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Chapter 531: Troubles of Super Libido

After what had happened to him in the vampire world, Rudy tried to practice various ways to control his libido, but none of them worked. That has become a basic need of the human body for him— just like how one would need food and water at certain times.

His body, powers, and brain had adapted to that cycle, and he couldn't break it no matter how hard he tried. He could have overcome his super libido if his mental strength had been weak. However, his mental strength was increasing drastically every day, so it was impossible for him to control his super libido.

Even if he made himself a human like he did while having sex, it would work as the effect had already started. Still, Rudy tried to calm himself down, but he was slowly losing his senses, just like he did in the vampire world with Jane.

"It's not working..." he muttered.

'I should have been more concerned about this rather than going back to my timeline. I left Angelica with the vampire gang, or she would usually be around. Wait... even if she was in my body, I don't think she would have traveled back in time with me. After all, she is....'

"What should I do about this? Obviously, I will have to calm it down somehow, and the only way to do it is to masturbate. But if I masturbate, I will have to release my load at least ten times— otherwise, my super libido would act up again— unlike while having sex, where one load is equal to three loads."

After the incident in the vampire world, Rudy had researched his super libido and analyzed everything with the help of Angelica. He was prepared for situations like this. However, it was still his first time happening where he least expected it to happen.

Ultimately, Rudy decided to relieve himself, so he got up from the couch and headed to the bathroom where no one would disturb him. However, on his way, he calculated the time he would need to release ten loads, and it was nearly two hours.

'Even if I could do ten minutes for one load, that's one hour and forty minutes. The girls would be waking up at any time since it was nearly morning. I can't do that in the bathroom or in this house.'

Rudy conjured a book in his hand that he had copied so he could duplicate it instead of buying a new one. He also conjured a pen in his hand and wrote:

'I am going to buy something for breakfast. I will be back by the time you girls finish taking a bath.'

Rudy knew that even if Jessica didn't wake up early, Rebecca would, as she was the morning person and always liked to wake up early to finish the chores.

He ripped the page from the book and placed it in the kitchen. He didn't want Rebecca or Jessica to think that he had run away.

After that, he quietly left the house and locked the door using telekinesis.

"Now... where should I go? Obviously, somewhere where no one would be around, but I don't know that kind of place. Maybe I should go to the mountains?"

Rudy teleported to the mountains, or so he wanted to, but he couldn't teleport.

"What...?"

He tried to teleport to the house, and he was teleported.

'Wait... is it because I am in a different timeline that I cannot teleport to the places I have never been to in this timeline? Come on... that sucks. But oh well, I have no plans to go anywhere, so it doesn't matter much.'

Rudy teleported outside the house and flew above the clouds to see if he could find a proper place where no one was around. Since it was morning, people had left their houses to jog and work out. Hence, going to the park was off-limits.

The farmers had gone to the farms, so he couldn't go to the farm either. The forest near the house was as abandoned as it was in the 2008 timeline, and people still used the forest way to travel as it was a shortcut.

'Should I do it above the clouds? That sounds so disgusting that I don't even want to imagine doing it here.'

Rudy flew even higher, and his gaze fell on his school, which was also Rebecca's school.

'If I recall correctly, the school was renovated a lot after ten years, and a new school was made for elementary and middle school studies. Keeping all that aside, today is a weekend, so the school should be empty. Unless the faculties were asked to come.'

Anyway, that's the safest place I can think of, so let's check it out. If it turns out that people are there, I will just fly far away to the mountains. Seriously though, I never cursed my super libido and thought of it as a blessing. But at this moment, I think it's a curse. Sometimes I just don't feel like doing it, and I have no choice but to...'

SIGH!

After reaching the school, Rudy scanned it using his vision abilities and couldn't see anyone.

'Good. And even if someone was supposed to come, they wouldn't come so early.'

Rudy walked into the hallway and explored the school, seemingly looking for a place where he could do it with ease. While walking, he stumbled on the abandoned area of the school.

'This is the reason why the school went under renovation. It was too big, and the students weren't that many. Almost 40% of the school area was unused, so they demolished it and used it to make a separate school for kids.'

Doing it in this area would be the safest, in my opinion, because usually 'Abandoned means haunted'.'

Rudy walked further into the area and found a stairway at the end of the hallway.

'That seems like a good spot'.

He climbed a few stairs and hid behind the rail to sit there. Then, he unzipped his pants and took out his snake.

"It's been so long since I masturbated, and now it feels like I am in a pathetic state.'

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Chapter 532: Visiting a Familiar Place

Rudy wanted to use his phone, but obviously, there was no network, and using the internet was impossible. So he couldn't do it while watching videos like old times.

He returned to the house an hour later in a bit of a conflicted mood after what happened with him at school, but he didn't want to think about it. He was simply glad that he didn't have to waste his time releasing ten loads and returned within an hour.

"I should take a bath..." he muttered.

When he returned, Rebecca had woken up, and she was taking a bath. Jessica was still sleeping, so Rudy went to the kitchen and saw his note that said he was going to get something for breakfast.

Initially, he planned to make eggs but changed his mind as they ate the same thing last night. So he left the house and flew to the supermarket.

Luckily, it was open, and the stock was fresh, so he bought a few vegetables and sweets. Then, the milk smell hit his nose, so he bought some milk for the dairy nearby.

After his little shopping, he returned home and made breakfast for three people. Soon after, Rebecca came out of the bathroom and went to her room to get dressed appropriately.

Once Rebecca was done, she came to the kitchen and watched Rudy cook breakfast and make tea.

"I have done everything, but you must keep your eyes on the stove. Can you do that for me? I will take a bath real quick."

Rebecca nodded in agreement and stood in Rudy's spot while Rudy rushed to the bathroom. He first took off his clothes and dipped them in a bucket full of water. Then, he filled the tub with water and took a dip, but he wanted to have a hot bath, so he increased the temperature of the water and enjoyed his hot bath.

Ten minutes later, he emptied the bathtub and filled it again so Jessica could take a bath if she wanted.

After that, he squeezed the water out of his clothes while increasing the temperature. Eventually, the clothes were completely dried up but horribly wrinkled. So he swiped his hand on them with a high temperature and removed all the wrinkles.

He was ironing his clothes using his hands.

"Never in my wildest dream had I thought that I would use my powers like this."

He got dressed and left the bathroom, acting normal. But Rebecca gave him a weird stare after she saw him in the same clothes.

"Why... would you wear the same clothes after taking a bath?"

"Let's not talk about it."

Rebecca got the breakfast ready and began serving them on the table while Rudy was checking the waterline of the house from inside the house using his abilities.

'I just glanced through them yesterday, but looking at them closely, there are only three pipelines in the house. One to the kitchen, one to the washroom, and one to the bathroom.

That makes sense, but water is not going to be a big issue compared to electricity. One thousand liter water tank might actually last for a week in this house.'

A few minutes later, Jessica woke up and brushed her teeth. But when Rebecca asked her to take a bath as they were going out, she refused and started eating breakfast.

After breakfast, they all left for the shopping.

"Where are we going?" Jessica asked.

"To the mall."

"But there are no malls here."

"I know. And that's why we will be going to the next city."

"Are we going to ride a bus?!" Jessica asked excitedly.

"Indeed."

They went to the bus pick-up stand and waited for the bus to arrive. Once it arrived, they dashed in, and fortunately, it wasn't fully packed.

There was a row of three seats left, and Jessica wanted the window seat, so Rebecca let her sit first. And then Rebecca and Rudy were seated next to her.

They reached the next city a few minutes later and got off at their stand.

'Now... I am not familiar with the locations in this timeline. And the malls I have been to were made in the last decade. I can't use maps on my phone because it doesn't exist yet, so... I guess we will be walking a lot.'

"Where do you girls want to go first?"

"Waterpark! There is a waterpark here! I want to go there!" Jessica jumped in joy.

"Jess, we are here to shop. Not to have fun," Rebecca remarked.

"Oh, no. You girls should enjoy it. And you were also supposed to enjoy the shopping," Rusty shrugged.

"Let's go. I will take you to the waterpark."

'I am kind of excited and nervous to go there!'

Rudy took Rebecca and Jessica to the waterpark, and he was surprised to see how crowded it was.

Of course, it was the same water park that was run by Reina's parents.

He bought two tickets and talked with the staff to get in.

"What about you? You are not going to come with us?"

"I have something urgent to do. I will be back by noon, okay?" he said calmly.

"Hmm," Jessica and Rebecca nodded.

"There is a separate pool for the kids, so make sure you only go there, okay? Don't go to other pools."

"Okay~!"

"But what about our clothes? We didn't bring an extra."

"I will buy a few pairs for you two when I return."

Jessica was excited, so she didn't care about anything, and Rebecca reluctantly agreed and left for the children's pool.

'Now... time to fix some things.'

On his way out, he saw a little girl trying to walk outside the waterpark's inner area.

"..."

The girl seemed to be a few months over a year old, and her walking was stumbly.

"Uhh... she is not..."

Suddenly, a woman rushed after the girl and grabbed her from behind.

"Come on, Reina~ I take my eyes off you for a second, and you start to explore this water park," the woman said.

That little girl was none other than Reina.

"..."

Rudy locked his eyes with the woman and then with Reina.

"Uwaa!"

Reina started to cry after seeing Rudy and hugged her mother.

"..."

'This feels so so weird. But then again, when I was one year old, Nyxia was already thousands of years old. Rias and Jane were also most likely in their thirties.'

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Chapter 533: Black Market

Rudy left the water part and walked around the city to find the shops for the things he needed. But most importantly, he needed more money.

The money he had given to Rebecca and Jessica was invalid in the 1989 timeline. Even when he bought tickets at the water park, he told them that he would pay when he returned to pick up the girls.

So now he had to find a new way to get the money. Fortunately for him, he knew just a place to make money without doing anything.

"Underworld."

Rudy originally planned to go to the casino, but he decided to go to the underworld as that place was much easier to make money.

After reaching there, he bypassed the security by flying over them. He had the Underworld Citizen card, but he wasn't sure if the 2008 card would be valid in 1989.

However, the underworld was nothing like it was in 2008. There was havoc everywhere. Gangs were after each other, shooting and killing everyone like animals.

"Now, this is how I expected the underworld to be."

Rudy casually walked on the street without caring for anything and made his way to the market.

'Come to think of it, an Underworld war should be happening during this timeline. But... it doesn't actually seem like a war. I expected blood and explosions, but hey, I am not complaining. I am just here to make some quick bucks and leave.'

Today's date is the 22nd of September. Rusher and his sister Ria must be overseas, and she might have also given birth to Maria already. Hmm~' Rudy placed his hand on his chin and wondered, "Rize should be around 4 years old. Alice and Ruby haven't been born yet. The same with Elise and Lucy. Niti and Vriti are... well, already surpassed human age."

I now feel somewhat grateful to have been born with them. I would never have met them if I had been born in a different timeline. That's honestly a scary thought."

Rudy was walking nonchalantly, minding his own business and muttering his thoughts to himself. There were few citizens on the streets as it was a curfew, but the gang members were running wild, killing each other.

"Where is Lu Bela? Shouldn't she be ensuring 'peace' here?" Rudy sighed.

Rudy had a bad feeling about his plan, but he still made his way to the market. However, just as he had expected, it was closed.

"..."

'So what if it's close. I will just go to the seller's house.'

He was about to leave but decided to scan the area with his vision abilities.

"Oh!"

The shops were indeed closed, but people were hiding in them.

'Most likely, everything was calm a few minutes ago, and when the shooting started, they pulled down the shutters.'

Rudy walked to the seller's shop and banged on the shutter.

"Come on, I know you are in there. Open the shutter."

But he didn't receive a response from inside.

"I am not an enemy. I am just here to sell some goods."

The shop owner opened the shutter a little, and Rudy took that opportunity to open the shutter completely.

Inside, seven people were standing, aiming their guns at Rudy.

Rudy casually entered the store and sat on the chair as if he owned the palace. He crossed his legs and leaned back to make himself comfortable.

"Yes, this chair is good. It makes you want to keep sitting on it and not leave this store. Is this some sort of psychological trick?" he wondered.

The seven armed people were still pointing their guns at Rudy with their fingers ready to press the trigger.

Rudy looked at the owner who was standing on the side and said, "I am here to sell some goods. I hope you can give me a nice amount. By the way, it's hot in here, can I have some cold drink?"

"Shut up! If you open your mouth again, we will kill you!" the guards said.

Rudy pretended to insert his hand in his pocket and took out a one-kilogram biscuit made from gold.

He placed it on the counter and asked, "How much for one biscuit?"

The owner reluctantly checked the quality under his machine and said, "\$5000."

Rudy furrowed his brows and uttered, "I know the current price goes above ten grands. And you are giving me half of that?"

"That's the market price. You are here to sell it illegally without any proof of the source of the gold. You might have found it on the street or stolen it from somewhere. I won't ask you for anything since that's what the black market is for."

"And I am also not asking for a full price."

"Then how much do you want to sell it for?"

'I honestly don't care what price I set it for, but let's have some fun bargaining,' he smirked inwardly.

"I want to sell it for \$9000."

"That's preposterous! You are basically asking for the market price!"

"How much are you willing to buy it for?" Rudy asked with a judging look on his face.

"I will give \$6000 maximum!"

"That won't do. Let's keep it at \$8500."

"No, no. You are asking too much."

"Oh well..." Rudy got up from the chair and said, "I guess I will have to go to the shop at the end of the block. That shop will surely give me \$8500 for one kilogram. And If I sell a few dozen kilograms, I might also get a bonus."

"Wait... you have more?" the owner asked. "Why didn't you say so? There is no need to go to another shop. There is no better seller than me in the entire underworld."

'Got him!'

Rudy didn't even know there was another shop on the block. But he used a classic trick, and the owner fell for it for some reason.

The owner rubbed his hands and nervously asked, "By the way, how much are we talking?"

"I have fifty kilograms of gold with me."

"Fifty kilograms?!" the owner exclaimed. "Please, sit, dear sir. Let's have a proper chat."

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Chapter 534: Setting up the House

"How did you get your hands on that much gold? Did you steal it from somewhere, or was it a heist?"

"I thought you weren't interested in knowing that," Rudy remarked.

"I am just curious, dear sir!"

"Okay, I will tell you if you give me a good deal. And if I am satisfied, I will become your regular merchant. You have already checked the quality of the gold. And I attest that you won't find a better quality gold than this one."

"Indeed. Indeed." The owner had now begun to talk calmly and respectfully with Rudy. He sat on the chair on the other side of the counter and said, "So... where did you get the gold?"

"Actually..." Rudy lowered his voice and said, "I can make gold with magic."

"Ahaha! Come on, dear sir. I am being serious here."

"Don't tell anyone, but I stole it from the bank."

"Is... that so?" he gulped down anxiously.

"Yes. I have much more with me, so get this over me. Tell me your final price, and I will tell you mine."

"The most I can give is \$7500."

"Let's make it \$8000. It's a fair price, especially when I am setting you the top-quality product in bulk. What do you say?"

The owner pondered for a while and nodded, "Okay. \$8000, it is."

'Heh! This was so easy, but as they say, people stop using their minds when it's about money.

Rudy's deal price was \$9000, and he only decreased it by \$1000, while the owner increased his price by \$3000.

"So..." The owner glanced around and asked, "Where is the rest of the gold? Is it on the way?"

Rudy touched his throat and said, "I feel so thirsty. Can I have something to drink?"

"Hey, you! Can't you see that the sir is thirsty?! Go bring something to drink!" the owner yelled at the guard.

"But everything is closed. There is no way—"

"Go!"

One by one, Rudy took out the gold biscuits from his pocket and placed them on the counter.

Since he had already copied the gold once, he could create it using his 'Clipboard Conjuring' ability without going to space or gathering the elements.

The owner and the guards were left baffled to see Rudy pulling out the biscuits from his pocket that looked empty.

"How... What is your pocket? How can it store so many things?" the owner asked with an utterly bewildered look on his face.

"Let's focus on the gold. You can check the quality if you want and get the cash ready."

The owner sent three guards to fetch the money while he checked the authenticity of the gold. Out of the remaining three guards, one guard was helping the owner in checking the quality, one was storing the gold in the case, and the last guard guarded the shop.

Ten minutes later, the first guard returned with a cold drink and handed it to Rudy.

"Oh, thank you."

Rudy leisurely drank the drink while everyone else was busy doing their work.

A few minutes later, the three guards returned with the money in the briefcases and placed them on the counter. There were four briefcases with one hundred thousand dollars in one.

"You can, of course, check or count the money if you want."

"Oh, there is no need. I trust you."

Of course, Rudy had already counted the money the moment he laid his gaze on the briefcases.

A few minutes later, everything was settled, and Rudy was ready to leave.

"It's a pleasure doing business with you," the owner. "Let's meet again sometime."

'He looks like in his early twenties, so in the 2008 timeline, is he probably alive if he didn't die somewhere,' Rudy uttered inwardly.

"Yes, let's meet again."

Rudy left with the briefcases and teleported to the house. Then, he opened them and took out the 2008 money from the drawer, and burned them into ashes before filling the drawer with the 1989 money.

"Let's see~ I think \$10000 would be enough for today's shopping. But seriously, I wish I could just order everything online, but online shopping doesn't even exist yet in this timeline."

SIGH!

Rudy took the money and teleported to the city. He had to go to different places to buy everything. And some items weren't available anywhere, so he had to fly to another city.

He returned two hours later, although he had already teleported everything to the house.

He cracked his knuckles and muttered, "Let's take care of everything and then go to pick up the girls."

Rudy first removed the stove and installed an electric stove. Then, he connected the underground water pipeline to the well and installed a motor in the house.

After that, he installed solar panels, set the electrical wiring, and connected the system with the solar inverter on one end and the other end to the battery— which he had already taken care of the night before. He then connected the inverter to the house power grid, and everything was done.

However, he was yet to test if it was working. He had used the hybrid solar panels, so the electricity was distributed directly— bypassing the battery— during the day, and the battery was used at night.

Rudy activated his vision abilities and sighed in relief when he saw the electricity transferring through the wires.

"I really need a pat on the back for all my work. It was so fucking exhausting. Even when I used my powers, it was a tiring job. Now... what's next?" he asked himself as he recalled his to-do list.

"Electricity, check. Water line, check. Stove, check. Money, check! Am I forgetting anything? Should I buy them a washing machine? Hell yeah!"

Rudy teleported and returned after a minute with a brand-new washing machine. He placed it outside the bathroom in the corner and muttered, "This... is where our washing machine was... is... in 2008. And it's the same brand. Did I... am I actually writing history right now?"

Rudy looked at the time, and it was the promised time. So he went to Rebecca's room and grabbed two pairs of clothes for Jessica and Rebecca.

"I still have money left for shopping, so I will buy them whatever they are—!"

Rudy stopped on his words as his ears twitched when he sensed a strong presence around him. For a split second, he felt the presence stronger than his, but it vanished completely a few seconds later.

"What was that? It came from the forest."

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Chapter 535: The Reason

"It came from the forest. Should I go check?" Rudy asked himself. "Obviously. The forest is near this house, and I can't take any risk."

Rudy left the house and went to the forest. He used his vision ability to scan the woods to find any sign of life, but it was clean.

"Hmm~ It surely wasn't my imagination since my powers warned me. But I don't see anyone. There is nothing I can do here, but let's be cautious. For now, let's get the girls."

Rudy teleported near the water park and paid for the tickets. He then went inside to check up on the girls, but they weren't there.

"..."

'Where did they go? Washroom?'

Rudy wanted to check the female washroom using his vision abilities, but he decided not to. He waited for them in the lobby and saw them coming out of the washroom.

"There they are."

He waved his hand at them so they could see him, but they didn't as the place was packed.

"Rebecca," he yelled out to her.

At first, Rebecca didn't hear so he called her out again and she heard it, but she couldn't see Rudy, so she glanced around to look for him.

"Here!"

After a few seconds, she finally saw him and rushed while dragging Jessica with him.

"You are here!" she said.

"Of course I am." Rudy handed them their clothes and said, "Here. Your clothes."

Rebecca looked inside the bag and squinted her eyes at him when she said, "They are our clothes."

"That's what I said..." Rudy raised his brow and asked, "Did water get in your ears?"

"No, I mean... this is our clothes from home."

"Yes."

"You looked through our closet?" she asked with a judging look on her face.

"Oh, so that's what it's about." Rudy nodded and said, "Yes, I did. I was planning to buy you new clothes, but if I did that, you two would have nothing else to shop for."

I was at home, so I decided to get your clothes from there. And before you ask what I was doing there, that's a surprise. You will know when you get there. Now, hurry up and take a shower before changing your clothes. I am waiting for you near the office."

Rebecca left with Jessica while Rudy went to the office. He wanted to take a closer look at Reina's family. He sat on the bench near the office and repeatedly glanced inside the office like a creep and watched Reina's parents happily talking with each other.

"They look like a nice couple together..." Rudy muttered. "Still, they left Reina with a huge debt on her head. Indeed, it wasn't their fault that they got into a mess. If anything, it's Scott's family's fault."

But are they, really? Sure their interest rate and the schemes were nasty, but I am sure Reina's parents would have taken care of the loan. Not to mention, most of the loan money had gone to their treatment.

So if anyone is at fault, it's that fucking piece of shit wanna-be god who spread the apocalypse. Too bad Virgil already took care of him. Otherwise, I would have loved to wipe my hands on him.

All this anger, pain, and rage inside me has been dying to leak out of my body. I keep enduring everything, and I plan to keep doing that. But I don't think I can keep that up for long.

I... want to let loose. I want to go... berserk. The Lord inside me is slowly awakening, and it's about time I start to accept it. I keep saying I am the Lord, but let's be the Lord. Let's act like a Lord; to live like a Lord; to rule like a Lord."

Rudy got up and knocked on the office door to get the couple's attention.

"Excuse me," he said.

Reina's father turned to Rudy and said, "Sorry, but if you need anything, you can ask the staff."

"Uhm... no. I want to talk to you," he calmly said.

"Oh? Are you here to reserve the pools for a party or perhaps some function? You will have to talk to the manager about that."

"No, I am not here for that either. I... uhh..." Rudy glanced at Reina, who was sleeping in her mother's arms. "Umm... nevermind. Yeah, I will talk to the staff."

"Sure."

Rudy didn't know how to feel or what to say to them, so he decided not to do anything at all. He waited for Rebecca and Jessica to write and then left soon after.

Rebecca was holding Jessica's hand while walking, but Jessica was pouting for some reason.

Rudy glanced at Jessica from the corner of his eyes and smiled awkwardly when he got caught by Rebecca.

"Stop pouting, Jessica. Or you will become fat," Rudy said.

"Why did you have to throw away our wet clothes!" She yelled.

"I didn't throw them away. I gave them to wash. They will be at your home when we return."

"I don't believe you, and I am still angry!"

"Is this what they call a brat?"

"I am not a brat!"

"If you stop sulking, I will let you order any food you want."

"Really?!"

"Yeah."

"Yay!" Jessica jumped in joy.

They went to a restaurant, and Rudy let them order anything they wanted. After that, he took them to the mall and bought them new clothes. Then, they went to the convenience store and bought ingredients for food.

Rudy wanted them to enjoy themselves more, but the girls were exhausted, so he took them home after eating some light dinner.

After reaching home, the girls went straight to bed and fell asleep. While Rudy emptied the bags and later increased the quantity of the ingredients when he placed them on the shelf.

To ensure everything, he once again went to the forest and scanned the area. Once everything was cleared, he returned to the house and fell asleep.

Rudy now knew why he was sent to the 1989 timeline. However, he still didn't know a thing related to who or how he time traveled and when he would return to the 2008 timeline. Regardless, time passed differently in both timelines, so no one from the 2008 timeline would ever notice Rudy's absence.

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Chapter 536: Elena

Days passed and passed, and Rudy spent his life with Rebecca and Jessica. He learned many new things about them and the world, but he couldn't help but miss his harem.

Currently, Rudy was walking Jessica to her school as usual. Rebecca left early as she was in the fifth grade, while Jessica had just begun her second year of grade school.

"So, Robert, how long are you going to stay with us?" Jessica asked hesitantly.

"I am not quite sure, and I cannot tell the exact time," Rudy responded. "And you can call me Rudy when we are alone."

"Okay, Rudy."

"So, why did you ask me that question? Do you want me to leave?" he asked curiously.

"No!" Jessica shook her head violently and hugged Rudy tightly. "I don't want you to leave!"

"Okay." He gently patted Jessica's head and said with a smile on his face, "I won't leave."

"Please stay with us forever."

"..."

"Sis has been smiling a lot ever since you came. We also get to eat new food, and our lives are at their best right now. I don't want you to leave!"

"..." Rudy couldn't say or promise about staying there forever as he himself didn't know how long he was going to stay there.

"You won't leave us like your father did, right?" she asked with teary eyes.

Rudy hugged Jessica and muttered, "I won't leave. I won't run away. I will stay with you two till the day I die. I will make you two happy. And... I will save you... I promise..."

Jessica looked at Rudy's eyes and saw tears. Although they didn't roll down his eye socket, Rudy was crying.

"Why... are you... crying?" Jessica asked while sobbing.

Rudy smiled distantly and said, "I just remembered someone who I love the most in the world."

"Is it me...?"

Rudy chuckled and said, "Let's get you to your school."

When they reached the school gate, Rudy saw an unfamiliar female standing near the entry.

"Oh!" Jessica exclaimed and rushed to the person.

"He, where are you going?" Rudy asked as she chased after her.

Jessica hugged the person tightly and said, "You are back!"

"Yes."

Rudy stopped in front of the person and asked, "Who is this?"

"She is my favorite teacher!"

"This is my first time seeing her in two weeks, so I assume she was on leave or something?"

The teacher raised her brow and hid Jessica behind her.

"Who are you, and why were you with Jessica?" she asked with a judging look on her face,

"I am her..." Rudy stopped when he saw Jessica shaking her head.

'It seems that the teacher is close to Jessica, and she most likely knows about her house circumstances. I better not lie to mess things up,' Rudy uttered inwardly.

"I am a relative of Jessica," Rudy responded calmly.

"A relative?" the teacher scoffed softly. "As far as I am aware, they don't have a relative."

"A distant relative."

The teacher squinted her eyes and asked, "Do you have proof to prove that?"

"Well, I don't carry my ID with me whenever I go out. And as you know, Jessica doesn't have a last name, so I can't vouch for that either. However, you can ask Jessica. She won't lie to her favorite teacher, would she?" Rudy shrugged.

The teacher turned to Jessica and calmly asked, "Jessica, did this man do anything weird to you?"

Jessica shook her head and said, "He is so kind and cool and awesome and fantastic and amazing. He also takes care of anything, and sis is also happy. He makes tasty food too!"

The teacher sighed in relief and asked, "What about your father? Has he returned yet?"

Jessica shook her head with a gloomy face and said, "No."

DING!

"Oh, look. The bell has rung. You better hurry, or you will be late," the teacher said.

"Okay!"

Jessica turned to Rudy and waved her hands, saying, "Bye bye! Let's go shopping after school!"

"Yeah." Rudy waved back.

Once Jessica was no longer visible, the teacher shot a judging glare at Rudy and asked, "Now that she has gone, start spilling."

"What do you mean?" Rudy played dumb.

"I know you are not her relative or anything. So tell me who you are and what you want from them. Otherwise, I will get the cops."

"I seriously have no idea what you are trying to say. How can you say that I am not her relative? I understand that, as a teacher, you are worried about her, and I completely respect that. Everyone should be like that, but I am truly their relative."

Rudy wasn't lying as he was indeed their relative, just in the near future.

"Look, I know her father. He was called out for a meeting as Jessica was also in poor condition. And he had told me that he is busy most of the time and only gets time to come home once or twice every week.

At that time, I had asked him about their relatives, to which he replied with 'none. He said they don't have a relative or anyone whom he could entrust for his kid's care. And now you are here, and you tell me that you are their relative?

Come on, why should I believe a complete stranger over her father? You may not mean any harm to them, but you have to explain yourself. Who are you?"

"Well, where is that father now?"

"..."

"Since you want to believe their father, where is he? And why hasn't he returned in months? Do you have any idea how the two sisters were surviving?"

"I know. I know everything very well. And I have tried my best to give them a good life."

"That's great. So let's not fight over this topic and introduce ourselves, shall we?"

Rudy moved his hand forward and said, "My name is Robert. What is your name?"

The teacher shook her hands with Rudy and said, "My name is Elena. Let's get along as Jessica and Rebecca's guardians."

A few days passed, and Rudy had become friends with Elena. And they met daily whenever Rudy went to drop Jessica to school and came to pick her up. Unbeknownst to either of them, their fates had already been intertwined, and their destinies were written.

They were already acquainted with each other in the 2008 timeline.

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Chapter 537: Two Weeks Later

Rudy was waiting for Jessica at the school gate, but she didn't come out even after five minutes. So Rudy decided to go in and see if she was busy with something.

It wasn't rare for Jessica to do that as she used to complete her homework in Elena's office— although she used to do it in her classroom when Elena was on leave. But she had promised to go shopping after school, so it was weird for her to not run out while jumping.

"She might have forgotten."

When Rudy was walking through the hallway, he found Elena talking with Jessica outside the classroom.

"Is everything alright?" he asked.

"Oh!" Elena stepped back and said, "Yes, of course."

Jessica pulled Rudy's finger and said, "She asked me if you were seeing someone. I don't know what it means, but do you?"

"Jessica!" Elena whispered violently and said, "Why are you telling him?!"

"Isn't it best to ask him for yourself?"

"That's not what it's about."

Jessica glanced back and forth at Rudy and Elena and then ran away while saying, "I will wait for you at the gate!"

"Wait!" Elena tried to run away, but Rudy blocked her way.

"So? The teacher who was suspecting me in the morning is suddenly interested in me?" he asked with a slight smirk.

"No, I am not! I was asking her to get more information about you because I still don't trust you fully."

"And how is that relevant in any way?"

"Well, I assumed you might be bringing your lover home when the sisters were away or something. I didn't want them to get involved in all this stuff."

"You know, I can tell when someone is lying. But sometimes, even the lie is actually the truth. There could be two reasons for the same action, so if someone tells one reason, it doesn't mean the other reason is a lie," Rudy stated with a proud face.

"I didn't know you were a magician," Elena commented.

"Excuse me. Magicians don't do that kind of stuff. Don't lump me with the likes of fakes who basically con everyone."

"Then tell me, mister Robert." Elena looked into Rudy's eyes and asked, "Was I telling the truth, or I lied?"

"Hmm~" Rudy stared into Elena's eyes purposely to make her nervous, and he kept staring at her until she averted her gaze.

Elena's face flushed a little as she asked, "Why are you staring so much?"

"It seems my power is not working. I will have to stare more," Rudy responded with a grin on his face.

"Oh. I see what you are doing. I have to admit, that was a nice one."

"Hmm?"

"Don't play dumb now. I realized your intention."

"Umm..."

"You were trying to hit on me, right?"

"No."

"I won't believe you. You are a terrible liar."

"No, seriously. I wasn't trying to do that."

"Well, I will say it worked." Elena wrote something down on the note and said, "See you soon."

She handed the note to Rudy and walked away.

"...." Confused, Rudy looked at the note and saw a phone number written on it. On the other side, she had written an address of a coffee shop and a meeting time.

"Did I just... get asked out for a date...?" he asked himself.

Rudy left the school and met up with Jessica. And then they went to the market together to buy ingredients for dinner tonight.

However, Rudy's mind was still on the note.

'I don't understand. I was only staring at her so her attention would be diverted from the topic. But she misunderstood and thought I was hitting on her. And... then she gave me her number and asked me out on a date?

I mean... wasn't that too easy? I wasn't even trying to do that. Keeping that aside, what should I do about this? I honestly don't think I should have had a relationship in the past timeline.

What if I do something and that changes the future entirely? But I did a few things that were already established in the 2008 timeline. For example, the washing machine. I think the electric stove too, but that might be replaced by my mom later in the future.

There were no solar panels and water motors, so I am not sure about that. Regardless, I should reject Elena's offer, but how? I don't have a sim card or a phone that works in this timeline, so I cannot contact her on the phone.

I guess I will go to the meeting place and explain to her my circumstances while leaving time travel related things aside. And... if she invited me on a date, doesn't that mean she is interested in me?

Like, even if she thought I was hitting on her, she would have acted repulsively if she was against it, right? It's been two weeks since we met, and we talk about a lot of things whenever I go to drop Jessica at school. So... is it safe to assume that she likes... me?

Now, this is awkward. I can't imagine what she will feel like when I tell her that she is mistaken. I kind of feel bad, but I have to do what I have to do. She is a responsible adult, and I am sure she would understand.

We don't know anything about each other. Whenever we talked, it was always about Rebecca and Jessica and something related to them.'

Rudy let out a deep sigh and muttered, "This is actually not my first time feeling like this."

'It happened in my past, too, whenever someone showed interest in me. I would feel guilty for turning them down for my selfish reasons, but it is what it is.'

After reaching home, Rudy cooked dinner, and they later fell asleep. It was a weekend the next day, and it was also the date day.

Rudy got up early and took a long bath. He then made breakfast and ate with Jessica and Rebecca.

"Are we going anywhere today?" Rebecca asked hesitantly. "You always take us outside whenever it's the weekend."

"Umm... not today. I have something else to do. I will take you to the water park again tomorrow."

"I know you are going to see Miss Elena!" Jessica dropped the bomb.

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Chapter 538: Date

Rudy had worn casual clothes, but he got scolded by Rebecca, who forced him to wear suitable clothes for the date. He kept telling Rebecca that it wasn't a date, but she wasn't convinced at all.

SIGH!

"I am late, and now it totally looks like I was getting ready for the date. I can't even turn down the date like this."

Rudy hurried his way to the only cafe in the town where Elena was waiting for him. But when he reached there, Elena was nowhere to be seen.

"Uhh..." Rudy looked up at the sky and muttered, "I am like 15 minutes late. Could it be that she left?"

Rudy heard a knock at the glass from a distance and saw Elena waiting for him inside the safe.

"..."

Rudy walked in and greeted her from the doorway.

"Hey..." he said awkwardly.

"You are late."

"I know."

She pointed her gaze at the empty seat in front of her and said, "Come sit."

Rudy sat in front of her and smiled at her.

"Hmm? Are you going to stare at me again?" Elena asked with a grin.

"If you want me to," Rudy responded calmly.

"How do I look?"

Rudy shrugged his shoulders and said, "You always look great."

Elena squinted her eyes at Rudy and said, "Are you a playboy?"

"Why would you think that?"

"I don't know. You are like... so smooth? As if you are used to dealing with girls and know exactly what to say to please them."

"Well, I wouldn't say no to that." Rudy raised his hand and said, "Excuse me."

A waiter came to their table and asked, "Yes? Are you ready to order, sir?"

"Yes. Get this lady whatever she wants. I will pay at the counter soon."

"Hey... no. You don't have to do that. I was the one who asked you out, so I will pay for us. Order anything you want and—"

"Let's not be formal. Order whatever you want."

"If I do that, you will also have to order something."

"I just ate breakfast with the girls, so I am full. But I will have a coffee, please."

The waiter then turned to Elena and waited for her order.

"Umm..." Elena looked through the menu with a troubled look on her face as though she didn't know what to order. She didn't want to order something expensive as she was being considerate of Rudy.

Rudy held Elena's hand and said, "Order anything you want."

"Yes..."

Rudy read Elena's mind and ordered for her.

"..." Elena raised her brows with a confused look on her face and asked, "How did you know what I wanted to eat?"

"I read your mind."

Elena couldn't help but burst out laughing after hearing that.

"You are so funny sometimes."

"Excuse me, I am always funny," he said with a smug face.

"How would I know? I am not always with you."

They both talked for a while until their orders got ready. After eating at the cafe, Elena wanted to go sightseeing in the town, so Rudy agreed, and they walked around the town.

When it was noon, they decided to eat lunch in the nearby restaurant and share their food with each other. Then, Elena wanted to take Rudy somewhere, so he followed her and went to the mountains.

"I wanted you to see the town's view from here. I hope you haven't been here before, or my hard work and plan would be ruined," she chuckled softly.

"No. It's my first time here, and thanks for bringing me here and showing me a view I had never seen before."

'Obviously, since this is the 1989 town, it's not as developed as it was in 2008. Even this mountain area had been demolished to make a way to go to the next city. In my past life, there was a flyover, but in this life, there was the abandoned tunnel— although now they are going to make a flyover after the tunnel was destroyed.'

Elena and Rudy spent a moment there, watching everything from atop and enjoying the cold breeze under the shadow of the trees.

"I wish we had bought some snacks. We would have made this a picnic spot," Elena smiled.

'This is... not bad. But it's not how I expected this date to go. Elena seems like a good girl, but I can't be in a relationship in this timeline. But why? I don't know when I will return. It has already been a month since I came into the 1989 timeline. What if I am stuck here? I cannot live my life like this.

I would need a partner to spend my life with. Not to mention, my super libido is killing me. I need to relieve myself every day, and it's a very shitty experience, to be honest. If I start dating Elena, then I won't have to worry about anything.

Surely, one day we will have sex and all, but I don't want 'that' to be a reason to date her. If I want to date her, then I will genuinely have to fall in love with her. However, I am afraid to hurt her.

What if, one day, I suddenly return to the 2008 timeline? What should Elena think? And... What if Elena is married to someone else in the 2008 timeline? If I date her and tell her that I would return for her one day, would that change anything?

Wait, how old is she currently? She is a grade school teacher, so she has to be in her early twenties. Even if she is 23 right now, she would be 42 years old in the 2008 timeline.

Would she even wait for me for 19 years if I disappeared? Only a second would have passed for me, but she has to wait for me for nineteen years."

Elena once again caught Rudy staring at her, although Rudy was lost in his deep thoughts, thinking about his future with Elena.

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Chapter 539: Alone in the Mountains

Elena felt a little nervous as Rudy continuously stared at her. They were alone in the mountains where no one was around. And a male and a female alone somewhere after a date could be interpreted in many ways.

'Is he going to kiss me?' she wondered.

"If you don't mind..." Rudy finally broke his silence and asked, "Can I ask how old you are?"

"Why don't you guess? If you guess it right, I will give you a reward."

"Twenty-three."

"That was fast. And no, I am not that old."

"Twenty?"

"No."

"Then?"

"I was seventeen years old until yesterday. Today is my birthday, and I turned eighteen today."

"How? You are a teacher, so...?"

"I am smart. I completed my high school when I was sixteen. And this town didn't have a teacher for grade school, so I took the job. And before you judge me, yes, I don't have the degree to be a teacher,

but I am qualified to teach them. Grade school is easy, and anyone can teach grade schoolers," she shrugged.

"That's great. But... are you sure about going on a date with an old man like me?" he asked curiously. "I am twenty-three years old."

"And? Five-year age gap is not that big."

"Still... we know nothing about each other."

"We can slowly open up to each other. And I am not interested in your past. I am curious about it, but it's up to you if you want to tell me or not. And... oh.." Elena covered her mouth and glared softly at Rudy.

"You made me confess everything!"

Rudy chuckled with a distant smile on his face and said, "That's also one of my powers."

"Okay then, my superhero. Since I have already confessed most of the things, let me confess everything." After a brief pause, she said, "I don't love you, but I am interested in you."

"..."

"And I will do what Jessica asked me to do." Elena looked into Rudy's eyes and asked, "Tell me, Robert, are you seeing anyone right now?"

"Right now... at this moment... it's only you."

Elena's face flushed a little after hearing that. She averted her gaze to the side and began playing with her hair by swirling them with her finger.

"So... how do you feel about me? Our first meeting wasn't exactly a good one, but..." Elena couldn't bring herself to speak more.

"Don't say that. I still think you were right at that time. And I was glad that someone else was worrying about them."

Elena hesitantly looked at Rudy and said, "If you don't like me, then it's okay. I don't want to force you. It might be a little awkward between us, though, especially if I see you daily with Jessica."

"You said you are interested in me, but I think I am a boring person. Why did you choose me?"

"Love is... not my thing. I don't believe in such stuff, but I wanted to have someone whom I could love and spend my life with. I know you will say 'You are still young' or something like that. But I have already lived my life.

I don't plan on going anywhere. I want to spend the rest of my life here, and if I had someone like you by my side, I would be happy," Elena replied honestly.

"What will your parents say? Would they be okay with you dating a five-year-older guy?"

"I don't care what they think. They can't make decisions about my life."

"I... did not expect that reply from you..." Rudy muttered. "You didn't seem like the type of girl to say that. Is everything okay with your parents?"

"It's complicated. I am not from this town. I ran away from home when I was twelve and have been living here since then."

"Well, we all have our secrets."

"Hmm," she nodded.

Rudy looked up at the sky and thought, 'There is still a lot of time left before the sunset. If I suggest we go home, she would feel like I am trying to end this date because I am not interested. But we don't have anything to do here.'

If we keep sitting here, things are going to escalate fast. I need time to think about my relationship here. This is not where I should reply irrationally just because I am interested in her.'

"Umm... shall we go now?" Elena asked.

"Let's stay here for a while. I bet the sunset would look amazing from here."

"What will we do until then?"

Rudy took out his phone from his pocket and conjured an earphone from the side.

"We can spend some time watching a movie."

"What is this thing?" Elena asked curiously.

"It's like a television, but a small one that can fit in a pocket."

"That sounds amazing! Where can I buy one?"

"They used to sell where I am from, but now they have stopped."

"That's sad... I wanted to buy one."

Angelica had downloaded a few things on Rudy's phone to watch when there was no network or when they were away from home, and Angelica had nothing else to do.

Rudy scrolled through the downloaded stuff on netflex, but most of the download was of anime. But there were a few movies she had downloaded, although they were horror movies.

'I can already guess why Angelica downloaded them.'

"Umm... this is a horror movie. Are you okay with them?"

"A ghost movie?"

"Yes."

"Is it super scary?" she asked.

"I haven't watched it either, so..." he shrugged.

"Let's watch it. You are here with me, so it's okay."

Rudy connected the earphone with the phone and gave one side to Elena.

"Are you ready?"

Elena nodded and said, "Stay with me."

Rudy played the movie, and they began watching it.

They were leaning against the tree and using it as a support, but now they were watching from one phone, their shoulders were rubbing against each other, and their faces were closer than before.

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Chapter 540: Getting Closer

As the movie gradually progressed and the plot thickened, Rudy and Elena became immersed in watching the movie. It was also Rudy's first time watching it, so he was excited.

They both had forgotten about the date, the mountain forest, and the sunset. The movie was about mysterious murders happening in a hotel, and one of the hundred people staying there was a killer.

However, the twist was that none of that was actually a killer; it was the ghost that possessed a new body each time it committed a murder. Of course, the viewers were made aware of it in the first half of the movie.

But there was another twist. The ghost didn't kill anyone other than the body it had possessed, and every time a murder occurred, the people voted on who was the culprit. And that culprit died next, forcing everyone to choose another culprit.

There were two detectives, two doctors, two lawyers, two teachers, two chefs, two electricians, and many more pairs of different people from various occupations.

The smart ones had realized the patterns of the deaths, so they voted for those they didn't like and got them killed by the ghost. They thought it was a death game where the last one to survive would win, but that obviously wasn't the case.

The movie continued, and the first part ended on a massive cliffhanger before revealing the true identity of the ghost who was walking amongst them. Hence, Rudy played the next part and watched it together with Elena.

Before they had realized it, the sun had already set, and the night arrived. Unfortunately, that was the night of no moon, so they had no light source.

When Elena noticed it was already night, she freaked out and hugged Rudy's arm. Of course, Rudy had noticed that the time was passing, but he didn't bother to do anything as he was also curious about the movie.

"It's already night! What should we do?!" Elena exclaimed in surprise.

"The movie still has twenty minutes left to end, excluding the credits. Let's watch it first," Rudy suggested.

"But... I am scared..."

"There is no need to be scared. This movie has become more of a mystery movie rather than a horror movie," he chuckled softly.

"How are you not scared?! We are alone in the mountains, and there is no moon in the sky! We have a long way to walk back, and you still want to watch the movie?" she panicked.

"We are not alone. Can't you hear the buzzing of the insects who are keeping us company?"

"This is not funny!"

Rudy somehow managed to convince Elena to watch the movie."

Twenty minutes later, the movie ended.

"Wow, who could have seen that coming..." Elena muttered.

"Yeah, that was a nice twist. But if we think about it, there were a couple of hints here and there."

"Still... the main character turned out to be the villain."

Rudy helped Elena stand up and asked, "Did you like the movie?"

"Yes! It was awesome. Everything looked so real, even the blood and the ghost. I was surprised!"

'Of course, there would be a huge difference in a 2008 movie.'

"Good. There are a few more movies, but we will watch them later."

"Yeah, now is not the next time to watch horror movies. I am already scared. I don't know how I will sleep tonight," she said while trembling.

Rudy and Elena slowly walked down the mountains, carefully considering their surroundings.

"Do you live alone?" Rudy asked curiously.

"No, I live with my grandparents. They are from this town, so I ran away from home and came here to live."

"I see."

"Why did you ask?"

"Maybe I would have come to your house to comfort you at night," Rudy said jokingly.

"Aren't you moving a little too fast?" she asked with a grin.

HOWL~!

Suddenly, there was a loud howl in the forest.

"Eek!" Elena jumped and hugged Rudy tightly. "I am scared!"

"Why are you scared? It's just an animal doing what it's supposed to do."

"Seriously, how can you be so calm after watching a horror movie?! Especially in the mountains?"

"A movie is a movie, and reality is reality."

Elena grabbed Rudy's hands and said, "So you don't believe in ghosts?"

"I didn't say that."

Rudy took out his phone from his pocket and turned on the flashlight.

"If you had this from the start, why did you use it before?!" Elena hissed and glared at Rudy.

"Be careful, miss. If you glare at me like that, I will turn it off, and you will have to walk in the dark again," Rudy teased her with a grin on his face.

Elena puffed her cheeks and said, "You are evil."

"Humans are evil."

"Hmm?"

"Are you scared of ghosts?"

"Obviously! They are ghosts!"

"Why? Do you think they are evil?"

"I don't know..."

"What were ghosts before they became ghosts?"

"Humans..."

"Exactly. Humans are the monsters here. There are all types of people, so why don't you assume that an evil human would become an evil ghost and a kind one would be a good ghost?"

"I will still be scared of both types of ghosts..."

It took them fifteen minutes to get off the mountains. And nothing had changed. The streets and their surroundings were still empty, with little to no light to see.

Rudy could easily feel how scared Elena was because of her trembling hand and shaky voice. She was trying to act tough, but that would never work in front of Rudy.

Rudy looked up at the sky and thought, 'It's hard to tell the time without the moon, but it's almost eight. The girls would be waiting for me, but I cannot leave Elena here or let her go alone in this condition.'

"I will drop you off at your house," he said calmly.

"There is no need... actually..." She squeezed Rudy's hand and said, "Please drop me off at my house. I am too scared to go alone."

In the end, the date ended with what Rudy had feared.