

Bloodline 571

Chapter 571: Red Shadow's Involvement

Officer Lois walked over to it and pulled the wrap from its body. Sahil's unconscious body was displayed, floating within the circular structure with restraints on his hands and neck.

"Good job, kid," Miss Aimee voiced out while patting Gustav.

"Erm miss, you're not supposed to arrive so early... The mission completion was dated to be a month and it's only been eight days," Officer Gooseman said with a confused look.

"Oh, that. Well, it's Gustav embarking on this mission. I already knew he wouldn't need to take that long to complete the mission," Miss Aimee said while turning around to walk towards the structure where Sahil was kept.

"Red Shadow, where are you?" Miss Aimee voiced out after inspecting the structure for a few moments.

"Huh? Red shadow?" Gustav voiced out with a confused look.

In a few moments, a man about seven feet tall, clad in a short black cloak with a mask covering his entire face, walked in.

His entire frame was dark with his dark pants and boot.

"Red shadow, what are you doing here?" Gustav asked with a surprised expression as he spotted Red Shadow walking in.

"Hey Gustav," Red Shadow greeted with a surprised tone even though it was impossible to see his expression underneath the mask.

Gustav realised that Red Shadow had arrived with Miss Aimee but seemed to have waited outside.

"Why are you here?" Gustav asked while walking towards him.

"Well you see your master here forced me to go on a mission with her six months back. We successfully completed the mission and then she took me on another one and then another one and now I find myself here tch," Red Shadow sounded fed up but couldn't do anything about it.

"Quit complaining and get over here," Miss Aimee voiced out.

Gustav chuckled as he saw Red Shadow move towards the structure helplessly.

"Gustav got him," Miss Aimee said to Red Shadow while pointing at the circular-shaped structure Sahil was kept in.

"Oh... So he was the one you sent on the mission," Red Shadow sounded quite surprised as he confirmed that this was truly Sahil.

"Yes and he caught him in less than nine days of embarking on the mission," Miss Aimee voiced out proudly.

"Wow, you have improved a lot since the last time I saw you kid," Red Shadow said as he turned around while praising Gustav.

"It wasn't an easy task," Gustav voiced out in response.

"I don't doubt that it was, good job. This makes our work more easier since Sahil is the last ingredient we need in uncovering the scheme," Red Shadow stated with a tone of mysticism.

"Take this structure to one of the aircraft. Now that the mission is complete we're leaving," Miss Aimee instructed.

Red Shadow nodded and proceeded to pick up the massive ten feet structure before walking towards the entrance.

"I'm sure you don't mind if we make use of one of your aircraft to transport this to the second base right?" Miss Aimee voiced out to Officer Gooseman.

It sounded more like a threat than a question.

A wry smile appeared on officer Gooseman's face as he responded, "Sure, we don't mind,"

Miss Aimee turned around to head towards the exit after hearing that. It seemed they had arrived here without a means of transportation.

"Come Gustav, we're leaving," Miss Aimee voiced out as she arrived at the entrance.

"Miss Aimee, I can't leave just yet," Gustav voiced out, causing miss Aimee to pause her steps.

"Hmm? The mission is completed. You have no reason to remain here," Miss Aimee stated.

"The situation within Leoluch city is something the MBO shouldn't be silent about. It should be very easy to end the war if they get involved," Gustav said as he walked forward.

"Yes, but as you already know the world government has given an order not to get involved. The MBO still has to follow the instructions of the world government," Miss Aimee responded.

"That's lame, while on this mission I uncovered a lot of things that are not related to Sahil. but are related to the situation within the city," Gustav voiced out.

"The world government sure are corrupt bastards aren't they?" Gustav added, not caring that the MBO was under the jurisdiction of the world government.

Officer Tron, Louis and Gooseman had looks of astonishment as they heard Gustav say this. If it was a normal low ranked officer, they would have to do something after hearing such a statement, but they couldn't touch or reprimand Gustav due to Miss Aimee being in the picture.

"Ye,ah I'm sure you already knew that before," Miss Aimee responded affirmatively.

Officer Gooseman and the others were speechless at this point, seeing that Miss Aimee agreed with him. Not everyone knew of how miss Aimee hated those in places of authority, so they had no idea about this.

All they knew was, she was ruthless. Everyone had heard stories about her ruthlessness and her battle with the most powerful mixedblood in existence, which ended in a tie.

"Yeah, I didn't realize it was this bad and now people who have nothing to do with their lust for power are suffering," Gustav muttered as he recalled the mother who got killed for nothing.

"Why do you care all of a sudden?" Miss Aimee was a bit surprised that Gustav was showing concern.

"I don't really care, but the mission is not truly complete unless this war stops. Sahil still has advanced firearms stacked up and ready to be distributed around both opposing forces. Up to a month's worth of

supply. I'm sure his henchmen will still continue the job even though he's gone. This will further prolong the war," Gustav explained.

"Well technically the world government aren't involved but behind the shadows they're the real cause of this problem," Gustav added.

"What do you mean by that?" Miss Aimee asked, seeming to not know the true story behind why the civil war started.

Gustav began narrating how the groups in power are battling amongst themselves due to one side wanting to take over the power of the other side.

Chapter 572: Leaving For The Second Base

At least, this was how they made it look on the surface, but the truth was, one side was acting in allegiance with the world government, who had been stealing the power from one side of groups battling for some time. The other side assists the world government in gaining more power so as to receive favor and some other benefits.

The other group is trying to regain their power and return things to how they used to be because the world government gaining more power affected the economy of the city in a negative way.

In this situation, the world government hid in the shadows like they had nothing to do with both groups battling each other. Gustav felt this was the main reason why they had asked the MBO not to get involved when they could easily end the war.

They were probably waiting for one side of the group to destroy the other side so they could finally be able to grasp onto more power.

Leoluch city had the resources they wanted after all.

Gustav also explained how he found the group on the side of the world government in possession of materialistic wealth beyond normal.

Listening to Gustav's narrative, Miss Aimee now understood some things.

"Well the MBO listens to the world government, but sometimes they take matters into their own hands when they see some situations going out of control. It just depends on how much of a convincing evidence you have of the graveness of the situation," Miss Aimee stated.

"We do have several footages of destruction here," Gustav said while gesturing at the multiple projections of different parts of the city behind.

"That's not enough. They already expect this much since it's a war. You need something more convincing, like an information of how things are on the inside," Miss Aimee responded.

She knew this wouldn't be enough to convince those old bastards to do something even though thousands of citizens had already met their end due to this war.

Gustav's face displayed a contemplative expression as he thought for a few moments.

"I do have a document of a deal proposed to Sahil by one of these groups as well as a storage device that belonged to one of the junior commanders from the force that happens to be on the side of the world government," Gustav stated while bringing out the documents used to sway Sahil at the meeting the other time.

He handed it over to Miss Aimee, who received it and took a quick glance through the pages.

Her eyes squinted as she spotted something that caught her attention, "The void stone?" She voiced out.

"Indeed... This was among the benefits given to Sahil to abstain from selling to the other side," Gustav stated.

Officer Gooseman, who had silently been behind the command center all this time, finally spoke.

"The Void stone is rare and isn't allowed to be in the hands of anyone besides the government. Handing this to Sahil is already proof that there's corrupt stuff going on behind the scenes," Officer Gooseman stated.

"Also mentions of landed properties that he will own and all that..." Gustav added.

"If I could go back into the city, I should be able to get proof of the advance firearms supplies hidden in remote locations. Also, these groups are taking advantage of the war and using it to deal with the poor citizens however they want to. While I was in the city I would always hear rumors of how young girls

were being abducted and other harmless people getting brutally slaughtered," Gustav voiced out once again.

"I thought it was the job of the MBO to prevent things like this from happening?" He questioned with a slightly disappointed look.

"With all these you've provided, it might be enough to knock some senses into these senile old men heads, but we have to get back first," Miss Aimee said to Gustav.

"Hmm alright," Gustav answered before moving out of the tent with Miss Aimee.

Officer Gooseman, Tron and Louis followed them out towards the aircraft about two hundred feet towards the west area.

Red Shadow was sitting in the aircraft waiting for them all this time. He had already loaded the mini cell Sahil was kept in at the cargo space of the aircraft, and he currently sat in the pilot's seat.

Apparently, he would be piloting the aircraft back to the second base located around the arctic region.

This was where Gustav was meant to report back to after the completion of the mission for his first congratulatory ceremony.

It was currently past eight am in the morning at this time as they all moved into the aircraft before it took off.

All three officers below watched as they dove off into the skies.

They couldn't leave yet. They still had to wait for confirmation from the second base before they could clear out from this temporary base.

They were still shocked as to how Gustav happened to be affiliated with miss Aimee.

Seeing as he completed a five-star mission on his debut, they understood that he truly was no ordinary lad, and Miss Aimee must be a big reason for that.

Officer Milly later awoke to find herself lying in her room and quickly moved out when she heard the sound of the aircraft leaving their temporary base.

"You lots allowed him to leave?" She voiced out with an expression of anguish.

They all turned around to stare at her before exchanging glances.

"You're lucky to be alive,"

"You should thank your stars she barely used any strength,"

Officers Tron and Louis voiced out together.

Officer Milly recalled what went down moments before she passed out and shouted out, "Who was that woman?"

"The demon queen," The moment officer Gooseman mentioned these three words, Officer Milly froze.

Her eyes widened as a chill ran down her spine. Even though not every single MBO officer would be able to recognize Miss Aimee, her nickname was well known across the entirety of MBO.

"That was her?" Officer Milly voiced out with a terrified expression.

Chapter 573 - Arriving In Second Base

"That was her?" Officer Milly voiced out with a terrified expression.

"Why do you stink like you haven't taken a bath in seven days?" Miss Aimee asked Gustav as they soared across the air within the aircraft.

"Guts and blood spills..." Gustav responded by raising his shoulders.

"Yeah, you should really go get a shower the moment we arrive at the base," Miss Aimee voiced out while pinching her nose.

"Haha now why would I wash the scent of victory away?" Gustav stated while spreading his arms out.

Red shadow was able to hear their conversations from the cockpit area. He shook his head with a look of pity, 'They're both crazy speaking about killing like it's nothing,'

Red Shadow was an agent of a private mixedblood organisation that also gave out missions, and he couldn't escape having to kill on several occasions, but compared to Gustav and Miss Aimee, he wasn't as uncaring.

He recalled when he first met Gustav and couldn't understand how a kid had such ruthless gaze and bearing. Finding out that he was the student of miss Aimee, Red Shadow now understood.

Both of them had similar attitudes and dispositions and were also very powerful for their young age.

Red Shadow already found out information on Miss Aimee during the time he spent working with her and couldn't understand how someone so young was leaps and bounds above him in strength.

He wasn't that much older than she was, but he had found out that she was way more powerful than him.

The last time he met Gustav, he wasn't oozing off so much power, but meeting Gustav once again, Red Shadow couldn't help but get impressed.

From what he could see, it was only a matter of time before Gustav overtook him in strength and the last time they met, he was the one sheltering and protecting Gustav.

He knew Gustav was no older than eighteen years old at such a level.

'The young ones are truly terrifying. I guess this is what they meant when they said, "the new generation shall surpass the old," Red Shadow thought as he controlled the aircraft to keep flying across the air.

About two hours later, they were closing in on a region of ice and snow.

All that could be seen around here was ice that went on for miles and miles.

Barely any vegetation could be seen asides from white trees scattered sparsely across the place.

These trees were so tall they nearly pierced into the clouds, but they were icy white with barely any leaves. The temperature kept dropping as they travelled further and further.

No normal person would be able to survive the temperature drop because the arctic region was now a lot different from how it used to be in the past.

With the descent of the Slarkovs also came a change in the ecosystem of earth and weather imbalances in some regions over the years. It's safe to say the Slarkov wasn't the only change earth experienced. Earth compositions also evolved.

A few minutes later, they spotted a very tall icy mountain region. It occupied a very large area, and one could see barricades surrounding it as well as some transportation-like standpoints that looked like they were used to bring people in.

It could be seen from above that a small structured city was constructed above this large icy mountain. This wasn't a city. Instead, it was an MBO base.

This place was known as "base two" or "second base." The one where Gustav and the other first-year mixedbloods were incorporated into the MBO was known as "first base," while this was the second, and there were still others around the world.

Just like the first base, this one too was very lively, and many automated transport vehicles could be seen moving across the place. Convoys and MBO officers moving on foot too could be seen.

There were many structures built within the base, so it looked like a city. The only difference was it was highly protected with many automated technological weapons mounted in several areas.

Red Shadow found a spot to land after a few more minutes, and they all moved out of the aircraft.

Several MBO officers had already gathered around that spot, so the moment they got out, they were saluted by about twelve of these officers.

A particular one in a white outfit who happened to be a commander commanded the officers to bring out the containment where Sahil was kept and take it to one of their secured facilities.

As they moved Sahil away, the commander asked Miss Aimee, Gustav and Red Shadow to follow him.

They were escorted to one of the most luxurious households within the base where they would be residing during their stay here.

The commander was so respectful towards Gustav as well. Gustav couldn't tell if it was because of Miss Aimee or the mission he had completed or if it was them both.

The commander proceeded to explain to them that the grand General currently in charge of the base was out of the base attending to some matters, so Gustav's reward ceremony would have to wait.

There were also others who were also going to be rewarded along with Gustav based on their deeds or the missions they had completed. However, the ceremony would only hold while the grand General was available. Until then, all officers had to hold on.

They would have time on their hands to do whatever they wanted in the meantime.

Gustav moved to the shower to freshen up after picking a room for himself within the abode.

After freshening up, he moved towards the kitchen and started preparing meals.

Since he had no choice but to wait in the meantime, he decided to make it worthwhile.

Miss Aimee and Red Shadow, on the other hand, still had business to attend to.

Gustav completing this mission was linked to a mission they were working on.. Now that Sahil had been caught, they could continue with what they had been doing before.

Chapter 574 - Delay

Miss Aimee didn't bring Gustav up to speed yet on what they were working on, but he knew she would eventually, so he didn't ask.

As days passed, Gustav would be the only one left in the abode, while Miss Aimee and Red Shadow would leave in the morning and get back in the evening every day.

He was still a bit intrigued by what they were working on, but he also had his mind on what he wanted to deal with, which was still back in Leoluch city.

When he was bored, Gustav would walk around the base checking different locations out, their training centers included.

During this time, Gustav broke through to the Falcon rank. He felt his strength increase a lot. If he had faced Zergeref in this state, he would have been able to handle it better.

However, the fight between him and Zergeref was quite tricky since it wasn't just strength-related. Zergeref bloodline was quite the unique one, and he would definitely be able to deal with people stronger than him with the abilities granted by his bloodline.

If not for the system making Gustav get deaf during the fight, he would have lost big time.

Gustav recalled Zergeref saying that if he was at full strength, Gustav would already be dead.

As Gustav remembered this statement, it had him wondering.

'Did Sahil find a way to bring people more powerful than the supposed threshold into the city?' Gustav remembered that anyone beyond Falcon level that tried to get into the city would trigger an alarm which would cause the groups in the city to act against them.

Zergeref saying that wasn't his original strength had Gustav thinking Sahil found a way to reduce their bloodline level either permanently or temporarily so they wouldn't be sensed during Infiltration and within the city.

This seemed to make sense to Gustav, but he couldn't understand how Sahil would find a way when even the MBO was unable to do something like that.

'Wasted bloodline... It could have been so useful,' Gustav felt disappointed about the fact that he was unable to acquire Zergeref's bloodline due to the interruption and encirclement of Sahil's henchmen.

"At least I got this one..." Gustav raised his right hand, which was glowing with profound fluorescent light.

Back when Gustav killed the twenty-one people from the group of Zalibans, he constructed a barricade where he placed a bomb to destroy the bodies along with any evidence they may hold of what transpired in that place.

However, before he did that...

Gustav was rushing to pile the bodies together and destroy them after taking all of Luicuis's clothes and items, but then he recalled something.

'It might end up being useful... There's no time but if it's compatible, acquisition shouldn't take too long,' Gustav thought as he quickly moved towards Lucius's headless body at the top of the pile.

Stabbing his fingers into the neck area, notifications appeared in his line of sight.

[Requirement for Bloodline acquisition has been met]

[Analysing Host compatibility with 'Starlight Transformation Bloodline']

[Compatibility level: 92%]

[Does host wish to acquire this bloodline: YES/NO]

'It's been too long...' A smirk appeared on Gustav's face after seeing these notifications.

Gustav had acquired Lucius's bloodline since that time but never made use of it in the battles he fought earlier. He was being cautious, so it wouldn't be recognized, and he had no reason to use it when he was pretending to be Lucius because there was no suspicion from commander Fabian.

This was the only bloodline he took among the twenty-one group of Zalibans since there was no time to waste.

The glow of light disappeared from Gustav's hand after a few moments. He had already checked out the abilities related to the light bloodline, and he wasn't disappointed at all.

He still felt like Lucuis was holding back when battling him back then because the bloodline was quite powerful.

He was glad that even if he didn't get the sound bloodline, he still managed to acquire this one. The next step was training it.

Just like that, a few more days went by, and it had already been a week since Gustav arrived here with Miss Aimee.

By the end of the day, Miss Aimee arrived with news about the grand General.

"He will be arriving tomorrow, so at most in two days time the reward ceremony will be holding. There you can present the issue of Leoluch city," Miss Aimee stated while sitting on the couch in the living room across from Gustav's position.

"Finally! This has already taken too long," Gustav responded with a sigh of relief. He was already tired of sitting around in the base doing nothing.

"Don't worry, go all out... I have your back," Miss Aimee voiced out with a smile.

"Oh yes, I will..." Gustav responded with a nod as well.

"Miss Aimee..." Gustav called out to her after a few seconds of silence.

"Yeah? What is it?" She responded after seeing the expression of contemplation on his face.

"I think someone's after me. Rather, I know someone trying to get rid of me," Gustav voiced out.

"Oh about that, yeah I know," Miss Aimee replied.

"You already knew?" Gustav asked.

"The aircraft sent after you was investigated and it was found out that a group of mixedblood terrorists were given information on your leaving whereabouts from camp. Information which they used in carrying out plans to eradicate you," Miss Aimee explained.

"Ah, I see... Seems like too much trouble when I'm not even a threat to them," Gustav muttered.

"Yet... You're not yet a threat to them doesn't mean you won't be," Miss Aimee voiced out with a tone of correction.

"But how did they know my whereabouts?" Gustav asked.

"That's the problem now... Even to them the source of information was anonymous," Miss Aimee stated.

"Now that's not suspicious at all," Gustav said with a hint of sarcasm.

"I just know that whoever this person is, they're definitely from the MBO because it's impossible for confidential information like that to just get leaked," Miss Aimee voiced out.

"Yeah.... I think this same person also managed to track me to Leoluch city,"

Chapter 575 - Gustav And Miss Aimee's Discussion

"Yeah... I think this same person also managed to track me to Leoluch city," Gustav stated.

"Hmm? What do you mean?" Miss Aimee voiced out with a suspicious tone.

"On my way back after abducting Sahil, I had managed to escape from the hands of his remaining henchmen when I was suddenly attacked by a very powerful and unknown assailant... From the moment I spotted him I already knew he wasn't one of Sahil's henchmen. His aim was to assassinate me unlike Sahil's henchmen who were trying to get Sahil back and with the amount of killing intent he exuded. I realised that this unknown figure must be a standard bloody assassin. This person was able to use power beyond the acceptable threshold within the city and not raise any alarms," Gustav narrated.

"Hmm, how were you able to escape then?" Miss Aimee asked.

Gustav raised his left wrist and tapped on it, revealing the dimensional bracelet.

"This... Luckily he got teleported in time before he severed my head from my neck," Gustav explained.

Miss Aimee's face turned a bit dark as she heard that, "How did such a person find you?" She wondered how loud.

"Only I and about three others had details about your mission, Gradier Xanatus included. It's impossible for the other two to reveal it to anyone even if they were spies, they wouldn't be so stupid as to reveal something that only a collected few know about because it would point back to them. Only your departure location is known to everyone because that same location is where other cadets such as yourself get transported to their mission site," Miss Aimee analysed.

"The jet that was sent after you followed you from there but it got destroyed less than halfway through the journey, according to the reports..." Miss Aimee added.

"The missing piece is how my location was figured out since they were unable to continue with the pursuit," Gustav voiced out.

"There's a possibility that you were still being tracked even after the destruction of the jet," Miss Aimee voiced out with a contemplative expression.

"That seems like the only plausible explanation. It's still surprising that someone from the MBO can sneak such a person in, when the MBO says they're unable to send someone beyond a particular strength level without triggering an alarm..." Gustav said while holding his jaw.

"Unless it's not someone from the MBO; instead it's just someone affiliated with the MBO," He added as a sharp glint appeared in his eyes.

"Hmm?" Miss Aimee felt Gustav had figured something out and waited for him to speak.

"Yung Jo... What will it take to bring him down?" Gustav asked.

"You think he's responsible for this?" Miss Aimee asked.

"He's the only person with vendetta against me. We have quite the history since I've ruined his plans over and over, but I still cannot understand why he hasn't been taken down yet," Gustav stated.

"Makes sense that he'd want to get rid of you now that I think of it. He's really biting off more than he can chew. The problem with taking him down is Yung Jo always manages to let others take the blame for every one of his scandalous plans. Even when these plans get foiled, it's never been able to lead back to him, which is why he's always able to get away.

Someone like Yung Jo has so much connection and backing that it's impossible to get rid of him without solid evidence," Miss Aimee explained.

"Can't you just kill him?" Gustav asked.

"Yes, I can do that. Not without consequences though. I can easily wipe him from the face of the earth and even he knows that, but he keeps pushing his luck because he knows I won't do it," Miss Aimee stated.

"Because of his backing and connections?" Gustav asked.

"That's a part of it. Also, the MBO still has me under lock and key... For now," Miss Aimee said while squinting her eyes.

"Looks like it's not as simple as it seems, but I wanna bring Yung Jo down. His ambitions are just too much; if he continues it will only be a matter of time before he has the MBO in his control," Gustav voiced out before leaning his back against the couch with a contemplative expression.

"If you want to bring him down I will help you. I didn't really take him as too much of a threat in the past, but I'm beginning to see that if he continues..." As Miss Aimee got to this point, her expression

turned dark. A mental image appeared in her mind, which caused her reaction, 'If that ever happens, the world will burn. I don't care about the consequences,'

"Thanks, Miss Aimee. I still want to deal with the situation in Leoluch city first," Gustav voiced out, bringing Miss Aimee out of her reverie.

"Hmm but now I don't want you to go back there," Miss Aimee responded.

"Huh? Why?" Gustav asked.

"You just mentioned escaping from an assassin. How do you intend on handling someone of that strength level if you come into contact with them again? It's too risky," Miss Aimee voiced out her disagreement due to the dangers involved.

"Don't worry about that miss Aimee. By now it should already be reported back that I have completed the mission. The assassin saw me with Sahil's body. After reporting back there will be no need for him to come back there. Nobody would know that I'm going back there for another mission," Gustav explained.

"Still too risky. Nobody should know you were in Leoluch city in the first place yet they found out. There's no guarantee that this will be another information that wouldn't be leaked," Miss Aimee stated from her point of view.

"There's no need for any concern. I will still be able to make it away for sure. I still have this..." Gustav flashed his dimensional bracelet as he spoke.

He understood miss Aimee's cause for concern which really made a lot of sense, but he was sure that if he found himself in that situation again, he would be able to escape.

Chapter 576 - Reward Ceremony

The last time, teleportation took longer because he also had Sahil with him. If he was alone, he would have teleported moments after he tapped on the coordinates.

Gustav was also able to use that to experiment on whether he could take someone with him when teleporting. He also found out that it took twice the amount of power to do that. Originally he would be able to teleport among saved coordinate points about eight times, but if he carried someone with him, it would be shortened to half of that.

Miss Aimee and Gustav still conversed for a while before Red Shadow got back in.

"Any progress?" Miss Aimee asked him as he arrived.

"He's still as tight lipped as ever... It's still impossible to pry into his mind because of the experiment he performed on his brain," Red Shadow voice out with a defeated tone as he sat on the other end of the living room.

"It's only a matter of time. He will give us the remaining information and then we can finally explore the location," Miss Aimee voiced out.

Gustav didn't need to get the context of this conversation before he knew they were referring to Sahil. He still wanted to know about the case Miss Aimee was working on, but he felt it might be way higher

than what he could handle at the moment, and maybe this was why Miss Aimee hadn't said anything yet.

However, Gustav did know that this was all connected to the T67 device that was found more than half a year back within his neighborhood.

Gustav wasn't stupid, so at this point, he had connected the dots and found out that Sahil and the person he was under were the ones who built this device and hired Red Shadow's agency to transport it safely to a particular location, which ended up getting compromised and landed in the neighborhood.

Miss Aimee hadn't explained anything to him, but he had already uncovered things up to this point and was sure there was still a bigger agenda hidden within all this which was why she was still on the case.

'I'll leave this to the big shots to handle...' Gustav remembered he still wanted to go visit boss Danzo after dealing with the current predicament, so there was really no time to get involved in this, especially when miss Aimee was handling it herself.

He resigned himself, believing everything would be just fine.

Two days went by in a flash, and it was finally time for the reward ceremony.

Originally reward ceremonies weren't done for every type of completed mission, but a five-star mission warranted a reward ceremony and some other special ones that involved undercover.

The mission's difficulty within the MBO ranges from one to ten stars. The cadets mostly were given one and two stars missions. There would be special cases where some would be given three-star missions, but only the final years got these. Meanwhile, this was Gustav's first mission due to him being seen as special. Ten-stars weren't the highest in terms of difficulty. Even though only a handful of MBO agents could complete them. There were still three more stars higher than ten stars which were; purple star, red star and black star. The black star was the highest difficulty level of an MBO mission, and it literally meant the mission level was so difficult that failure could mean galaxy-wide annihilation.

The red star was still the highest difficulty mission that had been issued out in the history of MBO, and a mission like that had only been issued out once because only two beings were powerful enough to embark on a red star mission currently.

Purple star missions had been issued out several times, and even though they couldn't be compared to the other two in terms of difficulty, only about twenty or so people within the MBO could be entrusted with a mission on such a difficulty level.

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Gustav was brought to a particular hall within the second base. Only a few officers were allowed to be in attendance at the ceremony.

It looked like a military ceremony with the officers who were being rewarded standing behind in a file while being called on one after the other.

"Officers Mark Zilan, Gil Yeager, Mackenzie Tinge, in completion to the Four-star mission, protection of the rafil band, you three have been promoted to the junior Argent rank, come forward to receive your rewards," The Grand General who stood on the podium area voiced out.

Three officers standing beside Gustav walked forward to where the officers standing and holding onto their rewards were stationed.

Their rewards were handed over to them as pictures were taken. New uniforms along with some unknown items within a box.

These officers were a rank above Gustav normally as he had already spotted their dress, but now they had been promoted to the next rank, which was right below the rank of a lieutenant.

There were still about six ranks above the lieutenant before getting to the rank of a grand General. The highest rank was still that of the great commanders who were at the top of the echelon, and there were only five of them that existed currently.

Every increase in rank also meant more power, influence, and an increase in salary.

"Mill Kaiser, in completion of the three-star mission, which involved gathering information on the malignant trio within Dalik city, you have been promoted from a cadet to a full-fledged officer. Come forward to receive your uniform and badge," The grand General voiced out from up ahead.

Right beside Gustav, a young man with long green hair, clad in white cadet uniform, walked forward after hearing his name called.

It turned out that this person happened to be among last years' cadets, that was also sent on a mission. The officer in front was holding onto a black uniform with a badge on it as well as a small box that contained other items.

Mill Kaiser tried to hide his excitement as he received the uniform and the other items while pictures were taken and the other officers in the background clapped.

Chapter 577 - Private Meeting

About two more officers were called forward before Gustav finally heard his name.

He was the last person to be called among the seven officers being honored and rewarded here today.

"Officer Crimson step forward to receive your rewards," Unlike the others, The grand General called out Gustav first.

Gustav walked forward towards the officer standing in front, holding out a bunch of things.

"You were tasked with a three-star mission as your first mission. Being both a first-year cadet and junior officer, you completed a five star mission. Tracking and capturing the advanced arms creator and dealer, Sahil..."

As he got to this part, almost everyone within the vicinity had widened mouths. They all focused on Gustav, especially the cadet who just got his officer uniform.

He had spotted Gustav earlier and wondered why someone who looked younger than he was would be clad in black uniform, which proved he was an officer. However, thinking about it, most mixedbloods didn't look their age, so he assumed Gustav was probably an older officer who looked younger.

Now that this revelation was made, he couldn't believe what he was hearing along with everyone present.

- 'A first-year cadet?'

- 'He successfully completed a five-star mission and this happens to be his first mission?'

These thoughts ran rampant in everyone's mind, but they couldn't voice it out. Officers were well-trained to keep quiet in moments like this so as not to disturb the ceremony.

"You have been promoted to the Senior Argent rank, other rewards included in the box are the basic bloodline strengthening pill, the advanced bloodline strengthening pill, Three instant recovery pills and some other things as well,"

As the grand General stated, this Gustav received his new uniform along with the rectangular box where the other reward items were kept.

Camera shutter sounds reverberated across the place as flying cams took pictures of Gustav receiving his rewards.

Claps also resounded as well from the other officers present. Miss Aimee was also behind with the other officers standing in place and watching Gustav with a proud look on her face.

'This is just the beginning. You will get to the top,' Miss Aimee said Internally.

She was the one responsible for Gustav embarking on this mission in the first place. He would have been given a two or one-star mission since this was his first.

Gustav moved back to his initial standing position with a straight look as he held his rewards and new uniform in his hand.

The other six officers lined up by his sides would occasionally steal glances as they still couldn't believe that a first-year cadet was now above them all in official ranking.

A Senior Argent was clearly above the junior Argent and two ranks above the lowest MBO official ranking. He was now the senior officer of even those who were officers before him.

The grand General presiding over the second base proceeded to say a few more words and declarations before ending the ceremony.

After the ceremony ended, several officers came over to the officers who had been called here to be rewarded. Most of them moved towards Gustav to offer their congratulations and also tried to make connections with him.

Some of them already knew Gustav beforehand and how he had been mentioned as the most talented youngster of this mixedblood generation, but they still didn't expect that he'd complete a five-star mission on his first try.

"Congratulations Officer Crimson," The final year cadet moved towards Gustav and offered a handshake.

Gustav accepted the handshake, which was actually a tight grip with the other person trying to gauge his strength.

Mill Kaiser strengthened his hand as he pressed tightly onto Gustav's. To his surprise, there was no change in facial expression.

'Why do they always try to do this?' Gustav wondered as he remembered Officer Gooseman did the same.

Gustav's eyes squinted as he also tightened his hand as well.

Krrryyhh~

Popping sounds rang out as Mill Kaiser quickly withdrew his hand with speed.

"Nice meeting you," He said and hurriedly turned around with an embarrassed look after noticing everyone staring in their direction.

He met up with another officer towards the left and headed for the entrance.

A few prestigious officers with ranks close to the grand General were also present, and all of them except one has flocked towards Gustav to shower him with praises.

After all the formalities were done with, Gustav was called upon by the grand General, and miss Aimee went along with him.

They stepped out of the hall and were transported towards a part of the base with convoys following them.

They arrived in the grand General office along with his assistant and two other generals.

"The young miss has mentioned that you have reports based on the happenings within Leoluch city,"
The grand General voiced out to Gustav.

He seemed like a normal nice, and a caring middle-aged man with a thirteen inches yellowish goatee, but Gustav could sense crazy energy from him.

Although a lot far from what he sensed from great commander Shion back then, this was still pretty powerful.

"I have a collection of footages along with proof that innocents are being subjected to a war that was caused by corrupt and clashing egos," Gustav voiced out and proceeded to display footages of things occurring within Leoluch city.

"We are well aware of this happening, as you know the world government has give orders to refrain from interfering unless it gets to a particular level," The grand General voiced out.

"I am yet to give details on the involvement Sahil in this affairs.. The group in power were dealing with the criminal and the same group handed him an item that is supposed to be possessed by the government all for the sake of winning the war quickly," Gustav proceeded to keep explaining.

He brought out a device that displayed different footage in holographic format. Also, he displayed footage of the void stone along with the document.

"The void stone? Such an item was used to make a bargain with a criminal?!" One of the generals present voiced out with a tone of disbelief.

Chapter 578 - Checking Out The Rewards

"Yes," Gustav responded.

"Where is it now?" The grand General asked.

"It was initially in Sahil's possession after the bargain was successful, but he seems to have hidden it somewhere. My mission was to bring him back and not the void stone, so I didn't linger for a second, or I would have failed," Gustav explained.

The generals present and the grand General all had looks of impatience as they turned silent after hearing that.

"There are still so many other supplies that will be distributed between both sides battling which will drag out the war and cause more unnecessary deaths," Gustav stated with a strong tone.

He proceeded to keep narrating many other things he had witnessed and even mentioned how the world government is behind the scenes in all this and how the economy of the city would go downhill if the side of the groups supporting the world government came out on top in the war.

The Grand General and generals present realised the severity of the situation after hearing Gustav speak for up to thirty minutes on this issue.

All this time, Miss Aimee just sat behind, listening and ready to chip in if Gustav needed her help. She was so proud that Gustav could hold his own against these high-ranking men without folding or breaking in any way.

With the pressure these men exuded whenever they tried to question why Gustav was bringing this up and even wanted him to drop the matter, anyone would have stuttered by now, but Gustav's confidence level never dropped once, and he kept spouting out and countering them.

"So, what is it you propose now, Officer Crimson?" The grand General asked.

"All this started because a side was losing their power and authority due to the world government slowly taking over. This tilted the balance towards the side of the Zalibans, Lanzi's and Routilia groups.

The other side is slowly losing from the information I have gathered and would eventually lose due to their resources being thinned out after they started losing power. This is the main reason why the side of the Zalibans was able to spark such a war, knowing they'd win eventually and take whatever was left of the other side's power. I think the best way to solve this is by letting the other side regain their power and balance the scales once again. This is the reason why they fight. One side fights to gain their power back and reduce the economic tension of the city while the other side fights to take over completely, which they wouldn't have done if the other side hadn't already been weakened," Gustav voiced out lengthily.

"The best way to bring balance would be to weaken the forces of the three who are trying to gain more power," The grand General muttered.

"Exactly. Weakening their forces would be the best course of action. They will have no choice but to put the war to an end after both sides see that it would only lead to their destruction," Gustav stated.

"Hmm... What do you think generals?" The grand General called out to the other two in the office.

"It's already a big case since the involvement of the void stones. A group that makes such deals with a criminal should have their power weakened significantly," One of the generals voiced out.

"Officer Crimson has shown proof of the supplies to be distributed around opposing forces. We cannot keep turning a blind eye to the chaos," The other general voice out as well.

"Good. Then we agree that a new secret mission must be set up for Leoluch city," The grand General voiced out.

Gustav and Miss Aimee arrived back in the household they were placed in minutes after their meeting with the grand General ended.

Gustav was glad it went well. Miss Aimee did mention that even though the MBO were under the jurisdiction of the world government when they deemed a situation to be beyond a certain level, they would act on their own accord.

The MBO was actually powerful enough to disobey the world government instructions, but most times, they refrained from doing so because of the complications it would cost.

The grand General proceeded to tell Gustav to prepare for a secret mission briefing in a few days. They wanted to determine the goals of the mission and make proper plans on how it was going to be carried out first.

It was going to be a secret mission because it would be kept under the wraps that the MBO was intervening in the Leoluch city war, so the world government would never find out about it.

Gustav moved into his room and checked out his rewards. His new uniform was a well-designed ash-colored long coat with a golden belt that had locks design and a blood emblem in the middle. It had a cross tie and a white inner. It looked quite luxurious, especially with the white gem positioned on the left side of his collar.

Gustav put the uniform aside and checked out the box where the other items were placed.

The basic bloodline strengthening pill increased a mixedblood by two steps for about a minute during a battle. It was really good for gaining a quick increase in strength, but it was only temporary.

The advanced bloodline strengthening pill increased a mixedblood by an entire rank for thirty seconds. This was actually a very good pill because depending on the mixedblood Level of strength, increasing by a rank could be a huge game-changer. However, it was only temporary as well.

Three instant recovery pills was also another reward included. These instant recovery pills, unlike other recovery pills, healed any form of injury instantly. They were extremely rare that only about a hundred was made every two years, and even many MBO officers had never received one before.

'This will really come in handy during a battle.. If I lost a crucial body part during a battle, I would still be able to fight after taking one of these,' Gustav thought.

Chapter 579 - Trying The Course At Level Three

'This will really come in handy during a battle... If I lost a crucial body part during a battle, I would still be able to fight after taking one of these,' Gustav thought.

The pill did heal instantly, after all. It didn't matter if a mixedblood was on the verge of death. So long as they had breathe in their lungs, the pill would instantly resuscitate them.

His regeneration wasn't as quick as that. Based on the damage sustained, Gustav regeneration worked slower or faster at times.

He also understood that such an item was most likely rare, so he decided he would only use it in cases where he found himself in situations similar to that when he was battling Zergeref.

Gustav kept this aside and checked the rest of the contents within the box. There was also an elixir, and according to the label, this was supposed to help in giving a permanent step boost in bloodline ranking.

Gustav already knew that medicines like this existed, but they were extremely rare as well.

There were a few other rare medicinal items as well, which Gustav wasted no time in checking out.

He was satisfied with the rewards so far. He only had to wait in the meantime for the planning of the next mission.

Gustav had decided that after this, he would be checking on Boss Danzo in burning sands city.

He tried calling Boss Danzo a few times when he arrived here, but there was no response from the other end. He felt maybe Boss Danzo was busy and would try again later, but till this moment, there was still no answer.

Gustav had gotten Boss Danzo's new address from Mara before he left the MBO camp, so he knew just where to check, but he couldn't leave at the moment.

The next morning arrived, and as usual, Gustav moved towards the third training center within the base.

-The MBO Camp

"Man it's been three weeks now, do you think he completed his first mission yet?"

Within a group of four youngsters who were currently strolling on campgrounds, the dark-skinned male with a bushy afro hair voiced out.

"Come on E.E it's only three weeks. Some MBO officers spend months trying to complete a single mission," Falco voiced out.

"Falco is right. We don't know the details of his mission. It might be one that forces him to remain in hiding for a long time or maybe he was deployed to a battle ground to be part of a defence troop. We can't say for sure, so yeah three weeks is pretty much short," Aildris voiced out with a mild smile with his eyes still closed.

"Ay ay ay I get y'all, but it's Gustav though, I don't think he'll take so long in completing one mission regardless of what it is. Who knows he might even be on another one right now," E.E had a contemplative expression as he spoke.

"Looks like you're really missing him," Teemee voiced out from the side with his hands in his pockets as he walked.

"Yooo come on man, don't say it like that," E.E voiced out while waving his right hand, trying to feign a shy look.

"Bwahahaha!" They all burst out laughing as they spotted the expression he made while blinking his eyes.

E.E also burst into laughter as well before speaking again, "Nah I know Gustav is hot and all, but Elevora is the one I've set my sights on,"

"Yo, Gustav is hot? We didn't know that? How did you figure?" Falco voiced out from the side, trying to imitate E.E's way of talking.

"Eyy you know what I mean stop making it sound like that," E.E shouted out as he grabbed Falco from the side and wrapped his arm around his neck before pulling him forward playfully.

Another round of laughter was heard from the group as they kept walking.

"But yeah he's Gustav, so I'm sure he'll be safe, no need for worries," Aildris voiced out.

"Hey, where's Ria? He's always missing..." Falco asked Teemee.

"He's training. He's been pushing himself like crazy every since Gustav left saying he won't accept being the weaker one," Teemee responded with a slightly bothered look.

"Hmm he really shouldn't push himself too much it may have an adverse effect," Aildris stated.

"Yeah, but he never listens. I just hope that idiot knows when to stop," Teemee sighed as he spoke.

"How about we go check up on him and do a little training ourselves?" E.E suggested.

The boys stared at each other for a few moments before nodding in unison.

E.E opened up a thirteen feet wide purplish vortex up ahead, and everyone filed in.

"By the way guys, has any of you heard from Angy lately?"

E.E's voice slowly faded away as they disappeared into the vortex.

In a flash, a few more days went by.

Back in the second base, Gustav was within a massive structured facility with several secluded spaces built within.

This was one of the training centers with in-built anti-gravitational force. It ranged from level one to seven, with each higher level having a more powerful gravitational force than the other.

Currently, Gustav was within level three, which had a gravitational force that allowed every object with mass to be twenty-seven times heavier than its original weight.

Within this place, he was undergoing an obstacle course that had a time limit and required speed as well.

Swoosh!

His speed had significantly reduced without any boost from the system as he ran across a small pole extended above a burning pool of fire.

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The timer was counting down from the holographic projection displayed above as he dashed across the pole.

Three rings could be seen floating up ahead and interchanging positions with speed. One of them was a teleportation ring that would help teleport him about a hundred feet forward across the rest of the pool of flames below, but if he went through the wrong one, he would fall into the pool, which would result in failure.

Chapter 580 - The Proposal

Twhii!

Gustav leaped forward the moment he arrived at the edge of the pole as if he could already tell which one was the teleportation ring.

However, as he leaped through the air, the one which was initially in the middle was interchanging with the one by the left.

As Gustav's body arrived in front of it, both rings had already exchanged spots.

Fwwhiir~

He went straight through it and disappeared.

Zing~

Gustav appeared a hundred feet ahead of where there was land and kept dashing forward.

It would seem he had already predicted the interchanging of both rings and knew to jump exactly when the teleportation ring would arrive in front.

Gustav arrived at a particular spot and leaped upwards, grabbing hold of a ladder that was positioned fifty feet above the ground.

He climbed up as fast as he could and arrived at the top.

He started running across the platform above, which would occasionally switch lanes as he ran across them due to some of them suddenly giving way too much body weight.

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Gustav could finally see the end of the course as he leaped from side to side across the top platform.

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The timer stopped the instant he arrived at the end. He looked up and stared at it, noting how long it took him.

'One minute thirty one seconds without using any speed-related ability,' He thought.

Standing in a place, he could barely feel any pressure from the gravitational force. He only felt it when he had to move his body.

This was how it mostly was. Moving made the gravitational force ten times worse than it already was to the average mixedblood. Their body would feel like it was being held down when they took a step, and even jumping became such a herculean task.

Pah! Pah! Pah! Pah!

Gustav suddenly heard claps coming from the entrance area of the obstacle course.

He turned around to stare in that direction and noticed a few officers staring in his direction.

The obstacle course environment slowly returned to normal as its large size retracted, turning into a room that was at least twenty times smaller than it was when Gustav was undergoing the obstacle course.

But even with it shrinking in size, it was still more massive than a football pitch.

Gustav leaped downwards still with a mass twenty-seven times his original and landed with a loud thud.

Two officers out of the seven officers watching from the entrance area started walking towards him. They both didn't seem fazed by the gravitational force in the slightest as they walked towards him.

"Officer Crimson, allow us to offer our most sincere congratulations on your promotion. We had something to attend to the other day so we couldn't stay for too long," The man in the red colored uniform by the left voiced out.

He was actually a general, and he happened to be in attendance on the day of the reward ceremony, and right beside him was Mill Kaiser. The final year cadet had just become a ranked officer.

They both nodded at each other as the general, who happened to be named, Brody Kaiser spoke.

"Thank you," Gustav responded before turning to the side to walk away after hearing what the general had said.

"A minute if you will Officer Crimson," He called out to Gustav before he could pass by their sides completely.

"Hmm?" Gustav paused and turned to the side to stare at them.

"I'm sure you already know my son, Mill Kaiser," General Brody Kaiser said while gesturing at Mill.

"And so?" Gustav responded with an unbothered expression.

"We were hoping we could invite you for dinner at our place tonight. You youngsters can get to know each other, after all you're both still cadets even though you're already officers," General Brody voiced out his intentions, ignoring the lack of interest displayed on Gustav's face.

"I'm busy. Maybe next time," Gustav voiced out before turning around to leave again.

Both of them stared at each other with a weird look as they saw Gustav walking away. They hadn't expected him to turn down the invitation like that.

They had no idea that Gustav was being as polite as possible. Originally, he would have blatantly voiced out his lack of interest without batting an eyelid.

"Hold on, Officer Crimson," General Brody called out to him again.

Gustav paused his steps as an irritated expression appeared on his face while he turned around. This time he didn't even try to hide it as he responded, "What is it?"

"We really wish you'd put more thought into this," General Brody could feel the gazes of the other officers at the entrance watching and felt embarrassed at the fact that he, a whole general, was turned down by a low-ranking officer.

"Nah, I'm not interested," Gustav responded blatantly and turned around to start walking again.

"Such a rude...", Just as Mill Kaiser was about to blow a fuse, the general stretched his right hand in front of him to stop him.

"How about I propose something Officer Crimson?" He called out to Gustav again, causing him to pause his footsteps once more.

"What is it this time?" Gustav felt he was asking this question for the umpteenth time as he turned around.

"How about you and my son here compete in a danger course. If he finishes first, you'd have to cancel all your plans and come with us," General Brody Kaiser proposed.

Mill Kaiser smiled internally as he heard this and hoped for Gustav to agree.

"Hmm... And what's in it for me if he loses," Gustav asked with a piercing gaze.

"What would you want?" Even though internally, General Brody felt there was no way Gustav would win, he still asked.

"Did you get an instant recovery pill?" Gustav turned to the side to ask Mill.

"Yeah, I got one," He answered while raising an eyebrow.

"Good.... When I win, you'll hand it over to me," Gustav answered while walking forward to meet back up with them.