

Bloodline 81

Chapter 81 - Boss Danzo's Advice

'There's more to come but I should be cautious and keep it on the low for now,'

Gustav thought process was like this because, before did this no one was wary and everyone practically let their guards down.

Now that it had become a hot topic, everyone was cautious now.

No one wanted to be the next Gordon or Charles so everyone was watching their backs.

Gustav could tell that it wasn't going to be easy when next he decided to steal a student's bloodline now that things had developed to this state.

He wasn't too bothered though because aside from Hung Jo, Ben, Paul, Charles, and Gordon, there were only about two persons left that bullied him.

Hung Jo was top of the list while the rest of these two left were at the bottom.

The rest of his classmates only talked down on him and called him trash so he wasn't really planning anything for them but he had decided to face slap a lot of them in the MBO entrance test.

Either way, he decided not to try anything intense like what he did the day before.

Gustav finished his meal later and left the hall after exchanging greetings with some of the chefs.

The latter half of the day was spent

training class three students again.

The instructor was a little bit bothered about Gordon and Charles's situation but it didn't affect his plans overall since there were way more students that were better than both of them in class 3.

The students showed more of their prowess and potential so they could fill in the spot that Charles and Gordon occupied.

Class 3 had over a hundred students.

Although everyone would be attending everyone couldn't represent the school in duels.

Charles happened to be picked as part of the duel team members while Gordon was picked as a substitute which was why students were showing their prowess today.

They wanted the two empty slots that were currently available.

Also, those that planned to be picked as the captain of the team had to always show their prowess.

It would still take some time before the instructor would pick a captain.

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The school practically ended noisily before everyone went to their houses.

Another three days passed by and it was Monday again.

His weekend with Angy was a pretty interesting one since he was helping her push her speed to the limit by giving her some tasks during the night observation.

Angy was starting to wonder if mixed-breeds were avoiding her presence.

She was always so happy when no mixed-breed showed up.

Gustav realized that she didn't want the neighborhood and him to be in any form of danger but she had no idea that he was purposely making her come out to patrol with him on days when he was sure they'll be no mixed-breed appearing.

Gustav headed for school once again with her and arrived at school several minutes later.

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He was inside the kitchen cooking some meals when Boss Danzo asked to speak with him.

Both of them went to the corridor to exchange conversation.

"Hey lad, how have you been doing lately?" Boss Danzo asked with a worried tone.

"I'm fine boss, why do you ask?" Gustav was a bit dumbfounded by the sudden question.

"Hmm, I'm just concerned for your well-being is all," Boss Danzo replied.

"Hmm, I understand boss, so why did you want to see me?" Gustav asked with an intrigued look.

"I just want to give you a piece of advice, it's up to you to listen," Boss Danzo spoke.

"I know you've been wronged by lots of people, your family, your peers, and practically the society but son... I've noticed you're getting more colder and colder by the day I don't want you to become like the people you hate!" Boss Danzo added.

"Now I'm not telling you to like them or forgive them, I'm just saying don't be like them, be better... If you plan to take revenge on them in the future or anything don't involve the innocent," Boss Danzo stated.

Gustav nodded with a look of understanding.

"Of course boss Danzo, I won't become like those rotten people... I have my own way of doing things is all," Gustav replied.

"Good very good... Gustav, do you know who a true man is?" Boss Danzo asked.

Gustav had an intrigued look on his face after hearing that question. He didn't want to end up saying something dumb so he asked, "Who is a true man?"

"A true man is one with principles that forbid him from turning a blind eye to someone being inflicted with the pain he has gone through," Boss Danzo stated.

Gustav had a contemplative look on his face after hearing that explanation.

"Gustav, are you a true man? Do you have such principles or a similar principle?" Boss Danzo asked with a profound gaze.

Gustav stood there speechless. He didn't know how to reply.

"Now mind you, my boy, I'm not asking you to become a hero... Becoming a hero in this vast world is not only useless but will also bring about your death... I'm only telling you not to turn a blind eye to something you know you can truly change... If you see a person is being inflicted with the same pain you went through and you have the ability to put an end to it, don't turn a blind eye! You don't have to be a hero but being numb to wicked deeds and the likes of those who are a nuisance to the community makes you no different from the people you hate," Boss Danzo patted Gustav's shoulder after speaking and turned around to leave.

As boss Danzo walked two steps forward Gustav spoke, causing him to pause.

"Boss Danzo... why should I care about being a monster when no one gives a damn about turning me into one? Why won't I turn my back on the world when it turned its back on me? Why would I bother trying to save people that I believe, if were in my shoes today wouldn't bother trying to save me when I'm in trouble? Why would a selfish world such as this deserve even an iota of my mercy?" Gustav asked in successions while staring at the floor. In his eyes, only sorrow could be seen.

Chapter 82 - Using Recreation

This topic seemed to have opened a lot of scars for him.

"Hmm, good questions my boy... The answer is something that I'm sure you know deep down but don't want to admit it," Boss Danzo stated while turning around to face Gustav again.

"Which is?" Gustav asked.

"There are people who are actually decent in this world..." Boss Danzo replied, "And those kinds of people are the type that deserves your mercy since they've never hurt anyone," Boss Danzo turned around once again and went in leaving Gustav to wallow in his thoughts.

Even when the day ended Gustav couldn't stop thinking about what boss Danzo said.

Maybe he was truly turning a blind eye as he got more powerful.

If boss Danzo had told him to become a hero outright he would have turned him down instantly but the way he spoke made a lot of sense to Gustav.

'I'll just keep doing what I'm doing... I know for a fact that I haven't harmed anyone who didn't deserve it,' Gustav stopped the internal battle going on within his mind with this.

Everyone left for home after school came to an end for the day.

Gustav also left for home since today was a free day for him.

Miss Aimee wouldn't be training him today.

Although he could still go to the Dojo and do self-training, only one thought was in his mind right now and that was to try out recreation.

The only problem was he hadn't decided on the bloodlines he would combine.

Beast Transformation was still a no, along with atomic manipulation. He didn't know if he would be able to use them separately after the transformation. Same with his genetic transformation bloodline.

The two he could use in performing the experiment were the ones he extracted from Gordon and Charles.

The reason Gustav was feeling reluctant about he was, he liked Charles's bloodline and what it could do. He didn't want to use recreation on it but there was no other bloodline he could use so he had to come to terms with it.

When he thought about it more he realized that this was a better option since he wouldn't be able to use the abilities in public places.

If he did they would be recognized but with recreation, they could turn out to be something different when mixed and no one would be able to recognize the abilities.

Gustav got home later and sat on his bed to test it out.

"Now that I think about it, will recreation work without the need for requirements like the bloodline acquisition?" Gustav wondered.

But after thinking about it for a while, he decided trying it out would be the best way to know.

'Activate Recreation,' Gustav said internally.

[Recreation has been activated]

Gustav felt hot on the inside all of a sudden.

"Wow, what's that?" He wondered.

He could feel the bloodlines around the channel points bubbling with intensity.

[Which bloodlines does host wish to combine?]

The system asked.

'Combine gravitational charge and energy Transmutation bloodline,' Gustav commanded internally.

[Host has decided to combine gravitational charge and energy transmutation bloodline]

[Gravitational Charge + Energy Transmutation]

[Calculating Compatibility Rate: 0%]

[Calculating Compatibility Rate: 17%]

[Calculating Compatibility Rate: 37%]

Gustav watched as the system calculated the Compatibility Rate.

In a few seconds, it was done.

[Compatibility of combination is 58%]

[Does Host still wish to combine both bloodlines: Yes/No]

Gustav was about to say yes when a warning notification popped up.

[WARNING! COMBINING THESE BLOODLINES MIGHT CREATE A BLOODLINE THAT WILL BE DANGEROUS TO OTHERS AS WELL AS THE HOST!!!]

Gustav read the warning notification with a look of amazement.

'This can only mean two things, first, the bloodline created from the combination of both bloodlines will be powerful. Second, it will be so powerful and hard to control that I may harm others and myself with it if I'm not able to control it,' Gustav analyzed.

Surprisingly he looked quite excited instead of looking disturbed.

'Now I'm looking forward to this even more,' Gustav said inwardly before giving the system his answer.

"Yes combine the bloodlines,"

[Combining energy transmutation and gravity charge]

Gustav suddenly felt a cool and soothing feeling welling up from within.

[Recalibrating bloodlines to their initial genetic form]

[Mixing Endoplasm/Antimycogen/Cellulose...]

Different notifications begin to pop up in his line of sight as Gustav felt his body undergo different kinds of internal changes.

[Combination process will begin]

[Combination procedure: 0.01%/100%]

Gustav watched as the percentage moved up slowly.

[Combination procedure: 0.19%/100%]

Even after two hours, it was still at 0.19. Gustav's mouth was slightly opened in frustration.

'At this stage, it will take at least two days,' Gustav sighed internally.

He thought it would be fast like bloodline acquisition but he was wrong.

Recreation didn't have requirements like bloodline acquisition but the process was really slow.

It was time for Gustav to go do his usual night routine.

He didn't know if his movement would affect the combination but he had to move or he'll cancel the combination entirely.

Gustav stood up and went to change his clothes.

The soothing feeling he was getting from the combination came occasionally but he was able to ignore it and move.

The soothing feeling always made him want to lie down and relish the enjoyment coming from within but at the moment he had to block the feeling from affecting his movement.

Gustav went out for neighborhood inspection after a while with Angy.

He arrived back at midnight and just as expected no mixed-breed showed today.

The only reason why Gustav was feeling disappointed was because of the notification that was still displayed in his line of sight.

[Combination procedure: 12.7%/100%]

'This is gonna take a while,' Gustav said internally.

This meant he would have to go to school the next day, this way.

Gustav went to school the next day with the combination still in process.

Sometimes the soothing feeling would be so good that Gustav would have the urge to moan but he would hold it in.

If he suddenly started moaning in classes, people would think he had gone from being trash to being possessed.

He wasn't really bothered by his classmates' thoughts about him right now but he would prefer not to add more to the weird list.

Chapter 83 - Embarrassing Situation

Gustav checked the percentage of the combination procedure almost every hour in school.

It was still moving as slow as ever.

Even after the entire day had passed the procedure was not still completed.

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While he was training with miss Aimee, she noticed his weird state and asked if all was well.

Of course, Gustav replied that everything was alright.

Sometimes he would get a soothing feeling that caused his actions to delay.

Even though it was only for a split second, miss Aimee would notice it because Gustav hardly paused for a millisecond during a battle.

His brain was always in full mode thinking and plotting. Before his first attack has landed he was already preparing for the second and third but this time it wasn't quite so.

He already decided that the next time he was going to try out recreation, he would lock himself indoors until it was done combining the two bloodlines.

Miss Aimee could see Gustav staring into thin air sometimes which gave her a weird feeling but since he said he was okay, she decided not to pursue it.

After their training ended for the day, Gustav went home immediately.

He didn't want to stick around to embarrass himself by mistake or something.

He got home and sat on his bed.

He distributed today's points from completing daily tasks first.

He placed everything in defense since he wanted to raise it as high as the rest.

"Add five points to defense,"

[+5 points has been added to defense]

Gustav was finally starting to sense a little bit of change in his body after defense reached 15 points.

He would have loved to test it out but at the moment there was nothing he could use to test out his defense and he was more worried about recreation right now.

He decided to check the progress again.

[Combination procedure: 57.89%/100%]

Gustav lied on his bed in frustration after seeing the progress.

He knew it would still take till the end of the next day before it would be done.

Gustav was thinking about staying indoors the next day but he decided not to because of his training with miss Aimee.

He only trained with her three days of the week now so he didn't want to miss any days.

Gustav.

The night quickly passed once again and the next day came.

Gustav was feeling excited when he woke up because he was sure the combination would be finished today.

He checked the progress once again.

[Combination procedure: 78.57%/100%]

He got prepared to leave home for school.

After Gustav got to school he started feeling a kind of hotness from within.

Gustav hissed in pain as he felt his blood bubbling again.

[Combination procedure: 80%/100%]

He noticed it was at 80% which meant it was closer to completion. He guessed that this was the reason for the burning feeling within.

After a while, the hot feeling was replaced by the refreshing feeling again.

Gustav was already starting to regret coming to school because when the feeling of hotness came he was forced to stop his steps.

Also, he noticed something around his pants area that he never thought would be possible for him to develop right now.

He walked to the kitchen and asked boss Danzo for a break today.

This came as a surprise to boss Danzo and he asked if Gustav was alright.

Gustav only told him he needed to rest and Boss Danzo gave his consent.

Gustav went to class and sat there alone.

It was still very early in the morning so there was not a single student to be seen in the class.

Gustav just sat there trying to calm his urges till students began to stream into the class.

The first two who arrived were surprised to see him in class by that time.

Unlike before where they might have uttered snide remarks, they ignored him and went to their seats.

When the class became filled, discussions of the upcoming exchange event could be heard again.

Gustav just blocked his mind from the class and focus on calming himself.

Throughout the day, he was absent-minded.

He later went to the dojo to train with miss Aimee after the day had ended.

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Pah! Pah! Pah! Pah!

Miss Aimee was currently using a long staff-like weapon to spar with Gustav.

Gustav was holding onto a red weapon that was a mixture of a gun and a broad sword.

He rotated three times slamming the sharp part of the weapon onto the staff on miss Aimee's hand.

Miss Aimee used the lower part of the staff to slap Gustav's weapon towards the side before rotating the staff and slamming the tip on his head twice.

Bang! Bam!

Gustav fell to the floor after taking that hit.

He laid down like a log of wood and breathed in and out profusely

He stayed in that position for a while.

"Hmm, what's wrong with you lately?" Miss Aimee asked with a look of worry.

"I'm fine," Gustav said and got back up.

"Let's get back to..." Before Gustav completed his statement he suddenly felt hotness welling up underneath his gut.

"Uhhh," Gustav exclaimed with a look of discomfort.

"Are you alright?" Miss Aimee asked as she noticed sweat forming on Gustav's face.

"I'm fine," Gustav muttered again as he felt the hotness being subdued and being replaced with a feeling of Intense coolness.

He sighed in relief and stared at Miss Aimee.

"I'm fine," He said once again only for him to notice that miss Aimee's eyes weren't on him instead, her eyes were focused on a certain part of his body.

"Oh, I see why you've been spacing out lately... Going through puberty eh?" Miss Aimee voiced out with a smirk while staring at Gustav's lower half.

Gustav followed her line of sight down and stared at himself. His eyes widened as he saw the huge bulge protruding in between his upper thighs.

The bulge was so huge that the Yukata he was putting on couldn't hide its liveliness.

Gustav quickly turned around and with a look of embarrassment and used his hands to cover his privates.

"It seems to have grown bigger since the last time I saw it, so much life and vigor, I wonder if you've been thinking of doing that with a girl lately... Anyways, Congratulations, you've gone from having a thumb to a..." Before miss Aimee could complete her statement Gustav interrupted her.

"Miss Aimee why in the hell are you staring?" Gustav voiced out in dissatisfaction.

"You pointed it at me like a gun... Of course, I'll stare at it," Miss Aimee said with a burst of playful laughter.

Chapter 84 - Travelling Out Of The City

Gustav felt like entering into a hole to hide at this moment. His face had become slightly red.

'Damn recreation, how could you embarrass me like this?' Gustav still used his palms to cover up his bulge.

The bulge was still as strong as ever and it didn't seem like it would be coming down soon.

"Uh, excuse me miss Aimee," Gustav said and ran towards one of the rooms.

Miss Aimee smiled playfully before answering, "You're free to go masturbate for a few minutes... Just make sure you clean up properly!"

Gustav who had entered the room heard that and nearly tripped over himself.

He moved towards the bathroom and locked himself in.

He sat on the toilet seat in front and check the progress of the combination.

[Combination procedure: 99.89%/100%]

Gustav felt the bulge earlier was because the combination was almost done.

'Only a few more to go,' Gustav decided to wait for it to finish combining before deciding to leave the room.

Even with the low amount left, almost an hour went by before Gustav finally saw the notification appear in his line of sight.

[Recreation Successful]

The feeling of discomfort mixed with comfort finally disappeared and Gustav could no longer sense both bloodlines within his body, he could only sense one right now.

[Energy Transmutation and Gravity charge Bloodline have been successfully mixed]

[A B-grade bloodline has been created]

Gustav felt like his eyes were deceiving him.

"B-grade bloodline?" He muttered softly with a surprised look.

He stared at the new notification that appeared which displayed the name as well as the ability of the new bloodline.

"Wow," Gustav exclaimed in surprise after reading what the bloodline could do.

-Two weeks later.

Two weeks had gone by in a flash.

During these two weeks, Gustav had spent the time training and he had also killed two mixed-breeds in the past two weeks.

His defense now had the same amount of points as the rest of his attributes.

He had also been learning how to make use of his new bloodline but he was still lacking in controlling it.

Gustav wore a red leather jacket and pants that were tight-fitted, making him look athletic.

He was heading to school at this moment.

He wasn't the only one headed to school like this. Other students also had red leather jackets and pants on. An insignia of their school was placed on the right breast pocket area.

Immediately Gustav got to school he noticed that everywhere was bustling with life.

It was still six am so this was a pretty abnormal time for students to be in school but It was finally time for the exchange event to take place.

The students streaming into the school were students of class 3.

They all had excited looks on their faces as they headed towards the school hall where the principal would brief them before they were asked to board the bus.

It looked as if they weren't traveling anywhere since they weren't packing any pieces of luggage but the students of class 3 had packed their luggage and all their necessities inside their storage device.

No one would need to carry pieces of luggage when traveling since storage devices were available.

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The principal briefed them in that hall about the rules and what they would be experiencing over there.

How they had to be respectful which Gustav called bullshit internally.

He talked for about five minutes more before leaving the podium and telling the students to head towards the bus.

Three big violet-colored busses floating above the ground were waiting for them in the parking lot.

All the teachers were allowed to come with them but some of them decided to stay back.

Miss Aimee included.

She already told Gustav beforehand that she wouldn't be attending so he had to be careful in Atrihea city which according to her, wasn't as safe as Plankton city.

The students went into the busses one after the other.

Each bus was big enough to contain up to forty people and there were a little over a hundred students in class 3 so the busses were enough to contain everyone.

Even when Gustav entered he was still thinking about the neighborhood.

He killed a mixed-breed last night which meant mixed-breeds were unlikely to appear again until after a week.

The exchange event was only three days so he had enough time but he was still worried.

He kept thinking, 'What if another mixed-breed attacks the neighborhood while I'm gone?'

Gustav was only traveling with them because he wanted to cross the border and inspect it on a closer scale.

He didn't even want to stay there for more than a day after crossing the border but no one was allowed to leave until the exchange event was over.

Gustav sat at the back inside the bus, beside the window, and brought out a headphone.

He wasn't privileged to have this before but now he would listen to music as they traveled even though he knew traveling wouldn't take long due to speed.

Besides him was a girl with white hair who occasionally stole glances at him from the side but he wasn't paying attention to anyone on the bus.

The bus engine finally started and then it zoomed off.

Zwwooooonn!

Just as Gustav expected, when the bus arrived outside the school premises, it turned towards the road that led to his apartment area.

The bus streamed across the road in mid-air.

There was a large teleportation ring ahead which it drove into.

Zwwiii!

They were in a world of blue and black for a few seconds before an opening appeared in front of their bus.

Zoooooom!

The bus entered the opening and they arrived at the edge of the city where Gustav's neighborhood was located.

He wasn't surprised since this was the closest route to get to Atrihea city. He already did his research earlier.

The bus kept moving forward.

It passed through the road that led to the middle of the forest region behind.

In a few seconds, they were already transversing across the road in between the sparse forest region.

Gustav could already see the border up ahead.

The familiar blue and green glowing lines on both sides of the road could be seen.

Normally Gustav was always on the left side of the sparse forest region, he never went to the right but now he could both sides.

The bus kept driving and was closing in on the barricaded route up ahead.

Once it crossed the next three thousand meters it would finally be in between the barricaded borders which were on the right and left side of the road.

Zooooom!

It only took a few seconds for the bus to arrive in between.

The students could no longer see the forest areas on the left and right. Only glowing walls in form of blue and green lines could be seen.

The walls were thousands of meters tall and very long so that was all they could see for miles.

A notification popped up in Gustav's line of sight immediately the bus arrived in between the barricaded borders.

[Energy installment has been activated]

Chapter 85 - Arrival

[Energy Installment has been activated]

'What?' Gustav stared at the notification with a look of panic.

The green and blue lines barricading the road on both sides suddenly started to twitch and blink.

At first, it was barely noticeable before the lines started blinking repeatedly and swaying.

Before extending towards their bus.

Gasp!

- "Is it supposed to do that?"

- "Why does it look like it's getting closer?"

- "It's moving?"

- "Ahhh! It's coming?"

There was panic in the bus as everyone noticed that the barricaded glowing lines on both sides started pulling towards them like it was elastic.

The lines were causing the space within the road to reduce.

The barricaded lines were boxing them in.

Even the teachers on the busses couldn't understand, they were trying to make sense of what was happening.

"Why is the barrier moving towards our bus?" These were the thoughts on their minds.

Gustav's face was twisting in discomfort as the lines kept extending towards their bus.

Everyone knew what would happen if it made contact.

Their bus was likely to turn into ashes due to the intense amount of energy radiating from the lines converging towards.

-"We're gonna die!"

Ruckus! Ruckus! Ruckus!

Chaos erupted in the bus as some of the students starting screaming out in fear.

"Everyone calm down!" One of the teachers in front shouted out.

They also couldn't understand why this was happening but they still tried calming the students down.

All of a sudden the lines stopped extending towards them.

They suddenly started to retract before completely moving back to their initial position.

The teachers sighed in relief as the bus quieted down after seeing that happen.

They were about to make a move if the lines came any closer.

The teachers assured the students again that they were safe and a test was probably going on, which was the reason for this.

The bus went back to its liveliness after a while and what happened here was quickly forgotten.

At the back left corner, Gustav had sweat running down his forehead even though the temperature in the bus was well-conditioned.

He sighed in relief as he stared at the notification that appeared in his line of sight.

[Energy Installment has been deactivated]

[Excess Energy accumulated disappeared]

'Good thing I was able to stop it this time... It didn't even allow me to control the amount that is being gathered... I would have surely exploded to pieces,' Gustav was internally grateful that he was able to stop the ability before the lines made contact with the bus.

Even though what happened a while ago was very dangerous it also made him inspect the border on a closer scale.

It was just as he suspected, the border was made from energy crystals.

He remembered the dangerous force he sensed within the underground facility was similar to this but not as unstable.

He felt that this was related to the fact that, the dangerous force was energy crystals being mixed.

The other difference was, he felt a certain kind of resonance with a particular bloodline inside his body...
Beast Transformation Bloodline!

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Even with the fast speed of the bus, traveling through the middle of the border took up to two hours.

It was more than three thousand miles after all.

When they were getting to the end they could see the road ahead blocked completely by the red and blue lines.

They could also see men in armor-like outfits standing there.

A small building was also constructed.

The men in armor-like uniforms inspected the bus with a triangular machine that was more than two meters tall. It scanned the bus with blue rays of light before an opening was created within the lines like barrier which the bus drove through.

After driving through the opening they had arrived in front of a long and wide bridge.

The forest and the first border were behind them while in front of them was the large bridge which had a body of water underneath it.

There was a spatial ring on the bridge which the bus drove into.

Since the incident passed, Gustav had been listening to music and looking through the window to check the environment.

Zooooom!

The bus entered into the spatial ring and arrived on a road in the middle of plain fields.

There was nothing to be seen on both sides for miles.

Ahead a huge sign could be seen.

»Welcome to Atrihea City!«

It was floating in mid-air ahead. Some blue-like flames were responsible for suspending it in mid-air.

They could finally see the big city up ahead.

From what they could see, the structures were similar to that of Plankton city.

They passed through the city checkpoints after some procedures and were now driving through the city.

Gustav was surprised that, unlike Plankton city, there was no border preventing mixed-breeds from coming in.

Which had him wondering how they prevented mixed-breeds from coming in because, since they arrived in the city, not a single one could be spotted.

If they weren't using a border to block mixed-breeds shouldn't the city be full of them?

Another thing was he couldn't see the teleportation circles that existed in Plankton City here.

There were structures on the roads constructed for easy movement of pedestrians.

There were several differences between Plankton City and Atrihea city. Atrihea city seemed less advanced in technology.

Some of the things he could see as they traveled across the road were floating structures.

There was a particular building they passed through that was actually floating across the surface of the ground.

He suspected that this was a normal thing around here and he wasn't wrong.

Plankton city specialized in spatial constructions and some other things while Atrihea specialized in flights and space crafts.

According to their history, they could make anything fly including, a house.

A house could be turned into a jet.

Something could be seen in the skies, positioned in the middle of the city.

They had no idea what it was due to its distance from the ground but they noticed that it looked like a spaceship.

After the bus traveled for some minutes, turning left and right repeatedly, they could see a three hundred-story building that was looking extremely luxurious.

The glass panes of the building were so smooth and shiny that it could be mistaken for a body of clean water.

This particular area was bustling with activity.

People moved to and fro across the area.

People in luxurious outfits could be seen streaming into the vicinity.

In front of the vicinity which was barricaded, a sign could be seen that said, Atrihea lodgings and resorts!

After the bus received clearance, it was allowed to drive in.

What appeared in their line of sight once they arrived inside was a neat and beautiful environment.

There were small houses located in several parts and a water body that was similar to a beach positioned on the west.

The bus dropped the students in the parking lot and the teachers asked everyone to follow them after they got down.

Chapter 86 - More Discovery

The other busses also arrived and everyone got down and followed the teachers and principal.

The people within the environment stared at the hundreds of students with a look of astonishment.

They gave off a particular kind of lively vibe with the red outfit they were clad in.

From their young faces, they could already tell that these were students.

The students walked towards the large three hundred-story building up ahead.

Once they got to the front a man and young lady clad in business outfits came out of the building to receive them.

"Ah, Mr. Erwin welcome to Atrihea city," The man walked towards Echelon Academy principal who was a bald man.

They shook hands and exchanged pleasantries.

The man also greeted the rest of the teachers and waved to the students before they walked into the building.

The interiors were very beautiful and neat looking.

The ground floor was designed to look like they were in a garden of different types of flowers. These were actually projections coming from the walls and floors. It wasn't actually a garden.

A feminine statue made of ice block could be seen in the middle.

It was oozing so much coldness from the looks of things but the environment was warm.

Beautiful ladies in pink robes could be seen moving about the place. They were workers here.

The environment gave off a soothing vibe.

The students were lodged in at the reception area before they were taken to the two hundred and thirty-fourth floor.

Male and female students were not allowed to stay together so the floor was divided into two.

The first half was given to boys and the second half were given to girls.

Five students would occupy a single room.

The rooms were shared and Gustav happened to be in room 786C along with four other male students of course.

Gustav was given the key to the room and the four followed behind him. Two of them with unwilling faces while the other two weren't bothered.

- "Why did the principal give this trash the key?" One of them couldn't just help but voice out with dissatisfaction.

"Idiots will always complain over every single thing," Gustav muttered with an unbothered expression.

The student who spoke earlier was a boy with dark green hair. When he heard Gustav say that, his face twisted in annoyance but before he could retort, the other student beside him tapped him and gave him an eye signal.

He decided to keep quiet after receiving the signal.

They got to their room which was big and luxurious enough to contain even ten people if they wanted.

Five beds were placed in five separate spots.

Two on the left and three on the right.

The walls were practically screens as they displayed different kinds of digital images.

The room had a balcony up ahead that was very wide.

Gustav picked the bed closest to the door which happened to be on the left side and brought out his luggage from his storage device.

He placed his bag on the bed and turned around to leave the room.

The students have been told to head to the multipurpose hall two hours from now.

According to their principal, other school students would also be there and Atrihea city high school principal would be addressing everyone.

It was still around 8 am. Gustav wanted to familiarize himself with the environment for the next two hours.

It was his first time visiting another city after all. If he had a guide, he would even leave the hotel to see other places but he didn't so he still had to stay within the vicinity.

There were different places within the hotel.

One of the places Gustav visited first was the mountain forest side which was said to contain exotic and rare animals.

Gustav wanted to use this as a form of research since it was hard to see normal animals nowadays.

Almost all the lifeforms on earth had mutated.

The combination of Slarkovs and humans was also a kind of mutation.

He wasn't the only one moving around the vicinity during this time, some other students decided to check out the environment too.

The forest area was a kind of highland located on the east side of the hotel environs.

Gustav went together with a group because according to the protocols of the place moving alone around there wasn't allowed.

Almost two hours later Gustav was returning to his room on the two hundred and thirty-fourth floor.

"Hmm, elephants, tigers, baboons, chimpanzees, squirrel... So more creatures existed outside of mixed-breeds," Gustav muttered softly with a contemplative look as he stood within the elevator.

He had seen different kinds of creatures today and he was surprised to find out that, more normal animals existed. He thought every creature besides humans, Slarkovs, mixed-bloods, birds, and a few other normal animals that he had seen before, would be mixed-breeds.

One couldn't find these animals in Plankton City. That was the reason for his surprise.

He got out of the elevator and walked to his room. Room 786C was the twenty-third room on the left side within the corridor.

Gustav arrived before his room and used the facial recognition registered there, after their entry earlier, to gain access.

He walked into the room which was noisy earlier but quieted down upon his arrival.

"Hmm?" He stared at his bed and noticed someone lying on it.

"Where's my luggage?" Gustav asked with a cool gaze.

The person lying on his bed was the same student who was dissatisfied with the principal giving Gustav the key.

The boy with the green hair was named Whali.

"Why don't you look over there?" Whali pointed at the balcony area.

Gustav followed his line of sight and noticed his rectangular luggage sitting there.

"And why are you on my bed?" Gustav asked another question.

"Haha, because this bed is mine now!" Whali voiced out with a burst of light laughter.

The rest of the students were also in their beds. The bed beside the one Gustav picked was occupied by Whali's friend while the two on the right were occupied by the other two.

The only other bed available was the one closest to the balcony.

"Oh, I see," Gustav said with a smirk and turned around.

He moved to the door and used the key to lock it so no one would be able to leave even if they tried to use facial recognition.

Click!

The clicking of the door was heard.

Gustav turned around after he finished locking the door.

"Why are you locking the door?" Whali asked.

Chapter 87 - Senseless Beating

"Why are you locking the door?" Whali asked with a look of suspicion.

Gustav didn't reply to him. After he locked the door, he turned around and started walking towards Whali.

"Why are you folding your sleeves?" Whali asked another question.

"So I won't get blood on them," Gustav answered while walking towards Whali and folding both his sleeves.

Whali was still looking confused but before he could think any further, Gustav had arrived in front of him.

"Hey trash, if you think..." Before he could complete his sentence Gustav swung his fist towards Whali's left cheek.

Bang!

The force of the punch sent Whali body's towards the side.

Bam!

His face slammed into the wall and blood started trickling down his forehead.

Gustav didn't even wait for a second more before sending another punch towards his face.

Bang!

The fist slammed into his left cheek again, sending him crashing towards the wall once again.

Bam!

The right side of his face slammed into the wall causing him to tilt towards the left side after contact was made.

Bang! Bam! Bang! Bam! Bang! Bam! Bang!

It became like a game of tennis as Gustav kept punching Whali's face towards the wall causing the same action to repeat itself numerous times.

The other boys in the room had their mouths wide open in shock as they watched Whali continuously receiving numerous punches.

They couldn't fathom what was happening right now.

'Isn't he said to be trash? Why is Whali receiving such a beating and not fighting back?' They had such questions running through their minds as they stared at the unbelievable scene.

Currently, Whali's left cheek was very swollen and red like a huge boil while the right side of his face had blood trickling down. There was a huge swell on his forehead and eye.

Even with all this Gustav didn't stop.

He kept punching Whali's face causing his head to slam onto the wall then bounce back to him before receiving another.

"If you're not beaten up, you won't receive sense!" Gustav voiced out as his fist kept swinging out like lightning.

It wasn't that Whali didn't want to fight back, instead, he couldn't.

He hadn't even been allowed to complete a thought since Gustav's fist started raining upon his face.

He was helpless and defenseless like a chicken before Gustav.

"You bastard trash what are you doing to Whali?" Whali's friend who occupied the bed in front lunged towards Gustav.

His arm turned into a blade and he stabbed it forward at Gustav.

Gustav who was still punching Whali suddenly swerved to the side dodging the blade smoothly.

While Whali's friend was still moving across the air Gustav swung his palm towards his cheek.

Pah!

A hot slap reverberated across the place as the boy slammed his forehead onto the floor after receiving the heavy slap from Gustav.

Bang!

Immediately Whali's friend's head hit the floor Gustav swung his foot at his face.

Bam!

His foot slammed into the boy's face, catapulting him towards the wall.

Gustav stretched out his leg and slammed the boy's face into the wall again with his foot.

Blam! Blam! Blam! Blam! Blam!

He stomped on his face repeatedly before placing his foot down.

The boy had already passed out from the intense and multiple kicks.

Gustav turned around to face Whali who was currently laying on the ground.

He grabbed onto Whali's head with his right hand and lifted him again.

Whali eyes were still rotating due to the Intense punching session he received earlier so he hadn't come back to his senses.

Pah!

Gustav gave him another slap to the face.

"Kiaarhh!" He screamed out as his swollen cheek busted with blood splattering across the place.

"For placing your stinking body on my bed, I should at least break a few bones don't you think?" Gustav voiced out as he grabbed Whali's left arm.

Whali who was still screaming in pain, tried yanking his hand back but it was of no use. He couldn't contend with Gustav in terms of strength.

Gustav clenched tightly onto Whali's wrist and twisted it.

Krryykk!

A loud sound of bones breaking could be heard as Whali's right arm was twisted anticlockwise.

"Kiiarrhrrhhh!" He screamed out again.

Gustav grabbed his fingers, "We're not done yet," He muttered with a smirk.

Pop! Pop! Pop! Pop! Pop!

The sounds of bone popping reverberated across the room.

Whali's fingers had been broken. They were bent completely to the back.

"Erm, Gustav!" One of the boys on the other bed called out with a look of fright.

"Hmm? What is it?" Gustav asked with an intense glare, "Do you intend to partake in his suffering?" He asked.

The boy had his mouth wide open and all the words that he wanted to say initially, got stuck in his throat.

"I can assure you that if you plan on assisting them, you will suffer the same fate... If you think it's a bluff, stand up from your bed," Gustav warned with a smirk.

The boy shut his mouth after hearing that and sat on his bed properly without the intention of standing up.

Based on what he had seen here he knew that he had no chance against Gustav. Also, he felt Whali brought this upon himself so why would he join him to partake of his suffering.

Even though he didn't completely agree with what was going on, he decided to sit down silently and watch, same as the other boy.

"That's for the left arm now let's move to the right," Gustav brought his focus back on Whali who was still whimpering in pain.

Whali stared at Gustav with a look of unwillingness as he tried wrestling himself out of Gustav's grip again but it was of no use.

Gustav held Whali up with his right hand now and used his left hand to clench Whali's left arm.

Krryykk!

Another round of screaming started again.

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Several minutes later Whali was on hanging from the ceiling with a rope.

His hands were tied behind his back and as his body loosely hung above the ground.

His clothes were pulled off and he was currently wearing white panties.

There were red marks all over his body and his expression depicted that he had gone through hell.

Even if he wanted to use his bloodline at this moment he couldn't due to the beating he had received.

Also, it would be pointless since he would just be beaten to submission again.

Whali's eyes slightly opened wider and he stared at Gustav like he was looking at a demon.

"Now, do you still want my bed?" Gustav stared into his dim eyes and asked with a threatening gaze.

"N-no, p-pl-ea-se le-t m-e g-o," Whali begged.

"Alright, I'll let you go but you have to understand that my service isn't free," Gustav said with a smile.

"Serv-ice?" Whali questioned with a look of confusion.

"Yes, service... I spent more than thirty minutes teaching you manners do you think I wouldn't receive payment for that?" Gustav said with a solemn look.

Whali felt like he was going to pass out again from hearing Gustav's words.

'This is the most shameless bullying I have ever seen,' He felt just Gustav's words were enough to anger even the devil.

"Come on don't waste my time," Gustav voiced out again.

"Ho-w mu-ch?" Whali forced this question out of his mouth.

"Not very expensive, twenty thousand rad should do!" Gustav replied.

"Acck, twe-nty thou-sand rad?" Whali felt like he didn't hear properly.

"Are you going to pay or what? Mind you I have a recording of you hanging from the ceiling," Gustav whispered into the ears of Whali whose eyes widened upon hearing that.

"If you want I can post it on the net, I'm sure you'll get lots of views and likes," Gustav said and turned around.

"I agree! I just need to transfer it to you," Whali quickly shouted out to stop Gustav from walking away.

"Ah, you've made me spend too much time in trying to convince you, the price has gone up to thirty thousand now," Gustav said while shrugging.

Whali nearly had a mental breakdown upon hearing that.

"But...but.." Before he could complete his sentence Gustav cut him short.

"If you keep arguing the price will keep increasing... Are you sure you want that?"

Whali quickly stopped arguing and agreed to the new price again.

Gustav nodded and let him down.

The transaction was done and Gustav had gained another thirty thousand rad.

Gustav allowed Whali and his friend Dojar to use healing pills.

"By the way, you all are free to tell everyone what happened here... Tell them, both of you were beaten up by trash," Gustav laughed lightly and stepped out of the room.

It was already time for students to gather in the multipurpose hall.

Every floor was very large so each one had a hall but this floor's hall wasn't the one that was going to be used.

They would be using the hall that was located on the hundredth and fiftieth floor which was where Gustav was headed right now.

He already left the boys in the room to their thoughts. He wasn't bothered because he knew they wouldn't even have the guts to mention what happened there, in the public.

While heading there Gustav saw a notification appear in his line of sight once again.

[Hidden Quest Complete]

Chapter 88 - The Call

[Hidden Quest Completed]

[Dominate your roommates]

»Rewards

<+10000 EXP>

<+5 extra attributes points>

Gustav smiled as he traveled towards the hall.

'Looks like dealing with idiots always comes with rewards,'

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Inside a large and luxurious-looking hall, teenagers in different outfits could be seen streaming in.

They moved in groups as they walked into the hall. Those wearing the same color of outfits were moving in together.

These were students from different schools in nearby cities that were also invited to participate in the exchange event.

Students from the same schools sat around one another so it was like a bundle of colors packed together making the hall look a certain kind of unique way.

Gustav sat amongst this large crowd of course.

The principal of Atrihea city high school walked to the podium to address the students.

He first welcomed them to the Atrihea city and proceeded to explain how the event was going to be for the next three days.

The students from other schools were going to tour the city and also tour Atrihea city high school the next day.

The day after, they were going to be exchanging knowledge on different subjects and topics.

Although it was called exchange of knowledge, in reality, it was actually a quiz based on the knowledge and intelligence of the students.

Calling it an exchange was a way of covering up the true meaning.

The third day which was the final day was when the duels were going to take place.

The students were pretty much very excited to hear about all this but they didn't expect that there would be also exchanging knowledge.

'Which students can I pick to represent us in the exchange of knowledge?' Principal Erwin who was seated behind the podium along with other dignitaries was thinking hard about this.

The truth was when it came to knowledge on normal subjects, the mixed-blood students of Echelon Academy in class 3 weren't very good at this.

Unfortunately no Slarkovs or Human came with them.

Only mixed-bloods from class 3 attended this exchange event. Most of these mixed-bloods only cared about how to increase their strength and were hardly concerned with studying.

Obviously, principal Erwin didn't think that something like this would happen if he did, he would have brought along students that weren't only muscle brained.

The principal of Atrihea city high school kept speaking about some other things for a few minutes before leaving the podium.

A round of applause resounded as he walked back to his seat.

The vice-principal came on the stage and announced the names of the schools participating in the exchange event.

There were up to twelve schools participating in the event. Two happened to come from Plankton city which was Echelon Academy and Black rock schools.

The rest of the schools were: Cheryl High, Brair Bullet High, Eagle wings high, Reflection academy, Mount Eve high, e.t.c. All of these schools were from neighboring cities.

They were about a thousand students present in the hall at this moment.

After the vice-principal finished announcing the list of schools participating in the event, he mentioned the time that students were supposed to gather for the tour and how they were going to be grouped.

Since they wanted students from other schools to mingle with one another, they decided that students from different schools would be grouped together.

Gustav just listened from his current position while yawning occasionally. He wasn't even interested in the exchange event anymore.

He wasn't only a bit interested in seeing different parts of the city.

After a few more minutes, the meeting ended and students were permitted to return to their rooms.

Of course, they were also free to wander around the vicinity.

The students left the hall in droves.

Gustav was walking within the large crowd when he heard his name.

"Gustav Oslov come to the east side of the hall!" A loud voice announced.

The students of Echelon Academy recognized this voice. It belonged to principal Erwin.

His voice was louder than a mega speaker which was why it reverberated across the entire hall.

This was Principal Erwin's bloodline ability at work. He could amplify sound multiple times if he wanted to.

'Tch, what does he want?' Gustav was irritated by being called out like that and being referred to as Oslov.

The students from other schools were already wondering who this Gustav was for him to be called out like that. They had no idea what he was being called for but they felt he had to be a big shot.

Only the students of Echelon Academy were shocked and confused at principal Erwin's call. They wondered why principal Erwin would want to meet with the well-renowned trash of their class.

A girl with long black hair had an uncomfortable look after hearing Gustav's name. She seemed to be moving with a group of friends earlier but paused in her tracks upon hearing his name.

"What are you doing Yuhiko? Let's go," One of the girls around her brought her out of her thoughts by calling out to her.

"So-rry, let's go," She muttered in a low tone and proceeded to keep moving with her friends.

Gustav had to turn around and start heading back into the hall after hearing the call.

He was practically moving against the current since everyone was heading out but surprisingly no one made contact with him till he got to his destination.

He arrived at the east side of the hall and noticed Principal Erwin and vice-principal Mark waiting by the side.

The principal seemed to have a look of relief when he saw Gustav walking towards them.

Gustav arrived in front of them and stared at Principal Erwin with an aloof look.

"What did you call for me principal Erwin?" Gustav asked in a cool tone.

"Good thing you're here Gustav," Principal Erwin started by saying.

"As you must have heard, there will be an exchange of knowledge the day after tomorrow... That is what they called it but I'm sure someone as smart as you are must have figured that it's just another competition," Principal Erwin added.

Chapter 89 - Refusal

"What exactly are you getting at Principal Erwin? Please go straight to the point," Gustav demanded with an irritated expression.

Principal Erwin gave a wry smile and continued speaking, "We hardly have any good student who can represent us so we're hoping you can take our beloved school into account and be the main student who represents Echelon Academy for the exchange of knowledge,"

Gustav stared at the principal, then at the vice-principal before staring at the principal again.

"Why should I represent the school? I'm a useless trash after all," Gustav asked with a look of confusion.

"You're not trash Gustav, we all know that none of the other students are academically as bright as you are... Please don't let our school name be dragged into the mud during the knowledge exchange, we need to maintain our prestige. The other schools will not let us hear the end of it if our school comes last. They will not hesitate to poke fun at us, so please we implore you to represent the school," Principal Erwin proposed once again after a lengthy explanation.

Gustav stared at him for several seconds with a poker face, causing the atmosphere to be awkward.

"No! I'm trash," Gustav turned him down and turned around to leave.

"This trash will mess up your glorious school even more so you should pick one of those students who are not considered trash," Gustav started walking away after saying that.

"Wait," Principal Erwin called out to him.

Gustav paused his steps and turned his head around to stare at him.

"What can I do to make you represent the school? Is there something you want?" Principal Erwin asked.

Gustav smirked internally, 'So many things... Sadly my hands are tied here,' he recalled something while speaking internally.

"I'm not interested," He replied and turned around to leave.

The principal wanted to call out to him again but Gustav had already disappeared into the distance after walking at a very quick pace.

The vice-principal had a look of displeasure on his face.

"Can't we just force him?" Vice-principal Mark proposed.

"I'm afraid we can't even lay a finger on him," Principal Erwin said with a defeated expression.

"What do we do now principal Erwin?" Vice-principal Mark asked.

"We have no choice but to pick from the long list of mixed-bloods that came with us... Let's pick those who don't have very bad grades in other subjects," Principal Erwin sighed after he finished speaking.

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Gustav had left the hall at this moment and was heading back to his room.

He snickered internally as he remembered what happened a while ago.

'All of a sudden I'm no longer trash now that y'all need me... Hypocrites!' Gustav had the urge to laugh till he was rolling on the ground.

'Fools, I would have made y'all spend some money if not for my bet with miss Aimee,' Gustav said internally with a big grin plastered across his face.

"Gustav?" An excited feminine voice called out to him from the side of the corridor.

Gustav turned to look at the person who had called him.

He sighted a gorgeous female leaning on the glass walls at the right side. She had silver and pink shoulder-length hair with two small horns protruding out of her forehead.

She was clad in a black sports outfit making her figure look extremely athletic and attractive.

"Fancy meeting you here," Gustav smirked as he walked towards her.

"Angy,"

"Gustav,"

Both of them voiced out at the same time as they approached each other.

Angy face glowed up, "I knew it was going to be you when I heard that name," she voiced out with a look of excitement.

"Oh, I see... For someone who's meeting a student from an opposing school, you seem rather excited," Gustav said.

"Ahn, well..." Angy's face turned a shade of red as she joined her palms together.

"Is there any reason why you waited for me here?" Gustav asked.

"Huh? Is there supposed to be a reason?" Angy asked with a confused but cute expression.

"Of course... Or you're already used to the habit of waiting in front of my door and you just decided to use this place as a door also to block my movement," Gustav said with a contemplative look.

"Now you make me sound like a stalker..." Angy said while looking down.

"Yes you are a stalker," Gustav answered bluntly.

Angy's face looked more down upon hearing that.

"Haha, I'm just messing with you," Gustav laughed lightly and proceeded to walk forward.

"Gustav you meanie," Angy voiced out while pouting and stomping her feet on the floor.

"You coming?" Gustav said while turning around to stare at her.

"Huh? Where are we going?" She asked while walking towards Gustav in front.

"Sightseeing... It's cool if you don't wanna come, it won't do you any good to be seen with trash," Gustav turned around to keep walking.

"Trash? What's that? I don't care about that? Who said I don't wanna come...?"

"I'm coming with you," She increased her pace and caught up with Gustav.

Gustav just smirked and kept walking, "Alright then let's go,"

Gustav arrived back in his room after at night around 8 pm.

He had spent more than six hours with Angy.

They walked around the hotel visiting different places floor by floor.

Where they spent a lot of time was in an arcade park where games were played.

Gustav was surprised to see so many fun games and gadgets.

He especially liked the virtual reality games a lot where he only had to use his mind to play.

There were quite a lot of them but the one he liked the most was one where he was piloting a spacecraft.

He had always wanted to go to space so the feeling of being completely immersed in the game which was like going to space for real, was second to none for him.

He learned how to play and even competed with some people there.

Most of them kept asking if he was actually a beginner like he said he was due to the way he learned fast.

"I guess it's not as boring as I expected it to be... Hopefully, tomorrow's tour brings some fun like this too," Gustav muttered while lying on his bed.

When he arrived a few moments ago, the room became silent. His roommates didn't have the guts to converse normally in his presence.

Gustav wasn't bothered by this. In fact, he was hoping it continued this way for the next three days. The silence wasn't a bad thing to him.

Chapter 90 - Friend Request

The next morning students woke very early and prepared themselves for the exchange event.

The students were grouped into hundreds. About eight students from every school were placed in a group.

Students from other schools were given the chance to mingle with one another this way.

They were put in busses according to their groups.

According to Atrihea city high school principal, the groups would be visiting different places in the city so there won't be a crowd in a particular location.

Which meant, when group A was visiting the heart of the city, group B would be in another location at that moment. Same with other groups also.

At the end of the day, they would all visit the same places but at different times.

Gustav was placed in a group with some mixed-bloods from his class who mostly glared at him with contempt, mixed with wariness.

Their group was headed for a place known as Site #47 at the coast of the city.

There were five girls from his class in the group. The remaining three were boys.

Only two of the seven students didn't glare at him in a weird manner but the same couldn't be said for the rest.

One of them in particular couldn't look him in the eyes. She would occasionally turn to look at him then turn her face away in embarrassment.

'Why am I placed in the same group with him?' She bit her lower lip in frustration as she wondered.

This was Yuhiko, the same girl that received a beating from Gustav in the dojo.

When Gustav entered the bus with these students, he didn't even take a single glance at anyone of them.

"No wonder the air smells foul, it stinks of trash!" One of the girls sitting beside Yuhiko voiced while glaring at Gustav.

"Right Yuhiko?" She asked Yuhiko who was absent-minded.

"Hey, Yuhiko," She called out again after noticing the absent-minded look on Yuhiko's face.

"I said, doesn't it reek of trash here?" She asked again while turning to the side to stare at Gustav who ignored her jaunts.

Yuhiko heard that and her eyes slightly widened as she turned her face to stare at Gustav.

Gustav turned his head to stare at her also. His expression was brimming with extreme aloofness as he made eye contact with Yuhiko.

'I guess this world will never lack idiots... What will you say Yuhiko? How will you respond?'

Gustav leaned his arm against the window side and placed his jaw on his fist as a small smirk formed on his face.

Yuhiko quickly turned her face around in embarrassment and stared at the person sitting beside her.

"Shut up bitch!" Yuhiko shouted out and gave her a slap across her cheek.

Pah!

Everyone was shocked at the sudden development. What was the reason for Yuhiko's extreme reaction?

Even Gustav hadn't expected that she was going to react that way.

"Wh-y di-d yo-u sl-ap me?" The girl held her face and voiced out with a look of pain and confusion

"You can see that we're in a public place, in another city entirely, we're supposed to be united... Learn to have manners," Yuhiko said with a look of Justice.

The students within the bus stared at her saint-like expression with a look of understanding.

The Echelon Academy Students in the bus too knew Yuhiko for her Saint like attitude so they also felt it was understandable.

'She's standing up for the trash even though he had the guts to ask her out in the past,' this was their thought process.

Gustav already knew what the situation looked like but he wasn't bothered.

He only laughed internally.

The students from other schools started wondering why the girl referred to one of their own as trash in the first place.

A girl with white hair walked over to Gustav's position and sat beside him.

'Hmm?' Gustav noticed that she was the same girl that sat beside him during their trip to Atrihea city.

"Hello," She greeted Gustav in a low tone.

Gustav turned to stare at her for a few seconds before turning back to face the window.

"What do you want?" Gustav questioned with a look of suspicion.

He felt it wasn't a coincidence for them to sit together twice especially when she was seated in another part of the bus earlier.

Also, he felt that anyone from his class who tried initiating a conversation with him would have some kind of ulterior motive. Another thing was she was also kind of popular in class 3 but she was the type that always refrained from putting her nose in other people's business. From what Gustav remembered, she was easy-going but also ignorant.

He didn't have any reason to dislike her but he also didn't have any reason to like her.

"I just wanna be friends," She said in a friendly manner.

"I'm Matilda," She said while stretching out her hand towards Gustav in a bid to shake him.

"I'm... Not interested," Gustav said without turning to even look at her.

Matilda had to drop her hand back down before she started speaking again.

"Isn't this city nice... There are a lot of things here that aren't present in ours," She spoke with a smile while looking through the window.

The bus was passed through different routes and they had streaked past several flying structures in the process. Some mechanical-looking birds also flew across the air in some parts of the city.

Some trees planted around had purple, red, white and several other colors of leaves causing the city to look naturally colorful.

Gustav was fond of nature too so her words kind of caught his attention but he still decided not to reply to her.

"The combination of nature and technology is beauty at its very peak," She said with glittering eyes while looking through the window.

"You're starting to sound like a buzzing mosquito, What exactly do you want?" Gustav asked with a look of displeasure.

"Ouch, that's a bit mean," She said with a wry smile and looked at Gustav's face hoping for some kind of reaction but to her disappointment, Gustav still had the look of aloofness on his face.

"I just want to be your friend," She said with a pleading look.

"You've been attending Echelon Academy for years, it's a bit too late to try and become my friend... What are you aiming to achieve by being the friend of trash?" Gustav turned around to face her and stared into her eyes after he threw his question at her.

The look he gave made her flinch back a little,