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After that, Leaving the house, Ella took a taxi as she directly gave the taxi driver the address to the restaurant she and her friends were going to meet tonight.

She was going out to have fun with two of her best friends and she was actually happy about it because this was their only night out after a long time.

A while later, the taxi finally stopped in front of a restaurant which you could see the inside of, from directly standing outside.

Getting off the taxi, Ella walked in front of its window as she looked at the seats on the other side of the glass.

Finally, spotting her two best friends, she began walking inside the restaurant, when a man who seemed to be the receptionist in charge of allowing entry to the customers stopped her as he asked, "Excuse me miss, do you have a reservation for tonight? And under what name is it?"

"... I don't, but my friends should have... look, there... they are my friends." Pointing at two girls who were sitting on a specific chair, Ella uttered with a half smile.

"I see, enjoy the meal, miss." The receptionist smiled as he no longer obstructed her path.

Afterward, Ella walked beside her two best friends and began talking, "You were both here earlier than me... Mary... Jess. What are you two talking about without waiting for me?"

"Elle! Is your boyfriend really that mysterious Chairman of the Virus Industries like Jess says?" But without even saying hello first, Mary began questioning her in a hurry.

"Sigh, this girl, at least wait for her to sit down before bombarding her with questions will ya!" Jessica uttered in a helpless tone as she shook her head.

Listening to this, Ella looked at Jess as she asked with a bit of frown, "Who did you hear that from, Jess?"

"Hey Elle, you're finally here... sit, sit..." After Ella sat down, she continued, "Mm, Actually, Grace told me... she said you confirmed it yourself! Other than that... there are also rumors spreading in the campus about this."

Listening to Jess's clarification, Ella voiced angrily, "Grace!!! I should've known she can't keep a secret from you guys!"

A COUPLE OF DAYS BEFORE - IN THE CAMPUS

Right now, Ella and Grace were sitting on the lawn of the campus as they seemed to be conversing.

"So! How was our beauty's date with her prince charming?" Grace asked right away, just after they sat on the lawn.

"Hehe..." Ella giggled happily as this was what she was waiting to hear, then she began talking, "It was amazing Grace!!! Can you guess where he took me? Uh... it was so romantic... my heart's still not calming down..."

"Hmmm.... a restaurant?" Grace guessed.

"Nope." Ella shook her head.

"Shopping together? Or doing a particular sport together?" She guessed once more.

"Nope nope!" Ella shook her head once again.

"Just tell me already!" Finally frustrated because of her curiosity not being sated, she yelled.

"Hehe, okay... you won't be able to guess it anyway... sooo... here is the answer... for our date... he took me to his personal helicopter as we had our date above the city in the skies!!!" Ella answered with her eyes still shining in happiness just thinking about her date.

Listening to the response, Grace was speechless and astonished as she thought to herself with a bit of jealousy anyone would feel, 'Oh my God, seriously, wish I had him as my boyfriend..., just how rich is he? Could he really be...?'

"You're shocked speechless right? Hehe, well... that's understandable..." Ella uttered giggling seeing Grace dazed and deep in thought.

"Oh my God Elle, I want a boyfriend like him too... doesn't he have a rich friend or something for me to date?" Grace asked afterward in a jokingly manner.

"Hehe, who knows, if you want, I can ask him?" She replied with a chuckle.

"Please do so!!!" Grace said with an exaggerated voice, then she continued, "By the way Elle, there is something I've been wanting to ask..."

"Eh... what is it?"

Then, she began, "... So he's called Aizen Vee, right? That's quite an uncommon combination which will be seen rarely... but I keep hearing that name on the television as the News and the other programs keep talking about the mysterious Chairman of the Virus Industries which hasn't even publicized himself yet."

"Tell me, Elle, are they the same person or am I overthinking things?" Grace questioned staring doubtfully at her as she further added, "Also, he's filthy rich! How many Aizen Vee's could we have in New York who happens to be filthy rich?"

Ella was a little surprised listening to Grace's deductions, but soon, she sighed and replied, "It wasn't that I was trying to keep that a secret or anything from you... I just hadn't found the right moment to tell you about it, anyway, yes, he is that Aizen Vee, the Chairman of that famous company... though I haven't talked about this with him at all. You see, even I came to know of this just because I've gone to 4 Times Square before."

Grace was almost certain with her own deductions as she was mostly asking to hear it from Ella's mouth, but listening to Ella really confirm it, she couldn't help but to be truly shocked.

Ella gave her some time to digest the matter as she understood her astonishment and also gave her the right to be shocked.

"You never talked about it with him? Are you for real Elle? How could you not ask anything related to that?" Grace inquired speechlessly.

"Well, he never mentioned it, but he never tried to hide it either, so I'm just doing the same for him, I'm waiting for him to talk about these stuff with me whenever he feels like if he wants, as it's also not that much of a big deal... what matters is that he didn't hide it." Ella explained with a tone like she seemed to be talking to herself rather than Grace.

"I see... you're such an understanding girlfriend, haha." Grace said jokingly with a laugh.

Afterward, Ella requested, "Keep it a secret for now, okay?"

"Uh... of course I will..."

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"..." Remembering that day, Ella couldn't help herself but be speechless when she thought about Grace's loose mouth.

Then, looking back at Mary, she responded, "Anyway, Ai is the Chairman of the Virus Industries, It wasn't like I was trying to keep it a secret from you guys or anything..."

They were both amazed hearing her response, but right after, Jessica said, "Actually, we were just talking about a News which is somehow related to the Virus Industries, and thus, our topic finally arrived at your boyfriend, Aizen."

"Oh... what is it?" Ella asked surprised.

"Don't you watch the News?" Jessica asked with a helpless tone looking at her friend's ignorant face.

"Do you remember those Allied Phone Companies' CEOs who tried to go against the Virus Industries? Its news had startled the whole world at the time... and in the end, one of them was even revealed to be the mastermind behind the 'Ghost Theft' which the CEOs were trying so hard to accuse the Virus Industries of... do you remember?" Jessica uttered.

"Of course I remember them... what about them?" Ella asked back in doubt.

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RIGHT AFTER THE FLIES STUNG THE CEOS

Seeing every imprisoned CEO other than those two CEOs from Korea and Finland stung without any of them even realizing, Virus mumbled, "It's just that you monkeys are no longer entertaining but still have some thoughts of plotting against me and annoying me later on, so..."

'If you guys had your previous positions, this might've been still a little interesting and I would've waited to see what you guys are going to do and how you would do it... but now, you have no power whatsoever and whatever

you do won't be a challenge for me other than annoying me, just like a bunch of annoying flies.' He thought.

When they were imprisoned, Virus wanted to leave them alone as they seemed to have lost all hope and surrendered. However, Virus witnessed that slowly but surely, the hate in their eyes began to accumulate and grow by each day.

And when they finally began to realize that they no longer had nothing else to lose, they began plotting to harm that company in whichever way possible even if it wouldn't deal much damage to it.

And witnessing them begin to plot and plan, Virus became annoyed rather than being entertained.

Then, as he sat on the highest floor of 4 Times Square, he thought, 'When you see a bunch of harmless flies flying around you and they don't leave you be, it would annoy you and you should naturally get rid of them.'

IN THE RESTAURANT WITH ELLA

"Of course I remember them... what about them?" Ella asked back in doubt.

"Well, since the past few weeks, they have been dying one after another for some random causes of death..." Jessica voiced with clear shock as if she was finally meeting karma in flesh and blood.

"Huh... what do you mean?" Ella questioned in confusion, not quite understanding what she was saying.

"I mean exactly what I said!" Jessica replied.

Then, she continued, "Some of them died of heart attack, while some had a deadly stroke, or all kinds of cancers found in their bodies... what I wanna say is that they have all died now... except four of them! But one of those four is

the missing mastermind behind the 'Ghost Theft', so we don't know if he's alive or not, while the other one is already on the verge of death in the hospital bed because of some kind of deadly cancer at its last stages. Only... two of them are completely healthy and kicking in prison!"

Listening to her non-stopping friend's description, Ella was stupefied.

Looking at Ella's dumbfounded face though, Jessica proceeded, "...Right? That was exactly the kind of expression I had when I heard the News... before today, I didn't believe in karma, fate, or such things, but that changes today!"

"Do you know what's more shocking?" Jessica asked with amazed eyes.

"Huh? What is it?"

"The last two remaining CEOs who seem to be totally fine after a check-up are those two which had surrendered themselves in the beginning! Can you believe this? It's like God is punishing those who didn't regret their actions until the very end... this is like a miracle!" Jessica voiced with her shining eyes.

Ella too, thought it was amazing that these things were happening to those CEOs, but remembering her boyfriend's illogical capabilities, she couldn't help but frown a little as she wondered, 'He couldn't have... right?'

Then, shaking her head, she continued, 'No, he wouldn't, and he's not even around at the moment... also... it's not like the cause of their death is some kind of poisoning or something.'

'The cause of their deaths seem to be completely normal and they aren't even dying at the same time either...' But then, forgetting that logic doesn't make that much of a sense when it comes to her boyfriend, she began to think logically and made sense of the entire situation.

In the meantime, in a hospital bed, a middle-aged man with an oxygen mask on his face was taking his last breathes as he thought, 'Is this God's way of punishing me? I should've never tried plotting against that company... I should've lived a better life. I didn't understand the saying that 'We all die naked in the end and return to dust', but now that I'm on the verge of death, I understand... however, it's too late now...' This was the last thought which went through this particular CEO's mind as he closed his eyes and sank into eternal darkness.

Right at this moment, inside each of their own prison cells, two specific CEOs were watching the News on the television.

"Breaking news! We just received a new update on Mr. XX, who was the last sick CEO... he was just announced to have passed away by the hospital." A beautiful lady was currently reporting the news of the last dead CEO as both of the CEOs from Korea and Finland listened to it very attentively with a frown in their faces.

'Sigh, what is this? Is it truly God's judgment? And why is it that it specifically didn't hit us two who surrendered in the beginning?' Both of the CEOs from Korea and Finland thought along these lines.

"Could these have been done by that company?" The CEO from Korea couldn't help but mumble with a momentarily light of suspicion passing through his eyes.

"Hahahaha..." But hearing his mumblings, the other prisoners in his cell began to laugh out loud as one of them finally stopped and said, "Do you think the Virus Industries is God to make every single CEO's die with entirely natural and normal deaths? Brother, It's just a horrifying coincidence which would probably happen every ten thousand years, haha..."

Listening to them, the Korean CEO truly thought he was just illogically overthinking things, so he uttered, "Whatever it is, I and the other CEO from Finland are truly lucky to be still alive... now whether its God's punishment, coincidence, or something else altogether, it doesn't really matter to me and I have no intention of thinking further about it."

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A large number of people were actually shocked by the news of the criminal CEOs dying one after the other, and at first, some were even suspicious of the Virus Industries being behind the whole thing.

But hearing the news of their autopsy which announced their cause of death was completely natural and normal, their suspicion and doubt subsided as they become speechless in another way.

They were stupefied because this seemed like some kind of miracle and justice sent upon the CEOs by God himself.

With this happening, there were even some who began to believe in God, while some others who were previously slacking in their religion began to pray for their God once again.

Some even made stories about this whole situation and narrated them to their children in their sleeping time.

A story about how some evil CEOs went against a just, righteous, and innocent company called Virus, just to face Divine punishment at the end sent by God, teaching them this moral lesson that evil will always be punished in the end as the 'righteous' and 'just' will definitely triumph over the evil.

All in all, this whole situation made the Virus Industries' image improve further as it gave a large number of people the illusion that even God was supportive of them.

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BACK TO THE RESTAURANT

"Anyway, Jess and I were talking about those CEOs when she mentioned that the Chairman of the famous Virus Industries which those CEOs plotted against is your boyfriend, shocking me to no ends!" Mary concluded.

"I see... by the way, Faith and Grace really can't make it tonight? I mean... it's been a long time since we went out together..." Ella questioned as she changed the subject to tonight.

"Sigh... they are both busy with something so they can't make it tonight, though they were both dying to come and join us too..." Jessica uttered.

"That's a shame... anyway, let's order something..." Said Ella as she signaled the waiter to come and take their orders.

Afterward, they had a nice dinner together as they began to chit-chat about everything in life cheerfully.

But, the dinner wasn't finished without Ella bending the prongs of the fork unintentionally.

When they were finally done eating, the trio decided to walk on the streets of the crowded city which was absolutely beautiful at nights.

They also stopped at some shops too as they began to look at different kinds of merchandise such as clothes, perfume, etc.

In the end, when they were finally finished with their night, they decided to separate from each other and leave for their own houses.

So, saying their goodbyes, the trio separated as each of them took a different route which led to their houses.

After parting ways with them, Ella decided to walk alone in the crowded city for a while before taking a taxi.

So, she started to stroll down the streets as she began thinking about Virus at the same time, 'Ai, when will you be back... I miss you...'

As these kinds of thoughts were passing through her mind, a woman suddenly appeared in front of her as she stopped Ella.

Seeing Ella stop, the woman spoke, "Hello, Miss Ella, I'm sent here by Mr. Vee, your boyfriend, to take you to him right now."

Listening to this woman who had a pitch black hair and black eyes as dark as night sky, Ella got excited as she uttered, "Ai is back?"

"Yes, Mr. Vee is back and he's currently waiting for you, please get on the car." Saying this, that woman respectfully pointed at a Virus car which was parked right beside them a couple of steps away.

Knowing that Virus was back, Ella was too exhilarated and thrilled to meet him as soon as possible that she totally forgot to ask herself why Virus didn't contact her through their special connection first after coming back. Though even if she wasn't excited, it was unknown if she would've suspected anything in the first place at all.

So just like that, without doubting anything or trying to make a call to Virus first, she hopped in the car, too eager for meeting him.

Then, as she sat in the back seat of the car, she realized that there was a man dressed in a suit beside her in the back seat, but assuming that it must

be a bodyguard or someone else who works for Virus, she decided to not mind him.

Seeing Ella already in the car, the black haired woman also went into the car as she sat in the front seat.

After the car began to move, Ella happily decided to call Virus to see where he was and where these people were taking her to.

However, as she tried contacting him, much to her surprise, she realized that no call went through at all... which meant...

"What's happening? Ai said I would be able to call him if he's anywhere close by... could it be he's not back? Then who are these people? Uhh... I trusted them too easily, why would Ai send them to pick me up without telling me first?" Immediately, Ella began to suspect everything that was happening and realized something was definitely wrong here.

So, she said nervously, "Stop the car right now!"

Listening to her suddenly ask them to stop the car right away, the trio in the car was greatly surprised because they thought their acting was definitely top-notch and she wouldn't be able to realize it until they arrived at their destination, but this girl seemed to see right through it.

But as they were not sure, the black-haired woman decided to test her first, "Sorry Miss Ella, we can't do that as we might lose our job, Mr. Vee ordered us to take you to him, so we have to accomplish the order or else we would be fired at once. Please understand the situation we're in."

Listening to her, Ella was sure that these people were not sent by Virus as he wouldn't force her to go to him, which made her begin to feel afraid inside.

But remembering that Virus had already prepared her for such a day, she calmed down a little as she inquired, "Who are you? Why are you trying to kidnap me?"

Listening to her question, the black-haired woman thought, 'Ahh, she knows, this makes things a little complicated...'

At the same time, she signaled the driver to go to a dark alley where not even a fly could be found.

Soon, without Ella even realizing because of being too focused on the people in the car, they were already in a very dark Valley with no one around to be seen when the car finally stopped.

"This place should be good enough to knock her out without anyone seeing it and being suspicious, Viper... knock her out already." The black-haired woman's tone seemed to have changed one-hundred eighty degrees around into a very chilling voice as she turned back and looked at the man who was sitting beside Ella.

"Yes, leader." It was at this point when Viper finally moved his body and looked at Ella.

It was also at this time that Ella realized this man beside her didn't have a left hand.

Viper on the other hand, just raised his right hand which still existed as a very strange mist began to form above it.

Afterward, when the mist was fully formed, he uttered, "Just don't move and let this mist touch you...don't worry, it'll only make you unconscious..."

Saying that, he began bringing his right hand closer and closer to Ella, while on the other side, Ella felt more terrified the closer the misty hand was getting to her.

She was so afraid by seeing the approaching hand which had a strange mist revolving above it that her body was completely frozen out of fear.

'No...no... I have to fight... I can't just stay still while doing nothing... but what do I do? Ai... what do I do?'

RIGHT AFTER ELLA WAS INJECTED WITH THE POTENTIAL OPENING INJECTION

The golden beauty had just come back from slaughtering the 'Snake to dragon' gang when she witnessed Ella kissing Virus on his cheek in front of her.

After hearing the report of the matter regarding the golden beauty's successful slaughter, Virus' attention was once again fully focused on Ella, "Anyway... with your potential now opened... if a day comes when you are in danger... punch... punch with all your might... alright?"

WITH ELLA - PRESENT TIME

Suddenly remembering those words of Virus, she discovered new-found courage in herself as she closed her eyes and punched toward the man in front of her while making a loud scream, "Ahhhhhhhhhhh..."

"Little miss, what do you think you can possibly do with..."

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He was just about to finish his line when his voice was cut off when a very fast punch hit him right in his chest as it produced the sound of bones shattering.

Then, with eyes as big as saucers, he was sent flying toward the door on the other side of the car which made a loud noise because of the impact of his body with the door.

However, amazingly, when he hit the door, it immediately broke open as a result of the impact, making both of them continue flying for almost a meter.

Witnessing the scene, Electro and Skin's eyes bulged out as they both stared at the place where Viper was previously sitting at in shock.

In the meantime, Ella began to feel an intense pain in the hand with which she had just punched Viper.

But knowing it was not the time to check her hand or stay still, while the two were stupefied by the punch, she hurriedly went out of the car wanting to run away from this alley to a crowded place.

After she was out of the car, Electro and Skin, who were both stunned by the scene in front of them to this very moment, finally snapped out of it as Electro murmured, "It seems she's one of us..."

"Yes, we miscalculated things and totally underestimated her..." Skin uttered.

"Let's go, we can't let her get away."

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At the same time, after Ella came out of the car, she saw a man standing just outside the car a couple of steps away from it, like he was waiting for something.

Ella was about to try punching him too, when the man bowed at her from his waist and spoke, "Hello miss Ella, I'm your secret bodyguard, master Vee has ordered me to show up only when your life is in danger."

Listening to this man's words, Ella who was just fooled by someone else had a hard time believing it, so she voiced nervously, "How could I believe you? You must be with them too..."

"You don't need to believe me, just run away toward the crowd at the end of the alley, I will get rid of these people myself." At this point, Electro and Skin were already out of the car as they were looking at the poor Viper whose details of life and death was unknown, the only clear thing was that lots of bones in his body were obviously broken.

After they were done looking at Viper, Electro gritted her teeth in anger as she looked at the Security ugly and Ella, as she ordered Skin, "Get rid of that puny bodyguard immediately, then catch the girl..."

"Yes, leader." Skin himself who was already very much angered began moving toward the direction of the two with very fast speed.

Seeing Skin's quick speed, the security ugly was surprised as he thought, 'These people are no normal people.'

At the same time, he moved in front of the still alarmed Ella and stated, "It's too late to run away now... as it seems they are no normal people, please stay behind me, I will protect you with my life on the line if I have to."

Ella was surprised hearing this as she looked at this ugly man in front of her as she couldn't help but trust him a little bit unconsciously.

By this time, Skin was already in front of the Security ugly as he punched at him.

However, the Security ugly didn't stay still to be punched either as he punched too toward the punch that was coming at him.

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A loud noise was heard when their punches meet each other, as a result of which Skin was forced to back away a couple of steps as he thought in shock, 'Ah, My fist really hurts! How is this possible...'

He was shocked because rarely someone was able to compare to the hardness and strength of his body while none of those people were normal.

In the meantime, the Security ugly who was still standing in the same position as before looked at his fist which's flesh was completely destroyed as the iron-like material inside it became visible.

But only a moment later, his flesh had already healed and covered his fist once again.

Both Electro and Skin were shocked seeing his Iron fist which was instantly covered with flesh again as Electro thought, 'What the hell was that? Does he have an iron fist? And what's with his flesh regenerating so quickly? Is his power..."

Skin, who was forced back also thought like that, as he charged once more, but this time... against his expectation, the Security ugly dodged the attack instantly as he counter-attacked toward his stomach, making Skin forcefully pushed back for almost two meters!

After finally stopping two meters away, Skin vomited a mouthful of blood as he thought while staring at the Security ugly, 'Damn it, he's fast and strong... and he uses some unknown top-notch techniques... it's my skin which is the hardest part of my body... while the other parts are also hard, they can't compare to my skin... just now, I think the shock of his punch hurt an internal organ of mine...'

'I need to avoid being hit by his punches...' He thought as he looked back at Electro and voiced, "Leader, he's powerful... It's gonna be really hard for me to defeat him as he has both techniques and speed to back him up... we can't waste time like this... so... let's work together, I will keep him busy while you retrieve the girl..."

"Alright..." Knowing he was right, Electro agreed immediately as arcs of electricity began to cover her body.

Witnessing those arcs of electricity, both Ella and the Security ugly were shocked to see a human covered in electricity.

But the Security ugly knew it was not the time to be shocked or astonished, so he delayed no further as he began to analyze the whole situation.

Even though he was really enjoying this situation and the exciting fight, he knew his top priority was the safety of Ella as he remembered his master's words clearly.

"Go and protect my girlfriend from the shadows, but only act when it's absolutely necessary in very dangerous situations. So what you need to do is to secretly follow her everywhere, and when a situation arises where she can't handle it herself, help her deal with it or escape with her if even you can't manage it. Though there won't be many people who would be able to threaten my current Ella, it's better to be safe than sorry." Virus described the Security ugly's new job, which was to keep Ella secure.

Remembering these words, the Security ugly began to analyze the situation to see if he can handle the situation while keeping Ella safe.

But no matter how he analyzed, he realized that with that electricity women in front of him, whose extent of powers was totally unknown, together with this powerful man, he couldn't guarantee being able to deal with them at the same time while protecting Ella safe too.

So, he understood this situation could be considered something that he can't handle all by himself. Thus, he needed to follow his master's order and escape with Ella, at least until a situation arose where he could finally deal with them while keeping Ella safe.

Afterward, the moment he was done analyzing the situation, he made a decision as he mumbled, "Do you trust me now?"

Ella, who knew the question was directed at her replied, "Uh... for some reason... I do..."

Listening to this response, the Security ugly grinned with his ugly face as he muttered back, "Then let's go."

Right after he muttered this, he had already turned around as he picked Ella on his shoulders and began to run toward the end of the dark alley, as he seemed to be headed to a particular direction.

Seeing him escape with Ella with extremely fast speed, both Electro and Skin were once again astounded by his speed which was even faster than what they had seen previously.

Then, Electro angrily stated, "We can't lose them no matter the cost!!! You bring the car after picking Viper up! And I will go after them."

Next, without waiting for Skin's reply, she also began to chase after the Security ugly with extremely fast speed while electricity arcs were surrounding her all over her body.

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The Security ugly, on the other hand, was already almost at the end of the dark alley by now with Ella on his shoulder.

At the same time, Electro was done giving her orders to Skin as she began charging toward the two like a bolt of lightning.

Then, when the Security ugly was finally out of the dark alley, there was a still turned on car waiting just outside the alley, this was because when they had previously entered the dark alley, the security ugly was in so much hurry that without even trying to turn the car off, he dashed toward the alley in secret when he saw it stop there.

In fact, before they had made a turn into the alley, the Security ugly had thought that Ella had entered the car because she recognized a friend or someone else she knew, and that's why she hopped in the car.

And it wasn't until they stopped in the dark alley, that all of the alarms went off in the Security ugly's brain as he dashed into the alley.

In any case, after arriving beside his car, he immediately opened the back door of it as he put Ella there in an extremely quick manner before going into the driver seat as he put his foot on the gas pedal until the very end.

By now, Electro had almost caught up to the car when she witnessed it whirl away as she missed it with just a few meters distanced from it.

But fortunately, at the same time, Skin had also driven the car to her side. So, without delaying for even a second more, she hopped in the car too and yelled, "Drive! Don't lose them!"

During this time, inside the Security ugly's car, Ella was bombarding the Security ugly with questions, "What's going on? Who are they? Why would they wanna kidnap or harm me? And who are you?"

Listening to the chain of inquiries though, the Security ugly only replied with, "This is not the right time to be answering your questions... I will answer them when this is all over...and right now is not the time because they are still following us... however, as to your question of who they are... even I have no idea about it..."

Then, after responding like that, the Security ugly took out his phone and called someone.

Listening to his words, Ella looked back to check if they were following them, and was shocked to see that they were truly still following them.

The CEO ugly was currently very busy even at this time of the night, while he was dealing with some documents which needed his signature as the CEO of the company.

'Good thing I don't get tired unless I want to...' This thought just went through his head, when his phone on the desk began to ring.

Taking a look at the caller ID, he was surprised to see that it was actually the Security ugly calling him, so after a momentary surprise, he immediately picked it up as he responded, "It must be something important for you to call at this time of the night, tell me... what is it?"

"Hey, I'm having a bit of a situation going on here... you know master has given me the task of protecting Miss Ella while he was gone right?" His voice came from the other side of the line.

"Yes... I heard some things about it, you must be happy to be finally out of that island, right?" The CEO ugly voiced with a smirk.

"It's not the time to... anyway like I said, I'm in a bit of a situation here and I need your help to deal with it..." His voice came from over the phone once again.

"Go on..." With a bit of frown, he uttered.

"So, just now, I was secretly following her when someone tried to kidnap her... now she's safe with me. However... those people who tried to kidnap her were both really powerful... and they had some kinds of superpowers or something similar." He continued describing the situation, "Now, saving her was not that much of a problem but they are still following us currently... I could lose them if I want to, but, that's not a solution as they will definitely try kidnapping her again."

The CEO ugly was astonished to hear that there were actually two people with strange powers, but understanding the dire situation he probed no further on that matter for now, as he asked, "So... why aren't you dealing them? Are they even more powerful than you?"

The Security ugly replied in response, "I don't know, they have strange powers and even though I think I might be able to handle them eventually, that would be hard while also protecting miss Ella... so I need your help."

"I see, alright, bring them to the roof of the building beside 4 Times Square somehow... no one goes there usually, so it's the safest place for dealing with them quietly, I will be waiting there." After a short pondering, he said.

"What about Miss Ella?"

"Bring her too, the safest place in the world for her is definitely by our side."

"Alright..." Finished with his words, the Security ugly hung up the phone as he seemed to be focused on his driving and his pursuers.

'Who would dare try kidnapping master's woman? Some balls they have...'
Thinking this, the CEO ugly stopped doing whatever he was doing as he began to move out of his office.

But he didn't forget to call the Legal ugly too, "Hey, come to the rooftop of the building beside 4 Times Square... someone's trying to harm master's woman."

The Legal ugly who was also busy in his own office dealing with some legal stuff replied back in a similar manner to his own thoughts, "Who would dare try to harm our master's woman?"

"No idea... anyway, come as quickly as possible." Keeping his words short, he uttered back.

"I'm on my way right now as we speak." Replied the Legal ugly as such, because he had begun to move the moment he was notified of the news.

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Soon, the CEO ugly was standing on the rooftop of the building beside 4 Times Square patiently.

And even two minutes didn't pass when the Legal ugly also arrived, but seeing the CEO ugly standing there alone, he was surprised as he questioned, "Where is that person who's trying to harm master's woman?"

"The Security ugly's leading them here as we speak, so wait for now." With a very serious face, the CEO ugly responded.

"Them? Who are they? And why are they trying to harm her?" The Legal ugly asked further.

"I have no idea who they are or why they want to harm her... but according to the Security ugly..." Then, he began telling him the exact information the Security ugly had passed on to him previously while he also explained how they seemed to have some strange abilities.

Listening to his description though, the Legal ugly was quite indifferent to the strange powers part as always, but his eyes which usually lacked any kind of light in them seemed to be emitting some kind of intense light in them, which the CEO ugly interpreted it as being the light of anger.

Seeing this rare reaction from him, even though the CEO ugly was surprised inside, he totally understood it, as he was also filled with rage since the moment he was notified that his master's woman was in danger.

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The two uglies waited for another ten minutes when finally, they heard the sound of quick footsteps.

Soon, they witnessed the Security ugly appear in the rooftop with Ella on his shoulders.

Then, spotting the two uglies, he smiled and uttered, "You are here! They are coming."

Then, he let Ella off his shoulder as the CEO ugly began talking while glancing at the ugly beside himself, "Legal ugly, you keep Ella safe behind us as we fight them... don't leave her side no matter what!"

"Alright." Legal ugly accepted without any delay because he knew the importance of Ella's safety.

Ella, seeing the CEO ugly, was finally put at ease as she had seen the CEO ugly before, so knowing this was not the time to be asking questions, she went and stood by the Legal ugly's side.

Seeing this, the CEO ugly directed his line of sight at the Security ugly and inquired, "What are their powers?"

"The male has a very hard body together with almost super strength... while the female who seems to be the leader can control lightning." Without beating around the bush, he replied.

"Hmm..." Listening to the Security ugly, the CEO ugly began to ponder deeply as he put his thumb and index finger on his chin.

Then, almost three seconds later, he was finished thinking as he declared, "Okay... you fight the male while I deal with the female leader..."

"I'm fine with that, I wanted to continue my fight with him anyway..." The Security ugly agreed easily.

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A few seconds later, they began to hear the sound of footsteps again and soon, two people were standing right before them.

The CEO ugly looked at the two first before questioning in absolute calmness, "Who are you two and why do you want to hurt her?"

Seeing the CEO ugly right in front of her, Electro began to grit her teeth as waves of hostility and hatred began to shoot out of her eyes as she thought, 'They were all massacred just because we tried to assassinate this man...this is all his fault!'

"Good! You are here, this makes things much easier as you were our next target, I will kill you and then... I will take her with me too!" She chillily voiced filled with enmity and revulsion as electricity arcs even more intense than the

previous times began to cover her all over her body as she then raised her right hand and pointed it toward the CEO ugly.

Immediately, a bolt of lightning shot out of her palm as it instantly traveled the distance between them and hit the CEO ugly right in the chest, making his cloth and flesh in the middle of his chest explode while also sending waves of electricity all over his body.

This was happening because the bolt of electricity had a destructive power too just like a bolt of lightning when it hits a random place on earth.

Afterward, Electro was thinking that he was dead for sure as a smile crept over her face, but it didn't last for even a minute when a shocked expression replaced the smile seeing his iron-like chest as she muttered, "What... what are you... what's... with your chest?"

Skin too, who was by her side had the same expression, seeing the CEO ugly still standing with his iron-like chest screening in front of them.

The Security ugly on the other hand didn't wait and charged toward Skin with an extremely quick speed after seeing Electro attack without trying to respond to the CEO ugly's question.

Still in shock, Skin was surprised by the sudden attack from the Security ugly which hit him right in the face, forcing him to retreat back for a couple of steps before finally stopping as he snapped out of his shock.

The CEO ugly, on the other hand, had a dark expression on his face after going through her attack without any effort of trying to reason first.

So, without even waiting for his chest's flesh to close up, he charged at Electro while she was still in shock.

Extremely quickly, he went by her side as he punched her in the chest.

Bam~

Then, the sound of a fist hitting something was heard, but the sound seemed to be different than what the CEO ugly had expected.

So, focusing on his target to see the reason... he became shocked!

Because, instead of hitting her chest and sending her go flying, his fist had just hit a shield which seemed to have been made out of electricity while she stood still in her same place as before.

Although in shock, the CEO ugly began to punch the shield one after another trying to break it by sheer force, so sounds of his fist making contact with the shield began to spread on the rooftop.

Bam~ Bam~ Bam~

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But no matter how much he punched, he witnessed that the shield was still the same as before as she just stood in her place while glaring at the CEO ugly with a dark and deep animosity.

Afterward, she finally spoke, "I don't know what you are... but that doesn't matter... because I will kill you anyway."

Then, raising both of her hands, she pushed them toward the CEO ugly as an even more intense electricity attack hit the CEO ugly, this time making him go flying back with bits of his flesh scattering around everywhere.

On the other hand, the Security ugly was punching Skin one after another which was producing the loud sound of steel hitting a rock.

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Skin, on the other hand, was kept being punched as blood kept splashing from his mouth while his skin had turned red and purple all over in the places he was punched at.

Meanwhile, he continued to struggle as he tried defending and attacking back at the same time, but whenever he sent a punch or a kick toward the Security ugly, his punch was met with another punch while his kick was met with another kick.

The Security ugly's iron-like fists were totally revealed with no chance to be covered because of the force he put behind his continuous punches.

Skin continued to be punched and kicked for a while, when he could finally no longer tolerate it as he yelled with anger, "Ahhhhhhhhhhh..."

Hearing the sudden yell, the Security ugly was surprised as he stopped for a moment.

Seeing him stop, Skin's malicious eyes stared at him with wrath as his bloody face contorted.

Then, he stated, "Okaaay! You are worthy enough to die by my full power!"

Then, he began to yell once again as he seemed to be tensing his body all over, "Ahhhhhhhhh..."

The Security ugly on the other hand felt like it was kind of funny as he charged to start punching him like a punch-bag once again.

But even as he punched, Skin continued to scream.

It wasn't until fifteen seconds later when he finally stopped yelling.

But at this moment, an astonishing thing happened!

And that was... his skin had almost changed into... orange!

And more shockingly, he just watched the Security ugly punch him one after another now without even flinching or moving from his place in the least!

The Security ugly finally stopped and looked at him in shock as Skin mumbled, "Are you done now?"

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"You... you're much more powerful now..." The Security ugly muttered as his eyes went wider in surprise.

"Haha... of course, what did you expect would happen when my skin's color changed? That I got sicker?" Skin replied.

Then, this time, he charged toward the Security ugly with a faster speed and grabbed the Security ugly's right hand as he pulled him by all of his strength up to the air and then slammed him hard to the floor of the rooftop with all of his might.

Bang~

Accompanied by a very loud noise, the rooftop floor shattered like a spider web as the Security ugly lay there unmoving in the middle of the crack with his eyes wide open.

'He's heavier than I thought...' Surprised, Skin thought, 'Whatever, let's break him into pieces and teach him the fact that he was never my opponent to begin with...'

As these thoughts passed through Skin's head he began to pull Skin's right hand and roared with all his might as he sat on the Security ugly, "Aaaaaaaahhh..."

Soon, sounds of cracking were heard from the Security ugly's right hand as it was severed entirely!

The CEO ugly on the other hand, who was just electrified in his chest, was feeling like his reaction speed had gotten slower after getting hit by the intense electricity as even moving his body was a little harder now.

Also, seeing the Security ugly's hand get severed, he was dumbfounded, because prior to witnessing the scene of his hand get ripped off, he had assumed their bodies would be much harder to the point of being invincible at least on Earth!

On the other hand, seeing the Security ugly's hand get ripped off, Ella uttered in a louder voice worriedly, "Oh no! His hand... We need to quickly take... "

But immediately, she saw that other than the surface muscle and skin, the inside of his arm was made of some iron-like material which made her astonished and shocked to no ends as she mumbled, "What... What is that...?"

Ella wasn't able to see the CEO ugly's iron-like chest to this moment because he always had his back turned toward Ella as he stared intently at Electro in front of him.

Even when Electro's lightning had hit him and made his chest revealed, he was very cautious and careful so that Ella wouldn't be able to see his chest.

But now, she had seen the Security ugly's hand, so he didn't know how to explain it to her later or even if he was allowed to explain it to her at all without his master's permission.

The Legal ugly who was indifferent most of the times, seeing how the Security ugly's hand was severed and how the CEO ugly seemed to be having troubles dealing with the situation mumbled, "This is bad... it seems they can't handle the situation by themselves... but... even if I join them now... probably, we still won't be able to deal with them..."

However, he still looked at the shocked Ella and voiced, "We will explain what's with the Security ugly's hand after this is all over... right now, we need to concentrate and think of a solution to keep you safe."

As the Legal ugly spoke those words, he moved right in front of her in order to protect her from any possible sudden or sneak attacks.

Currently, even her line of sight was covered as the Legal ugly was now standing exactly in front of her, so she wasn't even able to witness the ongoing battle anymore.

Meanwhile, Electro who had just electrified the CEO ugly looked at him and uttered with a grin, "How is it? Do you think you can be my opponent? Haha... it's time for payback! I swear I will avenge every single one of them and it shall begin with you!"

Saying this, even a stronger bolt of lightning was produced from her hands as it instantly hit the CEO ugly once again, sending him flying right beside Skin who was ready to take action and sever the Security ugly's other hand.

Laying there helplessly, the CEO ugly began to wonder to himself, 'Uh... it seems we are not their opponents at all like this...this situation cannot continue this way any further or else ...'

Tap~ Tap~ Tap~

At the same time, Electro began to walk toward the CEO ugly as she uttered, "Now, there is no one that can save you, not even God! This is something you

brought upon yourselves... so if you want to blame someone, blame yourselves for offending the... Heaven!"

However, not paying any attention to her words, laying there while looking at the dark starry sky, the CEO ugly's mind wandered back to the last time his master had paid him a visit which also happened to be the first time he had personally come to his office by himself.

He remembered how when Virus was about to leave there, he had taken a ring out of his pocket and handed it over to him as he stated, "Take this, you're gonna need it. Use it when necessary."

At that time, he was really confused, but now, he finally enlightened as he understood his words fully, 'This can be considered a necessary situation, right?'

Then, no longer hesitating at all, he sent a bit of his consciousness into the ring on his right hand as he connected to it directly.

The moment he connected to it though, he heard a voice which was very similar to his master's in his mind.

I Ding! Do you want to activate the High-Frequency Vibration Ring Weapon? Yes/No I

'Yes!' Seeing the question, he sent his thought to it instantly.

Congratulations! The High-Frequency Vibration Ring Weapon is activated!

These words appeared in his line of sight the moment he had confirmed the activation as he also began to hear that voice once again.

I What type of weapon would you like the ring to transform into? Melee/Ranged I

'Melee.'

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『 Please pick one of the melee weapons below. 』
⟨1.Axe⟩
⟨2.Sword⟩
⟨3. Spear⟩
⟨4.Dagger⟩
⟨5.Kitchen Knife⟩
⟨6.Heavy Sword⟩
⟨7.Katana⟩
⟨...⟩
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Witnessing the list in his line of sight, the Security ugly took a glance at each option before directing his eyes at the next weapon.

This process continued until his eyes became fixed on the seventh weapon on the list as he no longer even bothered to check the rest of them and commanded while pondering, 'I used the Katana before and I'm quite fond of it now, to be honest. So... my choice will be... Katana!'

If Are you sure? Please note that the weapon you choose will become the permanent and the only option for this ring from now on. If

'Oh... so it becomes permanent and I would be able to only choose Katana from now on... well, that doesn't change my mind, I still choose Katana.' The CEO ugly thought while connecting to the ring.

¶ Done! From this moment onwards, the ring will be called The High Frequency Vibration Katana Ring.
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I Now, do you want the ring to activate and change into its Katana form?

'Yes! At once!' He thought as a cruelly sharp and penetrative light began to shine in his eyes.

The vibration power will be automatically set to 50% of full power, you can manually control the vibration at any time you desire by connecting to the Katana directly.

Then, the ring on his right hand instantly transformed into a pitch black Katana which he shrewdly kept behind himself in an angle Electro wouldn't be able to spot it for a while.

In the meantime, Skin had just grabbed the Security ugly's left hand as he was ready to rip it off at any moments now.

But suddenly, without him even noticing, from out of nowhere, a shadow appeared right behind him wearing a very dark expression as he slashed at Skin's neck without any kind of mercy or hesitation.

Electro who was walking toward the CEO ugly stopped when she witnessed him promptly stand up in an extremely quick manner as he went behind her right-hand man.

Seeing this, she was amused as she thought, 'You desperately want to help your dying comrade, huh. Alas, in Skin's current form... it would be almost impossible to harm him.'

She continued, 'But go on... as this vain attempt will only make you sink in more despair which is even better for me! Hehehe...'

Right now, the CEO ugly's body was standing absolutely still with a very chilly and dark expression as he slashed with a speed which made his hand seem like a blur!

Instantly, the Katana in his hand made direct contact with the skin of his neck!

Then, the CEO ugly was expecting to experience a feeling similar to chopping at a hard rock when something entirely opposite to his expectation took place as the sword continued in its path and cut through his neck as if it was cutting through tofu!

No, it didn't even feel like cutting through tofu as it felt more like he was just swinging his Katana through the empty air without any kind of obstacles in its way!

Then, the blur disappeared as a completely clean Katana became apparent in the CEO ugly's right hand without any kind of blood stain visible on its surface.

Oddly though, Skin's head was still attached to his head as he mumbled with wide eyes, "Wha..."

Unfortunately, before he could even phrase his confusion, his voice was cut off as his head rolled on the ground, falling off of his neck.

Afterward, a fountain of red blood shot off from his headless neck making everyone thunderstruck as their eyes turned into saucers!

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Electro's eyes were as wide as it could be as she stared at the headless body in front of her and mumbled, "Ugh... No... this can't be... Tom..."

Obviously, the CEO ugly wasn't going to give her the opportunity to recover from her state of shock as he charged toward her to cut her head off too once and for all, in order to get rid of any kind of future trouble.

And so, with the Katana in his hand, he was almost instantly upon Electro as he raised his weapon and slashed at her with very fast speed.

Unfortunately though, in an instant, Electro's body was abruptly covered in electricity as even her hair stood up on its end, then the next moment, she just disappeared from her spot!

The CEO ugly was surprised by her sudden burst of speed which was almost three times faster than before.

However, he quickly began looking around to spot Electro in order to continue attacking.

Then, turning around, he found Electro standing beside the headless body of Skin as she murmured in a low voice while gritting her teeth, "I will definitely avenge your death just like the others... I promise." A drop of tear then gathered in her eyes but before it could even begin to roll down her face, it was vaporized as she was currently covered in electricity as it also coursed through her body.

By now, the CEO ugly was once again upon her as his own speed had accelerated further too, but Electro dodged again, though with a little difficulty this time.

After that tear had gathered in her eyes and vaporized, she turned bizarrely calm to the point that her face no longer wore any kind of expression as she pondered, 'I cannot go on for long like this in this form... it seems the wisest choice right now is to retreat. Even though I hate to do that to the last bit of my existence, I have no other choice if I really want to take revenge as it would be too hard for me to deal with all of them at this moment.'

'Sigh... it seems I have no other choice but to contact master... it's been years since we last talked, I wonder what he's been up to all these years at that place.'

While this thought was passing through her mind, she was constantly under the barrage of attacks from the CEO ugly, but unfortunately, none of it successfully hit her.

Now that she had made a decision, she looked at Skin's cut off head one more time before changing her gaze at Ella who was being tightly protected by the Legal ugly to the point of her not even being able to see Skin's dead body.

Then, she began running toward the entrance of the rooftop, not even bothering to leave a few words of hatred before going away.

Seeing this, strangely, the CEO ugly didn't chase after her, which made the Legal ugly question, "Why aren't you following her? Go!"

Shaking his head, the CEO ugly replied, "I just checked, I'm not as fast as she is... she would be long gone before I arrive at the parking."

"I see..." The Legal ugly muttered, understanding the situation.

He also had just compared her speed with his own and knew he too was incapable of chasing after her, so he knew they had no other choice but to let her go for now.

Then, almost a minute later, a loud sound of an engine car roaring was heard as it soon disappeared into the night of the city.

"You bring miss Ella away from here, the Security ugly and I will deal with the mess here." The CEO ugly voiced.

"Okay."			

THE HIGHEST FLOOR OF 4 TIMES SQUARE

Currently, Ella was sitting on the couch extremely quietly with her head lowered, as she seemed to be still dazed about the whole situation she had just gone through.

It was then that the Legal ugly appeared beside her with a glass of water in his hand which he placed on the table and offered, "Drink it, it will help you calm down."

Seeing the glass of water in front of her, Ella picked it up as she drank the whole thing without even breathing in between.

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Being done with her drink, she placed the glass on the table, and looked at the Legal ugly with a serious expression and opened her mouth, "What's going on? Who were they? And why did they try to kidnap me?"

"I'm not sure..." This was the only reply he could provide her with as he truly didn't know.

"Then... what were they using before? I mean... that guy turned orange... and the other woman could produce electricity from her palms, was it because of some kind of advanced technology like Ai's things?" She probed further.

Shaking his head, the Legal ugly answered with an indifferent face, "I don't think so... I guess they were using some kind of supernatural power or maybe some kind of super ability, or maybe something else altogether. To be honest, I didn't know people with those kinds of abilities even existed before today, so I'm not sure either, sorry."

Listening to his response, she said, "It's okay... you must be shocked yourself just as I am... oh right... who was that person... that guy whose hand was cut off? I mean I had seen you before... but it's my first time seeing him."

"Oh, he's one of us and he also directly works under Mr. Vee just like me and Mr. Greg ... he's your temporary bodyguard at least during the period the chairman is gone. You can call him the Security ugly... uh, also, you can call me the Legal ugly."

'Even though you're all horribly ugly... but still... is it okay to call yourself ugly?' Ella thought awkwardly as she sweated a little.

"Anyway, what was with his robotic arm? Some kind of advanced technology?" She questioned again, this time her eyes shining a little.

'Why do you assume everything is some kind of advanced technology...' He wondered, before continuing his thought, 'Though what you said isn't false either, as that hand 'is' truly an advanced technology... so, guess I'll stick to that for now, at least until master comes back.'

Instantly being done with his thought process, he confirmed, "Yes... it is, anyway... if you have any further questions regarding the arm, you can ask the chairman yourself when he comes back."

CULTIVATION EARTH

~SLAM

"Damn it! That bastard!!! How dare he steal my little sister's thunder again!"

Deadter Ilon yelled with an enraged voice as he shattered the table in front of him with a simple slap.

"Big brother... calm down, I'm not done yet... he achieved a hundred percent completion. Moreover, he's a superior disciple now, which means you need to be careful from now on and make no rash movements when it comes to him, he's not a nobody anymore." The skinny male who was previously interrupted by the enraged Deadter continued.

Listening to him, he became speechless for a moment as he went completely silent, it wasn't until a while later when he finally mumbled, "Hundred percent...? Superior Dusciple? That bastard...?"

"Yes! That's why... maybe it's better if you forget about..." The skinny male was just about to finish his sentence when he was interrupted again.

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Accompanied by Astes and the golden beauty, Virus was currently standing in front of the library when Astes finally opened her mouth, "This is the Normal Disciples' library... let's go inside."

Saying that, she walked inside as the two followed after her.

"How have you been elder?" By the time the two entered, Astes was already greeting the elder behind the counter.

"Hoho... isn't this the genius of the Alchemy Pagoda, Astes? You finally came to register?" The elder who had long white hair with white brows questioned.

"Yes, but before registering me... please register my new junior apprenticebrother." Astes voiced as she directed her gaze at Virus.

"Hoh? Who is this junior?" Looking at Virus, the elder questioned.

"He was just accepted to be my master's disciple yesterday..." She replied respectfully.

"Hooh... so he's that boy who has achieved hundred percent in the Inferior library's knowledge examination just by reading for around a day or two... truly an amazing young man I must say..."

"Oh, so you've heard of him already." Astes voiced surprisedly.

"Of course! I'm a librarian and matters related to the library travels to my ears fast." The elder replied.

"I see."

"Anyway, what's your name and which contest are you interested in, young boy?" The elder once again directed his gaze at Virus as he inquired.

"Others call me Vee here. Please register me to the Martial Contest." Virus replied casually without bothering with anything else.

"You're interested in The Martial Contest huh... interesting, interesting."

"Okay, tell me your current cultivation stage and the level of your cultivation." Taking out a paper from behind the counter, he questioned.

"No cultivation stage... I'm a mortal." Virus replied in a very relaxed manner.

"I see, I see, no cultivation sta... what...WHAT DID YOU SAY?!" He was nodding his head in satisfaction at first as if he was just about to compliment his cultivation stage when his eyes suddenly popped out of their sockets as he yelled in shock.

"I said... I don't have a cultivation stage yet, is there a problem?" Behaving as natural as before, Virus repeated his words.

Seeing his face which was absolutely serious, the elder flinched as he inquired, "Young man, do you have a death wish? Don't you know what you're getting into? You will instantly lose and just humiliate yourself... even worse, you might lose your mortal life!"

Listening to his words of kindness, Virus replied, "Thank you for your concern, but please just register my name if there are no rules stating a mortal can't participate in the contest... as I'm already well aware of the risks and dangers of participating in this Martial Contest."

Listening to him reject his good intentions promptly like his words of advice were entering from one ear just to exit from the other, the elder was honestly a little pissed off as he thought, 'This brat seems to be one of those people who overestimates himself too much...'

But then, shaking his head, he continued thinking, 'Sigh... at least I tried...now he will learn his lesson the hard way, though this experience might be good for him if he's able to preserve his mortal life.'

After that, no longer trying to persuade him in vain, he registered his name and also gave him a piece of wood which was as small as a finger and stated, "This will be like your entrance ticket to the contest, keep it safe until tomorrow."

Receiving the piece of wood from the elder, Virus looked at Astes and notified her, "Apprentice-sister, We will wait outside while you register."

As he was done registering, he saw no point in staying any further, so he walked out of the library with the golden beauty.

A while passed as they waited outside but Astes was still nowhere to be seen, 'She must be busy talking with that elder.'

Then, in order to kill some boredom, he took a look at the piece of wood he had received from the elder.

Examining it, he realized that on one side of the piece of wood, the word 'Martial' was engraved while on the other side the number 'three' was written with black ink.

"Oh, if it isn't the famous number one ranker of the Inferior Disciple Recruitment..." As Virus was lost in the details of the piece of wood, he was suddenly interrupted by two males who had stopped just in front of him and Ella.

"Who are you?" Frowning, Virus inquired.

"Me? I'm Deadter Ilon from the famous Ilon family." With arrogance and pride clear in his voice, Deadter introduced himself.

"No... I mean who are you to talk to me all of a sudden out of nowhere? Do I know you?" Virus questioned with a serious face.

"You!" Deadter was very angry hearing his words to the point of almost losing control as he was about to charge at him.

However, the skinny male beside him hugged Deadter's hand with all his might as he muttered in a low voice, "No... you can't do this big brother, you will be in big trouble! Restrain your anger!"

"I have to teach this bastard a lesson even if I have to be fiercely punished for it, let me go!" He declared in anger as he pushed the skinny male away as he was about to charge at Virus once again.

The golden beauty had already moved in front of Virus as he was ready for the collision by this time.

However, when Deadter was just a couple of steps away from the two, a shout suddenly interrupted his charge, "What do you think you're going to do to my Junior apprentice-brother??!"

The shout made Deadter stop in his track as he and the rest of the people present looked at the source of the voice only to become astounded because it was the famous Astes!

Hearing her words, Deadter's face went a little pale as he stood frozen in front of Virus as he mumbled, "Junior apprentice-brother? He? This bastard... is he close to senior apprentice-sister Astes...no... that can't be..."

"I said! What were you trying to do to my Junior apprentice-brother? And how are you in the normal disciples' section?!" Astes inquired loudly once again.

Hearing those words again, even though he didn't want to, Deadter had no choice but to give up for now and accept the reality in front of him as he replied palely, "It's just a simple misunderstanding Senior apprentice-sister... I didn't know he's close to you... I'm only here to register for tomorrow's Contest... and then I'll leave this section immediately as the rules state."

After that, gazing at the skinny man by his side, he declared, "Let's go."

But then, just as he was passing from beside Virus and Bella, his eyes fell on the piece of wood in Virus' palm which instantly made his eyes shine brightly when he saw the word 'Martial' engraved on it.

'Good... you just made this whole situation much easier for me...' As he thought that, he no longer paid any attention to his surroundings, as he entered the Normal Library with the skinny male walking by his side.

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"Why was he angry at you, junior apprentice-brother? What did you do?" As they were walking back to the Superior Disciples' section, Astes asked.

"I have no idea... it seems he has some kind of grudge against me..." Virus replied as he then thought, 'He introduced himself as Deadter Ilon, hm... the second-ranked person on the Inferior Disciple Recruitment was also called Ilon... are they related?... And...? Hmm.'

"Anyway, be careful with him because I think he has some kind of grudge against you... he's also one of the strongest disciples among the Inferior Disciples... And more importantly, he has a powerful background." Astes explained, clearly worried.

"Don't worry, I will... so... did you register in the Martial Contest too? Am I really going to face my apprentice-sister on stage? Ah, defeating my own

apprentice-sister would make me sad though..." He voiced with a grin on his face.

Listening to his words, Astes couldn't keep it in, "Pfft, you wish! Like you could've lasted until you face me... and you're already talking about defeating me, hehe. Anyway, unfortunately, every disciple can only register for participating in one of the contests because both of the contests will be held in the same day... so obviously, between the two, I chose the Alchemy Contest."

"I see..." Said Virus.

TECHNOLOGY EARTH, US

The whole world was quite calm for a while now as everyone was busy living their lives trying to earn a living, get accepted to their favorite universities, dating, going through some kind of difficulty in their lives, etc.

However, it was at this moment when one of the famous independent News agencies broadcasted a piece of news which shook the whole country and began to break the peace of the world.

This particular News Company was very famous for being completely unbiased and for working with the sole purpose that every citizen had the right to know exactly what was going on around the world without any kind of censorship and bias.

"For everyone watching this News channel, please be warned that every word spoken from now on for this next piece of news is absolutely legitimate and real, and its authenticity was already proven by more than thousands of tests. Please keep your calm during and after hearing it." Right now, a middle-aged woman was talking on a particular News channel while a lot of people and citizens of the United States of America were watching it.

Listening to this piece of very odd news which strangely began with a warning while stating its authenticity even before announcing its related information made every person watching the channel quite curious and alarmed at the same time because it meant the news was very important and absolutely serious.

And looking at the middle-aged spokesperson's features, some people could easily tell that she was feeling quite nervous about something as there were even some drops of sweat on her forehead.

"Also, please be aware that every government throughout the whole world is trying to keep this piece of information from their people as they're afraid of panic spreading, but our News Channel feels otherwise... we feel that it's everyone's right to know this particular piece of news as it will determine their fate and life and death." The middle-aged woman continued, "Now regarding the news... currently, as we speak, there is a mutated type of HIV spreading throughout the whole world with the danger of pandemic level."

Listening to the middle-aged woman, everyone watching the channel stopped doing whatever they were busy with as they began to listen intently with a rising wave of nervousness within them.

"Now, what makes this mutated HIV disease highly dangerous is that it's extremely infectious... and we have estimated that right now, limited only to our own country, more than ninety-seven percent of citizens are already infected with this mutated Virus..." Explaining to this point, the middle-aged woman oddly went silent for a somewhat long period of time before finally continuing.

"Unfortunately, this mutated disease is much more severe and dangerous than a normal kind of HIV... because other than being easily infectious through air unlike the previous version... the estimated duration for it to kill the

infected patient is also only a single year..." After getting to this point, the middle-aged woman went silent again.

Then, finally, with a blank look within her eyes, she proceeded, "More details regarding this revelation will be released on our website soon... also, please be warned once again that this piece of news is absolutely true, but in case you still have doubts regarding it, you can take a test in a lab which you can trust... that was all, may God have mercy upon us."

By now, every single person who was watching the shocking news had gone absolutely silent as their gazes were all fixed on the television screen in shock.

Especially, right now, in one of the bars at which the News channel was playing, every single person had gone completely silent as the sound of the television was the only voice spreading around.

It wasn't until a while later when the silence was finally broken, "That was a joke... right?"

"Haha, yes, definitely... it must've been..." Another replied with a voice filled with doubt.

"Haha, yes, yes... The News must be making some kind of prank... a bad one..."

But after that, everyone turned silent again.

"Maybe we should check that news' details on their website? Just in case..."

One of them finally couldn't tolerate it anymore as he suggested anxiously.

"Yes, we should do that." Another replied.

Though by now, everyone's heads were already lowered to gaze at their phones as they were checking it to see the news for themselves personally.

Situations similar to this continued to happen all around the country for around half an hour when suddenly the website completely crashed and went down for some unknown reasons and it never went back online again.

Some of those people who had watched the News was having a hard time believing what they had just heard, while some didn't believe it at all.

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However, this seed was already enough as the news began to spread like wildfire because those who had recorded it put the video over the internet, while some others uploaded the details which were placed at that News channel's website for a short period of time before going down.

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And just like that, a lot of people went to special laboratories which could be trusted with the real results in order to test themselves just to make themselves relieved by knowing that the news was fake.

But unfortunately, except a few people, most received a shocking result!

"It's positive sir, you have some kind of mutated HIV too, just like I do!" The receptionist who was in charge of the distribution of the results announced with eyes which could be only described as dead.

"You too... oh my God, we're done!" Falling on his two knees, someone mumbled with a pale face.

"Is this the end of the world, this can't be the foretold apocalypse right?"

"No, this can't be it..."
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At first, even when the news spread, most people still didn't believe it, but then, the results from the people who tested themselves kept spreading around all over the internet too as more and more people came to be aware of this world-shattering piece of news.