

Chapter 201: The Golden Beauty's Resolve

"I... I see... but why hasn't the radar already found the things on that list?" Hiding her face which couldn't get redder, she inquired stutteringly.

"Well, it's not that simple, first, it's much harder for that tool to pinpoint a plant or something similar under the pressurized water. Secondly, it cannot pinpoint the location of the living creatures. And that's what the Island ugly's currently after, the Sun Bone Fish. It's better if you watch it yourself, here... look." After he was done talking, Virus connected a part of himself to the golden beauty as a screen immediately displayed itself in front of both of them which showed the current situation of the Island ugly.

"Uh-" The golden beauty was a bit surprised by the sudden hovering screen that had abruptly popped into existence in front of her. However, soon, as if she had finally found a way to distract herself from the rubbing hands on her back, she started watching the screen in front of her quietly.

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"Sigh" Letting out a frustrated sigh, the Island ugly pondered to himself, 'When am I going to find this stupid fish! I've been searching everywhere for hours now and I still haven't found it! And there's still another material I need to find after this!'

Currently, looking at the dark bottom of the ocean in front of him, the Island ugly's focus was a full hundred percent as he watched the quickly passing by scenery in front of him.

Soon, a voice resounded inside the spaceship which was followed by a sigh, "Warning, the shield has been weakened to the state of having only ten percent of its defense strength remaining, rising to the higher levels of the ocean until the complete recovery of the shield is strongly recommended."

"Sigh, failed again."

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A few hours passed just like that as the Island ugly continued searching for the fish when finally, he spotted a tiny bright golden light almost the same size of an infant's fist moving around in front of him. So, letting out a loud scream of victory, the Island ugly proclaimed, "Found it! Yes!!!" Then, putting on the underwater suit wristwatch, he began moving to the back of the spaceship where he dived into the pressurized bottom of the ocean as he chased after the fleeing strange fish.

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One more day passed very quickly. At this time, an invisible spaceship landed on a private island very quietly without anyone noticing.

"Master, everything's gathered per order" Bowing deferentially in front of a devilish man, the Island ugly stated.

"You're one day late." However, his response was an extremely icy reply which sent shivers down the Island ugly's spine, "I... I'm sorr-"

"Look at you, I was just joking. Take it easy, haha... good job anyway." Seeing his face go pale, Virus said while laughing out loud in entertainment.

'Screw you! I swear you enjoy making fun of me like this, you sadist master!' Came the loud yell, albeit, it was only heard inside his own artificial brain, in his realm of thoughts.

Afterward, Virus gave him his new orders, "Bring the other 'Maker Device Apothecary' to my room for now."

"Yes, master."

"Oh, also, what happened to the fruit by the way? Is it ready? Did you restore it?" As if he had just remembered it, Virus inquired.

"I made the arrangement before leaving three days ago. It should be restored entirely by now, I'll bring that over too." Replied the Island ugly respectfully before leaving.

Twenty minutes later, a new 'MDA' was placed in front of Virus, this was not the 'MDA' he had in the highest floor of his 4 Times Square building, but the second one he had ordered to be made in the past, just in case.

Beside the 'MDA', there were six materials placed in an orderly manner with the most eye-catching among them being a dead fish which was lightly giving off a golden light even though it was already dead.

There were also a few dark fungi placed right beside the 'MDA' which were shockingly giving off a very cold vibe from themselves.

Other than these, there was also a hard rock, a fiery red hot flower, a fruit, and a golden vine situated on the table.

"You can leave, don't come back until I'm finished..." Ordering the Island ugly to leave, Virus murmured, "Finally, everything's ready."

Then turning toward the golden beauty beside him, he voiced with a smile, "Lil Belle, you keep guard beside me while I make it... I can't be disturbed at all throughout the whole process, not even in the slightest."

Listening to her master's words, the golden beauty was surprised as she asked, "Hmm? You need to focus on the process? Master, didn't you just need to put some commands into the 'MDA' the previous times and everything was done by the tool itself... why is it any different this time?"

Letting out a laugh, Virus began elaborating in order to clear the confusion inside Ella's burning eyes of curiosity, "Haha, that's actually very simple... let's assume we have two blades of grass of the same type... now, even though these two are both from the same type of grass, there are still some very minor differences between them in their very essence."

Raising both of his hands, he continued, "This brings us to my point... you see, in the previous drugs I prepared... I just needed to give its general structure to the 'MDA' and it would handle it roughly according to that general DNA I gave it and like that, those minor differences didn't matter at all as they didn't have much influence on the overall effect I wanted to create."

"But this time... it's different! And even the most minor of differences matter! So this time... I need to process them myself and carefully focus even on the most minor of details in order to know how much I need to continue a particular process in order to achieve what I'm after. What I wanna say is that I would need to manually stop when it's necessary to stop and carefully control how much pressure, etc. I put on each of the material along with many other phases. Anyway, this is all because the 'MDA' is incapable of handling that kind of complex process... so I need to do it manually step by step." Putting on an extremely focused expression, he explained further.

"Actually, a more simple example would be comparing it to Alchemy... especially in it's earlier stages since the higher stages of Alchemy in the Cultivation Multiverse is even more complex than this and has other aspects to it too... Anyway, do you understand my point now, Lil Belle?" Gently smiling, Virus concluded.

With a shimmer of understanding going past her eyes, the golden beauty vocalized while nodding her head, "Oh... I see! Yep, I get it now. So that's how it is... okay, don't

worry about anything, master. I'll protect you with my life and I won't allow anyone disturb master's short period of seclusion." She finished her words with great determination.

"That's my Lil Belle, thanks." Patting her head with a chuckle, Virus said before walking before the 'MDA' and picking up one of the materials situated before him.

Chapter 202: Processing

Picking up the Cold Dark Fungi which grew at the bottom of the gigantic frozen ices of the south pole, a very cold sensation transmitted into his palm, 'So cold... if the current Earth discovers these simple-looking Fungi, it would be enough for at least two groundbreaking discoveries...'

By this point, some traces of frozen ice was showing up on his palm, so no longer waiting, he threw it inside the 'MDA' as he then closed its lid and then released his strange sense of awareness, which could cover a certain distance around him, inside the 'MDA'.

Although he could clearly see the inside environment of the 'MDA' through its see-through glass, he still extended his awareness to cover all over it.

'Hmm, good, like this, I can catch every little change occurring inside the 'MDA' without missing almost anything.' As this notion went through his mind, strange-codes from an unknown language began to show up on the hovering 3D screen in front of him. These were the necessary codes for the adjustment of the 'MDA' for the manual control and a few other functions that didn't need to be controlled manually in the procedure of this specific material.

'Done.' As this thought went through his head, in the space around the Fungi, a red flame began to lit and burn slowly as its intensity grew by every second. However, a mist-like gas was also released inside the closed-environment of the 'MDA' which gradually mixed with the red flame.

This flame was an ordinary red fire which was considered one of the weakest flames even to the current Earth.

At first, the flame was hardly visible, '526 °C... barely visible... I need more intensity.' As this line appeared inside Virus' head, the flame started to intensify as it turned dull red, '714 °C... need more'.

After that, the intensity grew even further as more of that mist-like gas also fused with the fire.

Finally, when the flame started to turn into a cherry-dull red in color, the Fungi began to show reaction as it began to steadily melt into a muddy-dark green liquid form.

Anyone watching this scene from the modern Earth would've been greatly surprised seeing this strange phenomenon in front of them. Because instead of burning the fungi, a simple flame was gently changing it into a form of liquid!

This strange occurrence was as a result of that mist-like gas mixing with fire, which took away the red flame's capability of burning the fungi and instead made it extremely gentle without lowering or affecting its heat in the least. With this gentleness, if the degree of the flame required to utilize on each material was realized, anyone would be able to liquefy whatever plant they wanted in order to grasp their essence.

Moreover, what was shocking about this method of gathering the essence was that it could transform those ingredients in startling ways as even their qualities increased further.

'All of it was successfully liquified... good! I had to change the degree of red fire in each and every single layer. Though even the most intense heat I needed was the cherry-clear red flame which is about 1000 °C... and so, even the most basic orange fire wasn't required in the liquefying process...' Analyzing inside his mind, he continued, 'Now, I need to burn away the impurities remaining inside the liquid fungi and get closer to their true essence... this is even harder since I have to pay close attention to every minor detail in order to not burn away the essential pure liquid with the impurities too. At its hardest, the border between burning away the purity together with the impurities is only a single degree Celsius... though luckily it's only like that for some incredibly difficult to purify ingredients and not this one.' As he concluded inside himself, the flame actually began to grow more fierce as it changed into deep orange in color.

Then, at some point, the flame stabilized at the deep orange color as smoke began to rise inside the closed environment of the 'MDA' before disappearing. These smokes were the impurities being burned away from the green fungi liquid.

Five minutes later, a very bright green liquid which was as clear as water displayed itself in front of Virus. This was the sign that the first required ingredient for what he was about to create was successfully finished as it was already processed to its necessary degree. Even though a certain amount of impurities still existed inside the liquid fungi, Virus didn't continue burning them away since not all impurities were useless.

'Done! Now it's the Golden Dried Sand Vine's turn.' Pondering this, he picked the next material which gave him a very crispy and warm feeling.

Afterward, repeating the previous process, Virus began to liquefy and then burn away the impurities in the Golden Dried Sand Vine. The only difference this time was that he had to utilize an even more strong flame throughout the process.

In the first liquefying phase, a deep orange flame around 1126 °C was required while in the purifying stage, the flame transformed into a clear orange color with 1241 °C of heat.

These repetitive steps continued as next the heart of the Sun Bone Fish and the Blue Rock Grass were also thrown into the 'MDA'.

After that, throwing the Brisk Balance Fruit into the 'MDA', Virus continued. The final result of the Brisk Balance Fruit was a colorless essence which was astoundingly giving off a slight bright light from itself.

Next, it was the last ingredients turn to be processed, the Blue Flame Flower.

This was the most difficult ingredient for Virus to process and that's why he left it for the last one. The difficulty for this flower lay in the fact that it was extremely difficult for it to be liquefied since it could endure even the extreme heat levels of the burning lava.

Ultimately, only by utilizing a white flame was he able to complete the procedure.

'Phew, the first part is over... that took some energy even from me since I had to keep my awareness fully focused inside the 'MDA' on every minute changes throughout the whole operation.' Thought Virus while cleaning a few beads of sweat which were about to roll down from his forehead.

Then, turning around toward the golden beauty, he uttered, "The first part is done Lil Belle, now I can rest before starting the second part. Can you please brew me some tea in the meantime?"

By now, she had already walked before him as she softly cleaned his forehead with a tissue and stated while wearing a crescent smile, "Sure, master. Please wait."

Sometime later, she came back carrying a tea tray which had a teapot and a teacup on it.

"So master, I'm really curious, what were those different flames? How could they liquefy those ingredients?" While pouring him some tea from the teapot, the golden beauty inquired.

"Those flames? Oh, they were only natural flames... they could only temporarily have the attribute of liquefying the ingredients through a special type of gas." While staring at the beautiful color of the tea, Virus stated.

"Oh, I see...but those flames actually also had different colors... are they really no different than normal flames? Is the ranking of their heat the same as the general data that's available over the internet? I mean... from the weakest to the strongest, is it respectfully, red, orange, yellow, and so on?" She asked further.

Hearing this, Virus directed his gaze at the golden beauty as he replied, "Yeah that's correct, it's the same as that. More accurately, it's red, orange, yellow, white, blue, and

violet... these are the flames that can be produced most conveniently and they are actually the current limit of the 'MDA'."

"Amazing..." Awestruck, the golden beauty murmured.

Seeing how impressed she seemed, shaking his head, Virus continued, "Actually, there is no need to be amazed or anything, since these flames are considered the lowest of the low in the Cultivation Multiverse and their cultivators only see it as nothing more than utter trash, to be honest. All of these flames which can't burn by themselves are called the Mortal fires and they are mainly used by mortals over there. The flames employed by the cultivators are instead those above the Mortal rank."

Listening to his elaboration of the flames, the golden beauty seemed to be greatly bewildered hearing that all these flames were simply considered garbage, "Sigh... I see. The world is truly endless and my knowledge seems to be nothing compared to the whole world..."

With a burst of loud laughter, Virus proclaimed, "Haha, of course... even I, with a monstrous amount of knowledge, can't claim that I know a lot about the whole world... the universe itself is simply limitless and there are almost infinite unknown things in it... and I'm only talking about one single universe here... if we consider multiverses too... then-" By the end of his words, Virus simply went quiet and didn't continue.

In his past world of the future, mankind was actually never able to fathom the enormity of the entire universe since every time they thought they finally grasped the limits of their universe, they were repeatedly proven otherwise at some point. So in the end, they could only assume it was simply limitless.

However, after searching the universe for countless years, in the end, they still assumed that there would be no further helpful knowledge that would be of much use to them and that's why they focused on the project of multiverse-traveling.

Chapter 203: Totally Worthless

MOSCOW, RUSSIA

A man was sitting in a luxurious room when suddenly, the door of his room was forcibly pushed open by a person who charged inside without even bothering to knock. Seeing this, the unknown man who was already in a bad mood was just about to yell and relieve some of his accumulated anger on this rude newcomer, when the intruder voiced rather loudly while trying his best to take in oxygen to no avail, "Sir! One... of our satellites has just... spotted the current location of the chairman of the Virus Industries, Aizen Vee! He's finally shown himself!"

Hearing this, the other man seemed to entirely forget about his previous feeling of rage as he inquired with shiny eyes of anticipation, "Really? Where is that bastard right now?"

"Reporting to sir, our team in charge of finding him were just watching his private island as usual when they spotted him relaxing on the beach of his island together with a beauty." Elaborated the other man in a respectful tone. By now, he could breathe more normally as he was a lot less tired.

"That bastard had disappeared for so long... and now he's enjoying his life while embracing different beauties in his embrace as if nothing happened?" Said the man shakingly, obviously in rage and anger.

'The way he died was the same as those fucking garbage assassins. And it was revealed that the Virus Industries was the most likely suspect behind the massacre of their members... and moreover, it can't be a coincidence that both of us just happened to make an enemy out of that company, and then both of their enemies died the exact same way! There is no fucking coincidence like this in the world! 'He' must've been killed by this bastard Aizen! He must be the mastermind behind all this! That's the only logical explanation. Damn it, I can't believe we had previously mistakenly assumed either that slut or the male bodyguard had murdered him and so we killed both of them! They both still deserved to die though, since they failed to protect him.' Gritting his teeth, the unknown man pondered before uttering, "Good! It's time for payback, go notify my dear brother that we've finally found him. He'll be so happy... call him over so we can discuss and decide on our next course of action for dealing with him."

Prior to seeing the unsightly deaths of the members of the Heaven Assassination Organization which was exactly the same as the Russian CEO, the people behind the Russian CEO had believed he was most likely murdered by that female bodyguard the Russian CEO happened to be fucking that same night. Another less likely possibility they had considered was that the male bodyguard had killed him. Thus, thinking along the line of 'Better kill ten innocents rather than allowing one guilty to escape unpunished', they had ended the life of both of them who they deemed as 'Totally worthless'.

However, after witnessing the massacre of the assassins of Heaven, they shockingly realized that all of this might not have been as simple as they had previously believed. And that there was a much bigger truth going on behind Russian CEO's death!

"Yes, sir." Voicing this, the intruder retreated reverentially.

Before he could exit the room though, he once again heard the unknown man talk, "Also, tell the chief in charge of those people to be prepared... we will probably need them soon."

"Ah... those people... is it necessary to... I mean..." With some beads of sweat appearing on his forehead, the other man was just about to continue when he was interrupted by a shout of anger, "Shut up if you don't wanna die and just do what I told you to do!"

Hearing this, the other man promptly went pale as he accepted the order and fled the scene with his tail between his legs.

After drinking his cup of tea, looking into the golden beauty's eyes shortly, Virus stated, "That was great! I always enjoy drinking your tea, Lil Belle. Thanks!"

Afterward, standing up he began to walk before the 'MDA' once again while muttering, "I'll bother you to continue guarding me, Lil Belle."

Then, not even waiting to hear the golden beauty's response, Virus once again immersed himself in the process of creating what he needed.

Thus, releasing his awareness inside the 'MDA' again, Virus first looked at all of the different liquids inside the separate compartments of the 'MDA' before pulling back his sense of awareness as he brought his right hand above the 'MDA' and abruptly cut his palm with a knife.

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The golden beauty who was watching all of this from right beside him was absolutely dumbfounded and shocked because she hadn't anticipated such a scene to take place in front of her all of a sudden!

"Master!" Shouting, she was just about to charge toward him to tend to the rather wide cut on his palm when raising his hand, Virus stopped him, "No need to panic. Don't worry, this is just a shallow cut, so it won't pose a single threat for me..." Phrasing this, Virus picked a clean piece of cloth as he tied it around his wound.

Then, focusing inside the 'MDA' once again, he watched as an orange fire began to burn around his blood in the 'MDA' which slowly began to vaporize more and more until less than a single drop of blackish-red blood had remained inside it.

'This should be enough...' As this notion passed through his head, one of the separate compartments inside the 'MDA' was opened as a colorless bright liquid was released from it. This was the liquid which had resulted from processing the Brisk Balance Fruit.

The moment this special liquid was allowed entry into the main compartment in the 'MDA', it naturally rolled until making contact and mixing with the scarce deep-colored blood.

Immediately, a yellow flame mixed with a strange gas started to directly burn the newly fused slightly red liquid inside it.

For two minutes, this process of burning continued when finally the white flame disappeared entirely and only a small amount of pink liquid remained there.

'The hard part begins now...' As he thought this, a white flame began to burn the pink liquid inside it when the essence of the Cold Dark Fungi and the Blue Flame Flower were also released in the main section of the 'MDA' as they blended with the pink liquid.

Then, astonishingly, as if they were meant to be together in the first place, they began to harmoniously fuse. What was astonishing about this simple occurrence is related to the original attribute of the Cold Dark Fungi and the Blue Flame Flower. Since these two could be considered to be the very two extremes of fire and ice, they should've naturally rejected each other. This was because the Cold Dark Fungi released a very icy sensation from itself and it actually slightly froze anything that it touched, while the Blue Flame Flower was a very hot liquid that could even start fire!

So, it was basically impossible for them to mix together without one of them destroying the other. However, surprisingly, they naturally began to mix together without any kind of resistance or without dealing any kind of damage to the other!

This was naturally because of the existence of the Brisk Balance Fruit. One of the benefits of the Brisk Balance Fruit was that it could help merge different materials of complete opposition together!

After they had all combined, Virus continued keeping them under the white flame which gradually weakened into becoming a yellow fire.

At this moment, all of a sudden, Virus also freed the remaining three essences of the Blue Rock Grass, Golden Dried Sand Vine, and the heart of Sun Bone Fish which also happened to be of complete opposition to one another.

And the moment these three fluids came into contact with the burning essence in the middle of the 'MDA', a very intense light began to shine as if a flash bomb was dropped into the room. But, before the light had even started to shine, Virus who was already aware of this kind of reaction had closed his eyes beforehand since there was no need for him to even keep them open. All he needed was his sense of awareness which was completely unaffected.

Chapter 204: Corporeal Tempering

"Ah!" Unfortunately, the golden beauty was unaware of this reaction as she kept her eyes open.

"Finally, it's ready!" Then, opening his eyes, Virus exclaimed with some enthusiasm as he looked at the finished product inside the 'MDA' which was automatically poured inside a futuristic-looking syringe.

Picking up the syringe, Virus gazed at it carefully as the golden beauty also walked beside him and looked at the colorless liquid inside the syringe while muttering in some confusion, "How did it become colorless?"

"Hmm?" Hearing this Virus offered the syringe to her before phrasing, "Here, put it directly under the shining light of the lamp."

Although the golden beauty didn't quite understand why she had to do this, still, picking the colorless syringe, she raised it above her head and kept it right under the bulb of the lamp.

"Ah... am... amazing! How can it be so beautiful! What is this?" The next moment, her eyes began to shine brightly as she looked at the scene in front of her in fervor. Before putting it under the bulb of the light, the liquid was only a tasteless liquid without any color. However, after she placed it underneath the lamp... as if it had come to life by itself, it transformed into a chaotic rainbow, as a variety of colors began to twinkle and flicker inside the liquid itself!

Staring into the golden beauty's obviously curious eyes, Virus began explaining patiently, "This is the final result of all those materials fusing together into forming a type of perfect fluid through my method of combination. In my previous world, it was called the Rapid Concurrent Crystalline... however, that would've been its name if I had used the Stabilizer Rapid Essence. But now, because I used the Brisk Balance Fruit instead of that... I have the right to give it a new name since a combination like this was never tried before. You see, it's truly something nameless and entirely brand new."

Afterward, Virus seemed to have sunk into a deep state of contemplation, 'Considering all of its attributes and benefits... I should name it...'

Two seconds later, having decided, he uttered in a relaxed manner, "I shall name it the Synchronous Transformations Crystal!"

Hearing the novel title, the golden beauty was amazed at first, but a moment later, a light of uncertainty covered it as she queried further, "Master... this is clearly liquid... but why would you still add the word Crystal at the end of its label?"

Hearing the logical inquiry, a knowing grin of amusement showed up on Virus' face as he uttered in a clear tone, "You will understand later." That was all he mouthed before going silent again.

"Uh, okay... I won't ask about that for now. But if I'm not wrong this is what you need for your next stage of cultivation, right master?" Wanting to understand further, she asked.

"Yes." Came the simple response from Virus.

Wearing a pitiful expression on her face, she began mumbling, "Um! So now... can you please tell me what's the next stage called? I mean... master hasn't even told me what's the next stage's name is since you like to be so secretive all the time!" By the end of her words, it was as if her face was yelling that she has been greatly wronged.

"Hahaha... of course... it's finally the time for you to at least know this stage's title. However, I'll only tell you its name and some general info regarding the first three levels of this stage. I won't be telling you the more specific details about it until its appropriate time arrives." With a peal of loud laughter, Virus stated.

"Ahhh, master's so stingy! But alright... I'll be satisfied with that for now." With a light of dissatisfaction glimmering in her eyes, she proclaimed while hesitatingly nodding her head.

"Haha, so here comes the greatly sought revelation... it's called..." Pausing at this point on purpose while clearly trying to tease her, Virus stated.

"Master!" In a loud voice, the golden beauty yelled with some traces of tears showing up in the corner of her eyes.

Seeing her intense reaction though, Virus felt a bit bad about teasing her as he said with a chuckle, "Haha... okay, okay, I won't tease you anymore, it's called the Corporeal Tempering Stage."

In the Cultivation Multiverse of Qi, just like the Purifying Stage, this phase was considered only a pre-stage that could be done before officially starting Cultivation. However, that was it and there was no requirement that these two stages had to be completed for sure before starting Cultivation. Therefore, not a lot of people put much importance on them.

Although those with more common backgrounds were aware of the existence of the so-called Purifying Stage, most of them abandoned it entirely, thinking it wasn't worth the time nor the resources to complete this particular stage. Because even though they were roughly aware of the benefits and advantages the completion of the Purifying Stage would bring, they understood that there were far more disadvantages placed beside actually doing it!

First of all, making an effort to complete this stage needed the utilization of very expensive pills or even heavenly materials that only those top sects with monstrous foundation had access to! So it was considered very unrealistic to try actually doing this stage.

Secondly, this stage was considered a very time-consuming one which would take years to finish and only brokenly at that! So, considering the fact that by the time some

of the levels of this stage was done, those young talents would lose the best time to start cultivation and cultivating which simply wasn't worth it at all!

Thus, with this mindset, most cultivators only took what purification materials and pills they had at hand before no longer even bothering with this stage anymore. This was also the reason why they mostly cared about the natural purity of the body and considered those inborn with less filth in their bodies talents and even geniuses!

However, coming to the next one that is called the Corporeal Tempering Stage, most of those cultivators with a more common background or sect wasn't even aware of the existence of such a thing!

Of course, there were those ancient clans and sects who had the knowledge regarding this second pre-stage. However, even most of them didn't bother with it since it was even more time-consuming and wealth-burning stage than the previous one!

And so, those who actually did this second pre-cultivation stage were gigantic clans in the Cultivation Multiverse of Qi who had enormous wealth to burn for their talents and children from a very young age!

But even some of them couldn't complete this stage and could only conclude it until for example the second, third, or at most the fourth level. Furthermore, even those levels they did were not completed to their utmost limits since that was considered almost impossible for them in the first place!

A distinction the Corporeal Tempering Stage actually had with the Purifying one was that in the previous stage of removing the impurities, one could first do the fourth level randomly before coming back to the third or even the second level to finish, so it couldn't be considered systematic at all. However, the Corporeal Tempering Stage was different in that one had to foremost finish the first level before breaking through to the second one and continuing to higher levels like that! Nevertheless, they could still abandon this stage whenever they felt like in order to officially starting Cultivation.

Chapter 205: 'Synchronous' Transformations Crystal

"So it's called the Corporeal Tempering Stage..."

"Yes... actually, in the Cultivation Multiverse of Qi, it usually takes years for a cultivator to finish this stage... but for me... hmm, well, this brings us to another question. Do you know why I was so adamant on traveling to the Cultivation Multiverse and getting my hands on the Brisk Balance Fruit?" Questioned Virus with a mystifying look.

"Um, if I remember correctly... in the past, master said that one of the uses of the Brisk Balance Fruit was to fuse two extremes of complete opposite... like fire and ice. Isn't that why...?" Putting her index finger on her lips, the golden beauty uttered in doubt.

Nodding his head with a chuckle, Virus voiced, "Yes, that's one of the benefits the Brisk Balance Fruit has... but do you really believe that I wouldn't be able to find another easier alternative in order to fuse two ingredients of opposite substances? Do you honestly think I would go through so much trouble just to get my hands on a simple Brisk Balance Fruit that's only usefulness is to combine the cold and the heat?" With an inquisitive shimmer passing through his eyes, Virus asked.

Letting out a funny sound as if she had just realized something very unexpected, the golden beauty's eyes shone with some lights of curiosity before mouthing, "Eh... now that you say it, it seems a bit odd. Could it be that master has another use for it and that there is a much more important reason behind it being so valuable to you?"

"Hahaha... of course, as I phrased before, that's only 'one' of its benefits. There is actually a much more essential reason behind why I had to definitely find the Brisk Balance Fruit and get my hands on it. This reason was actually my true objective all along and that's why I called the Brisk Balance Fruit a heavenly fruit on a few occasions." With a loud burst of laughter mixed with delight, Virus began to talk.

"Umm, and what is that reason, master?" With stars reflecting itself in her eyes, the golden beauty inquired while bringing her jade-like face closer to his face.

"I like that look inside my Lil Belle's eyes, so I'll elaborate on it for you a bit! Hmm, so... you see, as I said before, it takes many years for a normal cultivator to finish the so-called Corporeal Tempering Stage, and that's mostly because you have to finish this stage in a systematic way... by breaking through from the first level to the second, and from the second to the third... it continues like this till the stage is completed! I mean, it's no longer a matter of resources! Even if one had the complete set of resources enough to finish this stage, that would still require many years to complete. That's mainly because it takes a lot of time and effort to break through each level, and the difficulty together with the time needed for each breakthrough increases the further someone advances-" At this point, in order to see her reaction, Virus paused.

"Um, master still hasn't clarified why the Brisk Balance Fruit is mandatory to you..." Said the golden beauty with some uncertainty.

"Haha, wait for it, I'm getting there... so you see... since this stage being systematic was the main problem and the reason behind why it consumed so much time... I just needed something in order to bypass that problem! And that's exactly where the Brisk Balance Fruit comes into the play." With a pleased look displaying itself on his face by this point, he continued, "And this actually brings us to another major question... do you know why I named that rainbow liquid the 'Synchronous' Transformations Crystal?"

"Ahhh, master! We only arrive at another question after sooo much? Just tell me already, hmph!" Pouting very seriously, the golden beauty phrased in a frustrated tone.

"Haha, patience Lil Belle, patience... we're almost there." Tickled by her adorable behavior, Virus continued by another question much to her exasperation, "But first, tell me... what does 'Synchronous' mean?"

"Its most common application form means 'Existing or occurring at the same time', But... what does that have to do with..." She was just about to announce her skepticism when she faced Virus' interruption, "Exactly! Now, with the usage of this so-called 'Synchronous' Transformations Crystal... every level of the Corporeal Tempering Stage would occur at the same time! And this, in a way, could almost mean breaking the system of this stage entirely! Well, not exactly that either. By occurring at the same time... I mean, all of the levels of the Corporeal Tempering Stage would gradually improve by themselves at the same time! And all of this happens because the Brisk Balance Fruit was added to the fray... now, like this, don't you think its worth to be called a heavenly fruit?"

Startled and mostly amazed by the statement she queried, "Ah! By breaking the system... do you mean you wouldn't need to complete this stage in a systematic way anymore? And that you could actually, for example, do the second level first before jumping back to the first one? Is that what you're saying, master?"

"No, no... it still can't really be considered breaking the system entirely, since that's simply impossible achieve... that's why I used the word 'Almost' before saying 'Breaking the system'! All that the Brisk 'Balance' Fruit can do is to help gradually temper all of the levels at the same time in a 'balanced' way before even actually breaking through to higher levels of the Corporeal Tempering Stage... I still need to break through this stage in a systematic way, for example, from the first to the second one and then to the third. Thus, in simpler terms, the Brisk Balance Fruit only administers access to all of the higher levels of the Corporeal Tempering Stage before actually breaking through to them."

"However, the advantage of this lays in the fact that by the time I breakthrough from the first level, the second level might be already at its sixty percent completion rate! And then, by the time I break through to the third one, it might have already achieved the state of fifty or sixty percent completion rate by itself! Haha, don't you understand what all this mean? Like this... the time to consummate this stage would be reduced by many times!" By now, a burning passion and a fiery enthusiasm were reflecting itself inside Virus' eyes as he explained everything clearly as he elucidated his true motivations.

'Ahhh, He's most charming when he's genuinely focused on something... calm down, my artificial heart...' Seeing her master's eyes which seemed as if he would jump over to eat her at any moment made a small trace of redness to show up on the golden beauty's cheeks as she stuttered, "A... a... and? But... doesn't... doesn't that mean like this, the fourth level might already be finished and broken through before the third or the second one? Wouldn't that be a big problem since the system's not really broken?"

Hearing the rational question, Virus began to explain in fervor, "Haha, don't worry, that would never happen... because first of all, it gets harder to break through the more one advances. This means more energy is required for every new level the further someone goes! Secondly, the emphasis of the Brisk Balance Fruit lays in the word 'Balance'! It means every level will gradually improve in a balanced way with stability and equilibrium!"

"Moreover, there is another more vital reason as to why that won't ever happen... " At this point, a rather deep contemplative light showed up inside his eyes as he stated this confusing sentence.

"Umm, and what is that, master?" She asked while experiencing incertitude as some imaginary question marks popped up above her head.

"Well, I have other special means by which I would be able to reduce the time required for each level I'm trying to break through..." Phrased this ambiguous sentence, Virus went quiet.

"Can you please explain more clearly, master?" Annoyed by the broken description, the golden beauty pursued the topic.

Nevertheless, seeing this impatient reaction from her, as if he had succeeded, Virus vocalized, "Haha, nope, sorry Lil Belle, you will comprehend what exactly I'm connoting when the time comes! Anyway let's not talk about that anymore. Let's get to work!"

Chapter 206: Six Results

"Let's get to work!" Uttering this, he continued, "Call the Island ugly over, I require some things first."

"Yes, master." Promptly, the golden beauty disappeared before returning in around ten minutes.

"Master, please state your orders." Bowing respectfully, the Island ugly said.

Seeing them back, Virus took off his pitch-black ring from the finger of his left hand as he looked at the small crack on it for a moment, 'That attack from the guest elder was too much and it even resulted in my ring cracking...' As this notion went through his head, he extended his left hand and offered the currently defected ring to the Island ugly while mouthing, "Here, take this and fix it as soon as possible."

"Yes, master." Taking the ring obediently, the Island ugly said.

"Also, I need to use the spare White-Ray Device for a moment... lead me to it." Virus stated further.

"Yes, master. Please follow me." Heeding the command, the Island ugly turned around as he began to stroll out of the room.

"Let's go, Lil Belle."

"Eh, master... you need to use the WRD again? Why?" She asked in doubt.

"I need to inject the Synchronous Transformations Crystal directly into my heart... and currently, WRD is the safest tool that can inject it directly into my heart without damaging it." Virus explained patiently as he stood up.

"Ah... okay, let's go."

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Around ten minutes later, all three of them were standing in front of the spare WRD at the First Floor of the Underground World of the island.

Seeing the Island ugly standing there without moving at all, Virus reminded, "Okay... Island ugly, you can leave now, go fix the ring in the meantime."

"Ah, yes..." Feeling a bit awkward, the Island ugly left the vicinity at once.

After he left, walking beside the WRD, Virus inserted the syringe to a specific entry in the WRD as he proclaimed, "I will make it so you can watch what's happening inside my body throughout the process..."

"Eh, why-" She was about to question the reason behind this particular action when she was interrupted with a chuckling Virus, "You will understand soon enough. Also, although with these many worker robots around, there won't be any dangers threatening me... still, be careful and don't let anyone disturb me while I'm inside."

"Yes, please rest assured master." With that special resolve starting to burn inside her eyes, she agreed.

Afterward, laying down inside the WRD, Virus closed its cap. A few seconds later, a hovering 3D screen displaying the interior space inside Virus' body showed up.

At the same time, tens of needles, which were even thinner than a strand of hair, began to move by themselves as they directly pricked Virus' heart.

Instantly, all of the needles began to simultaneously inject that colorless liquid into Virus' heart to the very same spot.

The next moment, all of the liquid were emptied into a particular spot inside his heart to the very last drop. However, shockingly, the instant all of the liquids joined together and made contact with his blood inside Virus' heart, it began to solidify and a second later, it turned into a crystallized form!

"Ahh..." Watching all of this from outside, the golden beauty was startled and worried at first as she thought something had gone wrong in the process of injecting the Synchronous Transformations Crystal into his master's heart. However, as she pondered about it a little more, promptly, a light turned on above her head as she understood what was going on, "Oh, so that's why it's titled as the Synchronous Transformations 'Crystal'... I see. So that's what master meant all along." Heaving a sigh of relief, she mumbled to herself before continuing, "But... will it stay like that inside master's heart? Won't it be dangerous?"

At this moment, the process was quickly finished as the door of the coffin-like WRD was pushed open as Virus raised into a sitting position. A few minutes passed, but Virus was still sitting in that frozen state as if he was deeply contemplating something.

In the meantime, inside Virus' mind, 'Ah, it's wonderful! I feel like every cell inside my body's being energized... like I'm immersed in a hot spring after a day filled with hardships and fatigue.'

"Master? Are you okay?" Seeing her master stay quiet for a long time, the golden beauty began to grow worried once again as she muttered anxiously.

"Huh... I'm fine... actually, I'm feeling great. Let's return to our room now." After that, as they were strolling back to their own private space, they happened to bump into the Island ugly, "Great, I was just about to summon you again... good thing you're here."

"Please pass your orders master."

"Now that this step is finished successfully, I'm going to need a few novel tools soon... so create them according to the list I'm sending to you." As he uttered this, a few blueprints popped into the Island ugly's head as he voiced with a glimmer of understanding going through his eyes, "Your wish is my command, master."

"Good, you may leave now."

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"Lil Belle... I need you to massage my body exactly according to the technique I'm sending you now..." After coming back to their room, this was the first sentence Virus relayed upon the golden beauty.

Then, before the golden beauty could say anything further, new knowledge began to show up inside her head, 'Intermediate Massaging Technique.'

And looking at its description, her eyelashes began to flutter, 'Description: This technique was created after modifying an extraordinary massage technique of the Cultivation Multiverse of Qi through the help of the scientific knowledge the Technology Earth has at hand. This technique will greatly assist human beings in centralization of all energy on the surface of their skin. Additionally, this technique helps in stimulating the skin substantially. Warning: This technique will only be effective if the target is stark naked.'

Even though seeing the description, a lot of questions had already popped into the golden beauty's head, thinking the situation might be really urgent, she decided to put them aside for now and do what her master was telling her to do, "Alright, master. Please lay down and stri..." Yet, at this point, a realization hit her as she understood since there was a need to massage specific spots on the body through the use of certain methods, her master had to strip for the technique to be effective entirely, so with a slight blush appearing on her cheeks, she went quiet.

Virus though, immediately understood what she wanted to say, so without any further ado, he began to undress and get naked as he lay on the bed facing down the very next moment, "Aren't you going to do it?" However, seeing no one massaging his body even after some seconds had passed, he asked doubtfully.

The golden beauty who had been keeping her eyes closed was shaken into opening them as she looked at her master's back while thinking, 'Phew... at least, most of these massage methods need to be done on the back...'

"no... I... I'm coming, master." Then, shakily uttering these words, she started walking toward her master.

"Continue doing it until I tell you to stop..." After phrasing this, Virus thought, 'Some of the clans, sects or schools in the Cultivation Multiverse had special techniques which would immensely assist them in the Corporeal Tempering Stage... some of them developed these techniques after spending countless years through the experiences of many generations, while some of them found their techniques in some ancient grounds or an abandoned site... while a few did both as they gradually improved those ancient techniques they discovered in the past. Now... I need to search through these techniques and choose one of the best among them...' As these notions were passing through his head, hundreds of thousands of different techniques started to show up in his line of sight.

"Hmm... let's just filter them through my special requirements..." As he mumbled this, he deliberated further, 'First... since I never saw a satisfactory result among the practitioners of this stage in my previous world... let's remove all of the techniques that have been practiced before by those monkeys in my world.' The moment this line of thought popped into his head, hundreds of thousands of techniques began to immediately vanish. After the removing process was finally done, Virus realized there were only 265,109 techniques remaining.

'Now... let's remove those with no potential according to their description.' Thinking this, the number of techniques was reduced substantially once again as the remaining number was... 87,210.

'Let's also remove those techniques that are not suitable to the properties of the Synchronous Transformations Crystal, of course after also considering the special attributes of the Brisk Balance Fruit... hmm... so many were deleted... only 1,089 remains. Although the ranking of each technique was roughly given by our own world itself... let's eliminate the low or mid-grade ones too...' Looking at the final result after going through this elimination session, Virus realized there were only six techniques remaining.

〈1. Five Diamonds Bodywork〉

『Introduction: This is an ancient technique specifically utilized in the Corporeal Tempering Stage. It is rumored that if it's trained to the fifth level of the Corporeal Tempering Stage, one's bones' hardness will be close to the hardness of the diamond itself, but due to its difficulty in exercising this technique, there was never a successful case for this particular one. Rough Grade according to the criteria of the Technology Civilization: High.』

〈2. Buddha Corporeal Destruction〉

『Introduction: This is a body strengthening technique invented by a very ancient clan. It's said if this technique is cultivated to the fifth level of the Corporeal Tempering Stage, the person who has utilized this technique to achieve the fifth level will have a golden body like Buddha's. Since there are more suitable Buddha techniques, this has been never trained by anyone in the Technology Earth. Rough Grade according to the criteria of the Technology Civilization: Top.』

〈3. Dark Dragon's Metamorphosis Revolution〉

『Introduction: An incomplete fragment of the Corporeal Tempering Stage Technique discovered in an ancient site of an abandoned planet by the Technology Civilization. Only a mysterious and odd revolving method remains from this technique and the rest seems to have been lost in the countless years of that planet's destruction (the name of the technique is actually only the name of the revolving method and it's real name has

been lost too). There is simply not enough information regarding this technique and since there are countless other complete techniques using the word 'Dragon' in them, no one in the Technology Civilization has ever chosen this technique. However, since every technique using the word 'Dragon' in their title seems to be averagely among the high-grade ones, the rough grade given according to the criteria of the Technology Civilization is...: High.』

〈4. Beating The Fragility Into Lonsdaleite 〉

『Introduction: This is considered a legendary technique by many cultivators. It makes the body stronger by getting the body beaten up. It is rumored that if this technique is exercised to the fifth level one would have a skeleton which can even be considered harder than a diamond! However, unfortunately, since the requirements of getting beaten up get harsher at every level, there has never been a successful record of this technique being trained to the fifth level since all of its practitioners are doomed to be beaten to death as they join the majority. Rough Grade according to the criteria of the Technology Civilization: Top.』

〈5. Divine God Physique 〉

『Introduction: Obviously, the naming has been greatly exaggerated. But, according to the records of the past practitioners of this technique, their bodies grade seem to get elevated to a higher degree as their strength increase considerably to the utmost limits of a mortal body! So it can also be said this technique will be of great assistance for preparing the body for Cultivation. Unfortunately though, this technique is incomplete and the rest of it is lost. Rough Grade according to the criteria of the Technology Civilization: Top.』

〈6. Bodily Qi Assimilation Technique 〉

『Introduction: This technique requires an astronomical amount of resources as it absorbs those materials Qi and assimilates a specific percentage of it in order to strengthen and improve the body. Rough Grade according to the criteria of the Technology Civilization: Top (One of the better ones even among the top). 』

Chapter 207: A Decision Made

'Hmm, the first one simply doesn't catch my eyes... it's just an ordinary one among the Corporeal Tempering Stage's techniques.' Looking at the first one, he immediately rejected it as his line of sight dropped on the second one on the hovering list in front of him, 'Hmm... a golden body? First of all, I don't want my body to become golden like Buddha's statue... secondly, according to my data, even though the influence isn't to a great extent, I believe techniques with the word Buddha or other similar terms in them progress the best when they're utilized by extremely righteous people... and I simply don't believe I fit that criterion, so... denied.'

As his eyes fell on the third one, he began the contemplation, '[Dark Dragon's Metamorphosis Revolution]... hmm, it was found in some destroyed planet's ancient site by our own people... no one has ever practiced it since it's risky and there is literally no information regarding it other than it's mysterious revolving method's name, and so, the other cultivators always chose another dragon technique rather than risking themselves by trying this... so the introduction or the rough grade can't be relied upon or trusted at all... let's put that aside for now and check the other techniques before considering further...'

'Let's directly discard the fourth one too since I don't want to be beaten black and blue all the time just to get a bit stronger... it's just too much of a hassle in exchange for rather ordinary results. Although it would be able to make my body's defense much better...' With a slight frown, he directly proceeded to the following options as he no longer bothered with it.

'[Divine God Physique] and [Bodily Qi Assimilation Technique]... hmm, by far they are the most eye-catching ones among the six results. Both of them mainly increase the strength of the body and also seemingly improve the physique itself by a slight margin...' As his lips were pressed together, he pondered with a serious expression appearing on his face.

Finally arriving at this point where he had to consider all of the remaining candidate techniques in order to pick the best one with the most potential among them, he continued, 'Number 3, 5, and 6 remains... so, I have to choose between the mysterious [Dark Dragon's Metamorphosis Revolution], the exaggerated [Divine God Physique], and the luxurious resource burning [Bodily Qi Assimilation Technique]... before making a decision, first, I should compare their methods of... eh?' The moment he made the decision to study the methods recorded inside each technique, Virus had already looked through them a few times. However, the reason why he abruptly stopped his deliberation was that among the three techniques, there was something very odd about one of them that piqued his interest immensely.

Thus, with dilated pupils, he thought, 'Both [Divine God Physique] and [Bodily Qi Assimilation Technique] begin their starting point of rotation from the stomach itself since it would be significantly helpful in case the cultivator consumes particular resources as it would aid in digesting those materials which would then help bring their energies to a specific part of the body in order to have a special effect...'

After a short pause, shaking his head, he resumed his deep deliberation, 'No... it's not just them... almost every other Corporeal Tempering Stage technique follows the same pattern at their beginning point since that's the most rational route that has the best results...'

'However, this [Dark Dragon's Metamorphosis Revolution] is... different! It actually begins its revolution from the heart!? That doesn't make any sense at all! And, it basically seems to go against the mainstream completely. Not only that, but the other

parts of the revolution is also strange and entirely divergent from the rest of the techniques... why? Could it be that the Techniques with the term 'Dragon' in them follows this...' At this point, he had already begun going through thousands of different techniques which contained the word 'Dragon' in them, like the [Golden Dragon Scales Imitation] or the [Blood Dragon's Bloody Figure]. However, to his surprise, soon he realized none of them began from the heart!

"Hmm... truly mysterious." Without realizing, he muttered these words out loud, while a strange light was burning in his eyes.

"What... what did you say, master?" The golden beauty who was still massaging the back of his body was startled out of her own world hearing her master suddenly mumble something. A moment later, for some unknown reasons, her face flushed deeply as she promptly distanced her jade-like fragile-looking hands from his master's bottom.

"Uh, nothing. Please continue, Lil Belle. You're doing a fantastic job!" Realizing he had lost control for a moment, he responded with a half-smile before sinking into his own thoughts once again.

'Using the other techniques, I initially planned to first lead the pure energy within the crystal in my heart toward my stomach before starting their rotation methods, the downside of doing this is that most of those energies would have lost a lot of their efficacy and only around ten percent would've been actually utilized. But... with this dark dragon technique, I might be able to exploit all of them without losing much!' At this point, his eyes were shining with some light of anticipation and elation. Although he didn't expect a lot from this particular strange revolving method... to him, being able to utilize the greatest amount of energy contained within the Synchronous Transformations Crystal alone held much more temptation than any other top-grade technique with those wondrous effects since he understood just how terrifying the pure energy contained within the Synchronous Transformations Crystal was!

'Even though there are some risks training through this method considering the fact that no one has ever trained in it prior to this moment... however, on the account of this one being the most suitable one for me... I shall take this risk! Who knows... maybe my boldness is even rewarded and I happened to bump into some unexpected surprises... though the opposite is also possible.' Making a resolute decision, a strong determination coursed through his eyes before continuing, 'Even if I'm disappointed in the end... I shall only blame myself and my rotten luck for making such a decision.'

The truth was that in his past world of the future, true dragons were simply considered mythical creatures that didn't exist even in the Cultivation Multiverse of Qi at the time. Although there were some vague recordings of their existence in the past inside some ancient records, not a lot of cultivators believed in them because other than their external physical shape and how insanely powerful they were, not a lot of other information had remained regarding them.

Nevertheless, if some basic knowledge concerning their anatomy was truly available and Virus happened to acquire them and understood that a dragon's heart was the location with the utmost concentration of energy and that they drew energy starting from their heart for specific tasks... then, at this very moment, Virus might've been greatly perturbed and stunned into being dumbfounded!

'Anyway, let's begin the initial revolution.' As this notion passed through his head, his eyes were closed as he began to concentrate at the interior world of his body with his own unique awareness.

'Hmm, actually, successfully revolving any of these methods for the very first time are tens of times easier since I have a huge advantage over other cultivators... my sense of awareness!' Actually, Virus' distinctive awareness was of great assistance to him at the moment because he could clearly sense everything that was happening inside his own body and that simple fact decreased the difficulty of revolving the technique for the first time by multiple times. This was also the phase the other cultivators struggled the most since they were as blind as bats at first and that resulted in them committing a lot of mistakes.

By now, as a result of the golden beauty's exceptional massaging method, Virus' skin had grown a lot warmer. This was the aftermath of a slight amount of the Synchronous Transformations Crystal's potency gathering on the surface of his body. However, after the revolution of the [Dark Dragon's Metamorphosis Revolution] started, his skin's heat began to shoot up to the point that if Bella was an ordinary person, her hands would've been burnt by now!

Finally, at this moment...

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Chapter 208: True Skin Conversion

As the temperature of his skin began to decrease, Virus chuckled in contentment before phrasing, "Haha... finally, I've broken through to the initial phase of the True Skin Conversion!"

"Lil Belle, let's rest for a short while before proceeding. You can stop now." Saying this, Virus stood up before walking toward his clothes as he started wearing them temporarily.

Seeing him abruptly stand up, the golden beauty was obviously startled before promptly closing her eyes, then she questioned, "Master... you said [True Skin Conversion]... moreover, the massage targets your skin, previously I didn't ask about this since the situation seemed urgent. But why is the first level related to the skin... could it be you need to break through ten times like the previous stage? That would need a lot of time, no?"

Looking at the golden beauty whose eyes remained closed, Virus let out a grin of amusement before replying, "Hehe, actually... it's not ten levels anymore. Because unlike the Purifying Stage, the Corporeal Tempering Stage is systematic... so the adjustments my past world could make to this stage was very limited."

"Then... how many levels are there in this stage?" She inquired in doubt and curiosity.

"Hmm... it's a bit complicated. But you could say there are only five levels. Though it's not exactly that either. Anyway, you'll understand later." Putting his finger under his chin, Virus proclaimed in a deep tone.

Hearing the response, the golden beauty was clearly confused by his ambiguous response. So, somewhat frustrated, she wondered, 'I'm so lost. What's that supposed to mean...? Is it five levels or not?'

"Oh... right... the first three levels are respectfully called, [True Skin Conversion], [Altering The Flesh], and [Viscera Renewal]." Remembering that he was previously going to tell her the name of the three foremost levels of Corporeal Tempering Stage, he added further.

"Hmm... I see. Alright, you can rest now, master. I'll go cook something tasty for you." Uttering this, turning around, she left the room for the time with a half-smile at the corner of her mouth.

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After a short rest, once again, they resumed the massaging session and just like that, two hours later, the surface of Virus' body's temperature began to increase for a very short moment before he finally experienced a minor leap from the initial phase to the middle phase of the True Skin Conversion Level.

Thus, clearly jubilant, a row of pleasant white teeth displayed itself as Virus exclaimed in glee, "Haha... True Skin Conversion, mid-phase... if it continues like this, I'm going going to breakthrough to Altering The Flesh level in at most a day!"

"Ah... master... your skin just got a lot softer!" Greatly shocked to an exaggerated degree, the golden beauty's shouted the next moment.

Letting out a peal of amused laughter, Virus began elaborating on that, "Haha... of course, with each small leap, the skin's quality increases to a noticeable degree! You wouldn't notice most of these changes happening to me since the external appearance of my skin was already in its optimum shape prior to now, though that's only in

appearance and internally, my skin's quality is also like a normal person's skin. Anyway, if a middle-aged woman was practicing this True Skin Conversion Stage instead of me... most of her wrinkles would've disappeared by now and she would've transformed to how she looked at her prime age. One of the reasons why this happens is because the extracellular matrix increase-" By the end of his explanations, Virus suddenly paused as he realized that the golden beauty's eyes were burning intensely while she stared at his skin with an odd light that was yelling 'I'm so jealous!'. So in mirth, Virus shook his head helplessly as he thought, 'She's a woman by a true definition, alright?'

"Let's continue." Afterward, vocalizing this prompt, Virus began the rotation of the [Dark Dragon's Metamorphosis Revolution] once again. The moment he revolved this method to a complete cycle a few hours ago was the moment he successfully broke through to the initial phase of the True Skin Conversion level as he officially crossed the threshold and entered the Corporeal Tempering Stage. Now, with every full rotation, the duration required for each complete cycle decreased by a small margin while it also got a bit easier to revolve the method.

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ONE DAY LATER

Currently, Virus was laying down on his bed while the golden beauty sat on his back as she continued massaging her master's back.

By now, she had almost gotten used to looking at his master's stark naked back as she had also gotten a lot bolder in her way of massaging while she occasionally even touched his back in places that were obviously outside the range of the Intermediate Massaging Technique.

Since yesterday, all Virus did other than being massaged and practicing the dark dragon's revolving method was to sleep at night in order to relieve his fatigue or eat when he was feeling hungry. The rest of his time and energy was all spent trying to experience leaps and eventually breakthrough to the Altering The Flesh level of the Corporeal Tempering Stage.

And now... eventually, after many hours of tiresome effort, he felt his skin's temperature abruptly rise to an unprecedented degree for a very short period of time before all that heat was led to a deeper section of his body as they instantly passed into his flesh and muscles all over the internal part of his anatomy under the skin.

"Yes! The initial phase of the Altering The Flesh. Others take months in order to break through the first level... but for me... it only took a single day! I'm really curious to know

how those ancient sects in the Cultivation Multiverse would feel if they come to get the news about this speed... haha-" Just as he was announcing his successful breakthrough jovially, suddenly, the light of surprise twinkled inside his eyes as he pondered to himself while clenching his fists, 'Eh... I feel as if... my strength also increased by a rough estimation of fifty kilograms... this...'

However, before he could finish that notion passing through his head, it was interrupted by the astounded golden beauty who exclaimed, "Ah... master! Your skin's like a baby's now... it's so soft... but oddly, it highlights the charming and manly demeanor of your muscles even further now..."

"Give me a knife." However, without responding to her exclamation at all, wearing a broad smile, he threw a seemingly random request her way.

"Uh? Okay... please wait." Although she didn't quite understand why he needed a knife all of a sudden, she did as she was told and promptly brought a knife over quietly.

However, what she witnessed next left her dumbfounded as she let out a worried exclamation, "Ah! Master!"

This happened because the moment Virus received the sharp knife, without any hesitations whatsoever, he sent a direct slash at the palm of his right hand!

Unfortunately, this was not the end of her being surprised silly as what she witnessed next made her feel a bit more speechless... because she realized there were no wounds on his master's palm! Not even a scratch!

"Wow... master! How is this possible? Is your skin very hard now? But I clearly just felt it... it was so soft!!! Um... could it be because it's now extremely elastic?" At first, she didn't understand what was happening with his master's skin. However, after using the scientific knowledge she had at hand, she was able to immediately arrive to the most possible conclusion.

"Haha... even I'm surprised by this result to be honest! Yes, you've almost arrived at the right conclusion, though it's not complete. The knife can't cut me because my skin's now abnormally stretchy and elastic. But that's not all... because other than it getting very stretchy and soft... it's also a lot harder than before. Hmm, how should I put this... let's just say it has retained its softness while also increasing in its hardness. Just think of this extraordinary outcome which goes against the norm as a result of cultivating." He explained in the simplest way he could. At the same time, internally, he was processing everything in deep shock, 'How could this be? The hardness of my skin increased and astonishingly... it got softer! Not just that... my strength also seems to have improved a bit... could it be...'

Chapter 209: SSWJ

Currently, the CEO ugly was sitting on the couch inside his own office as he pondered, 'Hmm, I heard the Security ugly say that master has returned from his trip... but, why isn't he back? Maybe he went back on his trip again-' Just as this notion was going through his head though, his phone began to ring.

Now, I ain't sayin' she a gold digger~

But she ain't messin'...~

Looking at the caller ID, to his surprise, he realized that it was his master's name written on it: Virus.

This surprised him because as far as he remembered, he hadn't saved his master's number on his phone. Then, thinking a bit deeper about it, his surprise vanished as he thought, 'Well, doing this is nothing for master. So what am I astonished about?'

As this line entered his head, he touched the green button on the screen and uttered, "Welcome back, master. I hope you had a wonderful trip."

"Hey CEO ugly. Thanks. Is everything proceeding according to your plan? Report everything." Immediately, the relaxed voice of Virus was heard.

"Yes, everything is progressing according to my predictions. The contract is going to be signed in a few days at most and after that, the government of the United States will help us contact the other countries for negotiating with them and entering an exclusive contract with them." Elaborating to this point, the CEO ugly went silent.

"Huh... this result seems to be better than what I had in mind originally. I was initially going to sell all of the cure to the US government and let them possess the rights of distributing it to the rest of world while they gain the most amount of advantage from doing that. But it seems your patience brought us even more benefits. Anyway, good job! This will actually save us a lot of time for what we're going to do in the future. So, add a few specific clauses with every country you're going to enter into a contract with." Complimenting the CEO ugly, Virus added.

"Please pass your orders along, master." Said the CEO ugly respectfully.

"Here is what you're going to add... so in the indeterminate future, we're going to..." Afterward, Virus began giving a simplified account of what was in his plans, what would happen as a result of that, and more importantly, what clauses were required for that to happen smoothly.

However, after listening to the simplified explanation his master summarized to him, the CEO ugly's eyes went wide open like never before as he thought unconsciously, 'Oh my god!'

"Okay, that was it. Is there anything else you need to report?" In an inquisitive manner, Virus questioned in a somewhat cold tone.

Instantly picking this odd coldness in his master's tone, the CEO ugly put away his astonishment at once as he began pondering about what would possibly make his master's attitude this icy.

Soon, a light of comprehension passed through his eyes as he began talking, "Um... master, there's another matter too. It's regarding miss Ella... so you see, the leader of the Heaven assassination organization which goes by the name of Electro tried kidnapping miss Ella. Fortunately though, together with the help of the ring master left for me, we were successful in preventing that from happening. However, we were unable to stop Electro from escaping with her gravely injured subordinate who goes by the name Viper. What shall I do about them, please pass your orders."

Hearing the description, the icy light inside his eyes increased to another level. But, that freezing light soon disappeared as he announced, "Leave this matter be... for now."

"Yes, master."

"Another clip just popped up, Mark. Delete it before this one goes viral too." Yawning, a woman muttered while watching a startling video on a gigantic screen. Inside the video, two men seemed to be arguing over an apparently unknown matter while some of the passers-by were recording it in amusement. The conflict gradually began to escalate until it reached the point where the two began to punch each other like savages.

However, what was shocking about the video happened next as one of the men inside it suddenly roared, "Ahh, the world's ending anyway... so who cares about being revealed! Fuck it all! Imma release all of my pent-up frustration on you, you son of a bitch!" Yelling these ambiguous words, the man immediately took off his gloves and soon, both of his fists started to burn up as they mind-bogglingly went on fire as he punched the other man whose clothes soon began to burn.

"Ai... another-one? The world's truly gone crazy, Tess. Now that everyone clearly understands they're going to die soon, they care about nothing and just do whatever they feel like. This is even more true about those rare special people. They don't care about anything anymore and just reveal their powers even in front of common people now." The man called Mark said.

"Hmph... I wouldn't have originally cared in the least if they were to reveal their power! But now... we're being overwhelmed with them as we're forced to delete tens of videos every day. However, even like this, a few videos still successfully escape our eyes and go viral since we're extremely short-handed. Aii... there is no point in us deleting anymore-" With a dissatisfied harrumph, the woman called Tess voiced in some anger.

She was angry because almost all of the workload was being emptied on her and her few remaining colleagues in the SSWJ as most of her colleagues had resigned from their posts by now because they wanted to join their families and spend the remaining days of their lives comfortably accompanying them.

Special Surveillance World Jurisdiction (SSWJ) was a top-secret confederation that was founded by all of the countries in the world. This special organization was a place that was hidden from the eyes of all common people in the world. It was a place that only the permanent highest authority in each country came to be aware of its existence!

The secretiveness of this organization was so high and confidential that even some of the presidents of the United States itself failed to be aware of its existence throughout their entire period of the presidency!

This organization's task was to conceal the paranormal events throughout the world with whatever means possible from the eyes of everyone else on Earth. And, it was actually one of the sole organizations in the whole world which almost every country agreed upon the extreme importance of its existence!

This hidden confederation actually had absolute access and control over many things like the very internet itself. And with this privilege, they could remove whatever they deemed as paranormal in order to conceal it from the eyes of ordinary people.

Since ancient times, there were many paranormal events and occurrences happening on the very Earth itself. However, from a specific period in time when this hidden confederation was founded, they began to slowly fade from the eyes of ordinary people as they soon came to be seen as only myths or superstition!

However, since the news of the Mutated HIV was announced to the whole world, the countries seemed to put the least amount of importance on this vital organization's existence as they operated it with the minimum amount of significance placed on it.

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And this lack of care and monitoring ultimately led to the current deficiency of manpower in the SSWJ which resulted in many paranormal events and special people escaping the eyes of this top-secret organization as most of their employees had resigned without any replacements for the lost personnel.

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"L, check this out!" A bare-assed girl who was playing with her phone stark naked on the right side of a nude man called Eliot uttered. At the moment, on the screen of her phone, a short clip of a man with burning fists was displaying.

"Sigh, Sara, come on... don't just believe whatever you see over the internet! I bet that's just some kind of photoshopping or something." Hearing Sara's words, instead of Eliot, another uncovered girl from the left side of the nude Eliot voiced after letting out a short sigh.

"Hana, if it was just this one, of course I would not have believed it. But, there are so many more short videos of people with strange powers uploaded over the internet these days... how can all of them be fake?" Sara proclaimed in some dissatisfaction.

At this point, Eliot's attention was finally drawn a bit as he muttered, "What are the other viewers saying about these strange clips?"

Seeing his interest piqued a little at last, a grin showed up on Sara's face as she went on, "Most people say they're all fake. Though there are also some people who're commenting and saying that they are real and that they've seen it with their own eyes. There are even some remarking that they have had superpowers since birth, but they've kept it a secret. Anyway, it's a total mess right now."

Listening to her best friend's explanations, Hana asserted, "You guys can't possibly believe them, alright? Think about it, if people with superpowers existed, why would no one know about them until now? And why is it that just when the world turned strange and the apocalypse arrived, people like that are popping out here and there?"

Listening to this, Eliot's eyes began to oddly shine with an intense light as he speculated excitedly, "Ah... maybe... like in those novels, this is the aftereffect of the apocalypse which is slowly transforming mankind and granting them superpowers by mutating them! Ahhh... This might even result in them turning more resistant to Mutated HIV! Could this be the new hope of humanity? A new era?"

Hearing this, flabbergast, both of the girls' eyes went wide open as they looked at each other in silence before no longer being able to control it anymore as they let it out, "Pffff... hehe... L, that was really funny! How would Aids transform us, hehe..."

"Come on! Stop laughing you two! It could be real. Who knows, maybe the Mutated HIV differs from the normal type and it has the power of affecting and ultimately transforming us! If not this, what else could it possibly be? And why would these strange videos start to pop up all of sudden now?" With some lights of seriousness passing through his eyes, Eliot began elaborating.

After laughing for a while, Sara revealed her own speculation, "Actually, one of the netizens proposed something which I trust it is highly possible-"

"What is it?" With an 'I still believe in my own assumption' attitude, Eliot queried together with a small frown.

A profound light twinkled inside Sara's eyes as she answered earnestly, "That netizen proposed that the world has been tightly keeping these kinds of news from the eyes of common people. I mean, he proposed there must be some kind of hidden organization in the world which is responsible for this! And the odd thing is that it wasn't just that netizen suggesting this but a few others too! There was even one of them saying she had previously worked at such an organization, though I'm not stupid enough to believe that."

"Tch... that's even more far-fetched than my theory! Either all of this is fake, or my speculation is the right one!" Stated Eliot in some anticipation.

"Ai... who cares which one is true or wrong. What does it have to do with us? We're still going to die in a year anyway." At this time, Hana who thought all of this was fake mumbled while wearing an emotionless face which in return made both Sara and Eliot shut up.

Seeing the atmosphere change into a depressing one, Eliot's face abruptly transformed into a mischievous one as he uttered with an evil smile before jumping on them, "Whatever... I don't care! What I care is that you two forced yourselves on me... ah, I was so innocent back then. Now, it's time for payback and revenge! Let this daddy ride and ravage the both of you to my heart's content! Haha..."

Currently, Virus was sitting on the couch as he took a sip of the glass of red wine on the table from time to time while deliberating to himself silently, 'Hmm... a day passed, but even while utilizing the Synchronous Transformations Crystal together with the dark dragon revolving method, I'm still stuck at the initial phase of the Altering The Flesh. I estimate I would need at least a week before breaking through from the second level. Heck, I should've been faster than this... but it seems instead of accelerating the process, the dark dragon revolving method is making the speed decrease! It seems in order to hasten the process, I would need to use that-'

However, at this point, the silence inside the room was broken by a certain golden beauty, "Master, have you checked the internet since we came back? Did you see those videos of people displaying their abilities in public?"

Hearing this, snapping out of his contemplation, an amused look showed up on Virus face as he replied with a small grin, "Yeah... don't you think the world's becoming much more interesting now?"

But although he said that out loud, internally, he began thinking to himself, 'My influence has outright changed the entire course of history altogether... it can no longer be called

a butterfly effect... it's more like a whole new butterfly altogether? Nothing will be the same from now on and even I don't know what all of this will lead to. Did I do the right thing by interfering? Hahaha... that question was funny since I don't really care if it was right or wrong. What I care is if it would make the world more entertaining from now on.'

Before releasing the Mutated HIV to the world, by introducing the Virus Industries alone to the world, Virus had begun a massive butterfly-effect on the history itself as that had directly or indirectly changed a lot of events. However, after releasing the Mutated HIV, that had utterly changed the direction of everything!

One of the massive alterations that will take place from now on is that people who should've died by an accident or another cause might live, while other people that should've originally lived a long time might die. So in short, the time of death had changed for almost everyone!

This also meant that people would also give birth to whole new children to the complete opposite of the previous future since the timing of everything had been already altered.

And these results simply represented the fact that the entire course of history from now on will be different... utterly!