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Beep~ Beep~

"Hello? Elle? How are you? I miss you so much, uwu..." A voice came from the other line of the phone after a couple of beeps.

"Hey Grace, I miss you more... I've been doing fine actually, tell me about yourself... how is your family?" Ella asked back.

In the meantime, she was thinking to herself, 'How should I give my friends the lollipops without them even realizing what it is... hmm.'

Since the Legal ugly had requested her to give the lollipops to her friends without clarifying what they actually are, Ella has been thinking of a solution, but until this very moment, she wasn't successful.

"How could they be with the world soon ending and all? Everyone's so dispirited and hopeless... sigh... I'm just very grateful they're not losing it like some other people outside..." Grace's disheartened response came from the other side of the line.

"Well... that's understandable..." Ella replied while thinking very hard about how to explain the matter she had truly called for.

But before she could say anything, Grace talked again, "Moreover, since they heard about our neighbor's daughter being raped by some strangers, they've become extremely sensitive about me leaving the house alone... so now, before I do anything, I have to report it to them first and receive their full permission..."

She continued, "Sigh... I'm pretty sure I was already severely depressed with the world ending in a year... but it just had to get worse and I can't even leave the house now... I'm literally stuck here."

"Well... that's pretty much the same as what I and the rest of our friends are going through right now... we're all stuck inside our own houses." After listening to her friend's complaints and grievances, feeling extremely empathetic, Ella responded. However, just after she was finished with her words, her eyes abruptly began to shine, 'Oh, that's it... I know what to do!'

Then, she added, "Grace, we can't continue like this... the world's ending in a year, which means we only have a year left... so... we should live this one year to its full extent!"

Listening to Ella's words, Grace's eyes regained a little light as she uttered, "I know what you mean... but... how should we do that?"

"Grace... like you said, I think I'm getting depressed too by just staying home all the time without having anything to do! Let's go out and have fun!" With determination, Ella expressed her intention.

"Ah... where can we go at a time like this? You know most places are extremely dangerous right now..." Grace doubtfully said.

"Let's go to a night club!" Ella stated happily.

"What? Elle, have you lost your mind? Did the apocalypse affect your IQ? That place's probably the most dangerous location for us girls right now!" Grace yelled hearing Ella's unwise suggestion.

"Hehe, of course I know it's very dangerous... I wouldn't just randomly spout nonsense without thinking about it first..." Ella proclaimed as she continued, "However, both us and the rest of our friends really need to have some fun... and the best place for that is a nightclub."

"Still... sounds pretty dangerous to me..." Grace impatiently interrupted.

"Sigh... don't interrupt me and let me finish what I'm going to say first!" A little annoyed, Ella uttered before proceeding, "Just don't worry, all of us will be very safe there... because I have my own personal bodyguards now, hehe..."

"Uh, really? You have bodyguards? How?" Filled with surprise and curiosity, Grace inquired.

"Isn't the answer to that obvious...? Because Ai hired them to protect me of course! And let me tell you, with them protecting us, I don't think anyone would be able to harm us or pose a threat to any of us since they're probably the strongest bodyguards in the whole world!" Ella explained with an excited tone.

"Is that so?? But how do you know they're that strong?" Full of doubt, Grace questioned.

"Ah, actually, that brings us to another matter which I went through some days ago..." Ella uttered.

"I'm listening... explain." Grace replied as she waited for Ella's elaboration of the situation.

"Okay... you see, some days ago... someone tried to kidnap me, and let me tell you, these people were unimaginably strong! I won't go into details... but just let me say this, if my kidnappers had faced a hundred opponents, I believe they would've been easily able to deal with those hundred enemies! However, shockingly, my bodyguards were even stronger and dealt with them instead!!!" Completely sunk in her description, Ella explained with shining eyes of admiration.

"Aii, Elle, you're exaggerating this too much... how can an ordinary human deal with a hundred opponents? And easily at that? That just doesn't make

any sense... anyway, are you sure you're okay?" Still feeling very doubtful, Grace inquired worriedly.

"Hmph, Grace... am I the kind of person who would exaggerate these stuff? Forget about it... I don't care if you don't believe me... what matters right now is that they're extremely powerful and we would be totally safe, so we're all going to a nightclub!" Frustrated, Ella declared with a harrumph.

In the meantime, she wondered, 'What would she have thought if I said they had superpowers? Probably assume I've gone crazy because of the world ending right?... Good thing I didn't say that...'

"Aiii... Elle, you will be the death of both me and our friends... Why are insisting so much?" Feeling very troubled by her words, Grace complained.

"Grace! Am I not asking this for your own sake? I just don't wanna see you getting depressed to death by just staying at home all the time!" Ella expressed outside, however inside, she was thinking, 'Damn it grace... I need you guys to take these lollipops without asking me any questions... and the best place to do that and to gather all of us together is the nightclub...'

"Just say yes Grace... we all need this and trust me... like I said, it's extremely safe! Furthermore, we're all dying in a year anyway... so why does it matter?" Ella sighed as she insisted.

"Sigh... alright, I trust you Elle... and like you said, the world's ending in a year either way... so let's just do something crazy for once at least." Finally, after being reminded the world was ending in a year, together with Ella asking her to trust her, Grace's last line of defense was broken as she agreed.

"Good!"

"But... what do I say to my parents? I mean... I'm pretty positive they won't agree If I say I'm going to a nightclub..." Grace questioned.

"Just say all of your best friends are gathering at my place and that you need to be here..." Ella voiced, before continuing, "Okay, also, since you're even better than me when it comes to convincing others, you call Faith and Mary too and notify them about our plan..."

"What about Jess?"

"Oh, just leave Jess to me, call them, alright?"

"Sure I'll talk to them... but, there is another problem here... you see, it would be extremely dangerous for us to leave the house alone... what do we do about this?" Feeling uneasy, Grace inquired.

And listening to this, Ella felt very troubled inside as she went entirely silent.

"Elle?... Elle? Are you still there?"

Finally, a few seconds later, as she had successfully thought of a solution, she stated, "Don't worry Grace! Don't you know who's my boyfriend? I'll just ask my bodyguards to send some people after everyone!"

"Alright... we'll do as you say then... see you soon Elle."

"Yeah, see you soon."

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"Well, he would've probably done that if..." Virus mumbled in a voice Astes didn't hear.

"Anyway, do you plan on going anywhere today? If so... please let me know, I'll accompany you." Astes uttered.

"I don't have any plans... thanks anyway though." With a grateful smile, Virus thanked her.

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"Here, though its quality is not as good as the ones I prepare on our own Earth, at least it is prepared with the best method of making this kind of tea, so I believe it will be good enough." Placing a cup of hot tea on the desk in front him at their own room, the golden beauty offered.

Currently, the sky had already turned dark as the two were sitting in their own room gazing at the starry night sky as the golden beauty had also prepared some tea for Virus.

So, putting the cup of tea on the desk, she also sat on one of the chairs in the room while starting to chitchat with her master.

After a while, Virus grabbed the cup of tea as he slowly took a sip from it.

Then, closing his eyes, he seemed to have been lost in the feeling and the taste his cup of tea was providing him with.

"How is the tea master?" Seeing his master finally open his eyes with a nod, the golden beauty inquired.

"Good! It's far better than the one I had inside that fool's office even though this tea's leafs' quality is worse than that fool's." While savoring the fragrance of the tea, Virus stated with satisfaction.

Seeing his satisfaction, the golden beauty voiced, filled with happiness, "I see, as long as master likes it, I'm happy, hehe..."

After that, the room stayed quiet for some time, until finally, the silence was broken by the golden beauty's nostalgic tone, "Master... do you think... I mean, can you guess how is the situation on our own Earth right now?"

As Virus' attention was drawn by the golden beauty's abrupt question, he looked at her as he calmly stated while taking another sip from his good tea,

"Hmm, on Earth... there should be quite a chaos right now as everyone should've figured out they are sick... lots of people must be going crazy..."

Ella became surprised hearing his words as she inquired, "Ah, what do you mean master?"

"Well, the whole population on Earth should be infected by the disease I released to the world by now so..." Virus added as he took another sip in a very relaxed manner.

The golden beauty eyes jumped open as she became speechless hearing Virus' words.

Actually, what made her speechless and dumbfounded to this level was watching Virus' paradoxical behavior. It made her really shocked watching how relaxed he seemed while his mouth had just confessed to having made the whole planet sick with some kind of disease.

A while later, finally calming down, she curiously muttered, "I wonder how the CEO ugly and the other uglies are doing right now...?"

"Hmm, they should be fine..." As he was reminded one the four uglies, it made Virus unconsciously think of Ella, 'I wonder how she's doing right now...'

And, thinking about her made him have different mixed feelings as he began to deeply ponder about something.

"Okay, it's late, I should rest now... there's a long day ahead of us tomorrow." Finally, coming out of his deep thoughts, he proclaimed while yawning.

"Alright, Night night master, sleep comfortably without any worries, I'll keep watch throughout the whole night." The golden beauty uttered with a tender smile plastered on her face.

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An hour passed and it was now the middle of the night.

At this moment, the golden beauty too was lying beside her master as she was watching her master's sleeping face quietly.

After a while, she too decided to close her eyes in order to pretend to be sleep beside her master's sleeping body.

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Hours passed like that as she kept her eyes closed when suddenly, a small creaking sound was heard from the window.

Anyone else hearing this creaking sound would've assumed it was the sound of the wind blowing against the window as it made some noise. However, that didn't apply to the golden beauty who was completely conscious.

The moment she heard that noise, she began to analyze the voice while keeping her eyes closed.

And soon, she arrived at the conclusion that the window was opened in a professional manner.

And this made her very alarmed as she tried to detect the person who had entered the room while keeping her eyes closed.

She kept her eyes closed because she knew her enemy was assuming she was sleep and this assumption would be helpful in ambushing that enemy.

A while passed but she still couldn't detect the enemy and this made her quite anxious as she was about to open her eyes and alarm her master with the fastest speed she could.

However, before she could do that, she was finally able to detect her enemy as she spotted an old lady suddenly appear and stand beside her still sleeping master silently.

On the right hand of that old lady seemed to be a dagger as she stared at Virus with a horrifying smirk on her face as if she was staring at the most delicious prey in the world.

Finally, that old lady raised her dagger as she slashed it toward Virus' sleep body.

Then, in an instant, the sword was almost upon Virus' sleeping body, when abruptly, a long sword surrounded with arcs of electricity appeared on the path of the blade, successfully blocking it.

Chirrrp~ Clink~

The moment the noise of two metals colliding against each other resounded inside the room, Virus' eyes jumped wide open as he spotted a blade and a long sword colliding against each other just above his face.

"Oh... What an interesting sword... is the electricity because of your technique or the sword itself... hmmm..."

"Her her, anyway, I didn't expect his servant to be this powerful... I'm very impressed about how alert you are young lady..." The old lady grinned evilly as her toothless mouth was displayed in front of the golden beauty's eyes.

"How dare you to try to hurt master! You... must... die!" The golden beauty though seemed to be very enraged as she stared at the person in front of her with an extremely cold expression as she uttered with an icy tone.

"Her her her, now-now, even though I admit you're strong as you were able to block my first attack... but that's just because I've been attacking rather half-

heartedly... so don't get over your head just because I praised you a little, her her her..." With a burst of creepy laughter, the old lady proclaimed.

However, without paying any attention to her words, the golden beauty hacked toward the old lady with the fastest speed she could with her sword which was currently covered with electricity.

Chirrrrrp~ Clink~

"Her her her, unfortunately for you, you're not my opponent at the moment, young lady." mumbling this, the old lady raised her dagger as she easily deflected the long sword.

After that, without stopping at all, the golden beauty attacked again as she tried slashing to an opening on the left side of the old lady.

Clink~

However, once again, her attack ended in a failure as the old lady easily defended again.

Chirrrp~ Clink~ Bam~

Clink~ CLINK~ Chirrrrrp~

Afterward, a chain of noises as a result of the two weapons colliding against each other resounded inside the room, as a chain of sparks and electricity was produced here and there, either because of the two weapons connecting to each other or because of the golden beauty's long sword emitting electricity from itself.

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"Her her her, still not giving up?" While their weapons continued to clash, the old lady uttered with her creepy laugh.

After she was done with her words, suddenly, the Qi which was emitting from her body seemed to intensify and then, she kicked at the golden beauty's chest who was sent flying toward the table, thus breaking it into pieces.

Then, not even two second's had passed when the golden beauty stood up and glared at the old lady while gritting her teeth.

"Strange... your movement speed is so fast... but why can I not feel any Qi emitting from your body..." The old lady murmured looking at the angered golden beauty.

"Is it some kind of concealing technique? Hmm, it seems I need to capture you alive too... if I'm able to learn that technique, I would be able to assassinate those enemies of mine before they even come to be aware of my existence around them.... her her her." Promptly, her eyes began to shine brightly as she voiced.

In the meantime, Virus was silently watching the two fight as he thought, 'Hmm, even though the sound of their clashes are rather loud, it seems the room is kinda soundproof, thus making the noise unable to travel past the walls... huh, so unless I open the door, no one will realize what's going on here...'

However, he didn't even try to open the door at all as he continued to stand still without trying to aid the golden beauty in the least.

After the old lady was convinced that the golden beauty also had some secrets on her body, she decided to take her with herself too, "You're definitely coming with me too..."

Listening to her words, the golden beauty just stared at her coldly as she began to analyze the old lady's attacks and movements as she started to calculate all kinds of attacks that might be effective against her.

Then, as the golden beauty dashed at her with her fastest speed, another chain of attacks began.

Clink~ Chiiirrp~ Clink~

Clink~

The old lady's eyes jumped open in surprise as she hurriedly used even more of her strength, 'What's going on? How could her way of attacking change altogether? It's like I'm fighting another person entirely...'

'If I hadn't used more of my Qi just now... I'm sure I would've been injured.'

'I need to finish this fast before anyone realizes I'm here.'

"It seems I won't be able to take you two away easily..." It was at this moment that she made a decision to end things quickly, so she uttered before continuing, "So... don't blame me for being ruthless."

And the moment these words came out of her mouth, she was suddenly upon the golden beauty as she stabbed at her chest with her dagger.

The golden beauty instantly felt the dagger speeding toward her chest and knew she couldn't dodge it, so increasing the speed of her empty hand, she tried her best to grab the old lady's hand which held the dagger in it.

Penetrated~

However, unfortunately, she failed as the dagger penetrated deep into her chest.

Virus' eyes turned extremely sharp seeing her stabbed right beside the heart area as his brows came together and a frown appeared on his face.

He knew if it was a normal person who was attacked like that, even if that person didn't die, at least, he or she would be mortally injured.

In the meantime, keeping her dagger inside her chest, the old lady mumbled, "Sigh... see, you should have just followed me without making this kind of scene... now it's too late... and..."

She was still talking when the frozen golden beauty suddenly lifted her sword and pierced it toward the old lady with the fastest speed she could.

The old lady was shocked silly seeing her ignore the injury and attack like she wasn't injured at all to begin with.

So, knowing there was no time for dilly-dallying and hesitation, she utilized all of her Qi to dodge the incoming sword's piercing attack.

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However, as the distance between the two was too short, the sword instantly pierced deep into the old lady's body for a moment before she retreated in a hurry.

Haah~ Huh~

Haah~ Huh~

After retreating, as blood began to flow out of her body on the floor, she stared at the golden beauty with some fear apparent inside her eyes, as she thought, 'If I was a little late in retreating just now... that sword... would've pierced my heart... that was truly a close call...'

Even though the attack pierced right beside her heart, it didn't hit it and thus, her heart was totally unharmed, so the current injury on her body could almost

be considered just a normal injury as a result of the toothless old lady's high level of cultivation.

After that, she forced her Qi to gather in the place where blood was flowing out, which made her bleeding stop instantly.

And now that the bleeding had stopped, her temporary feeling of fear vanished completely only to be replaced by an intense feeling of wrath.

"You did it now!!!" Uttering this in a rather loud voice, she tried charging at her.

However, to her absolute shock, she realized that her body was feeling extremely numb at the moment as it was making it very difficult for her to move now, so as a result, her speed was a lot slower than before.

'Urghhh... how could this happen...' Then, as she thought about it deeply, she remembered, 'The lightning arcs...'

"You... a youngster junior forcing me to this extent... absolutely humiliating!!!" Gritting her teeth in extreme anger, the old lady's expression began to distort as it changed into a very savage one.

Then, no longer even trying to control her killing intent or Qi in any way, she released it all as she forcefully suppressed the numbness all over her body with her storming Qi.

Immediately afterward, she appeared in front of the golden beauty and continuously stabbed right into the heart area on her body.

Stab~ Stab~ Stab~

Stab~ Stab~ Stab~

Then, after she was done stabbing her, she kicked the golden beauty's body with all her might.

Bang~

Being kicked with that much brute force, the golden beauty was obviously instantly sent flying toward one of the walls inside the room as the wall she connected to exploded into many pieces.

However, it didn't end with that as her body continued to fly back into the room next door through the broken wall.

Finally, at last, when her body hit the other wall of the room next door, the force the old lady had put behind her kick ended as the golden beauty dropped on the floor.

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Looking at the golden beauty's unmoving body, the old lady who had vented all her anger by now uttered, "Oh no...I overdid it... I might've revealed my presence now... What a pity... aiii... I was really interested in her hidden secrets... but now... she's dead and useless."

Then, forgetting about her entirely, looking at Virus, she declared with a chilly voice, "As someone might've noticed the noise by now... I don't have any more time to spare for you... so... either follow me willingly or... die."

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Then walking in front of Virus, one step away from him, she stopped and voiced with an expressionless feature, "Decide! Are you coming willingly or do you choose... death?!"

Listening to her question, Virus looked straightly into the old lady's eyes and stated with a cold face, "Neither."

After that, without adding anything more, he connected to his ring as he sent his direct command to it.

'Trigger Median Configuration — Fragmentary Integument!'

An instant later, the ring on his finger divided into four black dots and covered his arms and legs by changing into pitch-black scales.

Seeing this, the old lady's entire attention was drawn to the transformation taking place in front of her, as she started to mumble with a creepy smirk that didn't reveal exactly which emotion of hers she was trying to display, "Is that so? Then let me take your dead body with..."

Penetrated~

However, before she could finish her words, the blade of a sword suddenly appeared from her heart area as it began to drip with blood!

In the meantime, Virus just continued to stare into the old lady's eyes which had jumped open in surprise and confusion as her voice was interrupted and cut off.

Then, slowly lowering her head, she looked at her own chest which had a sword tip covered with electricity sticking out of it, as she began to mutter terrified, "Huh...? What's..."

Pfft~

However, before she could finish her words, she coughed a mouthful of blood.

Afterward, putting a lot of effort into turning her head around, she looked back like she wanted to make sure and cast away the doubt she had about the identity of the owner of the sword.

And then, she began to talk with extreme difficulty, "But... how...?! She should be dead... I'm... sure... she... was... dead... how... pfft... why...?!?" To her

absolute shock, she witnessed the golden beauty standing behind her with an icy expression while holding her long sword with her two hands.

In the meantime, an evil grin appeared on Virus' face as he stated, "Well... since she turned the artificial sound of her non-existent heart off, you would truly assume she had died, right?"

Listening to Virus' clarification, with even a greater level of confusion than before, she took her last breath as she fell on the floor and lay there unmoving and motionless with her eyes wide open.

Looking at her open eyes, Virus added, "So... even you can't survive a direct hit to your heart, huh?"

Then, no longer paying her further attention, he looked at the golden beauty with a broad smile and uttered, "Good job lil Belle, you did great!"

"Hehe... thanks master, but it was only possible because of your help... since you distracted her with your ring's transformation." The golden beauty replied with a cute laugh.

"Okay, now, first, let's incinerate her body with the Incinerator before anyone else arrives." Virus stated.

Listening to her master, Ella took the Incinerator out of her bag by the side and pressed a button on it.

Then, a blue scanning light appeared from that object for a moment before disappearing entirely.

And soon, the old lady's body and every drop of blood began to disintegrate on the molecular level, however, unlike the previous times, this disintegration process took longer.

Afterward, around one minute passed when finally no trace of the old lady had remained.

By now, Virus was sitting comfortably on a chair inside the room with a new set of clothes as he pondered, 'Another set of clothes ruined just like that...'

"Master, thanks for not interfering personally while I was dealing with that disgusting old lady." Finally, as she was finished doing what her master had told her to do, coming beside him, she uttered.

"Well... first of all, I did that because I wanted you to gain more real-life experience while fighting... and secondly, I believed you can deal with her by yourself, so I decided to control myself and let you get your revenge with your own hands." Virus replied with a relaxed smile.

Listening to her master's words, uncontrollably, a sweet feeling rose from her heart as she mumbled with a soft voice, "Thank you..."

Bang~

Finally, it was at this moment when the door to their room was forcefully opened with a loud bang as someone rushed inside in a hurry.

Then, looking around and spotting the destroyed wall on one side of the room, he hurriedly checked how Virus' condition was and making sure he was just fine, that person heaved a sigh of relief as he stated, "So something was truly happening... Are you okay, Vee? What happened?"

"I'm fine... why did it take you so long to come?" Then, he questioned with a frown.

"It's good as long as you're fine... sigh, you see, I thought I heard a muffled sound... but I was suspicious if it was from inside my pagoda at all or if it was just one of the disciples accidentally making a noise... however, in the end, I decided to check just in case." The pagoda master responded.

"I see..." Replied Virus with an expressionless face, making it impossible to decipher what exactly was going on inside his head currently.

Unable to understand anything from his face, the elder inquired again, "Now, tell me what happened... who did this?"

"Someone wearing a mask intruded into our room and tried kidnapping me... however, with lil Belle protecting me and I defending myself, that person was forced to flee in the end after a loud noise was made." Virus explained.

Listening to his description of the situation, the elder appeared to be really angry as he yelled, "Outrageous!!! Who! Who dares to kidnap my disciple inside my own pagoda! Which impudent bastard was it??!"

Soon though, he seemed to have forced himself to calm down as he looked at Virus and asked, "Did you see anything that might help in identifying the other person?"

"Unfortunately... no..." Was Virus' casual response.

"Okay... I gotta report this to the main pagoda. You two can relocate and rest in the room next door... here, take the key." Throwing a key at Virus, the pagoda master stated before disappearing.

Seeing the pagoda master gone, Virus looked at the broken door and voiced, "Let's go."

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After they relocated to another empty room, the golden beauty who was holding back until now questioned, "Master... why did you say she was wearing a mask and that we didn't see her face?"

"Easy... first, that elder would go missing from now on, so they might suspect we killed her if I said who it was... and by any chance, if they came to realize that we had truly killed an elder, they will try punishing us harshly... so in order

to buy ourselves more time and to sever any kind of connection they might draw between us and that elder's death or going missing... I simply said we didn't see anything." Virus elaborated.

"But, master... what if there is someone else who knows about that disgusting oldie's kidnap attempt and reports it to the sect saying the last thing she did before going missing was to try to kidnap us?" The golden beauty inquired.

"Good question... however, don't worry, since that won't happen... because even if there is someone who knows about it all, most likely, that person wouldn't open his or her mouth... because in that case, that person would be confessing to his own crime of being involved in all of this... and let's say, even if that person's authority is above all and thus, totally unafraid of everyone inside the sect, he would still keep his mouth shut just to not lose face... since they care about that a lot here."

"I see."

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A few hours later, A greatly worried Astes came knocking on the door too after she had heard about what happened from her master.

"Are you okay, junior brother?" She inquired with a lot of anxiety clear in her tone.

"Uhhh... apprentice-sister seems so worried about me... could it be...?"

Deciding to tease her a little, Virus queried with a concealed evil grin.

Listening to his words, Astes' face seemed to blush a little as she thought, 'Why am I so worried about him...?', then she spoke with a flustered tone, "Who's worried about you! I'm worried about my junior brother... not you!"

"Haha... but aren't your junior brother and I one and the same?" Virus continued the tease.

"You know what I mean! I meant I'm not interested in you as a man!" Even more flustered and almost in a yelling voice, she uttered.

"Eh... when did I say you're interested in me as a man... wait, could it be that you're...?!" With even more surprise apparent in his voice and eyes, Virus added.

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After that, no longer able to tolerate the tease, Astes uttered, "It's good as long as you're fine." And then, turning around, she rushed out of the room as if she was running away from something.

"Haha, this girl..." Seeing her manner of rushing out, Virus couldn't help but let out an amused chuckle.

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A few hours later, the Martial Contest was about to begin, so Virus and the golden beauty decided to walk there.

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Arriving at the Colosseum's spectator area, the two looked around when the golden beauty voiced in surprise, "Oh master, look... the Colosseum is almost full of people... uhh, the elders' area is filled with elders too!"

"Yep... well, today, the most powerful disciples of the Superior section will be joining the match, so it's obvious a lot of disciples and elders will gather... to be more clear, it could be said that the real contest begins today." Virus uttered looking at the scene in front of him.

"Let's begin the Martial... contest!" Out of nowhere, the elder appeared in the middle of the Colosseum as he declared, then, he continued, "The first match of the day will be between Howar and Grindy!"

Soon, two disciples, a male and a female, exited the dark tunnel of the Colosseum as they walked to the middle of the Colosseum where each of them stood on one side of the judge elder.

"Howar, you know the rules right? You can't kill." Then, as if the elder was worried about Howar's opponent, he stated.

"Hehe, don't worry... I'm not interested in her..." Howar voiced and then mumbled to himself, "My target is someone else."

"Okay then, begin!"

The moment the match started, Howar seemed to disappear from his previous place as he appeared in front of his opponent and then, with a very disinterested expression, he directly punched the girl in the stomach, sending her flying in a direction.

And just like that, his opponent Grindy who already had a bone or two broken inside her body could no longer move as she had fainted due to pain coursing throughout her body.

Seeing this scene, those who hadn't seen Howar fight before began talking among themselves, "So ruthless..."

"How can he punch a girl like that..."

While those who knew him, especially those spectators from the Superior section also began voicing words like, "Howar's just as cruel as I expected... and the surprising thing is that this is him going easy on his opponent."

"Yeah... he's a merciless bastard."

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After that fight, the contest continued and one match after another was fought as one winner after another emerged from each match.

"The next match will be between Vee and Hilka, please walk to the Colosseum." The judge elder announced.

By now, Virus had long gone to his waiting room as he was waiting to be called, and hearing himself finally called, he began to get naked in front of the golden beauty as he placed all of his clothes inside a bag.

Then, after his clothes were placed inside the bag, he took out a sleeveless shirt and an underwear which the golden beauty had prepared the previous night by cutting the sleeves of his shirt and shortening his pants' legs.

So, checking them once, he began wearing them.

And after he was done wearing them, Virus walked in front of the golden beauty and uttered, "You can go and watch my match from the spectator area."

As he was uttering these words, he connected to his ring and send a direct command.

'Trigger Median Configuration — Fragmentary Integument!'

Instantly, in front of her, pitch-black scales covered his arms and legs while the empty spaces between the scales were covered with blue liquid-like lights.

The golden beauty who could see it in slow motion saw exactly how the transformation occurred as she first witnessed her master's arms and legs become covered in blue liquid-like light all over before pitch-black scales began to grow out of them.

When his transformation was complete, Virus was also finished with his words as he walked out of the waiting room and began to walk inside the dark tunnel.

In the meantime, the golden beauty stood there frozen for a long time before she finally opened her mouth as she muttered while pouting with a face which was red all over, "Hmph... how can he get naked like that in front of a lady! It's true I've seen him naked before... but... hmph!"

After she was done with her words, she ran toward the spectator area as if she was running away from something.

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Facing his opponent and watching her moves for a while, Virus realized this girl in front of her who seemed to be from the Superior section was surprisingly only as strong as Hadelia.

So, without much difficulty, he finally appeared behind her as he chopped at her neck, sending her unconscious in front of everyone.

In the meantime, almost all of the new people present were shocked and astonished as they watched the whole scene of Virus walking out of the dark

tunnel covered in scales while he also moved with an extremely quick speed only to instantly defeat his opponent easily.

Afterward, they began to ponder or utter along the lines of, "What are those scales..."

'He seems to have no cultivation...'

"How can he even move so fast like that."

Listening to the new people, the old spectators' eyes seemed to shine with a light of wisdom as they began to elaborate on the events of the previous day patiently.

Listening to them, a lot of different emotions like shock, astonishment, greed, admiration, fear, fascination, etc. Started to show on the face of the new spectators which included both the elders and the disciples.

After his match, Virus walked back to his waiting room but much to his surprise, he saw that he couldn't find the golden beauty in the waiting area, 'Hmm... why isn't lil Belle here?'

Then, directly connecting to his almost endless memories, he began to search for the location the golden beauty was sitting at in the spectator area previously.

Even though he hadn't paid any specific attention to the spectator area while he was fighting, he could still remember every single person as clear as the day since his line of sight had passed through every direction at least once.

So, going through a particular memory related to the Colosseum, he instantly spotted the location at which the golden beauty was sitting, as he began to walk toward that direction.

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"Eh, why didn't you come to the waiting area like the previous times... did something happen?" Arriving before the golden beauty, Virus questioned.

'Because I was afraid you might get naked again... in front of me. Actually, I'm sure you would've done that.' However, even though this thought passed through her head, her actual reply was different as she uttered with a smile, "No particular reason, just decided to wait for you here since I knew master would find me easily."

Listening to her response, Virus seemed to be unconvinced, however, he decided on not thinking deeply about it as he nodded his head and sat beside her while uttering, "I see."

Simultaneously, in another area in the Superior section, a different kind of judge elder announced, "The winner of the Alchemy Contest is hereby... Astes! Congratulations junior Astes..."

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"Thank you elder..." Astes voiced happily while taking a glance at the judge elder.

However, after that, looking around herself, she saw that there were already very few people gathered and remaining.

Because, since almost everyone had already anticipated her victory, they had all gone to watch the Martial Contest which was much more exciting.

"Now, you just need to wait for the results of the Martial Contest to gain access to the main treasury of the sect together with its champion..." The judge elder further explained.

"This junior shall do that, thank you, elder." She replied as she also began to leave toward the Martial Contest's area.

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In the meantime, Virus and the golden beauty were watching a match that was about to start between Tinsel and someone else called Rossefin.

"Tinsel... it's your boss who has a slight chance against me... not you... so why don't you do yourself a favor and admit defeat. This way, you won't be wasting our precious time either." As the two stood facing each other, Rossefin stated.

"That might be true... however, I won't give up." With determination coursing through her eyes, Tinsel uttered, while at the same time, she thought, 'I truly have no chance of winning against you... however, I will do everything I can to tire you out so senior brother would have an easier time fighting you!'

"Start!" At this moment, the judge elder finally opened his mouth as the match began in front of everyone.

"Sigh... I see, then let's dance." Rossefin muttered as she charged at Tinsel with extremely fast speed while she held a whip in her right hand.

Then, when she was beside her, she tried whipping Tinsel, however, Tinsel was able to dodge it easily as she voiced, "Even though I might be unable to win against you... but that's when you're serious... if you wanna continue fighting like this... I might as well have a chance of winning this match."

"Hehe... okay, I'll get more serious then." Letting a short laugh out, the look inside Rossefin's eyes seemed to turn more serious as she voiced, "Slavery Whipping Technique – Direct Lashing!"

At the same time, the whip in her hand appeared to have abruptly turned entirely straight as it hacked at Tinsel as if a long sword was hacking at an opponent.

Seeing her finally turn a little more serious, Tinsel who never had any intentions of facing her attacks directly opened her mouth, "Wrathful Human Charge!"

At the same time, her movement suddenly turned strange as she dodged Rossefin's attack with a little difficulty.

"Huh... now I see what's going on here... so you're trying to tire me out by forcing me to keep using my Qi!" Watching her dodge without even trying to counterattack in the least, Rossefin was easily able to see through Tinsel's intentions.

"You might have understood my intentions... but what difference does that make... also... I'm aware your weakness is when you go against women! So this won't be as easy as you believe! Now... bring it on!" Tinsel voiced, trying her best to provoke her so she would be more impatient.

"Hahaha..." Listening to Tinsel, Rossefin laughed for a while before continuing, "That's true... I'm a lot weaker when I go against women. However! That doesn't make a difference because even if I'm weaker, it's still enough to deal with you!"

"Now... go down for me!" Uttering this in a louder voice, a tinge of annoyance passed through Rossefin's eyes as she mumbled, "Slavery Whipping Technique – Hundred Snakes!"

At the same time, she lashed at Tinsel with all her might, and astonishingly, the next moment, the whip seemed to generate afterimages because even from far away, it seemed like instead of only one whip, tens of whips were charging at her.

Witnessing this, Tinsel knew she was entirely serious now, so she mumbled again, "Wrathful Human Charge!" And at the same time, she began to move out of the way in order to dodge the incoming attack.

However, abruptly, an evil grin seemed to appear on Rossefin's face as she stopped her attack and aimed once again at the escaping Tinsel and mumbled, "Slavery Whipping Technique – Hundred Snakes!"

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"Ahhhh..." Instantly, the whip seemed to connect to Tinsel's body tens of times as she fell on the ground screaming while all over her body began to bleed.

Looking at the screaming Tinsel, Rossefin's grin seemed to grow even wider as she stated, "You lose!"

Listening to her words, Tinsel who was very much in pain wondered, 'Nooo... I think I failed... I don't believe even ten percent of her Qi was used up against me... senior brother... sorry...'

In the meantime, a certain someone who was watching the whole scene from the spectators' area muttered in annoyance, "Tch... useless bitch." And then, he no longer paid her any further attention.

Watching everything happen in front of their eyes, the other disciples mostly proclaimed words like, "The result of this match couldn't be more obvious..."

"Uh... that idiot Tinsel... why would he even try going against senior sister Rossefin..."

"What a waste of our precious time."

"She deserves it... she should've gone through even more pain! How dare she go against my Goddess!"

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Afterward, the matches continued as Virus faced two more opponents, both of whom, were superior disciples.

However, even though he faced a little difficulty while dealing with his second opponent because of him being extremely fast and his cultivation level being even higher than the previous ones he faced, in the end, it wasn't enough to match Virus as he successfully dealt with him.

"Damn! He defeated senior brother Logger too! He's the eighth ranker in the Superior Disciples' Ranking for heaven's sake!"

"Just who is he... how can such a dark horse even exist!"

"Wait... doesn't that mean he's now..."

After defeating his first opponent, to everyone's amazement, he had successfully entered the top sixteen!

And with successfully defeating his second opponent which he faced with some difficulty, he ascended to the top eight!

Witnessing the mortal without any kind of cultivation ascending into the top eight list, everyone's expressions could only be imagined.

"Just what the fuck! How can a mortal who doesn't even deserve to go against an Inferior disciple's now in the top eight! This doesn't make any sense!"

Virus' master also thought, 'He's now in the top eight... I wonder what's his background... but now, even more of those greedy eyes will be focused on him... in fact, the higher he ascends, the greedier others will feel.'

Another elder thought, 'Why didn't elder Murray come back last night? Did something happen? Did she stop the plan and went outside the sect for some

reason?' Thinking along these lines while staring at Virus who had just defeated his opponent, he continued, 'Or could it be that... he...' However, he stopped that line of thought as he shook his head continuously and muttered, "No, that's impossible..."

Today, there was another person present too who was sitting higher than every other elder in a special seat.

This person was an extremely old person with a very long white beard and a bald head. Others in the sect mostly called this person... the Sun Elder!

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Witnessing the way by which Virus defeated his opponent, lots of different and mixed emotions which was accompanied by different thoughts passed through the Sun elder's mind. However, his expression didn't change in the least as it remained like he was currently looking at nothing.

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Coming back to the waiting area, Virus took a look in order to see who his next two opponents were going to be.

And, after checking the list, he realized that he recognized one of the names, as a rather amused look appeared in his eyes as he pondered, 'I wonder if he's found something that would entertain me forever...haha.'

TECHNOLOGY EARTH

The CEO ugly who's been very busy these past few days was currently sitting in his own office while reading some papers about the new vehicles they were getting ready to produce and release soon.

However, since the news of the pandemic disease was released to the world, lots of employees had resigned from their posts, wanting to spend their remaining one year with their loved ones or for entirely other reasons.

And because of that, the company was facing a few problems because of the lack of workers at various sections of the Virus company from the factory to the main company itself.

As a result of these kinds of problems, the CEO ugly knew the plan of releasing the next generation of the variety of vehicles would take longer than anticipated.

So, as he was sitting in his office reading those reports related to the various problems the company was facing at this moment, he began to ponder very hard in order to think of a solution.

'Sigh... only if we could just use the worker robots... we wouldn't need humans at all.'

'This makes me wonder... that if master allows everyone to die because of the mutated HIV without releasing the cure, won't we have the whole Earth for ourselves? Then we would be able to develop it however we want without any kind of interference or problems we would otherwise face in the near future...'

'However, seeing how much master's obsessed with entertainment and boredom... I'm pretty sure he won't let that happen... because even I admit... living on a planet without any inhabitants would be rather boring and monotonous...'

'Aiii... let's stop daydreaming about this as I can neither use the worker robots at this moment nor will master let the whole planet just die... hmm, how should I solve this problem?'

As he came back to the topic of finding a solution, the phone on his table began to ring as his secretary notified him that one of the managers was here to have a word with him.

"Let him in." As he accepted to meet with him, someone entered the office after knocking twice, "Good afternoon, CEO Greg. How do you do?"

"I'm fine, thank you, what brings you here, manager Kramer?" The CEO ugly voiced.

"Sorry to bother you, sir... it's in regards to the problem of lack of employees... just now, I was notified that one of our factories has stopped function altogether because of this problem... what should we do?" With obvious worry apparent in his tone, the other person inquired.

"I was also just thinking about that... do you have a suggestion for the solution yourself, manager Kramer?" Wanting to see what the other person's thinking, a little curious, the CEO ugly queried.

"Hmm... CEO Greg... to be honest... the only solution I can think of is to offer more money so the employees would be tempted to come back." Replied the manager.

Not even considering his suggestion for a second, shaking his head, the CEO ugly voiced, "I've long thought about that, however, I don't think they'll be tempted by that anymore with the world ending and all as they've long lost hope..."

"Aiii... that's true... losing hope is a frightening thing... if you lose that, then you're just a walking dead, I honestly still have some hope that a cure will be found before our time ends and just like that, everything will be back to how it

was before... honestly, that's why I'm still trying my best for this job." The manager voiced with a hopeful smile plastered on his face, however, a sad light also seemed to pass through his eyes for a moment.

However, listening to the manager's words, the CEO ugly's eyes seemed to shine as he muttered, "Hope..."

Pausing for a short moment, he continued, "That's right... only hope can be the solution now."

"CEO Greg?" Listening to his confusing words, baffled, the manager inquired.

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"Oh... nothing, I'll think of a solution soon, you go back to work for now."

Dismissing him, the CEO ugly picked the phone just to hear his secretary's shocked voice on the other line, "Oh my God... Mr. CEO, currently, the President's office is on the other side of the line requesting for a talk with you... he says it's an emergency and he has to talk to you no matter what... what should I do?"

"The President? Hehe, so they're finally done studying the blueprint... that took much longer than I expected..." Mumbling this, the CEO ugly ordered, "Connect the line."

"Yes, I shall promptly do that."

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"Mr. President, the line has been connected." One of the two people sitting beside the President stated.

"Alright..." Nodding, he picked up the telephone as he uttered, "Hello, Mr. Greg. Thank you for giving me some of your time."

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Listening to the voice coming from the other line of the call, the CEO ugly thought, 'He's behaving very politely and I feel respect in his tone...'

"Hello, Mr. President... you're too polite... I'm honestly speechless because I never thought I would one day receive a direct call from the President of the United States himself! This is such a great honor! What can I do for you?" Feigning honor, the CEO ugly proclaimed.

"Haha, you're exaggerating too much Mr. Greg... it's actually me who's feeling very honored right now." Speaking until here, the President abruptly stopped talking for a short moment, before continuing, "Actually... you should be already aware of the reason behind my call yourself Mr. Greg... so I won't be beating around the bush unnecessarily."

"Let me be very direct here Mr. Greg... so here's the thing... can you really create and produce that blueprint you sent us before?" With clear hope showing in his tone, the President jumped right to the topic.

Seeing how direct he was, a rather wide grin found its way on the CEO ugly's face as he thought, 'He's so impatient.'

Then, after not talking for some time, which in return increased the President's impatience, he finally opened his mouth, "Aii, Mr. President, shouldn't we discuss matters like this in person... you know how telephones are... and someone might be listening to us right now..."

Hearing his reply, the President's eyes began to shine as this almost confirmed that they could truly make it, so just to make sure by a hundred percent, he added, "This is a completely secure line Mr. Greg... so please be completely at ease and just give me a clear confirmation that you can really make it... if you and your company are truly capable of producing it... we will hold a secret meeting together at once!"

'Secure line my ass! I can easily listen to it whenever I want and I know others who can do the exact same thing... and you call it a secure line.' However, on the outside, he stated, "Is that so? So it's a secure line... that makes me relieved then. Now, about the matter of that blueprint... let me reply by saying that... yes, we are a hundred percent capable of producing it."

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"Perfect! That's all I wanted to hear... alright, let's arrange a secret meeting at once! I will fly to New York right now." With an excited tone, the President voiced.

"Sure Mr. President, where shall we meet then?" The CEO ugly inquired.

"Hmmm... There is a secure location owned by the government there in New York... we will meet there if there are no issues from your part. How is it?" He politely offered after some consideration.

"Okay, we will meet there. Notify me of the location when you're in New York and I'll be there." The CEO ugly further said.

However, shaking his head on the other line of the call, the President uttered, "No need for you to come personally, I'll send some cars to pick you up and escort you there."

"Okay. See you soon, Mr. President." Agreeing, the CEO ugly hung up.

"Miss, do you need anything?" The Legal ugly questioned.

As the two uglies were keeping watch outside Ella's house in the shadows, the legal ugly had received a call from Ella who requested a meeting.

And so, right now the Legal ugly was sitting on the couch as he inquired about why she had called him.

"Do you remember how you told me that it would be better if I didn't tell my parents and friends about the mutated HIV cure?" Ella asked.

"Yes, what about it, miss?"

"So, I found a way to let my friends eat the lollipops without making them suspicious..." Ella paused as she gazed at the Legal ugly, wanting to see how he would respond.

"I'm listening, miss... please tell me how I can be of any help." The Legal ugly uttered.

"Easy, I want to take them to a nightclub and give them the lollipops there... this is both because my friends need to blow off some steam and more importantly because of the lollipops." Ella stated before continuing again, "However, as you're already aware of the state of this planet, that's going to be very dangerous... and that's why we need your protection."

Listening to her words, the Legal ugly sank into thought as his head was lowered and faced the ground, however, soon, once again looking into Ella's eyes, he uttered, "Alright, we will protect you with our lives... when are we going?"

"Yay!" Very happily, Ella abruptly jumped from the couch she was sitting on and exclaimed in excitement.

Afterward, calming down, she spoke, "We're going tonight!"

"Okay, then we will wait outside until the time arrives." Standing up, the Legal ugly was about to leave, however, Ella suddenly seemed to remember something, "Oh, wait."

"What is it, miss?" Stopping in his tracks, the Legal ugly queried.

"I forgot about something... can you do me a favor and send people to pick up my friends... since you know... it's very dangerous outside and I'm really worried about them." With a flash of worry passing through her eyes, Ella said.

"That's easy, send me their address and names."

"Hehe, thanks, Legal bro." With a sweet smile, Ella addressed.

Hearing how she called him, the Legal ugly froze in his place for a moment, before turning around as he asked monotonously while looking in her eyes, "What did you say?"

"Hmm, thanks?" Confused, Ella repeated.

"No, after that..." Shaking his head, he asked.

"Hmmm... Oh... you mean Legal bro!" Finally realizing what he meant, Ella opened her mouth and explained, "You know... you said I can call you guys the Security ugly and the Legal ugly... but, I think that's too inappropriate... and since you guys saved my life before, I've decided to call you the Legal bro and the Security bro... unless... hmm... could it be that you don't like it?" Ella asked with a questioning look appearing on her face.

"No, I like it very much. Thank you miss..." Still as emotionless as before, the Legal ugly uttered as he turned around and began to walk toward the door of the house.

However, shockingly, after he had turned around, a rather distinct smile found its way on his face, albeit very shortly.

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After walking out of the house, the Legal ugly's phone began to ring.

So, seeing it was the CEO ugly, he accepted the call as he answered, "What's going on?"

"Hey, I just received a call from the President himself, he's asking for a meeting... and I'm gonna need your help for making some modifications to the contract... come quickly." The CEO ugly stated.

"..." Staying silent for a short period of time, the Legal ugly stated, "I don't think I can make it."

"And why is that? Did something happen on your side? Is master's woman in danger? Should I come?" Listening to the Legal ugly's words, the CEO ugly questioned with a worried tone apparent in his voice.

"No, it's nothing like that... it's just that... Miss wants to go out to a nightclub with a few friends and we need to ensure her safety." He replied.

"I see, if it's nothing serious... just come, the Security ugly would be able to keep her safe... and just in case, tell him to call us if something unexpected happens and we will storm there at once. Anyway, come quickly... this meeting is very important for us." The CEO ugly added.

Listening to him, the Legal ugly had some hesitations inside himself, however, in the end, his dilemma was gone as he replied, "Okay, I'll be there after I talk to the Security ugly."

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A few hours later, at the airport of New York, the President of the United States arrived without alerting anyone.

There, lines after lines of black cars and men from the secret service were already waiting for him in order to escort him safely to the location of the secret meeting.

So, boarding off the private plane, the President walked toward the main car which was specially prepared for him.

After he was inside the car, looking at the person beside him, he ordered, "Send a few of our men to escort the CEO of the Virus Industries to the location of the meeting..."

"Yes, sir."

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"Take a look, I've added the thing you wanted me to..." Giving the CEO ugly some papers, the Legal ugly stated.

It's been almost an hour since the Legal ugly had returned to the headquarters and since then, as he was requested, he had made some changes to the contract as he had added something new to it.

"Okay, thanks, I was just notified that the escort will be arriving in five minutes. Let's go." Taking the contract, the CEO ugly uttered.

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Exactly five minutes later, to the surprise of the passers-by, abruptly, in front of 4 Times Square, row upon rows of black cars were parked as if they were waiting for someone very special.

"What's going on? Why are those cars lined up in front of the Virus company's building?" A passer-by asked his friend.

"No idea dude... but don't you think that line-up and those black cars are just like the escorts of the President himself?" His friend replied.

"Now that you mention it..."

"Well... none of these matters anyway... we're all gonna die the same way soon... So it doesn't matter if you're rich or poor... Because in a year... we're all gonna be dead without exception."

"Yep, you're right buddy... let them have fun because death is coming for them soon... then, all they have would be only a small cubic grave and a coffin for their body just like the rest of us... Huh, finally seeing some fairness before leaving this world."

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As conversations like these were happening among the passers-by, one of the most famous CEO's in the current world together with another ugly suddenly exited 4 Times Square as they were respectfully escorted inside the lined-up cars by a few bodyguards.

"Oh, so those cars belonged to the Virus Industries..."

"Well... only an extravagant company like them could hire such a line-up... anyway, let's go."

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An hour later, the cars arrived in front of a luxurious mansion as one of the bodyguards inside the same car as the CEO ugly opened his mouth, "Mr. Greg, we're at our destination... please let me escort you inside the house."

Mouthing this, that bodyguard opened the door for the CEO ugly as he waited for him and the Legal ugly to come off the car.

"Okay, let's go."

CULTIVATION EARTH

Now that Virus was already in the top eight, his matches would almost be one after the other without much time to rest, so, he decided to just wait in the waiting room until his name was called so he would directly go out to the Colosseum.

"Master, only three more matches remain... and then... if you win them all... you would be able to get your hands on Brisk Balance Fruit... how do you feel about that?" Looking at her master in curiosity, the golden beauty inquired.

"Nothing special really... just that I would be finally able to continue my path of cultivation again... so... I feel like things would get much more interesting from then on." Without any change in his expression, Virus stated.

Nodding in understanding, she questioned, "Hmm, I see... by the way, master... what are you going to do with that fruit? You never explained it clearly..." And by the end of her words, she questioned once again with a light of curiosity appearing inside her eyes.

However, she didn't receive the reply she expected and instead, Virus uttered, "You will know soon enough... Just know that it's essential for my next stage to be finished quickly in the shortest period of time possible..."

"What do you mean, master?" Confused, the golden beauty inquired further.

"Well... if I don't get this fruit... then finishing the next stage of my cultivation would've taken me at least more than a year... but now... anyway, just wait, you will get it later on." He replied as such.

"But..." She was just about to say something else too, when an announcement interrupted her, "Next match is between Howar and... Vee! Please come to the Colosseum or it would count as you forfeiting."

Hearing the summon, standing up, Virus was about to take off his current dress in order to change into that particular clothes he wore before activating the ring, and at the same time, he began to talk, "It's my turn so..." Then, as he was continuing his sentence, he turned his head around, however, much to his amusement and surprise, his sentence was interrupted as there was no longer anyone in the room to listen to his words anymore.

"This girl..." Saying this with a chuckle, Virus began to change into his special clothes.

After he was done, he began walking toward the dark tunnel, however, again, to his surprise, he realized someone was waiting there before the entrance to the dark tunnel while leaning at the wall of the entrance.

But, not caring in the least about that, Virus was about to pass by that person and go along his way when that person finally stopped leaning and obstructed Virus' path into the dark tunnel the next moment.

"Move." Virus proclaimed, expressionlessly.

"I don't want to." With a wide grin, the other person uttered.

Afterward, seeing Virus show no reaction whatsoever to his provocative words, he added, "My master fancies your ring... let me give you the chance

of offering it to him yourself instead of making this whole situation awkward for us and dangerous for yourself... what do you say?"

Listening to the other person, finally, a grin sat on Virus' face as he muttered, "Just as I expected... that's what this is all about... okay... first, tell me who your master is."

"My master? You really don't know? Well... considering that you're just a newbie it's understandable... anyway, listen carefully because I'm gonna introduce him only once!" The other person added.

"My master... is elder Fernan... the pagoda master who is in charge of the Spear Pagoda! So, stop making trouble for yourself and just offer him the ring because if you don't... that's just going to make your everyday life much more miserable since you're going to live every second in fear of death..." With pride and arrogance emitting from all over his body, Howar stated.

"Elder Fernan huh... alright, thanks for the introduction, bye." Uttering this, Virus abruptly disappeared from his previous spot only to appear at the end of the dark tunnel.

Then, as if nothing had happened, he went out of the dark tunnel and walked toward the fighting ground of the Colosseum.

However, witnessing himself and his words completely ignored, Howar's face was already very dark as he mumbled in a low voice, "So you mean you don't put my master in your eyes huh... then... don't blame me for turning into a cripple after this match."

And after he was done mumbling to himself, he also turned around as he began to pass through the dark tunnel to the fighting ground.

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"What took you two so long! If it had taken you two just a minute longer to appear, I would've already announced both of you as defeated!" The judge elder who had been waiting for some time now uttered in annoyance.

Then, he sighed and calmed himself down before continuing, "Anyway, you two have already wasted enough time... Now begin the match at once!" So, just like that, the match started.

As the match had already begun, gritting his teeth, Howar spoke with deep hostility, "You will regret your decision soon... when you're no longer able to cultivate forever after this match... you'll cry everyday and live in regret as to why you didn't just give away your ring instead of ignoring me... But it'll be too late by then."

"Oh, so you're saying you want to cripple me, huh? You're a cruel one, aren't you?" With an amused expression appearing on his face, Virus asked.

Hearing him, Howar's only response was an evil grin which talked for itself.

So, seeing him truly determined in crippling him, Virus questioned in bafflement, "But I heard one of the elders clearly announce that the first rule states that no killing is allowed in the Martial Contest and other than that, as long as the opponent can heal, everything else is fine... which literally means you can only deal a damage that 'can' be healed, no? And here you are, saying you want to cripple me... which... as far as I know, cannot be healed... this means it's against the rules... hmm, wait, could it be that you want to be expelled from the sect?"

Hearing his logical analysis of the rule, against Virus' expectations, Howar began to laugh out loud, "Hahahaha... this is so funny... hahaha..."

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In the meantime, seeing how Howar was laughing like a maniac, others began to whisper among themselves, "Oi, oi... Howar seems to have lost it again... we're definitely going to see another gore scene now..."

A girl disciple uttered, "That poor Vee... I kinda feel sorry for him."

"Oh no, I think he's going to cripple him like that dude he crippled in the previous Martial Contest..." A male spectator voiced.

"Well, actually... he doesn't go around crippling random people... he mostly does that to people who have done something wrong to him... so that Vee must've done something to make him angry... he deserves it then..." Another male who had similar values as Howar stated.

"Anyway, if he wants to live, he should apologize... or..."

"This is going to be so fun, hehe." There were also disciples who enjoyed watching others suffer.

After a while of laughing, with some traces of tear in the corners of his eyes, Howar stated, "It's clearly you who do not understand this rule completely... hahaha... don't think you're safe from me just because of that rule... because that rule states everything is fine as long as the opponent is not dead and can be healed... the part 'can be healed' means that as long as the opponent doesn't die naturally after the match, it's okay! For example... let's say I cut off your fingers, hehe, that's a good idea actually... anyway if I do that... then... even though you won't be able to make it grow back and heal it to its former shape... as long as the place of that injury can heal naturally so that the bleeding would stop... it's fine! Which literally means as long as the injury is not life-threatening, it's no problem and thus entirely according to the rules! So... tell me... what does that mean?"

"It means crippling and everything else is allowed as long as you don't die." Virus stated with a strange light shining in his eyes.

However, not spotting the strange light shining in Virus' eyes at all nor realizing that Virus' sentence was actually addressed toward him, he continued, "Bingo! So you get it now... haha... since I'm so kind, I'll give you one last chance to offer your ring to me... if you do that, I promise at least not to cripple you."

Then, contrary to the reaction and response he was expecting from Virus, he heard him talk in a relaxed manner, without any kind of fear showing itself in his voice, "No need. However, I truly need to thank you for clarifying that rule for me... I didn't think it was that loose. So... thank you for the reminder."

At the same time, seeing the two still not attacking each other and engaging in a conversation, even though a while had passed since the start of the match, the judge elder got angry as he shouted, "First you two come late to the match... and now... you are casually talking as if you're in a restaurant? Stop wasting everyone's precious time and attack!!! This is your last chance!"

"Okay... however, before that... elder, can you confirm if what this disciple said was true regarding that rule?" Just so as to make sure, Virus inquired.

Listening to Virus' question while wearing an annoyed face, the judge elder replied, "Yes, it's like a secret detail hidden inside rule number one in order to lower the casualties in each contest... however, in the end... in the real world... it all comes back to the basic rule that strong rules over the weak... so the strong decide the fate of the weak and can do whatever he or she desires to the weaker opponent... and the sect is also loyal to that rule in its roots and believes this would make the disciples thrive in the end."

"I see... that's much more interesting... I like it as..." Nodding his head in understanding, a half-smile appeared on Virus' face.

"Rock Ripping Piercer!"

However, just as he was about to continue talking, abruptly, he witnessed that an extremely quick spear was almost upon his abdomen and the next moment, if he didn't do anything, it was going to pierce through his flesh.

'I'm not fast enough to dodge.' Realizing he was not fast enough to dodge, a frown appeared on Virus' face as he began to contemplate the best move he could make right now... and an instant later, raising his left hand, he brought it in front of the path of the spear.

Clink~

The next moment, the noise of Virus' scales clashing with the tip of the spear was heard.

After that, seeing the spear was successfully blocked, deciding to make use of this opportunity, a punch was sent toward Howar's face by Virus' right hand.

"Wrathful Human Charge!" However, just as the punch was about to connect to his face, Howar retreated with all his might as he was able to successfully dodge his fist with difficulty.

'That was a close one...' Howar thought in some fear as he could only imagine what would've happened if he was just a moment later.

After he retreated, Virus looked at him while feigning disdain on his face and uttered, "Tch, aren't you a despicable one for sneak attacking someone who's busy talking to someone else and moreover... you obviously tried to cripple me with that sneak attack..."

"Hahahaha... what's despicable about that? That's completely natural... because in a real fight, being distracted for even a second could make you lose your fragile life. Now that should teach you a lesson!" Laughing at Virus' words, like he had heard the funniest joke in the world, Howar proclaimed.

"Interesting... taking advantage of the rules and sneak attacking your opponent... to be honest, I see nothing wrong with any of them. However, I'm curious how you would feel if they happened to yourself?" Smiling in curiosity, Virus mumbled as he charged toward Howar.

As he was almost upon Howar the next moment, Virus sent his fist toward Howar, however, before his fist was even close, "Wrathful Human Charge!" Using his movement technique, Howar dodged his punch and then counterattacked, "Rock Ripping Piercer!"

Spotting the counterattack, Virus too dodged the attack with a little difficulty before taking a new stance as he abruptly sent a straight kick toward Howar's stomach.

Understanding that the power behind his kick must be a lot more powerful than his fists, without any hesitation, Howar muttered, "Wrathful Human Charge!" Then, he escaped from the range of his kick, however, knowing this was also a golden chance for him since Virus' balance should be ruined at least until his kick attack was over, he began mumbling, "Bane Blast Penetrating Strike!"

At the same time, his spear instantly charged at Virus' stomach once again as it made contact with some unknown body part of Virus which he wasn't able to clearly witness since his foot was covering Howar's view.

So, seeing his spear make contact with his opponent's body, a rather wide grin found its way on Howar's face as he thought, 'This is over!'

Bang!

At the same time, at the location of the connection between the spear and the body part, the sound of an explosion was heard as Virus was sent flying for a few meters before his body finally crashed to the ground...

And then, just like that, Virus' body lay there completely motionless while facing the ground.