

Bloodline 501

Chapter 501: Figuring Things Out

Bang! Bang!

Two sounds of collision rang out as Gustav managed to land a hit on the strange force a moment after he got hit.

Fwwihhh!

He slid back by a few feet and stabilized himself with a look of surprise on his face.

Asides from the stabbing earlier, all hits barely had an effect on his body. Now that he managed to hit the force responsible for these sneak attacks, Gustav sensed something.

'It feels... Like a person,' Gustav said internally as he once again prepared himself for the next hit.

Gustav had been studying the pattern of this strange invisible force, so he stood in place while waiting.

[Combination Has Been Activated]

[Sprint + Dash]

He suddenly activated this and combined dash and sprint, increasing his speed level multiple times.

The strange force was felt again at this moment, headed for his spine area.

In that split moment, Gustav turned around with immense speed and reached out.

Bam!

He grabbed hold of what felt like a fist and held it in place.

'Got you,' Gustav said internally as he reached out with his left palm.

[Palm Strike Has Been Activated]

His palm travelled forward with speed causing ripples of breeze to scatter across the place as it slammed heavily into what seemed like a chest to Gustav, tearing through it.

Gustav still kept God Eyes activated. For a few moments, he noticed a bleeping body outline twitching in and out of existence.

Within its chest was Gustav's left arm.

Fwwweee~

In the next second, it disappeared along with all the small blue dots in the vicinity.

Gustav had deactivated Combination at this point. He didn't combine Sprint and Dash initially because of the high amount of energy it consumes. This was why he needed to use it at the precise moment when he was sure the attack of the unknown force was going to appear.

'So, it was like an invisible clone? How is the kid able to do that?' Gustav was so surprised as this didn't make sense to him.

However, there was no time to think about this at the moment because Gustav suddenly felt an immense amount of heatwave from above.

He turned around and looked up, only to see the massive bowl of liquid flames hovering above the platform.

The time he had spent dealing with the invisible clone allowed Endric the chance to pull this stunt.

Endric smiled from his current position thousands of feet away as if he was saying, I win.

Pah!

Snapping his finger, the massive bowl of liquid flames began to fall towards the platform once again.

Fwwhiiii!

It carried so many heatwaves more intense than before and cast a blazing red light upon Gustav and the platform amidst its descent.

Gustav once again had to turn around with speed, charging in the other direction to leave its range.

Even though he currently had Heat Resistance Activated, which currently consumed a lot of energy, he could still feel the searing hotness of the descending mountain-sized liquid flames.

Burn marks had already appeared on his skin as the hot liquid flames got closer.

Boom!

Gustav felt the blast of heat behind him as parts of the liquid slammed into the platform behind him, and some were close to dropping on him.

Swwooooosshh~

Luckily Gustav managed to dash past the range of collision just in time. However, the shockwaves mixed with immense heat still slammed into him from behind, catapulting him forward.

Gustav somersaulted across the air repeatedly as his uniform caught fire from behind.

Krrryyhhh! Krrryyhhh! Krrryyhhh!

More cracks appeared all over the floating platform at this point in time.

The spectators all had widened eyes as they stared at the splits on the platform increase more and more.

All of a sudden...

Grrrhyyyhhh~ Bam!

A loud crumbling sound was heard as the platform split into three parts from the middle.

Gasp~

More rocks from the battle platform continue to crumble into the river of fiery hot liquid.

Krrryyhhh!

It didn't look like it was over yet, as the parts that got split broke into several smaller parts as well, and some even sunk into the river of flames.

The crowd was stunned as they noticed that Gustav happened to be standing on the side of the platform that only covered around a radius of two hundred feet.

Some of them tensed up after noticing the large cracks on the platform that seemed to be increasing even more.

Gustav, at this point, already tore the upper part of his uniform once again. His entire upper body was in full display, and everyone could see the scorch marks on his back and shoulder, which indicated just how hot the liquid flames were.

Gustav's back that was stabbed initially had stopped bleeding, and everyone could hardly see any signs of injury.

- "Did he already take a healing pill?"

This was everyone's thoughts because they had expected this injury to incapacitate Gustav a lot, especially since it was a sneak attack. Still, here he was standing like he had received no damage whatsoever.

During the battle, it was nearly impossible to take a healing pill because your opponent wouldn't even give you the chance to heal yourself. The spectators also didn't see Gustav bringing out a healing pill, so they were confused.

Gustav, on the other hand, stood on his broken part of the platform with a look of intrigue.

The part of the battle platform he was currently standing on was drifting further away while the other parts in the vicinity kept crumbling into the river.

Endric was up to six thousand feet away from Gustav's current position, still standing on his telekinetic board while staring at his small outline with a gloating look.

Krryyhh! Bam! Krrryyhhh! Bam!

The space on the platform Gustav found himself broke apart even more, and there were only about fifty feet more room left on it.

From the looks of things, it was only a matter of time before this one sunk into the river.

Chapter 502: The End?

Gustav scoffed as he closed his eyes and transformed back into his normal form to reduce the weight on the platform.

'Six thousand feet distance...'

The spectators were still watching with looks of interest, wondering why Gustav closed his eyes.

Smirk!

"So foolish to assume I cannot get to your position just because of distance," Gustav voiced out as he opened his eyes.

[Super Jump Has Been Activated]

Gustav suddenly squatted with speed as his calves bulged with power before leaping forward.

Thooooommm~ Grrhhboo~

The platform he was initially standing on blasted into pieces as his body shot forward like an asteroid flying across space.

Endric, along with the entire crowd, had shocked looks as Gustav crossed over four thousand feet in a manner of a few seconds.

Endric quickly activated his will again and sent a telekinetic force forward to knock Gustav down while in mid-air.

Gustav, at this point, already had the orbs floating around himself as he travelled forward.

He was only about five hundred feet away from Endric's position when he sensed the pressure coming from above.

Gustav controlled the orbs to surround his feet position and detonated them in the next instant.

Booom!

A loud blasting sound reverberated across the place as Gustav's being was given another boost crossing the five hundred feet gap in nearly an instant.

Wwwhooooosshh~

His figure phased through the explosion behind like a phantom as he arrived in front of Endric, who was wide-eyed at this point.

Both their eyes made contact as Endric tried creating a telekinetic barrier in front of him as fast as he could while Gustav's right arm was already travelling forward.

Gustav's arm tore straight through the telekinetic barrier before it could form and grabbed hold of Endric's neck as he landed on the telekinetic board.

"Ugh!"

Endric made a loud choking sound as Gustav held him up while tightening his fist around his neck.

Before Endric could react to that, Gustav's left fist was already headed for his belly.

Bang!

A loud sound reverberated across the place as bloodshot out of Endric's mouth the instant Gustav's fist drove into his gut.

Gustav pulled his arm back again and threw another punch forward while still holding onto Endric's neck.

Bang!

Endric spat out blood again onto Gustav's face as he felt his internal organs getting pummeled.

Gustav wasn't even bothered about the blood as it rolled down his face.

Endric was still choking, and he was about to throw another one when he felt the telekinetic board underneath him getting unstable.

He instantly understood that dealing with Endric would cause the telekinetic board to disappear, and both of them would fall into the river of flames below.

"But I'm not done with you," Gustav muttered as he leaped off the telekinetic board with Endric still in his grasp.

He landed on a small rock in front that was floating above the river's surface of flames.

Bang!

He drove another fist into Endric's chest, this time the instant he landed there before jumping off again.

His body travelled several hundred feet across the air and in the process...

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Endric received hits on his chest, face, gut, sides, and even ribs.

Gustav was finally reaching the end of the fiery river towards the south side.

He could see the rocky walls up ahead, which also extended to the top where some of the spectators were situated.

At this point, Endric's whole face was smeared with blood, along with his white uniform, which was currently blood red.

He was bleeding from almost every part of his body, including parts that Gustav didn't make contact with due to the force of Gustav's attack.

'His strength... I can't contend,' Endric had tried to break free many times and use his abilities. However, every time he tried, he was disrupted by Gustav's attack.

Every hit rocked his internal organs, making him feel immense pain.

He had almost passed out at this point and was left remembering his time with Officer Mag.

Gustav landed on another piece of a small rock. He leaped upwards with immense force while pushing Endric's body forward as they closed in on the rocky wall up ahead.

The spectators in that part of the hall quickly moved away in fright.

Bang!

The entire place trembled intensely as Endric's body crashed into the wall creating a massive pit.

Gustav kept pushing him forward with the remaining force left from the leap, using his body to create a deeper hole within the wall and breaking through several hardened internal parts.

The tremors stopped after a few seconds, and everyone stared at the hole created within the wall from their positions.

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

The voices of the cadets could be heard in the background as they stared at the hole.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The loud sound of someone getting hit kept reverberating from the hole.

Those with great eyesight could see a little bit while others wondered what was happening now.

The instructors spectating as well all had looks of pity on their faces.

How else did anyone think this would go? Endric was smart enough to use the location to his advantage, but this was why Gustav was still known as the most powerful for a reason.

They could see Endric receiving more hits from Gustav within the hole.

Endric's eyes finally rolled to the back after vomiting a mouthful of blood once again.

Gustav threw him to the floor within the dark hole one more time and stomped his head into the ground before picking up his unconscious body.

He slowly walked towards the opening of the hole while pulling Endric by the neck.

Arriving at the ledge, he stretched out his hand in which Endric was in his grasp.

He stared at the river of liquid flames bubbling up beneath while holding Endric up a few feet in front of the ledge, ready to release him into the river of flames.

-One hour ago

«"...This pill will bring out your latent potential for two minutes, causing you to skip several levels. With this, you will be powerful enough to defeat even a senior class cadet as long as you utilize that time. However, it takes one hour to activate after consumption, and your bloodline potential will reduce by a step after this... If you don't want this one, you can also go for other options,"»

Endric listened to the voice coming from the communication device in front of him as he stood in the middle of his room with a red pill in his palm.

Chapter 503: Spiking Strength Level

Endric listened to the voice coming from the communication device in front of him as he stood in the middle of his room with a red pill in his palm.

"I'm taking this one," Endric voiced out in response.

"Are you sure? It's gonna..." Before the person on the other end of the communication could complete their sentence, gulping sounds were heard in the room.

Endric had already swallowed the pill.

«"... Enhancement pills that have this kind of effect are dangerous for young mixedbloods such as yourself and also illegal, but the MBO won't be able to find out that you took such a pill. Every trace of it within you disappears the moment its activation period ends, and this one was created by our finest scientists, so the only side effect will be..."»

Tap!

Endric tapped the deactivation button and closed his fist.

Bang!

The communication device was instantly smashed to pieces after he made that action.

"Enough of your yapping in my ears... It's time," Endric voiced out with a solemn tone as he turned around to leave his room.

In the hall of doom, Gustav still had Endric's neck in his grasp and his arm outstretched in front of the ledge of the dark hole.

Endric's battered and unconscious body hovered around seventy above the river of flames.

Gustav's fingers were slowly releasing from Endric's neck, and just as he was about to let go of Endric completely...

Fwwwooooommm~

A strange wind suddenly started blowing across the place coming from Endric's being.

In the next instant...

Shinnn~

Endric opened his eyes, revealing a set of blue irises and dark blue pupils that were bordering on purple.

They glowed with ominous light as he stared directly into Gustav's eyes.

Before the crowd could understand what was happening, a powerful force suddenly blasted out from Endric's being.

Shrrrooooo~ Boom!

Gustav, who was hit at point-blank range by the blast, got sent crashing backward with intensity.

The entire hall vibrated due to this blast, and even some spectators were blasted backward.

The instructors quickly swooped in and protected the cadets from the energy of the blast.

Krrryhhh! Krrryhh!

Lots of spectators had to move away from the ledge of the circular passageway due to some parts of the wall crumbling and falling into the river of flames.

As the intensity died down, everyone stared at the position where Endric was initially situated and found out that he was no longer there.

Instead, he was about two hundred feet behind, hovering above the river of flames while his eyes continued to glow the ominous light.

The immense pressure coming from him at this moment caused everyone's eyes to widen as they wondered what was going on.

This pressure was only felt when Gustav unleashed his most powerful attack back then in the display event, yet Endric was emitting this same pressure without even unleashing any attack.

Gustav, who was blasted backward earlier, pulled himself out of the new hole his body created after blasting into the end of the hole earlier.

'What was that?' Gustav asked internally with a confused expression.

("Things just got dangerous... Endric's energy level suddenly spiked... His current strength level is at the Echo rank...") The system announced.

'What? How is that possible?' Gustav asked internally with a tone of shock.

("I sensed a kind of...") Before the system could complete its statement, Gustav suddenly felt a strong tug.

Fwwwheiii!

It was so powerful and instantaneous that his entire being got pulled out of the hole with speed.

The instant he adjusted to what had just happened, he noticed a fist headed for his face upfront.

It wasn't actually headed for his face; his face was the one heading towards the incoming fist, which belonged to Endric.

Bang!

A loud sound of collision rang out as Gustav was sent flying backward with his arms in an 'X' format.

Endric, who had just performed that attack, stretched out his hand again, causing Gustav's catapulting body to halt for a moment before pulling him towards his direction again.

Gustav was unable to react in time before he felt the tug on his body again and found himself travelling towards Endric once again.

Bang!

Fists after fist were sent out as Endric continuously repeatedly this action, but Gustav was able to prevent himself from getting directly hit each time.

However, he was taking damage even though he was able to block the hits because each punch felt like a mountain was slamming into him, and he was unable to fight back because Endric's will had suddenly undergone a big transformation which was letting him control Gustav as he pleased.

Endric stopped Gustav's catapulting body and swung his hand towards the side.

Fwwhiiii!

Gustav repeatedly spiralled across the air before slamming into the side of a rocky wall.

Bang!

Endric swung his palm again.

Fwwhii!

An invisible force crashed into Gustav's body the instant he slammed into the wall.

Endric repeated the same action.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The powerful force kept ramming into him, drilling him into the wall and causing it to crumble.

At this point, the crowd was astonished, wondering what was happening.

All this had happened in less than a minute, and it had been so quick that they could hardly follow what was happening.

Gustav felt the solid invisible wall slamming into him over and over again, causing bone-cracking sounds to ring out.

Blood oozed out of his mouth and nose as he quickly began to transform.

"Screeehhhh~"

He quickly shot out sonic waves from his mouth to fend off the next telekinetic attack.

Bang!

The collision was made as Endric's invisible force was stopped for a few seconds, but Gustav found it extremely hard to keep it up as the force kept pushing his sonic screams backward.

Gustav quickly pulled himself from the massive rectangular hole created in the wall due to Endric's force and leaped off it.

Bang!

The force crashed into his initial position and caused debris to scatter all across the place.

Gustav's body that was currently in mid-air, increased in size.

Chapter 504: Gustav Lost?

[Size Manipulation Has Been Activated]

This always helped in reducing the speed at which Endric could wrap his will around his body.

Gustav's right arm turned massive as he swung it forward with force.

It continued increasing in size as it travelled towards Endric's body upfront.

Bang!

Gustav suddenly felt something block his massive fist the instant it was only a few feet away from slamming into Endric.

Endric turned towards the side and stared at him.

In the next instant, Gustav's massive body was swinging towards the side once again.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

In a manner of ten seconds, Gustav had been thrown from place to place all across the rocky walls at the edge of the fiery river over a hundred times.

It was as if he couldn't even fight against Endric's will.

Endric once again reached his hand forward and pulled Gustav out of the hole in which he buried him last after tossing him across the place repeatedly with his will.

Gustav felt his head spin a little as he found himself floating several ten feet away from Endric in mid-air.

Endric stretched both his hands outwards and began to separate them like he was pulling something apart.

This same action led to Gustav feeling a strange force wrap around his arms and began pulling them apart.

Both his arms were being pulled away from each other with force.

Endric was doing it effortlessly like he was pulling a thread. Meanwhile, Gustav felt like he was being ripped in half by the force of two mountains tied to his right and left hand.

[Size Manipulation Has Been Activated]

Gustav quickly activated size manipulation, and instead of growing bigger in size, his body instantly shrunk.

Ziiimmmm~

His body decreased by a foot, causing him to be released from Endric's will.

Endric was taken aback by this, and just as he wanted to grab hold of Gustav's tiny frame with his telekinesis, multiple orbs suddenly appeared around him and exploded.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The instant this happened, Gustav increased in size once again and stretched out his hand to grab hold of the wall by the side.

As the explosion cleared, Endric couldn't be seen in the same position anymore. He had appeared several hundred feet behind.

Gustav leaped forward once again with force as Endric also sent forth his will

only for Gustav to shrink in size again, confusing Endric. Gustav appeared in front of him before unshrinking with an uppercut travelling towards his jaw.

Zing~

Endric suddenly blitzed hundreds of feet towards the side, dodging the punch.

This action shocked Gustav as his fist went through thin air.

Endric swung his palm forward, sending an invisible wall towards Gustav again.

Gustav shrunk once more and landed on a small rock in front before leaping upwards again.

His attack on Endric failed three more times due to him blitzing away like he was teleporting several times.

Endric suddenly decided he had had enough and raised his hand high up, conjuring a large invisible force above.

A strange pressure suddenly blanketed a radius of five thousand feet around them, causing fierce winds to blow across the place.

The instant Endric swung his hand down, a massive invisible palm descended with force upon the river.

Gustav was caught in the middle of this and couldn't get away, so he quickly increased in size, becoming up to a thousand feet tall, and stretched both his legs from wall to wall to prevent himself from falling into the river as the massive invisible palm descended.

Bang!

Crumbling sounds reverberated across the entire environment as Gustav bore the weight of this enormous palm, which pushed down on his shoulders, causing his back to tremble.

Endric stood in place staring at him for a few moments before reaching out again and wrapping his will around Gustav.

Fwwwiiiiii!

He raised his second hand and caused another massive invisible palm to descend upon the place.

Bang!

The instant it landed, Gustav lost his foot as both palms sent him crashing towards the river of flames while he decreased in size.

Gasp~

The entire crowd had widened eyes as they stared at Gustav falling into the river of flames.

Gurrp!le~

They couldn't believe their sights as they saw his body sink into it.

Endric finally released the pressure on the vicinity and stared at the location where Gustav fell in with a look of pity.

'Ten seconds left...' He said Internally as his eyes slowly began to dim.

- "Is it over?"

- "Gustav lost?"

- "How is this possible?"

The spectators all had looks of astonishment and confusion. They had witnessed what had just happened with Endric and his sudden massive leap in strength, which made no sense to them.

- "Hey isn't that...?"

While everyone was arguing about what just went down, the shocked voice of a cadet brought them back to reality.

Everyone seemed to have noticed the reddish-brown orb cackling with purplish electricity floating behind Endric at the same time, and their eyes widened as they recognized this orb.

Endric turned around the instant he sensed it, and that was when...

Boom~

It exploded with intensity.

Zimm~

Endric had blitz away in the last moment while quickly conjuring multiple barriers of telekinesis around him.

The instructors in the vicinity also sprung into action at the exact same moment, using their abilities to conjure protective layers around the edges of the fiery river to protect the spectators from the blast.

Boooooom~

The bright dark red shockwaves spread across the place, carrying immense power and pressure with it.

It covered a radius of three thousand feet in nearly an instant obliterating everything in its path.

A massive hole was being torn open within the river of flames that kept expanding as the blast also did. The walls vibrated with intensity. Meanwhile, Endric's telekinetic barrier was being torn through layer after layer.

He couldn't outrun the blast and found himself within it.

He still had kept putting more up as they were consumed because the moment he ran out of energy to conjure barriers, it would be his end.

Luck, however, did not seem to be on his side as his eyes turned dim in the next second.

'Time up...' Endric said internally with a look of despair as he felt the energy within him shriveling up.

Chapter 505: Obliteration And Torture

'Time up...' Endric said internally with a look of despair as he felt the energy within him shriveling up.

The telekinetic barrier surrounding him started getting ripped apart as the reddish waves of energy threatened to consume and obliterated anything in its path.

Endric tried as much as possible to keep the barriers up and create new ones while amid these destructive waves. However, in a manner of seconds, he had lost all energy within him and he could not conjure another barrier.

Booom~

"KIIAARRHHH~"

As the blast began to die down, a loud scream was heard from within the reddish and black waves of destruction.

The spectators witnessed a human-shaped body get blasted out from within the waves towards the far south.

The orb destroyed the surrounding walls and caused the barriers protecting the spectators to nearly get destroyed. Later on, the waves began to shrink down.

In a few moments, it shrunk completely into a small blue dot and disappeared.

Meanwhile, a massive amount of the river of flames beneath was missing.

The level of the river of flames beneath had reduced by a lot, and all the rocks that were initially floating above the surface had been totally destroyed. Walls had crumbled, and the river of flames had increased in length due to the destruction of some of the barricades.

Everyone wasn't really focused on this at the moment because they could see Endric's body being blasted far towards the back.

Their eyes were widened because his left arm was missing along with his right foot down to the knee area.

Half his face was charred black, and blood oozed out of multiple parts of his body like a fountain. He was in such a mess that no one knew if he was conscious or not.

While he was being blasted backward and closed to reaching the other side of the nearly crumbled wall, a loud blast was suddenly heard from the river area again.

Thuumm~ Thuumm~ Thuumm~ Thuumm~

Several long and thick-looking icicle-like spears shot out of several parts of the river below.

Thuuum~

One directly shot out of the river close to the location Endric was headed for and stabbed straight into his right shoulder from underneath, hooking him in place.

Gasp~

The spectators gasped as they noticed Endric hanging up several hundred feet above the river with the icicle-like spear in his left shoulder area.

Fwwwooohhh~

Everyone's eyes widened again as the river of flames blasted open once again, and a pillar that looked similar to the massive icicle-like spears shot out of it with someone standing atop it.

-"It's Gustav!!!"

Multiple shouted out at the same time.

- "He's alive?"

- "How did he survive that?"

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

Voices of confusion broke out in the background as everyone watched Gustav rise along with the massive pillar he was standing on, which was shooting out of the river of flames underneath.

Those with keen eyesight noticed that the Instant his body shot out of the river of flames with the pillar, he was covered in some weird-looking layers which disappeared as he rose.

Some of them already guessed that these layers were why he didn't get incinerated within the river. Still, they had no idea what it was or how thick it was to withstand the insane high temperature from the river of flames.

Gustav arrived in front of Endric, who was hanging up in the air with the icicle-like spear stabbed into his right shoulder.

Gustav could see that half his face had been completely obliterated along with his left arm.

Gustav was also looking a bit battered, but his eyes still shone with a fierce light, his face remained cold and unbothered, and his presence grew powerful as he slowly walked forward.

The pillar that he was standing on had a large space above that covered up to fifty feet, so he had to walk forward a bit for him to be directly in front of Endric.

Step! Step! Step! Step!

The entire atmosphere turned extremely tensed as they watched Gustav take his time in walking towards Endric's elevated body.

It was only about five seconds, but it felt like five minutes because everyone could tell that the defining moment had arrived.

Gustav stood in front of Endric's body and stretched out his hand to place it on Endric's jaw before slowly lifting his head to stare at his face.

Black blood was rolling down his darkened face along with specs of tears even though his eyes were closed.

"Savor your last moments very well... They will be filled with pain," Gustav said before pulling Endric further towards him, which caused the icicle-like spear to pierce into his shoulder even deeper.

Blergh~

Endric vomited out blood on Gustav's chest, which he ignored.

Gustav arched back his left arm and drove it forward with force, punching Endric in the gut once again.

Bang!

Blood splattered all across the place because, unlike last time, Endric didn't have a telekinetic protective vest wrapped around his body anymore due to low energy.

Gustav slowly pulled his fist back, covered with blood that dripped down his wrist and fell into the river of flames below.

Everyone watching had looks of pity on their faces. Some couldn't even keep watching as they felt Gustav should just put Endric out of his misery quickly instead of torturing him like this.

Officer Mag was among the people that could no longer keep watching. She turned away with a crestfallen expression as the sounds from behind kept pounding away in her head, giving her an uncomfortable feeling in her gut.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The entire place had turned silent at this point, and all that could be heard was the sound of Gustav's fist occasionally slamming into Endric's defenseless body.

Endric spat out blood for the umpteenth time as tears rolled down his face.

"Mu-m... Da-d..." He muttered weakly causing Gustav to pause his fist that was initially driving towards Endric's face.

Chapter 506: Stop!

"Mu-m... Da-d..." He muttered weakly, causing Gustav to pause his fist that was initially driving towards Endric's face.

"Even in this situation... You still call on the names of the people who ruined your life," Gustav voiced with a cold tone.

"...Hos-tage... I...I -I'm so-rrii th-ey h...ar goi-ng to dyee..."

Gustav heard Endric mutter gibberish causing his face to show a confused expression.

"Huh? Is this supposed to be a last-ditch attempt to milk sympathy from me...?" Gustav scoffed as he responded.

"Not gonna work kid..." Gustav added with an unbothered expression as he prepared to finish Endric once and for all.

Endric kept muttering gibberish, but Gustav had closed his ears to all that. He could tell that Endric was trying to apologize for his wrongs, but it was far too late now.

Gustav's right hand slowly transformed into that of the mutated bull, becoming massive and muscular.

He arched his hand back with intensity while tightening his fist as he amassed energy within his entire arm.

There was no way this punch wouldn't pierce straight through Endric with what everyone had witnessed so far.

E.E, Aildris, Falco, Teemee, and Ria all stared in Gustav's direction with conflicted expressions. They had already agreed with Gustav that they wouldn't butt in, so they had no choice but to watch.

Fwwooooohhhh!

Just as Gustav drove his fist forward, a loud scream was heard.

"Stop!!!"

Fwwhii!

The wind blew across Endric's face as Gustav's punch paused a few inches from his chest.

Gustav squinted his eyes as this was a voice he recognized.

He slowly turned around as he sensed a projectile headed for him from behind.

Gustav raised his hand and caught the button size device that flew towards him from the spectators' area thousands of feet in front.

As he lowered his hand after catching the device, he stared in the direction where it came from.

"Angy... What is this?" He voiced out loudly after spotting Angy's frame standing alone on the crumbled passageway in front.

"Listen to it," She responded loudly as well.

"This is not the time nor the place for..." Before Gustav could complete his sentence, Angy screamed out again.

"Please! Listen to it! Now!"

Gustav's eyes remained squinted as he slowly lowered his head to stare at this button-sized device.

He picked it up with two fingers and placed it on the side of his head.

Troooiinnn!

The instant it glued to his head, it activated, beeping with blue light.

-"What is going on?"

-"What are they doing?"

-"Why did he stop?"

-"Is that a mind recording tape on his head?"

The spectators couldn't understand what was going on right now. The instructors were just as confused with Officer Mag, who thought this was the end for Endric already.

All they could see was Gustav's face slowly changing expressions as he stood in place for the next two minutes.

Whatever he was listening to was playing in his mind so no one could eavesdrop or tell what was being said.

After two minutes, he slowly pulled the device from his forehead with a conflicted expression. He gritted his teeth a look of annoyance.

'That bastard...' Gustav said Internally as he turned around to stare at Endric.

Gustav placed his hand on the icicle-like spear and instantly broke it in two before grabbing onto Endric's nearly unconscious body before it fell off towards the river of flames below.

The broken-off part of the spear was still lodged in Endric's right shoulder, so he quickly pulled it out and placed Endric on top of the pillar beside him.

-"What's going on?"

This was the question ringing in everyone's mind as they witnessed Gustav bring out a healing pill from his storage device and feed it to Endric.

Endric was nearly out of commission at this point, so he would eventually die even if Gustav didn't end him.

However, this recovery pill brought him out of his nearly dead state after a few minutes.

Gustav squatted in front of Endric as he slowly opened his eyes.

"Forfeit the match," Gustav instructed.

"Are you not going to kill me?" Endric asked with a weak tone.

"I'll decide if you're worth staying alive on another day..." Gustav responded while standing to his feet.

"They're safe..." He added with a mysterious tone causing Endric's eyes to widen in shock.

Tears once again rolled down his eyes as he stared at Gustav's frame, which was currently moving towards the edge of the pillar.

'Why would you spare me?' Endric wondered.

"Hey, he wishes to forfeit," Gustav called out to one of the instructors.

The entire spectators watching were stunned. They still had no idea what was going on, and Gustav's current actions made them confused even more.

One of the instructors leaped towards their current position and landed right in front of Gustav.

"That's not how a death match works," He began explaining.

"Either you both battle till one person loses their lives or both of you pass out... No one can forfeit unless you both decide to call off the battle unanimously,"

Gustav turned to the side to stare at Endric, who also weakly raised his head up and nodded slightly.

"We're calling it off," Gustav voiced out.

"Do both parties agree to this?" The instructor asked.

"Yes,"

"Yes,"

Both of them voiced out together.

The instructor called off the death battle after this causing a huge uproar within the hall of doom.

"You owe me a lot of explanations... I will listen to what you have to say this time," Gustav voiced out while turning to the side with a serious expression.

Thooommm~

He leaped off the massive pillar in the next instant arriving on the other end of the roundabout passageway.

Endric still laid atop the massive pillar with a missing arm and half a leg, but he was slowly starting to regain color.

Officer Mag landed in front of him a few moments after Gustav left and took him away with her to get medical attention.

Chapter 507: Backstory Leading To Gustav's Decision

Officer Mag landed in front of Endric a few moments after Gustav left and took him away with her to get medical attention.

Gustav left along with the others amidst the stares of everyone in the vicinity.

There was even a large crowd of cadets waiting just outside the hall of doom.

The instant they spotted Gustav leaving, they assumed Endric was gone, but they were quite shocked to see injuries on his body and half his uniform gone.

They had heard the sounds of the vigorous battle from their positions and understood it must have been truly a crazy one. However, they never expected Gustav, who was currently number one on the ranking, would use so much effort to defeat Endric, who was ranked twelfth.

E.E opened up a vortex which five of them entered and disappeared from everyone's sight.

A few moments later, Officer Mag had Endric in her arms as she flew out of the hall of doom.

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

This caused another round of confusion since those who had not witnessed the battle were left wondering what had gone down within the hall of doom and why both brothers were still alive.

It would later spread across the camp that Gustav decided to spare Endric's life at the last moment, and both brothers decided to unanimously cancel the battle.

Minutes later, Gustav was within his room with Angy, E.E, Aildris, and the others.

"How did you get this Angy?" Gustav asked while raising the button-sized device in his hand.

"I got a call from one of the officers to follow her to a secluded place while you and Endric were battling.

She explained to me that there was a package from Miss Aimee... According to the package that came with this recording device, Miss Aimee mentioned that it was important I got this to you as soon as possible and stop the battle before any of you two died," Angy explained.

"I see... Looks like she made an investigation just like I asked," Gustav muttered in response, causing all of them to have a slightly confused look on their faces.

A week back, when Gustav had received the information package from Miss Aimee about research from the planet Humbad, she dropped a communication device. Through the device, Gustav would be able to send her a message one time.

Gustav initially didn't see any need to use it a first, but then he recalled Endric's strange changes in personality. So, he decided to ask Miss Aimee to investigate if anything was happening outside related to Endric.

This was because he knew Endric was like a pawn in someone else's hand after finding out about the function of the foreign element in his body. Gustav explained things that had happened within the MBO camp on the device and how Endric and the formerly unknown group were under the influence of someone on the outside.

He hadn't expected Miss Aimee to quickly get down to the bottom of the situation in a single week and figure out what was going on.

It was as if miss Aimee knew where to look into and, in a manner of days, uncovered the whole thing after linking Endric's communication with the outside world to Yung Jo.

She figured out the plot and managed to save Gustav's and Endric's parents, but she was still unable to pin this to Yung Jo because he had totally erased any form of evidence that would lead back to him.

The two minute-message Gustav listened to back in the hall of doom was from Miss Aimee breaking down the events to him and how Endric was threatened with his parents lives to accept the deathmatch,

Gustav didn't even care about his parents, neither did he really care if Endric lived or died, but the instant he found out Yung Jo was involved, his entire being trembled with rage.

He figured that there was truly a chance that Endric might have changed. Although this didn't mean his grudge had disappeared. He still wanted to hear everything from Endric's side because he understood the decision was made against his own free will.

Gustav explained part of the situation to Angy, E.E, Aildris, and the rest. He didn't give them the full breakdown, but he made them understand that Endric didn't accept to battle him of his own free will, and there was a chance that Endric might have truly turned a new leaf.

"I told you Gustav... He's still a kid. You should give him a chance," Angy stated.

"Doesn't change the fact that he holds enough power to burn an entire neighborhood to the ground... Just because he's a kid doesn't mean he shouldn't be held accountable for his actions, especially with the amount of power he holds," Gustav responded with a profound gaze.

"You're right," Angy couldn't refute his statement.

"I will hear what he has to say... And decide what to do next from there," Gustav added.

"I'm glad things turned out this way though... He has the potential to be a great ally in the future..." E.E voiced out from the side.

"That's still pending remember? He can be made to do things against his will... I don't know what's more dangerous, him getting controlled against his will or him pretending to have changed just to put some secretive plans in motion," Gustav stated.

Even though Miss Aimee had explained things to him, Gustav only gave Endric the benefit of the doubt. Trusting that he had completely changed was still impossible for Gustav at the moment.

Minutes later, all of them left the room, and Gustav was left alone once again.

He reminisced about today's events as he channelled his bloodline. It was certainly a crazy day, and he would have been incinerated if not for the power of the Kilapisole.

This was the same alien form he took back then in the Caskia Ruins.

The Kilapisole could create a tough and solid material from its body called iro silk. This same iro silk stopped Gustav's Atomic Disintegration from cutting through back then.

Chapter 508: State Of Dormancy

It could change the form and state of the iro silk to whatever it wanted, and most times, it chose to make them in the form of spears similar to icicles.

All in all, it could create any size or form it desired with the iro silk, and the iro silk was tough enough to withstand almost anything.

The temperature of the river of flames wasn't high enough to melt it, even though it was hot enough to incinerate a full-grown adult human before they made contact with its surface.

Mixedbloods around Gustav level have tougher bodies, so they could last for about three to five seconds before they were incinerated completely within.

Gustav had a high defense level, so he could last for way longer, but he also would eventually be consumed completely within.

Gustav never used the power of the Kilapisole in public view because he had to partially or totally transform into the creature before he could materialize iro silk.

Doing this in public had the risk of someone recognizing the transformation to be that of an alien form, and right now, no one knew he could take on alien forms.

Everyone thought his transformation ability was only based on mixedbreeds. If alien forms were added to the mix of revealed information, Gustav could tell that it would cause an adverse effect.

After falling into the river of volcanic flames when battling Endric, Gustav instantly took the form of the Kilapisole while sinking into it.

After doing that, he wrapped his body in layers of iro silk before he was completely incinerated within.

He had already set a trap for Endric earlier by placing the gravitational energy container orb filled with mixed energy right behind him.

It was impossible to notice this due to the orb hiding within a type of gravitational field that only Gustav could see. It only revealed itself when it was ready to explode.

Gustav waited at the bottom of the river of flames till he heard and sensed the explosion.

His perception within the river of flames was at a high level, so the moment he sensed Endric being blasted across the place, he conjured spear-like iro silks, shooting them out of the river towards Endric's catapulting body.

He missed three times due to speed but finally got the fourth one, and this was his cue to leave the river of flames.

Even though the iro silk was very sturdy, there was no way it wouldn't erode with time.

He shot upwards by conjuring a massive pillar of iro silk which he stood atop.

All this was what led to the scene where he nearly killed Endric.

It had been a very crazy battle, and Gustav was still intrigued about the whole Endric powering up and the ability he used to delay him by conjuring an invisible clone from thousands of feet away.

Gustav decided to put all this off for now since Endric would come clean to him soon. He decided to keep focusing on channeling his bloodline for now. He would be leaving camp in a few days anyway.

Just like that, three days went by. During the last three days, the hype from the battle between Gustav and Endric still hadn't settled.

Cadets were still going crazy about the whole situation, and some began to compare Endric to the top five cadets on the ranking, saying, "Since Gustav could have a tough time, there's a possibility that Endric might win against the other four,"

This speculation had sparked debates all across the camp, and even though everyone admitted that Gustav was the undisputed number one, Endric was not a special class cadet to be trifled with.

His potential outranked every single cadet on camp regardless of year.

During the last two days, Gustav had excused himself from any camp-related activities since he was training for his first mission.

He was allowed to do as he pleased during this period, so anyone hardly saw him.

Today he finally came out of his room after three whole days of secluded bloodline channeling without taking a wink of sleep.

He had decided to meet with Vera before meeting with Endric today to confirm some things.

They met in one of the Camp gardens and sat on a chair placed in front of one of the trees.

"What is the situation now?" Gustav asked.

"My parasitic strains have turned dormant after the battle for supremacy..." Vera responded with a low tone.

"What? Does that mean you won't be able to take control of him?" Gustav asked.

Vera nodded in response.

"What of the other foreign element within?" Gustav asked.

"It also turned dormant... Both seemed to have cancelled each other out after the battle within him..." Vera answered.

"This is both good and bad. He won't be controlled by Yung Jo, but I also won't be able to gain control of him... I cannot trust him to act of his own free will," Gustav muttered with a troubled expression.

"Can you infect him with more parasitic strains?" Gustav suddenly asked after a few seconds of silence.

"He will die if I do that," Vera stated, causing Gustav to go back to his pondering state.

"Maybe he has changed... You should try giving him a chance," Vera added.

Gustav thought about it for a few seconds before sighing.

"Alright; let's see how things go," Gustav said before standing to his feet.

"Make sure you keep watching over his internal structure and report any change you notice," Gustav instructed before dashing off.

Swwoooooosshh!

Vera's hair blew upwards due to the wind-generated from Gustav's speed as she continued staring in his direction even after he had left.

"Bye... I'll miss you," Vera muttered sadly.

In about two minutes, Gustav was dashing towards the top of a massive icy top mountain.

He arrived at its top in a blink of an eye, where Endric could be seen waiting for him.

Fwwoohhh~

He paused his steps after arriving a few feet in front of Endric.

Half of Endric's face was wrapped in bandages, and his left arm was back in place, but also wrapped with bandages and strapped to his neck with a kind of rope-like bandage as well.

His right foot had also been regrown, but he was still using a walking stick to support himself.

Gustav stared at him with an expressionless look as usual, as if he didn't have a hand in Endric's current state.

"I'm listening..."

Chapter 509: Endric Narrates His Ordeal

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"I'm listening..." Gustav stated.

"I... I... F..." Endric repeatedly stuttered, trying to make out his first words.

Gustav was quite surprised to see Endric looking tense for the first time. The kid always had a cocky expression, but this time he was genuinely tensed.

Endric lowered his head and let go of his walking stick causing him to stagger forward.

"Hmm?" Gustav muttered as he watched Endric get closer to him.

Plop!

Endric dropped to his knees right in front of Gustav with his head lowered.

"I know and understand the wrongs I have committed now. I was the worst. I truly hated and despised you for being weak. Father and mother made me think and believe, just like everyone else, that your existence was a useless one. I always got so angry when I saw you making the news, and rumors about you being very powerful were spread back then. I couldn't handle that you, who was labelled as weak and useless, was becoming better than me. I thought it was okay to feel that way.

I thought it was okay to despise weakness. I thought it was okay to look down on everyone and treat others however I felt. Miss Mag helped me see the error of my ways," Endric's voice was laced with heartfelt regret as he spoke.

"I know it would be hard to forgive my wrongdoings, but I just want you to give me the chance to make amends..." Endric added while still keeping his head down.

"Hard? Borderline impossible," Gustav said while squatting in front of Endric.

"Not only did you do a lot of experimentation using me as your human subject to test out your abilities, you also tried killing me months back. Actually we tried killing each other, but you came for me first and you'd be dead by now if it wasn't for Angy..." Gustav said with an icy tone.

Endric gulped down saliva as he heard that and continued looking down with a disturbed expression.

"Hmm she saved your life twice now. Be grateful to her," He added.

"I really," Endric was about to speak again when Gustav cut him off.

"Skip all this bullshit. I'll never be able to trust or accept you. Even if you spent years working to show me that you have changed, it cannot change what you have done in the past," Gustav voiced out.

"Did you think you could just come here and mutter the words «I have changed,» and then I'll accept you as my little brother. Nah kid, it's not that simple. Left to me, those two you call Mum and Dad would be dead by now because they deserve to be in such a scenerio. You're lucky Miss Aimee decided to rescue them," Gustav added before standing back to his feet.

Endric remained in position, kneeling with his head down.

"I know you can no longer see them as your parents and I as your little brother, but I will still do my best to change your view of me.I willl try everyth..." Endric was still in the process of speaking when Gustav interrupted him again.

"Don't bother." Gustav cut him short and turned around, facing his back to the kneeling Endric.

"Anyways this is not why I called you here. Tell me everything about your partnership with Yung Jo," Gustav instructed.

"And I mean everything. Don't leave any detail out," He added with a cold tone.

Endric finally raised his head up to stare at Gustav's back before he began to narrate his ordeal with Yung Jo.

Gustav's facial expressions became complex as he listened to Endric's narration about the events that went down five months earlier.

He wasn't told about the whole secluded punishment, so now that he was finding out, he saw the MBO methods as pretty blunt.

What made it worse was the fact that Yung Jo could visit there anytime he wanted.

Gustav started to reevaluate Yung Jo, wondering just how much influence he held within the MBO.

Miss Aimee would most likely not be able to do something like this so covertly, even though she was just as influential.

She was not affiliated with the MBO like she used to. Whereas Yung Jo went to many meetings for his father and handled most of their company decisions on technology.

From the narration of things, it seemed like Yung Jo's influence had eaten deep into the MBO without the knowledge of the higher-ups.

This felt extremely suspicious to Gustav as he recalled Yung Jo wanted to recruit him under his wing, making some crazy promises about getting him to the top of the MBO.

As Endric got to the part of the deal about him getting fooled by the nanites Yung Jo planted, things clicked for Gustav.

Yung Jo had proven that he could take control of Endric's body against his will if he wanted. Still, he promised that it would only happen if Endric disobeyed any of his commands after his training ended in the MBO.

So Endric felt their contract was still in play even though the nanites were within him.

Yung Jo stated that they were undetectable, so Endric shouldn't try playing smart. He also mentioned that there were other pawns that he could use for his convenience within the camp for any plans that he might have.

Now that Endric thought of it, he couldn't understand why Yung Jo just didn't make use of the nanites to control his body when he disagreed with battling Gustav. He wondered why he had to resort to kidnapping both parents.

Endric also mentioned that there were more officers in camp under Yung Jo's control and cadets as well that he didn't know of.

"I see.. Seeing as he couldn't get me he decided to get you to get me instead. Looks like you really got played," Gustav voiced out with a solemn tone after listening to all of Endric's explanation.

Chapter 510: Yung Jo's Brutality

"Huh?" Endric voiced out with a tone of confusion.

"He came to me first. I turned him down then he went for you and instructed you to kill me," Gustav responded.

"Oh, so I was just a pawn then," Endric muttered with a crestfallen expression.

"Yes you were. He can't handle refusal and he also knows that I will be onto him for making such a suspicious proposal to me, so he tried using you to get rid of me." Gustav voiced out as his gaze turned sharp.

"A decision he'll regret making!" Gustav's tone turned extremely chill as he spat out.

"Do you have names of other officers or instructors under his command?" Gustav asked.

"I don't know any other besides the one that was taken into custody a while back. I was kept in the dark about many other cadets under him that were caught by you as well. I only knew four of them," Endric responded.

"Hmm, he was cautious enough. This will make it even harder to deal with those that are still hiding in the shadows," Gustav muttered with a contemplative expression.

"Anyways this is already good since we know who we're dealing with now. The MBO is pretty sloppy letting all this happen under their nose, but Yung is not so bad as well... Shrewd," With the way Gustav was talking it, it was hard to tell if he was praising Yung Jo or pissed with him.

Maybe it was both, but Endric could tell that Gustav was also making analysis.

"He has no idea that I only have to do one thing to get rid of all his pawns... Only problem is it's gonna be time consuming and I don't have time," Gustav muttered.

Endric could feel a kind of superior aura coming from Gustav's being.

'This must be why he's able to handle any situation. He spends time making plans on how to deal with them,' Endric felt this was a trait that he was missing because he usually just jumps into action without thinking of how to properly deal with situations.

"I still don't feel it was worth it sparing you, but let's see if you will be able to change my mind in the future," Gustav said as he started to walk forward.

He suddenly stopped and turned to the side to stare at Endric with a sharp gaze before speaking.

"But bear in mind that if you ever make any stupid actions or hurt anyone I care about, I will kill you in the most gruesome way possible after inflicting the worst kinds of pain and torture to the point where you question the significance of your existence and beg for your pitiful life to be extinguished," The bloodthirsty energy oozing from Gustav's being at this point was so heavy that even the winds around them began to howl.

Endric subconsciously took a step back after hearing that.

Thooommm~

Gustav leaped off the icy mountain a moment later, disappearing from Endric's sight into the distance.

In a secluded office-like space, Yung Jo sat behind a desk with a dark look on his face as he stared at the group kneeling in front of him.

"You're telling me that it is no longer possible to take control of Endric's body," Yung Jo voiced out with a low but extremely cold tone.

"...Y..yes we can no longer take control of his body... The nanites have gone offline," The middle-aged-looking man who spoke was among the kneeling group of people in medical outfits on their knees.

"First, this woman catches onto the locked up parents of the kid and now this?!" Yung Jo stated before standing to his feet.

"Such incompetence!" Yung Jo slowly walked forward as he voiced out.

The group of five kneeling in front of him clad in medical outfits had looks of fright as he moved towards their position.

Yung Jo arrived in front of the group leader and placed his hand on the head of the middle-aged-looking man.

"Give me one good reason why you deserve to be spared for this disappointment," Yung Jo asked with a smile.

"S-si--sir.. it's n-n-ot my fault I pr..promise to work more efficiently next time..." The man stuttered as he pleaded with a frightful look.

"Failure, I asked you to give me a reason, but you gave me a promise instead. I see why you failed," The instant Yung Jo finished talking, he let go of the middle-aged man's head, and what came next was...

Boom~

The man's entire head blasted into pieces causing brain matter and blood to fly across the small room.

Plop!

The headless body fell to the ground as a fountain of blood kept spewing out of the neck area, staining the floor.

"Kiarrhhhh!"

The rest of the group screamed with frightful looks after witnessing this scene happen right before them.

They started shifting backward and pleading for Yung Jo to spare their lives, but they couldn't escape because right behind them were two muscular men clad in black bodysuits.

"I hope the rest of you have better answers to my question," Yung Jo said as a smirk appeared on his face while he moved towards the rest.

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Minutes later, Yung Jo was walking down a massive glass-like corridor with two bodyguards following behind him.

The walls were transparent, and massive laboratories in which experiments were being conducted could be seen by the sides.

There was a handkerchief in his grasp, which he was using to clean his hands and parts of his suit stained in thick red liquid.

"Gustav is always finding ways to ruin my plans," Yung Jo muttered.

"Good thing he leaves camp in two days. Yasria get ready to implement the elimination plan," Yung Jo added as they headed towards the exit point up ahead.

"Yes, sir Yung," One of the two men in bodysuits answered from behind.

The next day arrived, and it was the last day Gustav would be staying in camp because he would be leaving the next day.

He was asked to report to the main entrance and exit hall early in the morning to receive a briefing on his first mission.