life there, along with many others. I also

managed to end the existence of two dangerous creatures. One of which already killed countless others. This isn't enough," Gustav explained.

"I want you to owe me a favor that I can cash out on in the future," Gustav added.

Great commander Shion stared at Gustav with an expression of interest.

'This lad is quite the daring one. Even though he has Aimee behind him, trying to negotiate with a great commander while using the incident as a kind of leverage is really rash. The confidence he carries is a little too much for his age,' Great commander Shion thought.

He was really intrigued by Gustav's personality.

Angy and E.E, along with the others, were about to tell Gustav not to be too rash and just accept the initial proposal, but before they could open their mouths, Commander Shion responded.

"Okay... I agree," He said with a light smile.

"Huh?" They all voiced out with confusion once again.

'He agreed just like that,' They had expected a different response. Still, great commander Shion just agreed to Gustav like that.

"So long as it is within my power, whatever favour you ask of will be granted by me," He added.

Gustav smirked and nodded, "Then we have a deal,"

Gustav was glad it worked out like he wanted. With this, he would have another assurance, but he decided he would only make use of that favor when he really needed it.

Great commander Shion said a few more things, including information on the MBO training camp, before coming to a conclusion.

"Now I shall take my leave... Glade, come with me," Great commander Shion voiced out before standing up to leave.

Glade stood to her feet and followed commander Shion.

"Aimee," Commander Shion voiced out while turning around to stare at her.

"Your grandfather sends his greetings... He'll be arriving on earth in a few days," He voiced out before walking out the door with Glade.

Miss Aimee frowned upon hearing that and kept staring at the door even after great Commander Shion had left.

The whole place was filled with excitement due to the rewards.

While Gustav was intrigued about what he heard last, 'Miss Aimee's grandfather? Who is he?' Gustav turned to stare at miss Aimee after hearing that.

"Miss Aimee?" Gustav voiced out as he noticed her frown and her eyes that were still glued to the door.

Miss Aimee heard him and responded by standing to her feet.

"Let's go somewhere... There's something I want to show you," She said while walking towards the door.

Gustav followed Miss Aimee to a part of the barricaded environment surrounding the mansion.

It was a small storehouse beside the hangar area where aircraft were kept.

Sshhhsshhh!

The place opened up, and Miss Aimee led Gustav past the bunch of mechanisms and gadgets arranged all across the place.

They got to the end of the room and what Gustav saw in his line of sight was a large greenish rock.

It was so massive that it even reached the ceiling of the room.

Shiiiiinnnn!

It glowed up the instant Gustav was nine feet away from it.

"This is exactly why I came here... I didn't even know that such a situation would happen during the final phase. Good thing I decided to come," Miss Aimee said.

"Hmm? I don't understand..." Gustav was saying when a system notification appeared in his line of sight.

His eyes widened slightly as he read through it.

"So Gustav... tell me, what is your relationship with this rock and why do I keep sensing your presence when I'm around it?" Miss Aimee asked while staring at the rock.

If she was looking at Gustav, she would have noticed his weird expression. Still, instead, her eyes were focused on the rock after noticing its glow as well as sensing Gustav's presence increasing even more than before.

"I got this from that asshole Yung Jo, and I know it must be something phenomenal. However, he has not been able to figure out its secret and had even conducted numerous experiments trying to crack it open..." Miss Aimee paused her speech when she noticed Gustav moving closer to it.

"What are you doing?" Miss Aimee asked, but Gustav didn't respond.

Gustav walked till the rock was right in front of him and placed his hand on it.

Trrroooiinn!

The rock instantly lit up like a star, shining a blinding light across the vicinity.

Chapter 286 - Other Self

Gustav walked till the rock was right in front of him and placed his hand on it.

Trrroooiinn!

The rock instantly lit up like a star, shining a blinding light across the vicinity.

Miss Aimee shut her eyes for an instant due to the suddenly blinding green light that spread across their surroundings.

From above the base, it could be seen that the mansion was glowing immensely due to the brightness.

Beep! Beep! Beep! Beep! Beep!

Alarms went off all across the base as every mechanical equipment in the vicinity shut down for a few seconds.

Everyone in the base looked towards the source of the bright green light that pierced into the sky like a giant spear.

Zwwwwoooooonnn!

In a few seconds, it died down and disappeared. Still, it had already raised an alarm, so officials were headed towards the mansion with speed.

They were all equipped with one weapon or the other, and the moment the light died down completely, seven officials dashed into the storage room.

"Hmm?" They noticed miss Aimee standing in front, staring at them with a cold look.

"What do you want?" She asked.

"U... M... Young miss we noticed..." Before the one in front could complete his sentence, miss Aimee interrupted.

"Get out! I'm busy,"

This order wasn't repeated. The moment Miss Aimee said this, every single one of them filed out.

Those who were on their way here were stopped by those that Miss Aimee sent out of the place.

Once they knew miss Aimee was responsible, they didn't bother trying to investigate it.

After they had all left, Miss Aimee turned around to stare at Gustav, who was standing in front with his palm still placed on the rock.

Krrrryyycchhh!

Suddenly, cracks started to appear, all from Gustav's palm position to the other parts of the rock.

Miss Aimee was shocked by this occurrence once again. She knew just how many times Yung Jo had performed lots of experiments trying to split open the rock but right before her eyes, Gustav only placed his hand on the rock for it to crack open.

Blam!

The rock burst apart into fragments, and a small dark-red firefly-like glow could be seen floating above the spot where the rock formerly was.

It flew to Gustav's face and floated around him.

"Uh, not again," Gustav voiced out before opening his mouth.

Fwooommm!

The glow flew straight into his mouth, causing Gustav to display a slightly disgusted look.

Gustav's eyes glowed crimson for a few seconds after that before he returned back to normal.

He stared at the fragments of green rock scattered across the place with a look of astonishment.

"Now it's your turn to explain some things to me," Miss Aimee voiced out from behind.

Gustav smiled wryly as he turned around to face miss Aimee.

"But miss Aimee hasn't completed her narration earlier," Gustav reminded.

The both of them stared at each other for a bit before miss Aimee broke the silence.

"We have to leave here first... Grab your things. We're going back to Plankton city," Miss Aimee said before turning around.

Gustav, too started walking forward, but then he remembered something and turned back around.

He stared at the rock fragments on the ground and squatted.

Zing! Zing! Zing! Zing!

He placed every single one of them into his storage device before heading out.

'Did you finish the merge?' Gustav asked internally as he arrived within the room he slept in.

("Merge is complete... I am currently retrieving my full set of memories,")

The system replied Gustav.

Gustav nodded in response with a look of contemplation.

He quickly moved into the mansion and started preparing to leave.

Angy, Maltida, Glade, and Falco also prepared themselves to leave and be with their family for the next two weeks before they would return here.

In about an hour, everyone was set to leave.

A private aircraft had been prepared for them to leave, and everyone boarded it, including Miss Aimee.

E.E was the only one who lived in a different city among them, so he had to join the aircraft that was returning the participants from his city.

While they were on the flight back home, Gustav sat by himself with a contemplative expression.

'Who knew that miss Aimee would be the one to find your other self... And she got it from the man, Yung Jo,' Gustav thought.

Back in the storage room, Gustav had received a notification from the system the moment he closed in on the stone.

[Fragment Of The System Found]

[Host Is Required To Make Contact With The Rock To Commence System Merge]

When Gustav first saw these notifications, he was confused at first, but he remembered the system mentioning that it had to sacrifice a part of itself to save up energy to get to this galaxy.

Gustav only thought it shut down that part of itself or absorbed it to gain more energy. He didn't know that the system actually meant that it disengaged a part of itself.

The system explained to him that this part of itself was also lost in space and probably drifted aimlessly. Since it wasn't active, it must have landed on this planet by coincidence.

How the rock covered it up was unknown. However, it had helped hide the signature energy of the system, which was why it could not locate its other half. However, it also helped because sensors would have been able to pick it up the moment it was exposed without a host since it wasn't functional.

"Gustav, what was that light?" Angy asked from the side of the aircraft.

"Miss Aimee was showing me a technique and ended up using too much power," Gustav answered instantly with a dismissive expression.

Angy stared at miss Aimee from her seating position with a look of understanding.

She totally bought what Gustav said after finding out that miss Aimee was a part of the MBO.

"What are you gonna do in the next two weeks?" Angy asked again with an inquisitive look.

"Nothing much... Just pack my items and get ready to move out, I guess," Gustav replied without much thought.

"Oh, okay... Would you..." Angy muttered with a shy look.

"Would I what?" Gustav asked with a look of confusion.

"Would you like to go out with me on one of these days?" Angy asked while staring at Gustav with a shy look and reddened cheeks.

Chapter 287 - Homecoming

"Would you like to go out with me on one of these days?" Angy asked while staring at Gustav with a shy look and reddened cheeks.

"Hmm? You mean like a date?" Gustav asked bluntly.

Angy's cheek reddened even more as she heard that, "Da... da... date... Not I..." She repeatedly stammered while trying to connect words together, but she was failing miserably at it.

At this moment, her cheeks could be mistaken for tomatoes.

"Alright, I agree," Gustav answered.

Angy immediately stopped her jabbering after hearing that and turned her face away with speed to stare at the other side.

"But not this week... Next week will not be bad," Gustav added.

"Okay," Angy muttered in reply.

Even though a viable look of delight and excitement could be seen on her face, Internally, her heart was pounding so fast that she thought it would come out of her chest.

'He said yes,' Angy turned to stare at Glade, who on the other side was giving her a thumbs up.

'How is it going?' Gustav asked internally.

("Retrieval process is still ongoing,")

The system replied.

("Shouldn't you be more worried about your date?") The system teased with its little girl voice turning thinner and cuter.

'That is the least of my concerns right now... Too many other important things to worry about,' Gustav responded seriously.

("Hah, I forgot you were a robot... You're more of a system than I am... You will remain a virgin forever,")

The system responded with this and stopped talking as a whole.

Gustav; "... " 'This damn thing is cursing me again,'

About thirty minutes later, they arrived at Plankton city's international airport.

As expected, the airport was crowded with lots of people, but the spot they landed, in particular, was reserved so people could hardly be seen around there.

This was where Glade, Falco, and Maltida said their goodbyes since their families came to pick them in this particular area

from the look of things.

A man with a long white horn and greenish skin came alone to pick Glade while convoys of cars came to pick Falco and Maltida up.

Both were from prestigious families in the cities, so they were treasured even more now that they had successfully gotten enlisted into the MBO.

The people from each family who arrived with the convoy had plans of approaching Gustav with the intention of forming a bridge. Nonetheless, the moment they saw miss Aimee, they changed their minds and scurried away with both of them.

Miss Aimee already had her bike brought over, so she drove Gustav and Angy out of the airport.

Gustav was once again glad to see the familiar-looking city as they travelled through the roads even.

He stared at the massive buildings and the sidewalks with the teleportation circles that made trekking faster and then the massive spatial rings in different corners of the road with vehicles streaming in and out of them.

He knew he wouldn't be staying for long in the city, so he wanted to enjoy the view this time.

He never liked society, but he couldn't deny that he would miss the beautiful city.

Breaking News! Breaking News!

- "The successful Candidates From The MBO Entrance Test Have Been Revealed!"

- "These Are The Top Hundred Candidates From Plankton City!"

- "Gustav Crimson The Rising Star Tops The Worldwide Ranking Boards!"

- "The Successful Candidates Have Arrived Back In The City!"

- "We Have Footages of..."

All over the city, media outlets were all sharing similar news.

Some skyscrapers displayed footage of some events that went down during the test phase and also the included performances of the first hundred that managed to get enlisted.

Gustav was mostly being mentioned because not only did he get the highest number of points among the top hundred, but he was also the highest among all the Candidates that passed in the entire world.

He had become a hot topic, not only in the city but also in other civilized parts of the world.

Big families were having meetings at the moment to think of a way of forming a bond with him.

If not for miss Aimee driving extremely fast, ready to hit anyone that tried to stand in her way, Gustav and Angy would have been detained in the airport by reporters who had gotten tipped at the time of arrival.

In a few minutes, they arrived in front of Gustav's apartment, where Angy's parents were already waiting for them.

Her parents' eyes turned teary the moment they saw their daughter and went to hug her when she got down from miss Aimee's hoverbike.

The entire neighborhood had come out of their houses to welcome them, and everywhere erupted with excitement.

Miss Aimee didn't stay long. She left after telling Gustav what time they were going to meet the next day.

Gustav could not get away from all the greetings and chatting for the next one hour since everyone was excited to see the star of the entrance test.

Girls in the neighborhood were all on him, trying to get in his good graces. Even their parents were pushing them more.

They had no idea that Gustav only saw them as nuisances, no matter how beautiful they were.

Angy also didn't stay put in one place. Whenever any girl was trying to hit on Gustav, she would appear.

After two hours had gone by, Gustav finally got the chance to leave the ongoing neighborhood celebration.

He arrived in front of his apartment.

"So, this is how these popular celebrity figures feel?" Gustav sighed as he noticed everything that was placed in front of his door.

Pink letters with lipsticks along with flowers of different kinds could be seen in front of his door.

"Good thing the MBO camp is very far from here," Gustav thanked the stars that he would be leaving the city two weeks from now.

He couldn't imagine having to live like this.

Sshhhsshhh!

He opened his door and walked into his apartment.

It was only two weeks, but it felt like he had been away for longer. The dust particles that settled on different spots of the living room also made it look like that.

[Memories Successfully Recovered]

The moment Gustav was about to start cleaning, he noticed this notification in his line of sight.

Chapter 288 - The System Foreshadows

[Memories Successfully Recovered]

The moment Gustav was about to start cleaning, he noticed this notification in his line of sight.

Gustav proceeded to sit somewhere and speak to the system.

'You've recovered them?' Gustav asked as he sat on the sofa that was currently covered with a cloth.

("Yes, all my memories have been recovered,") The system replied.

("As well as all my computerized data of the universe and my full energy,")

The system added.

Gustav's eyes squinted as he responded, 'So... Where did you come from?' He asked.

Before Gustav could reply, a system notification appeared in his line of sight.

[Initiating Inner Space Creation]

Gustav's line of sight suddenly turned whitish as his eyes glowed crimson.

His mind was pulled into another place, and he found himself in a wide hall.

The hall was immensely large and wide. The beginning and the end could not be seen, but there seemed to be spots that had different kinds of things placed around.

Far behind, Gustav could see pillars of different sizes.

But these pillars weren't really pillars. They were actually rectangular in shape and transparent.

Some reddish liquid was stored within these pillars. Every pillar had pints of these reddish liquids stored in a lined-up format.

To the left, Gustav could see things like shelves lined up in rows and columns.

These shelves had scroll-like objects placed within them.

He looked forward and started walking towards the massive reddish crystal floating in mid-air.

A short girl with a unicorn-like horn in the middle of her forehead, sporting long pinkish hair, could be seen walking towards him from up ahead.

She was clad in a long whitish glowing gown. The gown was so long that it swept across the floors as she walked forward.

She looked to be around twelve years of age with her small stature, but her eyes looked extremely sharp as she gazed at Gustav.

Gustav stopped in front of her and asked, "Where did you bring me?" He asked with a look of astonishment as he looked around him.

"Do you know who I am?" She asked.

"Obviously a virtual representation of the system. I'm not that dumb," Gustav answered with a dismissive look.

"What makes you think this is virtual?" The system asked with a slightly repressed look as she moved closer to Gustav.

Gustav was at least two heads taller than her, so she had to look up to stare at his face.

"What part of all this screams reality?" Gustav said while making gestures at the insurmountable number of pillars, shelves, and reddish crystal floating in mid-air.

The system pouted and swung out her left foot towards Gustav's right leg.

Bam!

"Ow," Gustav exclaimed with a slight look of pain as he stared at her.

"Why did you do that?" He proceeded to ask with a tone of annoyance.

"Oh, so you felt it. Do you still think this is just virtual?" She asked.

Gustav left eyebrows raised slightly as he stared at her.

"You're in my personal space that also contains my core. I have recovered all my energy, so I can draw your mind here anytime we want to have a personal conversation," The system stated.

"So, do you mind telling me everything now?" Gustav asked.

"No," The system replied bluntly.

"What? Why?" Gustav exclaimed with a look of dissatisfaction.

"My installed protocols prevent me from disclosing some information," The system replied.

"I'll only tell you what I can. For the rest, I'll reveal them through quests," The system added.

Gustav's face shone understanding as he heard that and asked, "Hmm, so how about revealing what you can firstly,"

Two chairs appeared behind both of them, and the system gestured for Gustav to sit.

"I am a computerized digital creature that was created with the purpose of containing the secrets of the universe... and something else. Anything more than that, I can't say." The system voiced out.

"But you haven't said anything," Gustav said with a weird look.

"All I can add is, there isn't much time left, so you have to become strong very fast for what is to come. I will issue you two quests tomorrow. These quests have to be completed within the time frame required, and it will give you an idea of the direction that will lead to the predestined path," The system said with a profound look.

"Sigh! All these, and you still haven't said anything," Gustav shook his head as he sighed.

"You will have to be patient... With time everything will be revealed," The system said.

"One thing I can say for sure now is, you should prepare yourself to leave earth in a few years," The system added.

"Hmm? For that to happen, I'll need to be in a squad within the MBO that gets sent on intergalactic missions." Gustav said with a contemplative expression.

"You should start working towards that," The system voiced out before...

Zrrroooooommm!

Gustav's line of sight turned white as his mind was pulled out of the space.

Gustav found himself staring at his room again.

His eyes were squinted as he dwelled on the system's words.

'Instead of revealing everything, it only made me more intrigued... I wasn't even able to ask about what it was looking for,' Gustav sighed with a slightly disappointed look.

'That...' Gustav remembered the expression on the system's face as it spoke to him earlier.

'That already is a sign that whatever mission it was onto is something... Dangerous on a very serious level,' Gustav thought as he stood up with a serious look on his face.

'Whatever it is... I will make my decision when I cross that bridge,' He thought as he started cleaning up his apartment.

Gustav spent about two hours making sure everywhere was clean.

When he was done, it was night already.

"I hope those guys have been working hard," Gustav voiced as he went to take a shower.

After he was done, he clothed himself and stepped out of his apartment.

The instant Gustav arrived downstairs, he could see two buff men waiting for him in front.

"Boss!" Both of them shouted out at the same time as they approached Gustav with a respectful look.

Chapter 289 - Side Story

-Six weeks ago

Breaking News!

-"We have received degrading footage concerning the disciplinary staff of the biggest school in Plankton city, Echelon Academy.

- "From an anonymous source, this footage happens to display the students being sexually assaulted along with other forms of assault and verbal abuse. Viewers' discretion advised.

- "Another footage includes the confession to a conspiracy involving these same disciplinary staff. According to the information we received, the school's kitchen that caused the death of five was orchestrated by them.

- "The Kwoiune family have threatened to destroy the school after seeing their beloved third daughter being assaulted on the footage.

- "The Echelon Academy is currently undergoing intense investigation. The four high school disciplinary teachers have been carted away by the police. Other forces are oppressing the police force to relinquish these four to them.

Gustav, who was currently on his way back home, stared at the news displayed on different city screens.

Several news stations were currently reporting the current incidents, and Echelon Academy happened to be the hottest topic on the news at the moment.

Gustav smiled as he watched the four disciplinary teachers being dragged away like criminals.

Due to the current situation, the school had been shut down in the meantime, so the students were urged to return back home. The school's shutdown was why Gustav was heading back home at the moment, even though it was still morning.

He had successfully framed each and every one of the four disciplinary committee members and sent footages to the media concerning this.

Miss Aimee assisted him in this aspect. She gave him the contact of a media personality and helped them meet.

Not only were they framed for these crimes in school, but he also added the confession of Ebunoluwa to it.

He wanted to put them in a sticky situation first before adding the issue of the kitchen fire, so their reputation would have already taken a blow. Then when the kitchen fire situation is added, their credibility when they try to defend themselves would be at an all-time low.

Again, an expected scenario was where Maltida's family threatened to shut down the entire school because she was involved.

Other big families also came out to say they were going to withdraw their kids from Echelon Academy after seeing proof of what went down.

Of course, the four had tried denying all the accusations, but then the footage had been inspected properly, and no signs of unoriginality were found.

In other words, these four were already doomed.

The police force brought in Ebun as well for questioning and had him make the confession again.

The disciplinary teachers tried to deny never meeting him, but then, phone calls were retrieved. The police had technology that could also retrieve months-old conversations on the phone between parties.

They made use of this, and everything was uncovered.

The whole situation turned messy as the four were unable to deny any of the crimes they were confronted with anymore, even the one they were framed with.

Gustav arrived home later and waited for the verdict of these four along with Ebun.

He finally got a holographic tv to watch the news.

The next morning he had a smile on his face as he watched the five of them being carted away in prisoner's outfits.

'I bet this isn't how it's gonna end,' Gustav said internally as he saw them being taken away in convoys.

Afterwards, the media called out Echelon Academy for firing and smearing the reputation of boss Danzo.

This had proven that he was innocent and framed. The media had tried to find out the disciplinary committee's reason for doing this. Still, they were only informed that boss Danzo refused one of their requests, and it ended up that way.

This way, boss Danzo had regained his reputation.

Gustav quickly made use of the contact boss Danzo had given him to call.

In a few seconds, the call was picked.

"Hey, son," Boss Danzo's merry voice was heard from the other end.

Gustav hadn't heard boss Danzo's voice for roughly a month, so he felt relieved now that he had finally solved the issue.

He wanted to make sure the situation was resolved before contacting him.

"Boss Danzo, have you seen the latest news in Plankton city?" Gustav proceeded to ask.

"Hmm? What's happening?" Boss Danzo asked with an intrigued tone.

He was no longer in Plankton city, so he had no idea about things that went down there.

"Check for news on Plankton city," Gustav stated.

Boss Danzo would have to tune into a worldwide news station to figure out what was happening.

"Oh my... My name has been cleared?" Boss Danzo voiced out from the other end with a tone of disbelief.

Gustav smiled as he heard boss Danzo speak.

"How did this... Don't tell me you did something?" Boss Danzo asked.

"Doesn't matter... What matters is now you can come back," Gustav replied with a wider smile.

"Hmm, I'm very glad about this. It's good, really good news and much appreciated, my boy," Boss Danzo didn't ask how he did it because he knew Gustav was tight-lipped.

"But I hope you didn't suffer any troubles while trying to clear my name? Also, are you fine?" Boss Danzo asked if with a worried tone.

"No, no, I'm perfectly okay," Gustav voiced out as he recalled the beating he dished out to Ebunoluwa.

'He should worry more about those involved,' Gustav said internally.

He knew boss Danzo wasn't the violent type, so he tried solving this in the most non-violent way possible.

Ebunoluwa's torture session was absolutely necessary.

However, if something happened afterwards, he wouldn't be involved anymore.

"So, when are you coming back?" Gustav proceeded to ask.

"About that... I will not be coming back anytime soon, my boy," Boss Danzo replied with a slightly saddened tone.

"Oh... Why?" Gustav asked with a low tone as his excitement slowly died down.

"I'm currently dealing with something over here. It will take some time before I am done but don't worry, one of these days we'll see each other again," Boss Danzo voiced out heartily.

Gustav felt a little down hearing that, but he responded with 'okay.'

Chapter 290 - Side Story (1/2)

"I heard about the upcoming entrance test phase. I'm sure you're working towards it..."

Boss Danzo and Gustav continued on the call for about twenty minutes, catching up on different things before they ended the call.

Boss Danzo reminded Gustav to keep watch of his granddaughter once he got into the MBO training camp before the call ended.

Gustav laid on his bed with a smile on his face. Although boss Danzo wouldn't be returning yet, he was glad that he had solved the situation.

'Maltida really let me do that for the sake of being my partner in the MBO... I need to give her the benefit of the doubt because no other girl would be willing to do that,' Gustav thought as he stood up and proceeded to go complete his tasks for the day.

In her household, Matilda sat close to the window side and stared out through the window.

'I hope he acknowledges my sacrifice for him,' She said internally while placing her hand on her left chest area with a look on her face.

'I've pulled some strings behind the scenes to make sure those four get more punishment,'

The next day, after performing his daily tasks, Gustav tuned into the news.

Another breaking news was being displayed.

After the disciplinary teachers and Ebun were given a sentence, they were to be transported to a maximum-security prison on various charges.

While on the way, the vehicles carrying them were hijacked by unknown assailants, and they were all abducted.

These unknown assailants laid waste to the squad transporting them and smoothly completed the abduction operation.

Everyone already suspected that this must be the doing of one of the big families who didn't want them to get off with just imprisonment.

Surprisingly, Maltida's family threatened the police to make sure they found those assailants.

This made people question if they were truly the ones that abducted them or not.

Gustav already concluded that they had to be the ones. He felt the threat was just a way to cover up their tracks and reduce the suspicion people would feel towards them.

'Now they will suffer a fate worse than death,' Gustav smiled as he thought.

He knew just how brutal these big families were when it comes to handling situations that affected their image or any one of their members.

He knew that he would have found himself in this same situation had it been proven that he was the cause for Hung Jo's current predicament.

Gustav sighed in relief as he moved to his reading chair to check some things on his holographic computer.

'It's time I started making plans on how to handle the situation of the neighbourhood after my departure.' Gustav said internally as he started checking things on the internet.

Side Story (2)

A week went by in a flash, and during this time, the whole incident had died down. The disciplinary committee members were nowhere to be found even after the police force had searched far and wide.

Echelon Academy later reopened after giving a formal apology to everyone involved, especially boss Danzo and Maltida.

All the staffs of Echelon Academy were to undergo reevaluation according to the government to be sure that the others were in their right minds. Of course, Miss Aimee excluded herself, and no one was able to do anything about that.

From that day onwards, the teachers minded the way they interacted with the students, and cameras were now placed in the offices to monitor their activities.

The mixedbloods that used to be discriminated against due to low bloodlines were no longer on the receiving end of bullying like before. Even when it happened, the teachers will interfere since they were being monitored 24/7. They wanted to make sure they looked responsible at all times for fear of losing their jobs.

At this time, only three weeks were left before the start of the much anticipated MBO entrance exams.

Gustav had already thought of a way to handle the problem of his absence. He decided to make a kind of nightguard agency that will specialize in keeping the neighborhood safe while he was away.

The money would be generated from the people living in the neighbourhood, and from there, he would pay his workers.

At this point in time, he was searching for mixedblood recruits that had reached the serial rank to work for him.

Gustav knew it was impossible to find youngsters at this level, so he knew only fully grown mixedbloods that could no longer increase their ranks would be interested.

Gustav used the internet to place ads on different sites and waited for feedback.

While this was ongoing, Gustav didn't neglect his training with Miss Aimee, neither did he stop infiltrating the border.

On this particular day, Gustav had successfully gotten all his stats beyond fifty points.

He got an exponential increase in strength overall the moment he got to this point.

Gustav infiltrated the border again and decided to visit one of the places he hadn't checked out yet.

After traversing through some parts of the dense forest area, he came across a sloppy area that extended upward with small stones packed together in a bunch, placed on different parts.

These small stones had green bushes surrounding them. Gustav found it a little weird because not only were these stones packed together in a bunch all around the place but there was also no vegetation beside the green bushes surrounding the stones for the next two miles.

This area was void of trees and plain grass, and it kept extending upwards.

Gustav walked in the midst of these stones and even activated God Eyes to check them out. Still, he noticed nothing out of the ordinary.

Gustav kept walking through their midst for several minutes, checking some of them out while skipping the rest.

'So, there's nothing here,' Gustav said internally as he arrived at the top of the slope and could still see nothing besides these bunch of stones scattered all across the place.

Gustav was about to go back and head towards another place in the border when he thought of something, 'I haven't seen a single mixedbreed around here, neither could I find one around the route that led here on my way to this place,'

As he came to this realization, he thought, 'That means this is the territory of a powerful one... how does the map not have a red dot here?'

He had discovered this a bit too late because just as he wanted to leave, the ground started to vibrate.

Vrrrrhhyyyyyyhhhhh!