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Chapter 331: Long Time No See

Rudy got out of the pool and wore his clothes.

"Uhh... can you do my hair, Niti?" Rudy asked.

"I can't. They are wet, and it will take time for me to braid—"

Rudy dried his hair by creating wind and heating it up around his hair.

"Now? Just do a simple hairstyle. She is going to see me after three months, and I want to look good," he muttered.

Niti braided a few of the hair strang and left the rest as they were, but they were getting in the way of the small braids, so he plucked a few of her hairs and used them as a thread to tie Rudy's hair.

"..." Rudy couldn't see it as he was facing his back to her, but Nyxia saw her and thought, 'She plucked her hair without any hesitation. There was no need to do that. She could have used something else, but...'

Nyxia lowered her gaze and wondered, 'Is this love? I wouldn't have plucked my hair; I would have used something else. Does that mean my love is inferior to Niti's love?

I was the first vampire to step foot in this world after the Lord made it. I spread knowledge and vampire culture. I am the one who made this world what it is today.

I have been alive since then and have seen numerous things.

Even after thousands of years, I couldn't find a purpose in my life, and I was bored of anything. This world belonged to me as I was its true founder, so I ought to rule it.

But after meeting him, my goal changed. He was a normal man, so I also wanted to be a normal girl in love, but...

He promised me he would come back, but I couldn't wait for him. I traveled the world to search for him, but to no avail. Now... I think I have found him...'

"Nyxia!"

Nyxia jolted in surprise as she came back to her senses.

"Yes...?"

"Are you not coming to see your lovely granddaughter?" Rudy asked calmly.

"Hmm? Oh... no..." Nyxia shook her head and said, "I will meet her later. Neither of us is going anywhere, so I can wait. You should be the first person she should spend time with."

"Alright, I will leave now. See you soon, Nyxia. I love you~"

"Wha—!" Nyxia's face suddenly flushed red. She was caught off guard and didn't get to hide her reaction.

"Love you too, Niti~"

After saying that, Rudy rushed out of the bathhouse. He could have teleported there directly, but he needed some time to prepare his heart.

Niti and Nyxia stared at each other for a few seconds until Nixia bowed down and uttered:

"Forgive my rudeness, and I apologize for asking such a thing, but do you truly love Master Rudy?"

"What type of question is that, and why should I answer you?"

"If you are only playing with him, then please stop. I beg of you. He has suffered so much in his past life as well as this one. You haven't seen his sad face, or you would understand. So if—"

"Shut up! Shut up!" Nyxia yelled while slashing water at Niti. "You know nothing! What about my sadness and suffering?! What am I supposed to do about them?! And you have no idea what you are even talking about! I am the one who deserves to love him the most!"

"I didn't mean to—"

"Enough! Leave me alone!"

Niti bit her lips and nodded before saying, "We all deserve to love him, Queen Nyxia."

After saying that, Niti bowed down to Nyxia and left the royal bathhouse.

Nyxia bit her lips and covered her face with her hands.

"Where are you... darling...."

Meanwhile, Rudy landed in front of the chamber of the valley and took a deep breath.

The door on the wall was already open, so Rudy entered the chamber and noticed a few people were already there.

Jane was there since she was sleeping beside Rias. Virgil, Vriti, Miu, and a few of the elders and nobles were present in the chamber, covering Rias bed and hindering Rudy's view.

'I wanted to be the first person she sees after waking up, but well, the mission failed. But wait, does Rias even know that I am here?' Rudy asked himself.

'Niti didn't mention anything about that. She simply said that Rias had woken up. What if Rias is unaware of it and Jane and Virgil haven't told her yet? Maybe they kept it a secret so I could surprise her?

Should I go in? If Rias truly doesn't know, then I would be ruining the surprise. I can wait for all of them to leave and quietly approach Rias to surprise her. Her reaction would be priceless since she always ends up showing her emotions on her face.'

'I never would have thought I would contemplate on something like this.' Rudy crushed rock under his feet and face palmed himself.

Ultimately, Rudy decided to stay outside and waited for the elders to leave. He couldn't risk ruining the chance to surprise Rias.

He thought he would have to wait for half an hour, but the elder decided to leave the next minute.

When they left, they noticed Rudy standing outside and turned their faces to the side as though they didn't even want to look at him.

'I should have seen that coming. I bet they only came here to taunt Rias.'

There was a chance that they would have told Rias everything regarding Jane's relationship with Rudy. Still, upon judging by the looks on their faces and hearing their conversation, it didn't seem like it.

'Virgil is a pretty thoughtful person. Perhaps, he had warned them to not mention anything about that.'

After a few minutes, Miu left too. But she was running out instead of walking and ended up bumping into Rudy. Miu lost her balance as she tripped, but Rudy grabbed her hand and saved her.

"...!" Miu's face flushed as she turned to him to thank him, but she ran away without saying a word.

Now, only Jane, Vriti, and Virgil were in the chamber with Rias. And Rudy knew that they weren't going to leave soon, so he decided to step in.

His heart beated loudly with every step he took closer to Rias.

They all turned to Rudy as he entered, and they stepped back so Rias could see him.

"Long time no see... Rudy." Rias uttered with a soft glare in her eyes.

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Chapter 332: Rias' Fury

When Rudy laid his eyes on Rias, she was eating the blood moon fruit, and there was a plate full of them on the bed.

When Rudy came into view, Rias glanced at him from the corner of her eyes while taking a bite and said, "Long time no see... Rudy."

"So you knew I was here..." Rudy sighed and muttered, "And here I was thinking of surprising you."

Even though Rudy seemed calm from the outside, he was enraged from the inside.

'Who told her?! Who shattered my dream?! Was it Virgil?!'

Rudy glanced at Virgil, but he seemed oblivious.

'Jane wouldn't do it. So there is only one person....' Rudy glared at Vriti and was about to do something to mess with her.

"No, I wasn't aware that you were here," Rias responded.

"So... why was there no reaction?"

Rias shrugged her shoulders and said, "I am too tired to do anything. More importantly, how are you here? I doubt someone would feel guilty for what they did to me and bring you here upon my awakening."

Rias said while glaring back and forth at Jane and Virgil.

'Holy shit! She is angry at them!'

"I came here on my own accord using my powers. And... yeah, they didn't welcome me..."

"Your powers?" Rias raised her brow and asked, "Your powers?"

'Two times?!'

"Well... it's a long story, so it would be better if I explain it later when we get some alone time."

"Hmm? Alone time? Sure. Since there are people here who don't belong here," she glared at Virgil and Jane again.

Rudy shot a quick glance at Jane and saw her gloomy face. He felt sorry for her as it wasn't her fault in any way. She was ordered by Virgil, who was used by the Lord's rule.

"Umm... Rias. You shouldn't blame Jane... or Virgil. They were only following the rules. They had no other choice," he said awkwardly.

Initially, he was only going to ask her to forgive Jane, but he decided to say Virgil's name, too, as it would have been suspicious if he only asked for Jane.

Rias furrowed her brows and angrily said, "Why are you siding with them?"

"I am not siding with anyone here. I am saying what seems logical to me."

"Oh? So me getting separated from you, punished, locked in this chamber, and placed in a slumber seemed logical to you?" she asked with a judging look on her face.

"Obviously not. I am also as angry as you are. What I am trying to say is that you are blaming the wrong people. I was also mad at Jane at first. Later I learned it was all Virgil's doing, so my anger shifted towards him.

Then I got to know that it was a rule of this world made by the Lord. And I just hope that the Lord wasn't following someone else's order. So if you are going to get angry and blame someone, it's the Lord," he stated calmly.

Rias squinted her eyes and asked, "Do you know he also had a human wife. No one punished him. Where was the rule at that time? Why was I punished? Even my so-called mother also ran away to the human world and married a human. Where was the rule at that time?"

"..." Rudy turned to Virgil and said, "I think you should answer it."

'I don't want to be the broker in between. I have no intention of getting hated by Rias for something I don't even care about— I mean the rules. I am as angry as Rias or even more than her for what happened to her.'

"I..." Virgil lowered his gaze and uttered, "I don't have an answer to that. But if you want me to say something then... I am sorry. I broke the rule, and I was punished for it. Your mother broke the rule, and she was punished for it too."

"When?!"

"It's you two..." he said while glancing back and forth at Jane and Rias.

"Hah?!"

"The Lord punishes in an unexpected way. You two were punished for your mother's crime. Especially Jane, who was born on the blue moon."

"..."

"I didn't want you to suffer. I know how it feels to lose a loved one in front of you where you can do nothing but watch and suffer. That's why... I punished you so the Lord wouldn't.

But... I couldn't do something like that. In the end... I decided to put you in a slumber as that was not a painful punishment.

Most of the royals and nobles didn't know about this as I kept it a secret. I didn't want them to humiliate you after you woke up from your slumber. But the elders were aware of it. They know most of the things happening in this kingdom but don't interfere. Their job is to watch; they are the watchers.

If you hate me, I don't mind. You have every right to hate me. If you want, I will leave and never show you my face again. I don't expect your forgiveness or your mercy.

But forgive Jane. She did what I ordered her to do. It pained her heart too, and after I placed you in the slumber, she cried for days and didn't talk to me for weeks."

Virgil asserted in a solemn voice with a bitter smile on his face.

"Yeah, I will do that. I will hate you all my life, you stupid grandpa!" Rias threw a blood moon fruit at him and said, "But I will forgive you if you let me go to the human world again."

"Uhh..." Virgil turned to Rudy and said, "I think you should answer that."

'Don't use my line on me, son!'

"Rias..." Rudy smiled at Rias and said, "You no longer have to worry about that. You can do what you wish, and no one will dare to stop you. Not Virgil, not the elders, not the royals, not the nobles, nor the Lord."

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Chapter 333: Catching Up.

"...." - Virgil.

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"...." - Jane.
"...." - Rudy.
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Once everything had settled, Rias was taken to the royal dining hall as she was hungry. She hadn't eaten or drank anything for over three months— while her body was placed in a preserved state where it was constantly feeding and draining on magic— her stomach was still empty.

It had been one hour since then, and Rias was still eating. She had emptied over 30 plates, and she was nowhere near full.

Virgil, Jane, and Rudy had finished eating within ten minutes and had been waiting for Rias to finish. They didn't want to get up from their seat as it would have been rude to leave when someone was still eating.

Even the maids were troubled as they were running short on food, and if Rias kept eating at her rate, they would have to prepare a new lot.

"What's with these blood moon fruits?" Rias asked while drinking a blood moon milkshake and adding slices of the blood moon fruit into it.

"What about it?" Rudy asked.

"I don't think I have ever seen these many blood moon fruits served on the table, like never. So... are they for the celebration of me waking up or something?" Rias wondered.

"Well... you see..." Virgil glanced at Rudy and said, "I think you should answer that."

'Again, don't use my line on me! And if you are not going to explain, then don't butt into the conversation!'

Rudy's face twitched from the sides, but he managed to stay calm in front of Rias.

"I... will tell you everything after you finish eating."

"I see."

Rias drank the milkshake and said, "I am done, then."

'At least give me time to prepare myself! I have thought of all the possibilities and have answers to almost all the questions. But still...'

Rias turned to Jane and said, "Jane, my lovely little sister, I have forgiven you as you were just a pawn used by someone."

"Thank... you..." Jane nodded nervously.

"I can't wait to hear the story from your side."

"Huh?"

"You will tell me what happened after I was placed in the slumber, right?"

"Oh... yeah. Of course."

Rias raised her brow and said, "And I trust that you will always be honest with me and won't ever lie to me."

"Yes..."

"And you would never do something that would break my heart or hurt me emotionally or physically," Rias added.

"Yea...s."

With every response, Jane's voice got lower. She was feeling scared and guilty. She was afraid, to tell the truth to Rias as that would mean she broke all the promises they had made.

"Okay, then." Rias got up with a smile on her face and said, "I will have a walk around the palace with my Rudy. You can do anything you want. We will talk later."

"Sure..."

Rias turned to Rudy and said, "Shall we go now?"

"Uhh... Rias..." Virgil called out to Rias in a faint voice.

"Yes?"

"Umm... There is a celebration party this evening, and you must attend it."

"Celebration? For me?"

"Obviously."

"I am not really happy, to be honest. If my Rudy wasn't here or he had forgotten about me completely, I would have preferred to stay in an eternal slumber and never wake up," she asserted in a solemn voice.

"...."

Her words left Virgil speechless.

'Why does Rias seem so... different?' Rudy wondered. 'I know she is in a bad mood and all, but... something is... no, stop overthinking it, Rudy. Her reaction and behavior are completely normal. I am not the same either.'

Rias walked past Rudy after saying, "Let's go, Rudy."

Rudy and Rias walked into the hallway while glancing at each other. There were rooms lined on the inside side, and the other side was open with balconies.

Rias was gazing in the sky while Rudy was looking at Rias.

"So..." Rudy cleared his throat and asked, "How are you feeling?"

"Dead."

"Hmm?"

"My body feels numb, and I have a tingling sensation inside me every time I move or speak. I guess my body will take time to return to its normal state," she responded without looking at Rudy.

"Just like how one feels after recovering from fear, I guess."

Rias turned to Rudy and asked, "What about you? How are you feeling?"

"I am fine. As you can see, I am enjoying my stay here," Rudy responded with a smile on his face.

Rias inspected Rudy's body— although the only thing to notice was his attire and his long hair.

"You look weird in this outfit. And what's with the long hair?"

"You think so? Maybe it's because you have only seen me in modern clothes. And the same goes for you, I guess. You used to wear modern clothes too," Rudy shrugged. "As for my hair... well, let's talk about it."

"For how long have you been staying here?"

"Three to four days."

"Hmm..." Rias lowered her gaze and muttered, "For me, it was like I was put into the slumber a few hours ago. I didn't realize the flow of time. Still, six months passed in a blink, and I am sure many things have changed."

"Oh. No, actually, only three months and a few days have passed."

"Hmm? But I was told that the slumber would last for six months, and it was unchangeable..." Rias muttered with a confused face.

"Yes, it was. But I... well, let's talk while sitting. As I said, it's going to be a long story, and I am going to tell you everything."

They walked to the end of the hallway and stepped into the lounge balcony.

"This is my favorite spot. Whenever I was sad or happy, I used to come here and spend some time alone," Rias stated.

"Is that so..."

"Come. Sit."

Rias and Rudy sat on the chair beside each other while calling the open view of the kingdom.

"So... should I start the story?" Rudy asked while glancing at Rias from the corner of his eyes.

"Hmm." She quietly nodded and said, "But before you do, I want to know something."

"Okay. As right away."

"For how long have you been fooling around with Jane?" she asked with a knowing look on her face.

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Rudy's face instantly turned pale after hearing that. He gulped down anxiously and took a deep breath before speaking.

"You... knew...?"

"No. I saw it," she responded with a lifeless glare in her eyes.

"Uhh... don't tell me you were awake when Jane and I were doing it in the chamber a while ago..."

"Yes." She shook her head in disbelief and said, "You were the only person I didn't want to get betrayed by."

"I can explain."

"You mean 'make excuses'?"

"No. There is a reasonable explanation for my actions."

"Whatever you say, that all will be an excuse! When I opened my eyes, I saw you sleeping on the chair. At first, I thought I was in a dream. You looked different with your hair, and there was no way you could enter the vampire world. You weren't even supposed to remember me.

My body was numb, and it wasn't responding, but I tried my best and touched your face. It was the same feeling. I couldn't contain my happiness and tried to call out your name, but my voice didn't come out.

I was going to wake you up when I heard someone approaching the chamber. I didn't know what to do, so I went back to bed and pretended to be asleep.

Then, Jane walked in and stroked my forehead. I knew it was Jane because of her cold hand and her voice.

'Rias...' she had said.

I thought I should open my eyes and let her know that I had woken up. I didn't want to worry her more. But my anger returned after remembering Jane was also responsible for my punishment.

Still, I wanted to open my eyes. I was going to do that sooner or later, but when I opened my eyes... I saw something I never...

I saw Jane sucking you off! She was doing it so happily and skillfully that I knew at first glance that she was used to it.

You were still asleep, so I thought maybe Jane was the one doing that. I felt devastated after seeing my own little sister, whom I had always loved and respected, doing something like that with my lover.

I was going to yell and catch her, but then you opened your eyes. I had a little hope that you would stop her and be repulsed by it, but no. You two were in that together.

I saw you two having sex with my barely opened eyes, and... and... you both were talking so dirty.

Then you asked her a few questions where Jane admitted she was excited to have sex with you in front of you. While you... weren't denying any of that!

And she made a milkshake from your cum and the blood moon fruit. That was so gross!

After a while, Vriti walked in, and instead of agreeing with what she said, you defended Jane. I couldn't believe you were the same person I fell in love with.

If I knew I would wake up to seeing you and Jane fucking each other in front of me while I was being punished... I would prefer to stay in the slumber!" she shouted.

"Don't say that. I was... we all have been waiting for your awakening."

Rias clenched her chest and muttered, "I was told that Jane had used charm magic and erased everyone's memories of me. And not going to lie, if I knew something like this was going to happen, I would have wiped my memories of you. At least I wouldn't have to feel this pain."

"Come on. Why would you hurt yourself like that..."

"I have lost my trust and love for you. Please leave this world and never show me your face again."

"..."

"I hate you..." she sniffed.

Rudy lowered his gaze and uttered in a low voice: "You were right about one thing. I am not the person you fell in love with. That boy you loved was weak, meek, and a pathetic loser. And I now... I am none of that.

As you said, whatever I say would be considered as an excuse for my actions. That's why, instead of saying, I will show you everything. I won't ask you to change your mind to forgive me. That would be up to you. I might sound like an asshole for saying this, but I don't regret any of my actions."

Rudy held Rias' hand in his hands and showed her everything about his past life and the current one up to this point.

"What was.... that...?" she asked with a baffled look on her face. "I don't understand..."

"In my previous life, I never saw you again after Jane took you and wiped everyone's memories. I never remembered you and spent my days alone. Later I met a girl at my university and started my new life with her. But... this time, it will be different.

In my past life, I was a pawn moving on fate's will. But not this time. I create my own fate, and no one can stop me.

I showed you what happened to me afterward and how I gained my powers— although I am still skeptical about accepting that experiment as the origin.

You saw my life after that point. Now, if you still think I am making excuses, then so be it," he uttered in a solemn voice.

"Okay. I understand your reasoning. You didn't remember me, nor were you aware of my existence. You started a relationship with one girl, then another, and more. But you didn't know that you were committed to me. That's understandable. But what about Jane? You made moves on her because you lusted after her."

"I won't deny that. But I love her as much as I love you."

Rlas bit her lips and uttered, "How am I supposed to accept this. Everyone got their happy ending. But where is mine? I lost my lover!"

"I am still here..."

"Your first kiss, first blood sucking, first sex, everything was taken by someone else!"

"..." Rudy took a deep breath and calmly said, "Rias, close your eyes."

"Why ...?"

"I am going to do something I have never done to any of the girls. You will be the first one."

What will he do?

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Chapter 335: First Time Ever

"Close your eyes," Rudy said calmly.

"Why?"

"Just do it, or it wouldn't be as impactful."

Rias reluctantly closed her eyes and said, "You better not pull a nasty prank like kissing me or something."

"Don't call kissing a nasty thing. And no, I am not going to do such things."

Rudy got up from his chair and sat on one knee in front of Rias' chair. He took a deep breath and said: "You may open your eyes."

Rias slowly opened her eyes and saw Rudy sitting in front of her with her hand in his hand and something in his other hand.

"What are you..." Before she could finish what she was saying, Rudy revealed what was in his other hand.

His was a ring made from diamond. However, it wasn't an actual ring. It was simply shaped as a ring with broken pieces of a diamond.

"What..."

Rudy smiled gently at Rias and asked, "Rias, would you like to marry me?"

"..."

"..."

"Uhh...."

"Please don't reject me. This is my first time proposing, and I will lose confidence if I get turned down."

"Is this really your first time?"

"Proposing a girl for a marriage, yes," he nodded in response.

Rias raised her brow and asked, "What about your girlfriend from your past life? You were going to marry her after getting a job, so doesn't that mean you had proposed to her?"

"No. We were on a dinner date, and a couple was at the other table next to us. Then the guy suddenly proposed, and the girl agreed. That was my first time seeing a marriage proposal with my eyes, and it was... sweet and heartwarming, not going to lie.

I looked at Elise, and she was staring back at me. I knew at first glance what she was thinking, so I told her we would get married after we get our jobs."

"And that's a proposal..." she said with a knowing look on her face.

"Well... technically, yes. But like... it was the correct way to do it..."

Rias squinted her eyes and laughed out loud before saying, "You are as awkward as ever when it comes to things you don't have experience with."

"I am going to propose to a lot of girls, so I will get used to it," he responded with a grin.

They stared into each other's eyes without saying anything.

"So...?"

"It's not like I can say no. I still love you even after what you did to me and my feelings. But I have one condition."

"Okay ...? What is it?"

"Make me the Queen of your harem," she stated in a neutral tone.

"Why would you want to be the Queen of my harem?" Rudy asked with a curious and confused look on his face.

"I will be the one deciding everything in your harem. Who would do what, and I will order them around," she said nonchalantly.

"I am afraid that's not possible."

She raised her brow and asked, "Have you already selected someone else to play that role?"

"No. And I don't plan to either. There will be no Queen in my harem, and no one will order anyone. Everyone will be of equal status. It doesn't matter if you are a princess or the other is a maid.

I know it's a lot to ask, and I am not asking you to get along with each other. I am sure there will be cat fights and all, but keep it at that. No serious arguments or abuse. If someone is unhappy or they want something, they can come to me directly."

Rudy asserted with a confident look on his face.

"Usually, it's the first girl who becomes the Queen of the harem."

"Then that would be Angelica."

"I mean, the first wife," Rias corrected herself.

"That would be... Jane," he responded with an awkward smile on his face.

SIGH!

"I still can't believe the Jane I knew and grew up with did something so cruel to me. I am angry at her, and I will make sure to punish her for her actions."

"What did I just say about not abusing each other?"

Rias squinted her eyes at Rudy and said, "It's a personal family matter between two sisters. Don't butt in."

"If the matter is related to me, then I have to butt in."

"I won't do anything serious. It will be a revenge plan. I will do what she did to me."

"Oh..." Rudy realized what Rias was trying to say. "That's fine by me."

"Now." He cleared his throat and asked again, "Rias, would you like to marry me?"

Rias slowly rolled her eyes and said, "Hmm. What should I do?"

"..."

She scoffed softly and inserted her finger through the ring.

"Yes."

Rudy got up and hugged Rias tightly.

"I thought you were going for a kiss..." she whispered in his ears.

"I can do that too."

Rudy kissed Rias on the lips and said, "That was our first kiss together."

"We would have kissed and done many things if you were not so shy and hesitant," Rias remarked.

"That's true, but it was hard for me. You were a vampire, and I was a human. I was... also afraid of leaving my mother behind."

"You worry too much about her."

"Obviously. She is my mother, after all."

"Yeah, yeah. Rebecca with no family name."

"What's that supposed to mean?"

"Nothing." Rias kissed Rudy a few times and whispered, "Now then, shall we get married?"

"Hmm?"

"I am talking about the marriage ritual."

"Oh. You want to get married right away. Sure."

"We will get married with a vampire tradition and a human tradition when the time comes. But I want to be your wife right now. And I want to do many more things," she said calmly.

Rias opened her mouth and elongated her fangs, but it took her a few seconds as she hadn't done that in over three months.

She licked her lips and said, "Here I go~"

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Chapter 336: Marraige Ritual

"This will be my first time drinking blood directly from a body. But you are now used to it since Jane sucked your blood many times."

"That reminds me of the promise."

"What promise?"

"You are not allowed to drink anyone's blood other than mine."

Rias squinted her eyes and asked, "What type of promise is that? And did Jane agree to it?"

"Yes."

"Really?!" she asked with a surprised look on her face.

"Yes."

"Hmm." She hummed in wonder and said, "Okay. I don't actually drink blood. Maybe once a month or something since I don't feel an urge like the other vampires."

Rias licked Rudy's neck and whispered, "I will be digging in."

"Wait, before you do it. Can I do it on you too?"

"What do you mean?" she asked with a puzzled look on her face.

"Can I mark you too?"

Without replying, Rias buried her fangs into Rudy's neck and sucked his blood.

'I noticed this before that it really feels different. When Nyxia sucked my blood, the feeling was different. Nyxia's fangs were sharp and long, so she went deeper and drank my blood faster compared to Jane.

Jane's fangs were a little smaller than Nyxia's. Rias' fangs are the smallest, so she can't reach deep, and she has to force the suction to drink my blood. But I would never dare to say it out loud to her.'

The wings and fangs were considered as a vampire's pride, and saying something against them could be considered offensive. Rudy wished he knew that before he compared Nyxia's wings with Jane and got his body dried by Jane, quite literally— although Rudy enjoyed the punishment and he was not a masochist.

Rudy also elongated his fangs and was about to drink Rias' blood, but he remembered what Nyxia had told him about the vitality.

Rias was closest to being a human. The only difference was that she had fangs and wings. She didn't even have any vampiric abilities— even the basic ones such as charm and form changing.

'I don't think I should do it. But... what if I don't drink her blood?"

Rias spread her wings and covered Rudy's body in them.

'The ritual is about to end!'

Rudy buried his fangs into Rias' neck, but instead of drinking her blood, he released the power he had absorbed from the blood moon tree.

"Anh!"

Rias's body tightened, and she drank Rudy's blood in big sips.

After a few minutes, they let go of themselves and stared at each other.

"Did it work?" Rudy asked curiously.

"It should have. I think I did everything correctly." She gazed at the red moon and uttered, "There is the red moon, we also had direct body contact, and I covered you with my wings."

"Hmm." Rudy hummed in amusement and said, "It's surprising how Jane wasn't aware of what she was doing even though she has read too many forbidden books and all. But you knew about it."

"Well, the marriage ritual is not forbidden. And... Jane never had any interest in this girly stuff, so she probably skipped the chapters about it," Rias replied with a shoulder shrug.

Rudy chuckled and nodded while saying, "That does sound like something Jane would do."

Rias hugged Rudy tightly and said, "We are married now."

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"Yes."
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"I am your wife, and you are my husband."

"Yes."

"Do you love me?"

"Yes."

"Are you happy that you married me?"

"Yes."

"Will you cheat on me again?"

"Yes."

"What?!"

"You are probably referring to my harem and the new girls who might join in the future..."

"You plan to add more girls to your harem?!" Rias exclaimed.

"I mean... that seems inevitable, to be honest." He shrugged his shoulders and continued, "I have to look for a partner who can dual cultivate with me. And now that I have learned about the existence of the other races, I might run into them."

"Geh! I should have become the Queen of your harem, after all! And limit the harem members too!"

"Don't say that. I have a big heart, and it has a place for everyone to stay in," he said with a grin on his face.

Rias shook her head in disbelief and muttered, "What happened to the old Rudy? He was so cute and shy, and it was fun to tease him."

"He evolved into the super Rudy," he scoffed softly. "Jokes aside, I, of course, don't plan to add every girl I meet into my harem. Only the ones I love."

"How many girls do you have in your harem again?" she asked with a curious and judging look on her face.

"The expression on your face doesn't suit you," he muttered.

"Tell their names, races, age, and whether you are intimate with them or not," Rias demanded.

"Wow. What is this, a harem interview, or should I call it a harem interrogation?"

"..." Rias stared at Rudy without saying anything.

SIGH!

"First is Angelica, and she is the one I lost my virginity to. She is a ghost, and she was in high school before she died. And yes, I have had lots of sex with her.

The second is Alice, and she is my childhood friend. She is a human and the same age as me. I have kissed her, got a blowjob from her, and eaten her pussy.

The third is Reina, and she is also a human. She is 20 years old if I remember correctly, and I have gone all the way with her.

Then there is Jane, you, Niti, and Nyxia—but she is not confirmed. And there are a few girls I want to add, but that was the list of my current harem members and my status with them."

"Out of seven...., four of them are vampires..."

"And note that Jane and Niti were the only girls I made moves on. The rest loved me, so it was natural to add them."

"So..." Rias wrapped her arms around Rudy's neck and kissed him on the lips before asking, "When are we going to do it?"

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Chapter 337: Married Life

"When are we going to do it?"

"I am ready anytime. Even right now, if you want," Rudy replied instantly.

Rias let go of Rudy and stepped back in surprise.

"Wait, here? But we are in the open. What if someone saw us?"

Rudy shrugged his shoulders and said, "Aren't we husband and wife now? We should be doing it everywhere. Hashtag- Married Life."

"No!" Rias stepped back even more and ended up falling on the chair she was sitting on a while ago.

Rudy got on top of her and licked his lips seductively as he said, "What's wrong? Weren't you the one who asked when we were going to do it? So why are you acting repulsively now?

"I was just joking to tease you. I didn't know you would jump on the opportunity," she said while averting her gaze and moving to the side of the chair.

"Oh, Rias... those words are trigger words for me. If I hear them coming from the mouth of the girl I love, I will lose control, you know?"

"Do you... really want to do it?"

Rudy stared at Rias for a few seconds and smiled at her. He patted her head and said, "I was joking. If you are not ready, then I am not going to force you. I am desperate for your love, not your body."

"I never said I don't want it. But I woke up a few hours ago, and it's all too quick. I know we are married now, and I want to start an intimate relationship with you."

After a brief pause, she took a deep breath and stared into his eyes before saying, "I am ready."

"Hmm?"

She closed her eyes and said, "I said I am ready. You can do anything you want to me."

"Are you sure? Please don't agree to do it just because I want to."

"Yeah, I am sure. We love each other, and we are married now. Besides, we will eventually do it one day, so why not now."

"Alright then..." Rudy moved his hands to Rias' breasts and touched them.

"..."

"You always pressed them against me..." Rudy chuckled. "Hey, open your eyes. I want to see your reaction."

Rias opened her eyes and said, "At that time, I never knew there would be a day where you would be the one teasing me."

"This is not teasing, it's my love."

Rias squinted her eyes and said, "And that was my love too."

Rudy gently squeezed Rias' breasts and leaned to kiss her on the lips.

"Do you have any knowledge of this stuff?" Rudy asked curiously.

"Basic, I guess. I know how it works, and I studied it in your world too."

Rudy unbuttoned Rias' clothes and slowly stripped her top.

"Princess Rias!" a voice called out to Rias.

Rias glanced around in confusion, and she covered herself. While Rudy had already located the source of the voice.

A few seconds later, Vriti landed in front of Rias and Rudy.

"..."

"Vriti! What are you going to do here?!" Rias exclaimed and hid behind Rudy to hide her naked body.

"I have come to inform you that Queen Nyxia is asking for you."

"Right now?"

"Yes." She nodded and said, "It seems she was waiting for you ever since you woke up. She assumed you would visit her once you were done eating, but you didn't.

So she came to check into the chamber of the valley and told me that she went to your room, but you weren't there. She is currently waiting for you in her chamber."

"Oh... okay." Rias fixed her clothes and got up from the chair. She nudged Rudy and said, "I must go."

"Yeah, of course."

Rias and Vriti walked out of the door while Rudy stared dumbfounded at them.

SIGH!

Rudy sighed and was about to leave too, but he saw Vriti looking back at him for some reason. They stared at each other for a few seconds until Vriti suddenly smirked.

"...!" Rudy's face twitched from the sides, and he clenched his fists and muttered in anger: "That bitch...! Why do I think that she chose the perfect time to interfere? Why else would she smirk at me like that?"

He sat on the chair and shook his head after facepalming himself.

"Niti seems tamed, but her daughter is wild. If she keeps getting on my nerves, I might have to tame her myself."

SIGH!

Rudy leaned back in the air in a relaxed position and looked at the sky.

'Now that Rias has woken up and she knows everything, I feel relieved. I had thought of so many plans to convince her, but she surprised me with her questions.

Still, I am glad that everything worked out fine in the end. Now that I think of it, Nyxia's first quest is cleared. I managed to convince Rias to join my harem, so she can't use that as an excuse... hmm? Excuse. Was she making excuses?

She said she has her reasons, and I obviously respect them, but she didn't tell me what reasons.'

He pondered for a while and muttered, "Virgil has organized a party as a celebration, so Nyxia would be there. I will ask her about her next quest and her reasons."

He got up from the chair and headed to Jane's room.

"I can't wait to tell Jane about what just happened. She seemed so anxious about our relationship."

Jane's room door was closed, so he opened it and saw it was empty.

'Hmm? Where did Jane go? She was in the royal dining hall with me, and then Rias and I left. But that was like an hour ago. And besides, she was already done eating before me."

Rudy dashed halfway into Jane's room and jumped on the bed.

"Well, whatever. She will come here eventually."

Rudy closed his eyes and murmured, "Angelica, pull me in."

After sleeping/ spending time with Angelica for a few hours, he woke and found himself alone on the bed.

"What...? Don't tell me she never returned after that..."

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Chapter 338: Classic Catch

"What the fuck?" Rudy got up from the bed and left Jane's room by jumping out of the window.

'I am here for four days, and now I can somehow tell what time is right now.' Rudy glanced at the moons and muttered, "It's around 8PM. I might be wrong, and this could be 4AM in the morning too. But no one came to wake me up, and I don't think Jane and Rias would let me sleep when there was a celebration party."

He flew to the royal hall and landed through the hole in the ceiling, or he wanted to, but there was no hole in the ceiling.

"..."

He decided to go there through the door, only to see it was empty. There weren't even decorations that would suggest one of a function.

'Maybe the function is not here and somewhere else?'

He rushed out of the hall and searched through the entire palace of the high vampires quarter in the innermost area of the palace, where royals and nobles stayed, but he didn't see a single person.

"What's going on?"

He looked at his hand and slapped himself on the face to confirm he wasn't dreaming. And it indeed was a dream.

He woke up in Jane's room and glanced around to see Jane was changing her clothes in the wardrobe. Her face was facing the bed, and she didn't notice that he had woken up.

Rudy sighed in relief and slowly sat up. He got out of bed and hugged Jane from behind.

"..,!" Jane jolted in surprise and turned around.

"What's with this reaction?"

"You scared me!" she hissed.

"Why would you be scared? You knew I was sleeping, and we were the only ones in the room."

"You never know. Rias has woken up, and I can't help but feel anxious. She said she forgave me, but she hasn't talked to me like she used to before," Jane muttered with a gloomy face.

"Did you meet her again after I left with her?"

Jane nodded and said, "I was with her until a few minutes ago. I came here to change clothes for the function."

"Did she mention anything about us or give any hints?" Rudy asked curiously.

Jane shook her head and began wearing her clothes, but she was having trouble, so Rudy helped her. But he didn't miss the opportunity to grope her breasts while helping her.

'Why hasn't Rias told her that everything is already sorted out?' Rudy wondered. 'She said she would get revenge on her and will do the same thing Jane did to her. Is this part of her plan?

If yes, then I shouldn't ruin it, or all of Rias' anger will once again shift on me. I will let the sisters fight for me.'

"What about you? Are you not going to get ready for the... wait a minute...." Jane checked Rudy's clothes and said, "You were wearing another pair of clothes in the morning, so how—"

"I think I had already told you that I was going to take a bath."

"Oh!" Jane exclaimed and nodded in response. "Right. I forgot about that. I am so stressed out that I..."

"Don't worry too much. I know I have already said this many times, but I really mean it. I am not going to leave you behind, no matter what happens. We love each other, and no one can come between us, not even Rias or any girls; just like how you can't come between my relationship with them.

When you agreed to join my harem, you accepted me as a whole. You are under my protection whether you need it or not."

He smiled gently at her and kissed her on the lips before calmly saying with an earnest look on his face: "You underestimate my love, princess."

Jane jugged Rudy and muttered, "I love you, and I can't leave without you. I am the third strongest vampire alive, and my only weakness is you."

"Let's go now, shall we?"

"Umm... I need to do my hair. Niti should be on her way right now. So you can leave and spend time with Rias, or she will get suspicious."

'She already knows that I am in your room, though,' Rudy uttered inwardly.

"Okay." Rudy fixed his clothes and asked, "How do I look?"

"Handsome as always."

"And what about my hair? Last time Niti did them, but I didn't get a chance to do any after I took a bath."

"Hmm~" Jane hummed in amusement after looking at Rudy's hair and noticed Niti's hair that she had used as a thread to tie them up.

She raised her brow and pulled Niti's hair.

"Whose hair is this?" she asked with a judging look on her face while showing it to Rudy.

'Ah shit. I dug my own grave, didn't I?'

"Hmm? What's that? It's probably my hair."

Rudy gulped down nervously as Jane compared the hair color.

"They don't look the same nor feel the same..."

'This was the worst way of getting caught. And ironically, the most classic way too, where the wife sees a long hair on her husband's shirt or suit and gets accused of cheating.'

"Oh, by the way. I just had a weird dream," Rudy suddenly said.

"Don't try to change the topic," she said with a knowing look on her face.

However, Rudy continued speaking, "In that dream, I woke up from my sleep and walked around the palace. I went to the royal hall, but it was dark and empty. I searched through the high vampire quarters, and I couldn't see a single person.

There was no sign of life around. I was genuinely freaking out, not going to lie. And then I decided to slap myself to see if I was dreaming or not, and it was actually a dream.'

Rudy simply said his dream to Jane to divert the topic, but for some reason, Jane was baffled after hearing that, as though she couldn't believe her ears.

"What ... ?"

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Chapter 339: Party

After hearing about Rudy's dream, Jane asked, "Do you remember anything else...?"

"Not exactly. I was running and flying so fast that I didn't pay attention to anything. Why do you ask?" he wondered with a curious and confused look on his face.

"Did you... also, enter the throne room in the dream?"

"I was on my way to the throne room when I decided to slap myself. What's wrong? You look... scared..."

"That was not this palace, but an exact copy of this one, or rather, this palace is the copy of the palace where great grandmother, Queen Nyxia used to live."

'You mentioned this when we were taking a bath. But still, why do you think that was Nyxia's palace? It could just be a normal dream, you know?"

"I am not sure if that was the old palace. But dreams are never normal. We, vampires, believe that dreams are a way to the netherworld. Some call it dreamland, but that's a cute name. The real place is not as cute as it sounds.

Many used to dream walk in the early days after this world was created by the Lord. Dreamwalk is as it sounds; diving into dreams and controlling them."

"I think we humans call it Lucid dreaming."

"I don't know much about dream walking as it's obviously a forbidden knowledge. But you should ask Queen Nyxia about it."

"Yeah, I will do that."

Rudy kissed Jane on the lips and then on the forehead before leaving the room.

'Why would someone make a big deal out of a dream? I get it; it's a cultural belief for the vampires, but I am a human. Still, I will ask Nyxia about it if I get a chance.'

Rudy made his way to the royal hall, which was filled with colorful lights and decorations from the start of the hallway.

While he was walking, someone hugged him from behind, and he knew it was Rias without even looking.

He pulled her in front of him and chuckled as he said, "You used to jump onto me like this when you were in the human world."

"Yeah."

"Where is Jane, by the way?" Rias asked.

"Changing."

Rias looked at Rudy's open long hair and asked, "What's with your hair? If they see you from behind, someone will mistake you for a girl."

"I think I should cut them. I don't have any need for long hair, and it's actually quite troublesome to have them. My respect to the girls with long hair."

Rias got behind Rudy and did a basic hairstyle for Rudy.

"There you go~"

"You know everything, unlike Jane..."

"Yeah, she is a spoiled brat."

"I just imagined how she would have acted when she was ten years old."

"Oh, don't remind me of that." Rias let out a weary sigh and shook her head as she said, "Her rebellious phase was.... Rebellious."

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They both entered the hall together, which was filled with royals, nobles, elders, Rias' friends, and a few guests.

However, most of them didn't care about Rias; they only came to eat, drink, and celebrate.

Rudy glanced around to look for Nyxia, but she was nowhere to be seen.

"Where is Nyxia?" Rudy asked Rias. "And what did you talk about with her?"

"Just random things. She asked how I was feeling and checked my body to ensure everything was alright."

"Did she mention anything about me?"

Rias squinted her eyes and said, "She did. But that's personal, and I am not going to tell you."

"Fair."

"And I asked her if she will be at the function tonight, but she said she will sleep early because she has something to do in the morning," Rias responded calmly.

"I wanted to ask her a few... many questions, questions. But they can wait. I am not dying to know."

"What are they? I may not seem like one, but I have acquired knowledge from her. She told her the tales of her adventures, and this world changed drastically every thousand years."

"Oh, no. It's not about knowledge." Rudy hugged Rias from behind and whispered, "She made a few requirements to join my harem, and her first one was that I will have to convince you."

"Heh!" Rias leaned back and said, "She is just playing with you."

"What do you mean...? Don't tell me she never plans to join my harem!" Rudy slowly moved his hands to Rias' chest to squeeze her breasts, but Rias smacked his hand.

"Nyxia herself told me that she wanted to join my harem but needed a reason. Love is not enough for her," Rudy added.

Rias raised her brows and squinted her eyes as she glanced at Rudy from the corner.

"So you get invested in a girl who doesn't give you much attention, huh? Maybe I shouldn't have agreed to join your harem on the first day and caused some unnecessary drama."

"They thought the same would happen," Rudy scoffed softly.

"Who are they?"

"You know, Virgil, Jane, Nyxia, Niti, Vriti. They were worried about only one thing: you learning about my relationship with Jane. Say, are you actually angry at Jane?" he asked calmly.

"Obviously. She is my twin sister, and she did the worst thing a sister could ever do to her sister— to steal her lover. I have every right to be angry at her, do I not?"

"I am not talking about that. I meant... uhh... 'hate' would be an accurate word for it?"

"Oh!" Rias exclaimed and shook her head. "No. I am not that angry. It wasn't entirely her fault as I have known her since birth. She was never interested in Love and romance."

Rias walked to the food stalls, and Rudy followed her behind. She handed Rudy a glass of blood moon milkshake and took one for herself.

"And you also confessed that it was you who made moves on her, so technically, I should be mad at you, not her," she said while sipping a milkshake.

"Oh, spare me, my dear wife."

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Chapter 340: Enchanting Dance

Rias placed the empty glass on the table and said, "I understand why you lusted after Jane. She is undoubtedly hot, and her haughty tongue gets on everyone's nerves. But you even slept with her maid. Like, come on."

"I know I said I made moves on her, but I caught her sucking me off, you know?"

"Then what about great grandmother Nyxia?" she asked with a judging look on her face.

"That's status quo. She hasn't joined my harem yet, and we haven't done anything.... except kissing and..." He averted her gaze and said, "I made her drink my cum."

"I just imagined that..."

"So what are you now, my great grandfather?" Rias jokingly asked.

"Don't mention that," Rudy let out a sigh.

The musicians began to play songs, and this time there were singers too. The chords and notes were in the rhythm of a soothing melody that was bliss to everyone's ears.

Rudy glanced around and muttered, "Jane is still not here."

"That's nothing unusual. She would always be the last one to join any functions as she gets bored easily. And... also wants to look the most beautiful among all, so she takes her time getting ready."

"A curious question: Do vampires do makeup?"

"No. We don't need such things to damage our skin."

Rudy grabbed Rias' hand and said, "Shall we dance, princess?"

"It would be my honor. But do you know how to dance?" she asked with a grin on her face. "The vampire dance is different from the humans, and the steps are difficult. If you mess up one step, the entire dance would be ruined, and even the other couples who are dancing will be offended."

"Don't underestimate me, princess," he said with a confident look on his face. "I watched them dance for a good five minutes. And I have learned it."

"You can't learn anything by watching, and that's a fact."

"Facts don't apply to someone such as me."

"Oh? Then let's see how you do it."

Rias and Rudy entered the dancing ring.

"As long as you let me take the lead and follow my steps, we should be fine," Rias whispered into his ears.

"I am afraid of you messing up, though."

Rudy and Rias danced and danced while staring into each other's eyes without caring for anything else in the world. They were immersed in dancing and forgot that they were being watched by hundreds of nobles and royals who were looking for a chance to berate them.

They all hoped Rias and Rudy would somehow mess up, but that never happened. Minutes passed by, and they were still dancing, while the others who began dancing before, with, and after them had gotten tired and now watching the others from the sidelines.

Knowingly or unknowingly, they were awed by their dance and couldn't help but admire them.

Jane had also arrived a few minutes ago and had been watching their dance since then.

"He never danced with me in the previous functions..." she muttered with puffed cheeks.

After a few more minutes, the song ended, and so was their dance.

When they stopped and glanced around, they noticed they were the only ones dancing in the ring.

Once their dance was finished and everything went silent, the hall was filled with nothing but the applause of their dance.

Rudy shrugged his shoulders and kissed Rias on the lips in front of everyone.

"See? I defy everything."

Rias glanced around from the corner of her eyes and spotted Jane standing among the crowd.

"Aha~ I am so tired. I wonder if someone can dance with him in my stead, so he doesn't feel lonely~"
"...."

Rias walked and stood beside Jane but didn't talk to her or even look at her.

A few seconds later, another set of musicians appeared on the stage and began playing a new song.

The pairs entered the ring and started dancing while Rudy stood in the middle while looking at Jane.

'What should I do? Should I go? I want to dance with him so badly, but what if Rias finds it suspicious? She is already angry at me, and I don't want to make her more angry.

But hey! This is a dance, and we can exchange partners. Anyone can dance with anyone as long as they both are okay with it.'

Jane gathered her courage and stepped into the dance ring.

'Here I go!'

She walked to Rudy and began dancing with her.

Rias couldn't hide her smile after watching Jane and Rudy dance.

'I thought I would get agitated, but I feel happy instead. I guess a harem is not a bad thing, as they say.'

After dancing for a few minutes, the tunes and the song slowed down. Rudy intended to dance with Jane until the song ended, but his attention was diverted by something.

His ears twitched as the surrounding sounds of the music became dull, and he focused on something else.

He glanced around in confusion, but he couldn't see or find anything unordinary.

"What's wrong?" Jane asked.

"I don't know. My ears... my senses are catching something..."

Jane also glanced around and said, "Are you sure? Maybe it's just because of the song?"

"I don't know."

"Do you want to go out and get some fresh air?" she asked with a concerned look on her face.

"Yeah, I will do that. You spend time with Rias, okay?"

Jane nodded in response, and they both walked out of the ring. Rudy walked out of the hall while Jane stood beside Rias.

"Where is he going?" Rias asked Jane.

"Just go get some fresh air."

Rudy rushed to the nearest balcony, not to have a breather but because his tingling sense became stronger as soon as he left the hall room.

He flew and followed his senses. After flying for a few minutes, he reached the nearest border of the kingdom and spotted an enormous-sized monster approaching the palace.

"What in the batshit is that?"