

Bloodline 821

Chapter 821 - Glade The Puppet

Her head hung low for a few seconds before she raised it again with a poker-faced expression.

She stood to her feet and walked toward Gustav before kneeling in front of him.

"What are your orders, master?" Glade questioned with a loyal expression.

Everyone's eyes widened as they witnessed this.

"What is she doing?" Angy voiced out loud.

In response to that, Gustav replied Glade.

"Punch yourself hard in the face till your eye socket is on the verge of popping out," He voiced out, causing all their eyes to widen again.

"As you wish," Glade responded and proceeded to start punching herself in the face.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Blood oozed down her nose, and in no time, her entire face was smeared in blood, but she kept punching like she was immune to the pain.

"Gustav how is this happening?" Aildris asked with a shocked look.

"The details are not important," He said while turning to the side to smile at Vera.

Vera's face turned a shade of red as she noticed Gustav's stare, even though it was just meant to be like a compliment for her doing a good job.

"All you guys need to know is, she is now incapable of betrayal," Gustav voiced out once more.

Meanwhile, Glade was still hitting herself in the face with a look of determination.

Some of them gulped down saliva as they thought, 'If Gustav can turn her into this, doesn't that mean he can turn anyone into this?'

They had no idea that Vera was responsible for this since Gustav didn't reveal it, but they felt this would most likely happen to anyone who messes up in the future.

"I think you should release her now. This is becoming too much," Falco was the first to chicken out upon seeing this.

He voiced out his thought which was an absolute contrast to his alter ego.

"Yeah, just cool it Gus. This is already enough," E.E seemed to share in the sentimentality.

"Nah," Gustav responded.

"I'm already being merciful enough by deciding not to kill her off. The price she has to pay for living is, forever being under my control and endless commands of self torture," Gustav responded with a merciless tone while staring at Glade, who was still kneeling in front of him.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Her fist was bloodied, and her face was already disfigured at this time, but there was no single shred of remorse on Gustav's face as he watched her continue to brutally torture herself.

Hours later, Gustav was back in his room as it was already late at night. He and Angy had shared some alone time in his room some minutes earlier and engaged in some passionate kissing session.

They almost ripped each other's clothes off here, but Cadets were not allowed to have s*x while in camp. They would be figured out if they went beyond the point of kissing.

The entire night had been spent talking about everyone's experiences during their time outside the camp. Everyone had interesting experiences, and some of them had even witnessed death close up.

Especially Angy, who was practically sent to a battlefield for her second mission. Gustav could see the innocence she used to have on her face was slowly starting to fade away.

It was unknown if she had killed yet, but Gustav could tell that she definitely would not be as indecisive as she used to be when faced with a precarious situation involving death.

Gustav was glad that everyone was back now, but he would be leaving in around three weeks' time, so he had limited time to spend with them.

The issue of Glade had been handled just as he wanted it to be. Close to six months ago, he had made Vera input her parasitic strain within Glade.

When Glade recovered from Angy's beatdown, she was still herself, but she was devastated by the situation that had occurred with everyone figuring out that she had betrayed Gustav.

Glade was reluctant to resume and get a new mission, but at the same time, she was on tenterhooks, whether or not to reveal that she had been compromised to the person in the shadows.

After thinking about the pros and cons for over a week, she decided to reveal that she had been compromised, but just then, the parasitic strain Vera inputted in her kicked in.

Her consciousness was eaten up and replaced by the new parasites, which mimicked her character and retained her memories with one difference.

She became Vera's puppet so Vera could now control her actions and perceive her thoughts. Vera, of course, stopped her from revealing that she had been compromised and decided to do what Gustav instructed her to.

Placing a set of codes within her consciousness would trigger her to respond to Gustav's voice and completely obey his every command the moment he mentioned those codes.

Gustav was back in camp when all this was happening, so today was the first time he was testing it out, but it worked perfectly.

Now his plan was to make use of Glade to uncover who this mystery person was and feed them with wrong information about himself. Glade was going to become his tool, and he made a decision to deal with whoever was behind the scenes.

Now that everyone had gone back to their rooms and Gustav was all alone again, it was now time to ponder on everything that had happened today and reflect on all the information that Husaruis had passed to him.

"...I am the outworldly... This doesn't make any sense..." Gustav mumbled with a contemplative gaze.

He recalled how his life had gone from the start before the system came along. He was the definition of weak and pathetic in every aspect, mental state included.

He especially recalled only being able to change his hair color contrary to how he was supposed to be, according to Husaruis.

The system was practically a blessing to him, but then Husaruis had told him it was a leech. Gustav was still in disbelief as to everything that had been revealed so far, but he knew well enough that everything was true because even the system had confirmed it.

Chapter 822 - I'm Willing To Give This A Try

Gustav was still in disbelief as to everything that had been revealed so far, but he knew well enough that everything was true because even the system had confirmed it.

Just as Husaruis had said, there were reasons why all could not be revealed to him, so he only got a little knowledge about what an outworldly was supposed to be and a small peak as to how it was related to what was to come.

So far, he knew, some unknown calamity had been predestined to bring chaos and destruction all across the universe. He was in the epicenter of it all because he was supposed to be equipped with the strength to stop it or, better still, whether or not he had the strength to, without his input, it could spell the end of everything.

Endric happened to have been chosen as a time candidate who is going to retrieve four items scattered all across different galaxies, which will provide assistance to Gustav.

Apparently, his friends were also included as it was also revealed that everyone close to Gustav would have to join him in the final days of the happenings.

Gustav only caught a small glimpse into whatever was supposed to be responsible for all this, and he felt the very depths of his soul tremble.

Husaruis had revealed to him that he even handled it better than Endric, adding that Endric passed out for over twenty-four hours after getting doused with some information.

"This is bigger than I thought," Gustav mumbled.

("That is why I have all these goals and quests for you... Everything is connected,") The system stated.

"You held information from me... But I understand... Although it's still a bit confusing, I feel the powerful beings of this age should be able to put up some type of fight so why does it have to be me?" Gustav voiced out.

("It's just how it has to be Gustav... You clearly do not believe in fate, but just because you don't believe in something doesn't make it inexistent. It's either you or everything ends...") The system added.

"I am no savior..." Gustav voiced out, but then he recalled all of his friends.

One by one, images of their faces began to appear in his mind, and then came Angy's and then Miss Aimee. These were people he didn't want gone.

Lastly, Gustav pictured Boss Danzo's face and how he'd have said something along the lines of, 'I'm not asking you to be a hero. You'd die a quick death if you decided to try and carry all of the world's problems on your back, but if you have the power to prevent pain and suffering, don't hold back your hand because if you do you're no different from the scums of the earth. Help according to your capacity but don't turn a blind eye if you know you can prevent bad things from occurring,'

He could really hear Boss Danzo's voice clearly in his head, like he was still alive and sitting right next to him.

"...I'm willing to give this a try..." Gustav said with a newfound zeal. The system had already given a hint in the past about this, so it wasn't all new to him, but he never expected the situation's intensity to be on this scale.

"According to Husaruis, there's still around four to five years left before anything happens, but if I uncover more about what is to come, the duration will be shortened... And I might not get the chance to reach full potential before then. Does this mean I have to proceed in darkness for now, not having any information about the enemy?" Gustav voiced out in a worried tone.

Gustav considered knowledge to be power. He felt most of his wins came from the simple fact that he was knowledgeable enough, which gave him the opportunity to come up with the best solutions to certain situations.

Not knowing what he needed to know about this felt extremely disadvantageous. After all, a person with all the intelligence in the world will not be able to apply such intelligence when there is lack of knowledge.

("Your brother Endric knows more about it... He will have your back,") The system stated.

"Even with all this I still can't bring myself to fully trust him... Whether or not he has changed, I will still keep an eye out for him," Gustav voiced out.

("You have no choice but to trust him here. I and Husaruis linked conscious for a few and I came to understand what a time candidate is. He is incapable of betraying you, so there's nothing to worry about,") The system assured Gustav once more.

"I'll focus on finishing the five-year quests you issued first... You both have made it clear that I have better chances when I become the most powerful Mixedblood on earth. I have three more years to complete that," Gustav said while holding onto his jaw area.

"...And planet Humbad must have some kind of connection with this since I have to find it," Gustav just knew that things would be revealed step by step, and he had to complete these five-year quests first, which were in accordance with what is to come.

What worried him the most at the moment was that the closer he got to uncovering all this, the closer the approach of the predestined date of doom.

In a flash, the night went by, and Gustav was having his second challenge battle with one of the final years today.

Two days after, he would be having the third, and the fourth came a week after that.

The two who had set the battle dates to be just two days away from each other were also the two who had approached Gustav's room over a week prior.

Gustav felt they were close friends and could tell this was planned to humiliate him. It would seem the third match was planned just two days after, so the humiliation from the second match would not have died down before the next loss arrived.

Chapter 823 - The Devil's Canyon

Gustav was not even bothered by this. He still wasn't satisfied with how his match ended with Rufai. He and Rufai had become cool with each other and would share greetings whenever they bumped into each other due to how their match went.

However, Gustav wasn't satisfied since he didn't get to use more of his abilities. Now that he would be battling cadets who had some grudge against him, Gustav was sure the match wouldn't be forfeited so quickly.

He would get the opportunity to use more. Also, these two were considerably higher in the final year rankings, so Gustav was sure the battle would be more interesting.

After four hours of training with the instructors, the time of the battle arrived, and Gustav was given permission to leave the Isshur mountains to attend to his duel.

The battle location this time was somewhere Gustav had trained before. It wasn't new to the final year and second-year cadets.

- "The Devil Canyon,"

- "They decided to use such a crazy location as the venue of their battle,"

- "Someone could get struck by lightning at any given moment,"

- "Even we have to stay far away or we'll might get caught up in one of the blasts,"

Some of the cadets chatted on their way to the venue. Having challenges was a normal occurrence in camp, but it was rare to see final year cadets issue challenges.

It made the cadets even more interested when Gustav was involved. In the last duel, only a few final year cadets were present at the venue to watch the battle, but after hearing how Gustav totally decimated the place and won, a lot of them had decided to be present and witness a battle between him and a final year cadet in person.

The surroundings of the Devil's Canyon were filled with tons of cadets at least twice compared to the last time Gustav battled with a final year.

E.E secretly hosted a bet amongst the cadets using points. He was planning to spend a lot of points to purchase something in one of the shops, so he wanted to use this as an opportunity to replenish.

Of course, betting wasn't allowed, so he had to do this covertly.

- "You really believe Gustav Crimson would win against Von Tridistle? Hahaha he's ranked seventy eight for a reason,"

- "Count me in, I'm putting 10,000 points on Von,"

- "Haha you second years are delusional. Gustav may be good but he's going against a higher rank this time. Even I can't beat Von so I'm putting 7,000 points on him,"

E.E grinned from ear to ear as he moved about the place, arguing with the conceited seniors about the match and placing bets.

Gustav arrived on the scene a few moments later, attracting all the attention to himself.

"Yo yo Gus my man, make sure you take care of this hehe," E.E gave Gustav pats on his shoulder as he voiced out.

"...Okay..." Gustav wondered why E.E was speaking weirdly, but he still answered.

Aldris shook his head from the side, "You sly fox," He laughed lightly as he voiced out.

"Hey come on now, I'll share some of it with everyone. Gus, just make sure you take care of that Von properly or I'll be doomed," E.E said with a look of enthusiasm.

"Crook," Falco also voiced from the side.

"It's just business hehe, why is the MBO so stuck up," E.E responded with a light chuckle.

"See you guys in a few," Gustav didn't know what E.E was up to, but he wasn't bothered.

He stared at his opponent, who was thousands of feet below in between the canyon up ahead.

Dark clouds hung above this area, and occasionally lightning bolts struck down. The lightning bolts were not only random but were of different colors as well.

Some of them had different effects on the environment. Based on the color, it might affect the gravitational state of the environment and could cause sound disruption or spatial phenomenons.

It was completely random how things could go. Some of the phenomena might even be disadvantageous to an opponent and may be a boon to the other.

Gustav leaped across the air, traveling several hundred meters in an instant.

Bang!

He landed right in the middle of the dimly lit canyon, causing wind and waves of water to blast across the surroundings.

The person several ten feet away had white shoulder-length hair and almost completely slit eyes. It was barely noticeable, but his eyes could be seen cackling with white light.

He stared intently at Gustav the moment he arrived on the scene.

"I hope you're ready to lose woefully?" Von voiced out.

"I could ask you the same," Gustav answered with an unbothered tone.

"From the moment you decided to show up, it was already your loss," Von's tone of speaking had subtle hints within, which made Gustav feel something was up.

However, even with that, Gustav was even more interested in seeing what the opponent was up to.

After a barrier had been constructed all around the Devil's Canyon, the instructor supervising the duel gave the go-ahead for the battle to begin.

Thrrraahhhh~

A bolt of lightning descended from the sky, slamming straight onto the ground in the middle of the two.

Fhreewwww~

The moment massive waves of water blasted across the surroundings from lightning making contact with the stream, Gustav and Von charged forward.

Swwooooshhhhh~ Swwwoooovv~

Thrrrrrhhh~

Electric arcs could be seen phasing out of Von's back as he sped forward, moving even faster than Gustav.

Bang!

Gustav and Von's fists collided with each other sending everything within a radius of up to five hundred meters flying due to the shockwaves generated from their clash.

The stream parted ways, and the grounds quaked immensely as Von slid a few feet backward, leaving lines of cracks on the ground due to that.

Gustav still stood firm even though his feet had sunk into the ground a little, but he could feel his arm was a little numb from the electric currents that ran through his body when he collided with Von.

Chapter 824 - A Lineage Type Bloodline

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'How did it not have any effect on him? That would have paralysed a level thirty mixedbreed for at least a few seconds,' Von wondered as his eyes squinted even more.

Both of them charged toward each other again, throwing hands.

Unlike the last time, more visible electric arcs could be seen swarming across Von's body as he moved forward like a lightning bolt.

Boom! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Both parties clashed multiple times, blasting waves of destruction across the place.

Gustav swerved slightly towards him as he dodged an immensely quick fist attack and reached out to grab Von's arm before swinging him towards the side.

Bang!

Von slammed onto the ground, causing loud quakes to travel across the area.

Gustav raised his leg and stomped down towards Von's chest area, but Von quickly rolled to the side with speed and dashed quickly to Gustav's back.

Electric arcs coated his arm as he chopped towards Gustav's right shoulder area.

Without turning around, Gustav raised his right hand and grabbed onto Von's wrist just before his palm could make contact.

Bang!

A strong force blasted across the place as the ground parted ways, and Gustav sunk into it by two feet due to the immense strength behind the attack.

Von groaned as he found out he couldn't pull his arm backward and tried using his second arm to attack Gustav from behind. The same action repeated itself as Gustav grabbed onto the arm, sinking a little bit deeper into the ground.

Von opened his eyes wider at this point, and lightning arcs could be seen traveling within them.

His body conducted a wave of electricity that ran across his arms towards Gustav.

Thrrrrhhhhhh~

"Hyaaahhh!"

He yelled as he sent electric currents running through Gustav's body so he could get him to release his arms.

Gustav's body transformed at this point as reddish-brown scales appeared all over his arms and his legs turned even bulkier.

The massive electric charge that had just been unleashed could barely faze him as Gustav proceeded to drag Von and flung him forward.

Fwwhiii~

The intensity of the pull shocked Von greatly as he found his body spiraling across the air.

Bang!

He slammed into a mountain by the side, causing debris to blast across the place. Gustav jumped out of the hole he had sunk into at the this and dashed forward.

[Sprint Has Been Activated]

Thwwwiiihhh~

His figure darted and appeared instantly in front of the same place he had sent Von crashing in as his fist swung forward.

Von reacted by pushing himself out of the hole as quickly as he could to dodge Gustav's attack. His speed was still able to contend with Gustav's, even with Sprint activated.

Bang!

Gustav's fist slammed into the mountain, causing cobwebs like arcs to spread across it as chunks and boulders came crashing down.

Gustav moved quickly to the side and pushed both hands forward to grab Von before he could get away.

Von gritted his teeth and pushed his hands forward as well, causing both of their palms to get locked in a power grip.

Gustav pushed forward, causing Von to start sliding backward. Just this action alone had proven Gustav to be superior in strength, but Von kept releasing electric currents to numb Gustav.

Gustav pushed him down, causing Von's knees to buckle as he slowly descended with his knees close to kissing the ground while still trying to push Gustav back.

The ground cracked from the sheer intensity of the power brawl between both of them.

'How can he be this strong... I am among the highest in terms of brute strength among the final year cadets,' Von could not believe his eyes as he saw Gustav easily overpower him.

He could see the glint in Gustav's eyes, which depicted that this wasn't difficult in any way, and he was enjoying this moment.

"I will not accept such humiliation!" Von shouted out before his knees could touch the ground.

All of a sudden, he began transforming. Silver-colored scales appeared all over his body as a sixteen inches long horn grew out of his forehead, and his body increased massively in size.

"Grrrrrhhhhh~"

He growled loudly as a pair of wings grew out of his back, and his arms transformed into that of a beast with claws.

He looked down at Gustav while still growing in size as he kept holding onto his palm.

At this point, he had grown up to twenty feet tall even with Gustav's height had reached eight feet looked like a dog standing before an elephant.

Gasps could be heard from the spectators' area as the cadets stared with looks of amazement. This was nothing new to the final year cadets, but the second years had never witnessed such transformation before.

- "Isn't that a rare lineage type bloodline?"

Some of them seemed to have recognized Von's form even though they had never witnessed it because, at the moment, Von looked like a silver-scaled dragon.

Electric arcs swum around his body as he pushed down on Gustav's palm with intensity, causing the ground to blast further open from the force.

Gustav, too hadn't expected this, but he held his own despite the massiveness of the form Von had taken.

His legs buckled a little, but then he managed to adapt to the change in strength and held the massive paws upwards.

'How is this possible?' Even after taking my lineage form... He is still able to contend with me in terms of strength?' Von's mind was spiraling from the shock and humiliation he felt.

He initially thought he wouldn't have to use all of his strength to battle Gustav, but now that he had even transformed, he couldn't believe Gustav was still able to hold on.

Thrrrrhhh~

A lightning bolt suddenly descended from the sky and landed right on Von.

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Chapter 825 - It's Time To End This

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Thrrrruuuuuhhhh~

The lightning bolt was distributed all across Von's draconic-looking figure. Gustav could feel Von getting energized from this lightning bolt, but before he could react...

Thrrrrhhh~ Bang!

A lightning blast radiated from Von's body, slamming heavily into Gustav and sending him flying backward.

The upper part of Gustav's cadet uniform turned into ash. He traveled across the air and slammed into the left side of the canyon.

"Grrrrhhhhhhrr!"

A loud growl was heard from Von as he stood tall with lightning arcs swimming around him.

Lightning bolts of different colors could be seen in the darkened clouds in the area.

Thrrhhhh~ Thrrrhhh~ Thrrrhhh~

His voice was like a calling for them as lightning bolts began to strike down vigorously in different colors.

They all slammed into Von as he stood there, receiving their lashing. Just like before, his power kept increasing the more they slammed down. At this point, the gravitational state of the environment was immensely disrupted as rocks and small stones could be seen floating in mid-air.

Von suddenly opened his mouth, shooting out massive lightning bolts joined together towards Gustav's direction before he could get out of the hole.

Thrrraaahh~

The entire mountain area by the side exploded as it came crashing down from the intensity of the lightning strikes. The bolts were so powerful that even the spectator area had begun to quake from the massive force.

The second years were awed seeing what had just happened and stared at the battle area seeing the immense destruction that had occurred. Compared to Rufai, who Gustav had defeated last time, Von seemed significantly stronger.

The final years were not in any way surprised to see this happen. They had thought Gustav would be able to do better than this but seeing this, some of them were disappointed.

At this point, everyone thought this was the end, and Gustav must have been buried in the pile of rubble.

However, just a few moments later...

Boom!

A loud blast reverberated across the surroundings as a figure phased out of the pile of rubble, flying into the sky.

"That's an interesting bloodline," Gustav voiced out as he stared at Von in his draconic form down below.

His upper body was bare and blackened from the lightning bolts, but otherwise, he seemed fine.

The spectators were once again left speechless as they saw Gustav ascending across the air like he was uninjured.

Von's eyes widened as he saw Gustav flying, "Unbelievable... Even if that didn't kill him, it would have come close, but he seems fine," Von gritted his teeth as his wings spread out and flapped.

Fwhiiii~

The flapping of his wings sent wind flying across the vicinity as he ascended straight into the air, arriving in front of Gustav.

"Hyyaahhh!"

Von screamed out, causing lightning bolts to gather in his mouth as they blasted out towards Gustav once more.

Swerving towards the side in mid-air, Gustav flew forward with speed arriving beside Von as he sent his fist flying towards Von's side.

[Power Boost Has Been Activated]

Bang!

His fist slammed into the draconic figure causing big waves to radiate across the surroundings as Von was sent hurtling across the air, to his surprise.

'Did his power increase again?' He wondered as he managed to stabilize himself after some time and follow Gustav's speed as he dashed across the air.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Multiple blows were traded between them in mid-air as they flew about the place with immense speed. A lot of second years cadets were unable to follow their speed completely, which made it look like black and white streaks dashing across the air.

One second they were on the east, and the next, they had appeared over three thousand feet away from their initial position in mid-air.

This continued for close to thirty seconds till Gustav finally pulled away, seeing as it had gotten to the time limit for Hover.

All this time, it looked like they were both on the same level of strength, but in reality, the final years had noticed that Gustav was pushing Von back bit by bit and inflicting little damage on his silver scales.

"It's been nice doing this, but it's finally time to end this," Gustav voiced out as he floated several hundred feet away with a smirk on his face.

"What do you mean by that?" Von asked as he suddenly felt a sense of foreboding.

[Combination Has Been Activated]

[Mutatated Bull + Demonic Bunny + Blood wolf + Savrina Serpent + Solar...]

"You'll find out in a few," Gustav responded to Von as his body began transforming.

Von saw this and hurriedly flew forward to attack.

However...

Bam!

He slammed into an invisible barrier the moment he arrived a few feet away from making contact with Gustav.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

He began slamming on this barrier repeatedly as Gustav transformed.

In the next few moments, Gustav had transformed into a menacing-looking creature with glowing white eyes, purplish and golden colored scales covering some parts of his body, and a muscular-looking ten-foot-tall physique.

He had made use of the ultimate combination form. Unlike before, Gustav could add one more Mixedbreed to this, so he was even more powerful.

"It's over," Gustav voiced out as his eyes radiated with bright white color.

Fwwhiii~

Pushing his palm forward, Von suddenly lost control of his body and found himself flying towards Gustav.

Gustav grabbed him by the neck even in this massive form he had taken and blasted forward with immense speed.

Boom!

It sounded like the air was being torn apart as he slammed Von into the side of a mountain, blasting straight through.

Von's massive body was used as a plowing tool as Gustav pushed forward into the mountain with him in front.

Boom!

They arrived out the other side and slammed into the barrier, preventing their battle from affecting the spectators. Luckily they had made this one stronger compared to the last, so it was able to hold.

Gustav turned around and flung him forward again.

Von found himself unable to fight against Gustav's newfound strength and immense speed.

Chapter 826 - Collecting Winnings

He wanted to open his mouth and blast out lightning bolts again, but Gustav suddenly arrived behind his body that was flying across the air and punched him to the ground.

Bang!

He slammed into the ground several thousand feet below, causing shockwaves to spread across the place as the ground caved in from the impact.

Gustav stood in mid-air and pushed his hands downwards again. A red solar-like wave jetted out from his palm, slamming straight into Von down below and pushing him further into the ground.

At this point, the ground had caved in way more, and a massive crater had been formed.

Von could feel the intense red solar-like wave tearing open his scales and penetrating through as his body kept getting pushed deeper and deeper into the ground.

He screamed in pain as he found himself unable to fight against this power in any way.

Fwwwiiii~

Gustav suddenly descended with speed, falling faster than a shooting star.

Bang!

He landed right on top of Von, causing a loud bone-cracking sound to ring out across the vicinity. At this point, Von's silver-colored scales were soaked in blood in some parts, while in other parts, they had completely been torn off his body.

Gustav looked down at Von's face as he stood with one leg atop Von's head and the other on the ground. Von was still conscious, but Gustav had stomped his face into the dirt.

"Will you forfeit yourself or do you still want more?" Gustav asked with an aloof expression displayed on his face.

"Ghhrrrh ge-t off m-e," Von's muffled voice could be heard coming from underneath.

"Hmm, I guess I've been too lenient," Gustav stated as he took his foot off Von's face.

He jumped slightly and landed on Von's back. Gustav proceeded to squat slightly and grab hold of Von's pair of wings with both his hands.

Von's eyes widened as he felt Gustav's firm grasp on his wings. He tried to shake Gustav off, but unfortunately, he was too weak to do so.

"W-wha-at ar-e y-ou..." He was about to question Gustav when he was cut short.

"This will give you enough motivation to give up," Gustav said before pulling both wings fiercely.

A loud ripping sound reverberated across the environment as the wings were torn off Von's body.

"Kiiiaaarrhrrrrh!"

Von screamed loudly in pain as blood jetted out of his back.

Gasp~

Sounds of shocked gasps reverberated across the place as the spectating cadets stared with frightful looks. They couldn't believe what had just happened.

They couldn't fathom how badly that would hurt and wondered how this would affect Von when he transformed back into a human form.

Gustav held onto both wings that were as large as his current size for a brief moment and threw them to the sides.

Not only was Von writhing and screaming due to pain, but also because he knew this would affect him physically. Damage like this would affect his lineage bloodline, and even using high-grade recovery pills will be unable to heal him for a very long time.

"I for-feit!" He screamed out in pain as his body began to transform back into human form.

Gustav climbed off him at this point without a shred of remorse on his face. The instructors quickly deactivated the barrier and moved into the battle area to cater to the injured Von.

Gustav deactivated the Ultimate Combination Form and leaped out of the canyon.

Fwwwihiii! Bam!

He landed several thousand feet ahead of where the spectators were situated. They cleared the way for him as he walked forward with an expressionless look.

Gustav could see the look of fright in some of their eyes, and he just happened to spot the final year cadet he would be battling in the next two days somewhere among the crowd.

Smirk~

A smirk appeared on Gustav's face as he stared at him for a moment while still walking away. The cadet, who happened to be the friend of Von, who had just gotten defeated, gulped down saliva while trying to hide his troubled expression.

"Yes! Hahaha you did it, man!" E.E suddenly jumped forward out of nowhere and latched onto Gustav's back.

Aldris, Falco, Angy, Matilda, and the others also phased out of the crowd and moved toward Gustav to cheer for him.

"Now I'm gonna be stinking rich," E.E screamed out again while still latching onto Gustav's back and waving his right hand around.

"What are you doing man?" Teemee nearly facepalmed as he saw E.E actions.

"Rich? How?" Gustav asked.

E.E got off Gustav's back at this point and laughed lightly.

"Y'all pay up," He voiced out as he began moving towards different spots in the crowd.

The final-year cadets who had bet with him had looks of disappointment as their faces squeezed up.

"Don't forget my share," Ada appeared out of nowhere and voiced out as well.

She had bet on Gustav winning just like E.E.

E.E went about collecting his and Ada's winnings while the others stared at them with dropped eyes.

"He's really conducting illegal activities on camp grounds happily," Aildris shook his head as he voiced out.

In a flash, another day had gone by, and Gustav had spent all this time training as expected. He would occasionally spend time with the others and Angy when he was less busy.

The hype of Gustav winning the second final year cadet still hadn't died down, and at this point, the final year cadets knew his first win wasn't by luck.

This was a top hundred cadet that had been defeated. No one still knew how powerful the form Gustav took was, but they knew for sure that the moment Gustav took that form, it became impossible for Von to contend anymore.

They had witnessed Gustav use other abilities in the fight against Rufai, so they knew he still had other options at his disposal. This thought alone made them see Gustav as not just the strongest second-year cadet but also one of the strongest in the entire camp.

Von still hadn't recovered from the injury Gustav inflicted on him despite getting treatments from the finest medical practitioners in camp.

Chapter 827 - No Show

According to them, Von would take three months to fully recover.

Gustav had heard about this, but he wasn't bothered. Instead, he researched Von's type of bloodline and discovered it came from a family called the Vertigons.

They all had this lineage bloodline with the ability to take a kind of draconic form and use different abilities.

Just like the fairy tales of old, some could spew fire from their mouths, some could breathe frost, and Von's side of the family was able to release lightning bolts.

Gustav was really intrigued about this type of bloodline and disappointed about being unable to acquire it. If Von suddenly lost his bloodline, everything would point to him.

It wasn't sensible to try acquiring the bloodline of anyone in camp just because they offended him. However, he had decided that if they met up and Von tried to get on his nerves in the real world, he would take his bloodline.

'What a waste,' Gustav said internally as he sat on his bed after putting away a book he got from one of the MBO libraries.

This bloodline would have been useful because lightning could amp up the strength of the owner, and even the speed was contending against Sprint.

Gustav reckoned that one could even get faster the more they were charged up, and there was also flight ability.

Tomorrow was the day Gustav would be battling the third final year cadet, and this one was two ranks higher than Von. They were also best friends since they were always seen moving about camp together.

At this point, most people believed this final year cadet would most likely lose to Gustav, too, so they were not really skeptical it would go differently. Rank seventy-two wasn't too far from seventy-four.

They were mostly looking forward to Gustav's fourth duel, which would be with a top fifty final year cadet next week.

In a flash, the night went by, and the next morning arrived.

The morning routines went by quickly, and the time for the duel arrived.

"Thompson Batch. Explosive bloodline, interesting..." Gustav recalled the information on this particular final year cadet as he moved towards the location.

In a few minutes, he had arrived and began to wait for his opponent while cadets had arrived at the venue to spectate once more.

"Maybe I should have asked both of them to battle me together," Gustav thought aloud as he waited in the venue.

Ten minutes turned into twenty, and before everyone knew it, thirty minutes had gone by, yet the opponent hadn't arrived.

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

The spectating cadets could be heard discussing the opponent's failure to show up in the background.

- "Looks like he won't be showing up,"

- "Wow, what a final year disgrace,"

- "I mean, can you really blame him? I wouldn't show up after witnessing the battle two days ago either,"

- "I had hopes, but..."

After forty minutes of waiting, a person could be seen walking toward the instructor in charge of supervising the duel.

He whispered something to him, and the instructor moved towards the middle of the battle area after a few moments.

"Thompson Batch will not be showing up today due to processing a sudden breakthrough that came at the last minute," The instructor voiced out.

"The date of the duel will be moved indefinitely till both parties are fully prepared to duel again," He added with a loud tone.

The loud chattering sounds became even louder as some of them voiced their disappointments.

Gustav wasted no time in leaving the scene after this was announced. He wasn't necessarily bothered by this outcome or anything. Both cadets that intended to humiliate him had been paid by in kind.

Von was severely injured, while Thompson would be unable to show his face anywhere in camp without hearing excessive degrading discussions about him in the background.

Although the instructor had said he was undergoing a breakthrough, no one believed this information. They believed it was just a cover-up, and Thompson had chickened out at the last minute.

No one could really blame him after seeing the state he put Von in, but they still felt it was cowardly for a final year to chicken out at the end.

But it was still better than receiving an injury that would last months before it could be recovered.

Gustav decided to go back to training after this. Even though this was an unexpected development, he didn't think the number thirty-sixth cadet on the final year rankings would be a no-show.

This was the person he would be facing next week, so in the meantime, he decided to focus on his training.

At this point, only two weeks were left before he would be assigned his next mission.

In the intergalactic space, a figure floated above a spherical blue mass that could be seen in the distance.

"Yeah, I'm back,"

-"I thought you were joking,"

"It's been a while. It won't be bad to stop by for a while and also check out that case,"

- "Well the what are you waiting for, come straight to me,"

"Sure but hmm... I think I see something,"

The figure floating in space seemed to be communicating with someone through a communication device.

- "What is that?"

"Nah it's nothing... Must be my eyes,"

- "Do you have your disarming amulet with you?"

"Yeah, why do you ask?"

- "I thought you lost it again. You're fond of that,"

"Hey now it only happened once... I wouldn't want to be stuck outside,"

He voiced out as he flew downwards while bringing out a rhombus-shaped tool.

Trrroooooiinnnnn~

A blue formation appeared all around the bluish-colored planet he was flying towards.

A small hole appeared in the part he was flying towards, and he flew straight through the hole, which closed back in the next instant.

The blue formation surrounding the planet disappeared in the next instant, as did this figure.

Boom!

What sounded like a sonic boom reverberated across space in the next instant.

Chapter 828 - Survival Punishment

Boom!

What sounded like a sonic boom reverberated across space in the next instant.

Days went by within the MBO camp, and Gustav resumed his training as expected.

The quest to stay away from Endric had a particular punishment for failure that hadn't taken effect yet.

Other failure punishments like taking ten points off Gustav's attributes and others had already taken effect, but this particular one still hadn't.

It had been counting down all this time, and on this particular day, only a few hours were left.

'Why can't you just cancel it?' Gustav asked.

("I don't have control. The moment you decided to fail the quests, there was no way to escape the punishments that would come with it,") The System voiced out in his head.

'This is annoying. You shouldn't have issued the quest in the first place,' Gustav responded to the System.

("...I needed to keep the truth away from you... Don't worry, I'll provide you with assistance when you get teleported away,") The System said with an apologetic tone.

'Its a good thing I already told the instructors I will be unavailable today. It would have been difficult to explain my disappearance had this punishment not been on a timer,' Gustav said once more.

It was around five am in the morning, and Gustav had been awake all night, channeling his bloodline.

In front of him was a notification that displayed a timer for one of the System's punishments.

[Punishment: Survive in an unknown part of the Shardishi planet for twenty-four hours]

< punishment will begin in 02:34 hrs>

Gustav wanted to facepalm, knowing there was no information on this planet anywhere within the MBO camp, so he was just going in blindly.

He didn't know that the System had already scanned the MBO camp beforehand to pick a place unknown before it added this to the list of punishments.

Right now, Gustav was just waiting till the appointed time. He didn't know what he would be facing there, so he had prepared himself for the unexpected.

Gustav filled even his storage device with different items ranging from survival tools to small technological items.

In a flash, hours went by, and the set time finally arrived.

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Gustav looked around at the last second before...

Zing~>

A bright flash of light encapsulated his figure, and he disappeared the next instant.

At the same time he disappeared, drills had started for the day in camp.

Fortunately, Gustav had also told his friends he would be unavailable, so no one would be coming to knock on his door in the next twenty-four hours.

Everyone believed he was probably reaching a breakthrough point in his bloodline channeling.

Gustav found himself standing under a starry sky in the next few moments. The stars in the sky were clustered together in various formats, taking different shapes with some forming weird imageries due to that.

Some of them were large to the point where they looked like miniature moons.

The entire environment was covered in transparent pinkish fog and floating flickers of white light. The visibility of the environment was greatly lowered due to this, and the white lights within this world of pinkish fog looked dense.

Gustav looked down and could barely see his foot. The pinkish fog was denser closer to the ground, and lighter the higher one looked.

On the western part of the skies, two gigantic blade-shaped moons could be seen positioned right beside each other. Four smaller spherical-shaped moons could be seen by their sides, and every small moon was of the color indigo, while the bigger ones were lighter with a shade of blue.

There was no doubt that Gustav was currently in another world.

"No oxygen," Gustav voiced out.

The air felt murky and stagnant when he tried breathing earlier.

Fortunately, Gustav had already pictured a scenario where this was a probability, so he took a shot of a drug that provided the lungs with enough oxygen to last him twelve hours.

When the twelve hours were up, he would take another shot of the drug, which would make it possible for him to stay here without breathing for the next twelve hours he was supposed to be here.

Another thing Gustav considered was the gravitational force of the planet, so at the moment, he had a custom-made backpack that would assist him in staying on the ground if the gravitational force was similar to that of Earth's moon.

After looking around and seeing nothing else in the distance, Gustav decided to start walking.

With every step he took, pinkish dust would scatter underneath his feet, causing the pinkish fog in the surroundings to increase.

Gustav could sense that the gravitational force was a little different compared to Earth, but it wasn't like the Earth's moon either.

[God Eyes Has Been Activated]

Gustav's vision traveled very far as he looked up ahead to observe the surroundings. Right now, he could see as far as sixty miles, and there was nothing noticeable in the environment.

He looked east and west as well, but still, there was nothing.

After walking for some time, Gustav stood in place.

"I only have to survive, who says I have to move around for that? I could just stand still in one place," Gustav voiced out.

("You can't do that,") The System stated.

"Why not? The punishment just asked me to survive," Gustav questioned with a look of confusion.

("Remember I said I would help... I will pass on some information about this planet to you right now,") The System said.

In the next moment, Gustav's eyes turned listless as information began to flow into his mind.

After a few seconds, he returned to normal.

"Oh so that is why I can't stay in one position," Gustav voiced out while looking at the ground. Below his kneecaps area was densely covered in this pinkish fog that he could barely make out the ground.

("It's better to find an higher ground first,") The System added.

Chapter 829 - Finding A Problematic Higher Ground

("It's better to find an higher ground first,") The system added.

"Well, judging by the size of the planet from the information you gave me, that is going to take some time," Gustav voiced out as he looked up ahead.

"I guess it's time to fly; I need a better outlook on the surroundings," Gustav voiced out.

He would have just activated Sprint and zoomed off, but due to the bad visibility of the surroundings, flying would be better for him so he could see from a higher point of view.

Gustav activated Hover and began to float in mid-air. Right now. Hover granted him flight ability for thirty seconds.

Initially, he could just float and move around a bit in mid-air. He couldn't really call it flying because he could not move as fast as he would like to when it was activated.

However now...

Swwooosshhh~

After reaching a particular height in the sky, he zoomed off across the air.

With God Eyes Activated, he could see everywhere on a larger scale while he flew across the vicinity. The pinkish fog was literally everywhere, and Gustav had noticed at this point that he was in an area of the planet where the sands were pink.

Since flying made him defy gravity, he was unbothered by the weird gravitational force of the environment.

He flew speedily across the air for around twenty seconds before he finally noticed something in his line of sight.

Thousands of meters away in the northeast area, he could see a massive pointy green shard protruding from the ground.

It looked like a spear shooting straight into the sky due to its length. It had rough-looking surfaces and small round holes within.

Gustav flew in that direction, and the closer he got to it, the more he realized just how big it was.

("Are you sure you wanna go there?") The system asked.

Gustav already knew what the system was referring to, and it was the fact that places like these were considered breeding houses for a type of insect-like species that survive on this planet.

"Yeah I didn't forget the information you just gave. Hover is about to run out of time and deactivate. High ground is needed and this is the only one available so far," Gustav voiced out in response.

Not only was he using God Eyes to scan the area as well as his perception, but he knew well that they wouldn't find any other high ground for hundreds of miles.

Hover had a time lock whenever it ran out of time and was deactivated. Gustav wouldn't be able to use it again for about ten minutes, so the plan now was to land atop that massive greenish-looking shard protruding from the ground.

Fwwwiiii~

Gustav ascended further in the air for about another thousand feet before he arrived at the top area of the greenish shard.

The top was a bit pointy and sloppy, but Gustav managed to find his balance as he landed on it.

The top was big enough to cover around a twenty feet wide radius, and holes could be seen all over that faintly displayed the inside of the massive shard.

Each hole was around the size of a palm, so Gustav couldn't fall through even if he stood above any of them.

Gustav held onto one side of the top of the shard and stood in place, looking around. There was nothing to be seen for miles, just as expected. He had decided he would wait till the time lock for Hover was over.

He didn't want to make use of the Ultimate Combination Form for flight purposes because that depleted a lot of energy, and he wanted to make sure he had enough to last him this twenty-four hours since he didn't really know what to expect.

The system had given him some information on this planet, but even the system had limited information about this place, so he could only make do with what he had.

Anything unexpected could happen at any time.

Just as Gustav was having some random thoughts while waiting, he sensed something and looked down.

Shifting his left foot a little, he looked through the hole and could see hundreds of feet below was a greenish cotton-like figure.

"Is that how they look?" Gustav asked with a slight look of astonishment.

("That's...") The system had barely answered when this greenish cotton-like figure began to separate.

Gustav's eyes widened slightly as the cotton-like figure separated into thousands of smaller cotton-like fragments and began to crawl upwards. It was almost like every part of their body was made out of tiny cotton-like legs.

"There's a whole lot of them," Gustav voiced out as these things began to crawl upwards speedily.

At this point, he could tell they were most likely coming for him.

"I really don't want to find out what they can do so..." Gustav's hands lit up in flames in the next moment.

Fhrrooummm~

Blueish flames blasted out of his hands towards the holes beneath. The tongue of flames collided with these cotton-like creatures and set them ablaze.

Some of them began to rapidly drop like moths that had been lit up.

After a few seconds, Gustav eased up on the flames and looked through the holes again. The massive ball of the cotton-like figure had cleared up as well as the many of them crawling up the walls within the shard.

Phew~

Gustav heaved a sigh of relief after he saw this, but in the next instant, he sensed movement once more.

[God Eyes Has Been Activated]

His eyes glowed up as he looked through the top of the massive shard-like structure.

Gustav's eyes slightly widened as he spotted these same greenish cotton-like figures far beneath the shard-like structure. They were clustered together and pulsating like a heart so much that it gave one the creeps.

Unlike the small numbers Gustav saw them in earlier, this time, they were way more numerous.

Chapter 830 - Fending Off The Gharkle Warts

Another thing that surprised him was how they had changed colors from green to bright blue.

The creatures began to crawl up even faster than before, lighting up the internal structure of the shard as they swarmed upwards.

"What the hell are those things?" Gustav voiced out as he prepared to use another long-range attack.

He didn't want to use something overly powerful so he would not destroy the entire structure, so Gustav decided to take some items from his storage device.

Three small circular-shaped metallic balls. He dropped them through the hole.

These small balls fell into the middle of this swarm of an unknown creature, and three small blasts were heard within the massive shaft-like structure.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The structure vibrated a bit from the force of the explosions, but luckily, it didn't have too much effect as the structure remained standing.

Smoke drifted upwards from the holes on the tip of the shard-like structure. The internal part was filled with smoke and barely visible.

Gustav should have looked relieved at this point, seeing the effect that these had caused, but he looked even more astonished than before as he kept staring in the direction of the hole where smoke was still drifting out.

"They are still alive," Gustav voiced out as his pupils dilated and he zoomed his eyes further in.

Some of the cotton-like creatures had turned from light blue to a shade of red as well and were close to reaching the top at this point.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Flames with a mixed color of red, blue, and green began shooting out from the holes.

Gustav quickly moved away, dodging one of the finger-sized flames that flew out of the hole he was staring into.

Shhhhsshhhzzz~

The air sizzled from the hotness of the thousands of flames shooting upwards out of the hole.

Gustav had to start swerving across the top of this shard to dodge these thousands of small flames jetting out with little to no space around.

Moving back once more on the west side, Gustav's foot slipped as he got to the edge, and his body slanted backward as he nearly fell off.

His upper body slanted to the point where his back would almost be at ground level if he was standing on the ground. Pushing his body upwards, Gustav quickly moved to the side to dodge another one.

"This is troublesome," Just as Gustav voiced this out, the cotton-like creatures began to climb out of the shard.

They instantly headed for Gustav as they piled up on each other in different sets of swarms.

An Atomic blade appeared in Gustav's hand as he began to swing them across the place.

Swwhiii~ Slash!

He was finally using an attack that affected these creatures as the atomic blade disintegrated the ones it made contact with as he swung out repeatedly.

[Host has killed Alien life form 'Gharkle wart' +5000 EXP]

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However, anyone that was not snuffed out instantly and only slightly damaged would explode.

Gustav found himself nearly falling off the top of the shard again as the first explosion took him by surprise, which triggered others as well.

On the part of the shard Gustav was standing on, cracks appeared, and in the next moment, he had his foot stuck in a hole that had been created due to the top giving away.

"Ugh," Gustav groaned as he felt stings on his left leg.

[Toxins Have Infiltrated Host Blood Stream]

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[Toxin Immunity Has Been Activated]

[Toxin Is Being Analysed]

Gustav pulled his leg out in the next instant and could see many of these Gharkle warts latched onto his leg.

Gustav covered his entire left leg in milky-colored light, knowing flames wouldn't harm them as he shoved them off. They began disintegrating into nothingness, and more notifications popped up in his line of sight.

Gustav's leg was now freed of them, but not only had it turned green, but he could also barely feel his left foot, and many more of the Gharkle Warts were headed for him in such outrageous numbers they had formed what looked like balls of cotton the size of a human.

"Going down might be the best option now... I'll just destroy this entire structure," Gustav voiced out as he decided not to hold back anymore.

("You can't do that,") The system responded in his head.

"Why not?" Gustav asked with a slightly annoyed look.

("Look down,") The system started with a tone of urgency.

Gustav turned his face to the side and looked down. The pinkish fog had turned red, and just like it was when pink, it was denser the closer in proximity it was to the ground.

"It started?" Gustav voiced out.

He nearly facepalmed at this point because the timing couldn't be any worse. Going down was no longer an option, and he needed to keep this structure standing.

[Toxins Have Been Successfully Cleared From Host Bloodstream]

Gustav felt his leg returning to normal as this notification popped up in his line of sight.

"Alright, enough of this... I'll just make my high ground then," Gustav voiced as his entire body glowed up with milky-colored light.

Boom!

A wave of Atomic Disintegration Energy phased out of him, obliterating all the Gharkle Warts in the vicinity. But, unfortunately, the part of the shard Gustav was standing on wasn't spared.

As the blast of milky light disintegrated everything in the vicinity, a quarter of the top part of the shard-like structure also disappeared.

Fwwhhiii~

Gustav began to fall at this point into the shard-like structure where more of these creatures could be seen hiding.

His body bloated as his skin turned green.

The moment he arrived within the middle part of the shard-like structure, he stuck his fingers into one of the holes, which prevented him from falling farther in.

Placing his other hand on the internal walls of the shard, icicle-like rocks began to shoot out of the wall.

ChrriiIlkkrrrlll~