

Chapter 431: The Elderly

A few minutes after cleaning away the golden beauty's tears and consoling her until she regained her composure Virus picked up the rest of his main conversation, "As I was telling you, I'll be leaving sometime soon, however, letting you remain here in 4 Times Square without me being here just puts my mind ill at ease... and since you also just want to continue cultivating in peace, I have a better location in mind for you."

"Hmm? Is it the atoll?" The golden beauty questioned with the corner of her eyes still red a little.

"No, you will know it soon enough. Let's pick up our stuff and leave right away." Half an hour after having collected their essential daily items in two separate suitcases, the two left the highest floor via the elevator.

However, before leaving the building, their next destination was the CEO ugly's office.

"Master! You should've just ordered me to come to you." Seeing Virus enter his office with the golden beauty, CEO ugly jumped from his seat as he rushed over to Virus anxiously.

"It's okay. I just came over to tell you that we're leaving for a while, you take care of everything that might pop up along the way while I'm gone. You can also grow the business in any way you see fit if the opportunity arises, otherwise, just follow the previous frame we agreed upon. Nonetheless, I'm certain you'll do a fine job. I made you, so I'm most aware exactly how intelligent and smart I created you to be." Virus pronounced notifying the CEO ugly of his departure.

On the other side, the CEO ugly was feeling quite jovial hearing Virus' compliments, although, in the end, all of the praise was directed at Virus himself actually.

"Yes, master. Is there anything else I can assist you with? Please pass me the orders." The CEO ugly voiced humbly while bowing.

"Hmm, also, tell the Security ugly to rush to the atoll, I have a new task in mind for him. We're leaving now." Turning around, Virus left while the golden beauty followed closely behind him.

"Yes, master! May you have a great journey ahead of you!"

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MANY HOURS AGO

While standing beside the perspiring small figure of her son who was currently unconscious but still clearly in great agony, Hu Yuexin listened to the doctor's opinion without any reaction, "We did everything we could, unfortunately, he appears to be reaching his limits, his physique has grown too weak now... I'm afraid-"

"Alright, I understand." Confirming the bad news, Hu Yuexin turned around and left the ward. Watching her leave, however, the nurse beside the doctor started criticizing her, "Hmph, how can she be so cold-hearted! How can she turn into such a heartless person all of a sudden? She's changed indeed. She used to be such a warm person, all I see now is an uncaring heart!"

Meanwhile, after listening to her, the doctor scolded her at once, "Shut up! What do you know about being a parent?"

Simultaneously, on the way outside, many thoughts were passing through Hu Yuexin's head, 'I need to get stronger very quickly if I want to save him. If it was before, I would not have had enough time, but now...' raising a fist, she finished her deliberation, 'with this Trait, I have a chance.'

Indeed, having promised herself to save the boy so as to repay the previous owner of her body, Hu Yuexin was prepared to go to any lengths to accomplish her goal. There was no room for failure.

Unfortunately, there was another problem that was blocking her path, 'I thought I could reserve one Rift after another and progress at a moderate pace. But now, reserving each Rift wastes too much time and I just happen to not have enough of that. So... the only method I have left is to...'

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AN HOUR LATER

Currently, in front of a two-star Rift in the vicinity of Shanghai, three Guardians were awaiting its activation and indeed, it didn't take long before one monstrous beast after another began to pour out.

"Let's go!" Screaming in vigor, the leader of the trio was just about to charge toward their now activated reserved Rift when out of nowhere, an unknown woman wearing a scary devil mask with two diabolical horns showed up and start killing their monsters one after another.

"You! You, thief! What do you think you're doing stealing someone else's Rift! You're going to be in a lot of trouble now-" Before he could even finish though, he faced the chilly gaze of the masked woman which temporarily silenced him at once.

“Shut up if you don’t want to die.” Casually muttering this, the masked woman continued her massacre.

But what was the most terrifying to the trio was the fact that after each beast died, it was as if its corpse was strongly rejecting its own blood as every drop left it at once, leaving a mummified creature behind. Subsequently, the blood appeared to have found a new host as it rushed at the masked woman before disappearing into her.

This sight promptly left the trio speechless and terrified. Although they had been about to charge at her before, all notions of resistance vanished from their minds at once.

Soon, all monsters had been slaughtered as the masked woman disappeared as quickly as she had shown up.

“Phew, she’s finally gone... but where’s the Abnormal’s Association? Why haven’t any Guardian’s been dispatched yet?” Somewhat frustrated, one of the trios questioned agitatedly.

“Are you seriously asking that? It happened so fast that the association didn’t even have enough time to react.”

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PRESENT TIME

In the meantime, somewhere else, an elderly man was standing before a mummified corpse while muttering to himself, “So you’re saying this is Tong’er?”

“Yes, sir. It’s been confirmed that this is indeed-” before the other person could even finish his sentence though, a slap sat on his face, silencing the man at once.

At some distance behind the old man, there were hundreds of men lined up ready for protection and order. Moreover, if one went ahead and checked their identities, that person would soon realize each and every one of them was all Guardians.

Chapter 432: When Chaos Knocks

Next, sitting beside the mummified dead body, the elderly man started whispering, “Tong’er, how could you leave grandpa like this? First, it was your father that left this old man alone in the world, and now it’s your turn?”

Alas, no response came from the corpse as silence was the only reply he received in return.

After the death of Fan Tong's parents in a plane accident, seeing the lonely Fan Tong with no mother or father, Fan Tong's sympathetic and sorrowful grandfather had vowed to let Fan Tong do anything he desired as he began to spoil him to no ends.

If there was a car he desired, that car would appear in front of him instantly. If there was a building he wanted, that building would be his the next morning. No matter what, his grandfather satisfied every need of his to the point Fan Tong couldn't really say there had ever been anything in life that he had wanted but was incapable of getting his hands on.

And now, looking at the horrid corpse of his grandson, the elderly knew there was one final thing Fan Tong yearned for.

"Don't worry, grandpa will bring the bastard's head and let you have it. Grandpa will buy you one last gift, the most expensive gift of your life, and send you in peace to the afterlife." Being done with his words, a ruthless glint exhibited itself as the old man inquired in a deep tone. "Who was it? Which animal did this to him?"

At once, two Guardians dragged a bloody and naked woman in front of the old man. From her appearance, it was clear she had been beaten up and tortured using the worst methods possible.

If Hu Yuexin was here right now, she would've noticed the person being dragged was the woman Fan Tong was bringing with himself from the nightclub.

"We interrogated her... all she knew was that the perpetrator was a woman who was wearing a devil mask with two horns." Without any delay, the man went on, "that was all we could dig up... until we received a piece of vital news from our people in the Abnormal Association."

"Oh, go on." Keeping his dark expression, the elderly demanded.

"Yes. So, we just received a tip that there's been an unknown woman wearing a devil mask with two horns who has been going around stealing and killing the monsters of various Rifts without reservation or any permission. The Abnormal Association has already added her to their wanted list." Bowing respectfully, the other man was done recounting everything.

"Hooo, is that so? That makes things much easier I guess. Now we can hunt her down in daylight with complete justification."

Listening to the elderly to this point, the other man could instantly sense that the city was soon going to be thrown into chaos.

"Heed my orders! Use the Abnormal's Association to notify every Guild, every Guardian, and every Abnormal in the entire country especially Shanghai, that criminal woman has

stolen many reserved Rifts of other Guardians and in doing so has endangered the very foundation of the laws that maintain this country. She has committed treason and the penalty for that is death, therefore, let everyone know she is to be hunted down like a dog, and whoever succeeds in doing so and brings me her head will be rewarded with one favor from me plus ten percent of our company shares.”

By now, the other man felt like he had been drenched in a cold sweat as he concluded her fate, ‘She is done for.’ The mere notion of how much ten percent of the company’s shares were worth sent a shiver down his spine, he was quite sure that nearly all of the Guardians would be greatly tempted to stop whatever they were doing and go after this particular woman.

Not only the Guardians, even the other corporations and political figures of great authority would utilize everything in their power to win the reward which was going to elevate their status and power to a greater height.

With that, everyone was now bound to witness the power of one of the four richest clans in the city, one of the ruling powers of Shanghai at full display.

Of course, while all those notions were flickering inside him, he didn’t forget to confirm, “Yes, sir!”

“Good, let the hunt begin now.”

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After leaving New York a couple of hours ago, the golden beauty and Virus finally reached the atoll as they left the private plane only to be greeted with the awaiting Island ugly. “Welcome, master.”

Catching the sight of the bowing Island ugly, Virus nodded content before moving along, “report me how things are progressing.”

“Yes, so, master, first regarding the C.E.L.L Project, it will be ready in a few days at most. The Shape-shifter Technology has been already added to your personal private spaceship. And I’ve also procured some of the best quality tea from around the world and put it inside your spaceship together with some Water of Life.” And with that, the Island ugly was over with his overall short report.

“Hmm, good! You also said you’ve prepared another Transportation Spaceship that is much bigger than mine, right?” He questioned further.

“Yes, sir! Although it’s practically the same as your personal one, its size can’t be compared to it.”

Nodding, Virus praised, "I see, you've done a great job, that'll make what I'm going to do next much more convenient. But before that, I need you to prepare one more thing."

Just as Virus was done with his words, the blueprint of a certain piece of technology popped up straight into the Island ugly's mind.

"Master, from what I understand from the blueprint, this is similar to the shield technology within the spaceships, however, this particular one has been adjusted and mainly developed in order to cover a gigantic piece of motionless land, that is clear, inferring from the huge size of the various parts of the blueprint."

Confirming the Island ugly's deduction, Virus declared, "That is correct. The only reason this is possible with our current level of technology has to do with me removing certain features of the shield such as it being able to cover a moving object. Anyhow, how long is it going to take you to prepare?"

'I wonder why master needs this...?' The Island ugly could not stop this query from appearing in his head before he clarified his rough estimate out loud, "I would say it should be complete by the time I'm done with the C.E.L.L Project."

"Okay, go do it then, Lil Belle and I will find our rooms ourselves."

"Yes, sir!"

Following that, just after the Island ugly had left, Virus and the golden beauty were on their way to their rooms when something attracted Virus's attention to itself, something he had been keeping under passive watch. Thus, without any delay, his mind connected to the world database actively.

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Currently, in China, especially Shanghai, a tremor was shaking the country as every Guardian received a certain text that was attached with the utmost level of notice.

Chapter 433: The Thirst

Currently, it hadn't been long since Hu Yuexin has shown up in front of a new Rift as she was busy hunting its monsters while two Guardians were standing still unable to do anything except gritting their teeth and making fists of anger. Even though they were very enraged, having already received the news of a dangerous Rift stealer, they did not want to risk their lives unnecessarily and instead decided to patiently wait for the Abnormal Association's response.

In the meantime, shaking her head, Hu Yuexin pondered to herself in chagrin, 'It's still not enough speed! This speed of advancement just won't be able to save him in time... when I killed a single Fan Tong, the progress was at least five times quicker than killing

one monstrous beast of the Rift who has the same level of power as him. I suppose this has to do with the fact that both Fan Tong and my body are of the same race.'

'The closer the quality of the blood is to my own, the more rapid the progress will be.' This was the conclusion Hu Yuexin had arrived at after killing many types of monstrous beasts and Fan Tong together.

On one specific Rift, Hu Yuexin went against a panther and a gorilla who both happened to be at the same level of strength, however, by the time she was finished, she realized the gorilla's blood had given her nearly twice as much energy as the panther.

That in addition to the case of Fan Tong, whose blood had energized her more than five times compared to monstrous beasts of the same level of strength as him, made Hu Yuexin certain that the race of the blood was of utmost importance to her.

Maybe there was more to it than that, but that was the current extent of Hu Yuexin's understanding regarding her Trait.

'But I can't just go around and slaughter everyone indiscriminately. I guess that means the only method is to steal even more Rifts!' As this notion had just popped into her head, Hu Yuexin received an emergency text which promptly garnered her full attention.

Following that, checking the execution notification that had come directly from the Abnormal Association itself, at first it resulted in Hu Yuexin frowning as she wondered to herself, 'So these bastards are going to persist on trying to annoy me? Should I just change my mask to another type?'

Subsequently, shaking her head, she rejected the idea at once, 'that won't work, they will still know I'm the same person if I continue stealing other Rifts. The act itself is what's attracting them.'

But despite all that, there was another aspect to all of this that was baffling her. 'Why would they go so far as to declare that I've committed treason just because I've stolen a few Rifts? It doesn't seem so simple.'

Letting out a sigh of frustration, Hu Yuexin was starting to get annoyed, when a glint of enlightenment popped into her eyes, 'Wait, this could be just what I need, the opportunity I lacked. Now that a lot of Guardians are going to come and try hunting me down, I could use this opportunity to speed things up!'

A vicious glint was clear within Hu Yuexin's eyes as killing intent began to exude from her being at the same time. She was now determined to do what she had to do. 'No one should blame me since this is what those who come after me risked and brought upon themselves.'

Meanwhile, just as that notion had gone through her mind, Hu Yuexin abruptly noticed the two Guardians that had been previously standing aside in anger but not daring to attack were now charging in her direction. They were taking advantage of the fact that she was busy fighting the monstrous beasts of the Rift to get her by surprise.

On the other side, locking eyes with theirs which was screaming greed, Hu Yuexin understood exactly what was going through their heads. "So you guys just received the text as well and now you've lost your minds."

"Then don't point any fingers at me when you go to the afterlife since this is what you two brought upon yourselves."

"Shut up!" Brandishing their Traits, the two was soon upon Hu Yuexin.

"Well, you know what they say, if you risked it all, you should expect failure and death!" Hu Yuexin declared.

"No one said that!" Feeling ridiculed, they denied it at once.

"Huh, is that so? Well, I'm the quoter then. Now, goodbye!" Announcing their departure, Hu Yuexin's sword and the hand which was holding it vanished momentarily. By the time they could be perceived again, two heads were sent flying away while within the eyes of the flying heads, the panic was clear. This was the fright due to them witnessing their own headless body midair.

Shortly afterward, their blood all escaped into Hu Yuexin as the same experience of quick progress dominated her again while she became immersed in the sensation with her eyes closed. She was relishing the feeling of lightning-fast progress very much. "Yes! This is what I'm talking about!"

'Let's visit the next Rift that's expected to activate soon, shall we?' As this sentence shimmered through her brain, Hu Yuexin's silhouette was gone.

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Afterward, Hu Yuexin proceeded to visit one Rift after another while slaughtering all Guardians that had come to hunt her down.

At the second Rift she was visiting, two groups of Guardians had been waiting for her. After some struggle, she was successful in sending them all on their next journey. All in all, she was much stronger in the end as she was prepared to face even stronger enemies.

At the third Rift, four groups of Guardians were lying in wait, only to be faced with another massacre.

Hu Yuexin's strategy was to avoid confronting them all at once and instead, utilizing her stunningly fluid movement technique which was getting even more efficient as her energy increased, she attacked them separately.

Every time she stopped by a Rift, more Guardians were awaiting her arrival as they were getting more proficient in tracking her down as more time went by. In fact, their method of predicting where Hu Yuexin will appear next was absolutely convenient. All they needed to ask themselves was, 'where is the following Rift that will activate soon?' and that was the most likely place for her to appear.

And indeed, not disappointing any of them, Hu Yuexin showed up every single time.

Five groups, harshly dismissed.

Seven groups, horribly exterminated.

Ten groups, gorily decimated.

Twelve, totally annihilated!

"Hehe, HEHEHE..." While dancing around showering in the blood of her enemies that was getting absorbed into her in rivers, Hu Yuexin's mouth gave off maniacal bursts of laughter from time to time as she got more lost in the addicting feeling of getting more powerful by the second. Without her even noticing, her intense thirst for more blood was creating a sensation of euphoria in her.

Afterward, the place Hu Yuexin visited had two Rifts side by side and one of them was about to trigger soon. That was the reason why she was here, however, what was eye-catching and worth mentioning about the entire situation was not that. But rather it was the fact that in this round, she was against much more Guardians compared to the previous times.

An entire Guild, consisting of more than one hundred Guardians, were hiding, ready to ambush her the moment she showed up. Of course, Hu Yuexin realized that before revealing herself in front of everyone else.

Although she could've dodged them and gone to another Rift, being already engrossed in her power, however, Hu Yuexin did not do that.

On the contrary, she was quite confident she could take care of them all and considered it a rare opportunity that had to be grabbed.

Thus, soon, a silhouette could be seen flickering everywhere as she sent one head after another flying into the air.

“Everyone! Attack together! She might be able to run around dodging one Trait after another, but she can’t dodge more than a hundred!” The leader of the other Guild, a five-star Guardian, ordered.

Indeed, with that strategy and the professional coordination of the Guardians as a result of working together for a long time, the number of wounds on Hu Yuexin’s physique continued to increase with each passing second. Unfortunately for the Guardians, however, their number was decreasing at an even faster rate.

By the time everything was over and dried carcasses could be spotted in every meter of the ground in all directions, a bloody figure of Hu Yuexin was still barely on foot in the middle of it all. Nonetheless, as large amounts of blood were currently being sucked into her body, the wounds all over her flesh were healing and closing up by themselves at a frightening speed.

At this time, as a result of numerous Traits flying around everywhere, the rough terrain had transformed into a complete wreck as all types of surveillance cameras had already stopped functioning. The appearance of the land had changed so much one could hardly believe this place was the same as before.

The only evidence that proved this land was the same location as before was the existence of the Rifts that had yet to activate.

‘The Rift will trigger soon, let’s wait and recuperate to my peak condition until then.’ Having already made up her mind, Hu Yuexin was just about to sit down and rest shortly, when suddenly, apparently out of nowhere, a man fell off of the clear sky, startling Hu Yuexin to her very core.

Following that, gazing at the source of her startlement at the countenance of her newly arrived opponent, an intense shiver went down Hu Yuexin’s spine.

Chapter 434: What Are You Doing Here?

“You! What are you doing here?” Locking gazes with the newcomer, Hu Yuexin questioned in a frown. Truthfully, the man in front of her was the last person she wanted to encounter on this planet.

Indeed, looking into his eyes directly, Hu Yuexin spotted an ancient glint within Virus’ eyes which was preventing her from figuring out what exactly was going on inside that brain of his.

And if anything Hu Yuexin had learned from these types of people, it was the fact that they were always scheming something and it was very risky and dangerous to be around someone like him even for a single second.

Still, recalling how the previous host of her body had owed the man one Red-Crystal, Hu Yuexin took out two Red-Crystals and threw them at him. "I thought I told you whatever relationship we had ended that night and that I didn't want to see you ever again. Could it be you're here because of my debt to you? If so, here you go. One is my debt, the other is the interest. Take it and leave!"

Catching the two Red-Crystals, Virus took a short glance at the Red-Crystals as unknown notions began to pass through his head as he was hit with nostalgia.

A few seconds later, looking back at her, Virus found the same ancientness flickering in her focus which was easily recognizable to him just as it had been the very first time he cast his eyes upon the newly resurrected Hu Yuexin. That abruptly forced him to make a specific inquiry. "Hey, just tell me this... who are you?"

Being thrown with such an interrogative question all of a sudden and that probing light shimmering on his serious expression forced a shudder on Hu Yuexin's body as she inferred. 'H-he... knows!'

'He knows I'm not the real Hu Yuexin!'

"Hmph, what are you even talking about?" Letting out a harrumph, Hu Yuexin denied before adding, "and why would I need to explain myself to you?"

"So you're not going to answer, huh?" That promptly forced Virus to let out a sigh of helplessness as he opened his mouth again, "I thought maybe you were just suffering from some kind of traumatic brain injury causing you something like Dissociative Identity Disorder or something and that the burst of power you've shown me the previous time was a result of you awakening your Trait."

After remaining silent for a short few seconds, Virus went on, "however, imagine my surprise when I saw you truly awaken your Trait after absorbing a Red-Crystal... and that you were actually cultivating! And those odd methods you use for cultivation... sigh, I don't want to continue, just tell me who you are before I decide further on what I'm going to do with you."

Listening to Virus' every word, trembling, Hu Yuexin understood. 'He's been watching me ever since then! But how?!' At this point, Hu Yuexin's level of stupefaction could not be higher since previously she had been absolutely indubitable that no one was watching her since in case anyone ever did indeed spy on her, she was sure, using her own unique methods, she would've discovered it that very first second.

'How is this possible? If he could spy on me without me even noticing, then nowhere on this planet is safe anymore!'

"What are you talking about?! And regardless, I think I told you it's none of your business!"

Seeing her determination to not respond, shaking his head, Virus decided, “looks like I need to bring you with me to a safe location and figure that out slowly by myself.” Proceeding to throw the Red-Crystals back at her, Virus uttered again. “Also, the debt Hu Yuexin owes me is for no one but Hu Yuexin herself to pay back. So get this garbage of yours back and stop pretending to be her, it sickens me.”

“Follow you? Are you an idiot? Do you believe I would just follow you because you want me to? Or do you think you’re strong enough? Hehehe.” Comprehending what was going to happen next, Hu Yuexin chuckled, getting ready for battle. If it was the first time they had met, Hu Yuexin would’ve done everything in her power to avoid a fight with this mysterious man in front of her. But now that she had gone through enough preparation and power-ups, in case he insisted, she was ready to meet him head-on!

“To be honest, I wanted to leave you be and just proceed with keeping you under my watch until I find a way to bring Hu Yuexin back... but seeing how you keep putting her body in a dangerous situation, to the point that the entire Shanghai is now currently after you, I’ve changed my mind. You will either come with me obediently or I make you!”

“Make me if you can! Hahaha!” Laughing in ridicule, Hu Yuexin’s battle intent was shooting through the roof. It was clear she was nothing but thrilled at the idea of going against Virus now.

‘I suppose this is the best outcome considering how he can keep an eye on me from the shadows. The best course of action would be to bring him down and stop further troubles from coming my way.’ Determined, Hu Yuexin was now looking forward to fighting him.

Closely afterward, just as she was finished letting out a peal of laughter, much to her shock, she saw Virus appearing in front of her as he sent a punch directly at her face. He wanted to end this quickly and fast.

‘What a speed!’ Alarmed, Hu Yuexin didn’t delay trying to dodge the incoming fist. Albeit, it was as if her opponent’s fist had a life as it changed course like a snake and continued shooting in her direction.

‘But,’ Noticing this, Hu Yuexin’s eyes went wide open as she promptly released her own fist to meet Virus’, ‘I’m fast as well!’

BAM~

As a result of their direct confrontation, although they both had to retreat a few meters back, Virus was forced a few steps further which immediately forced numerous calculations to begin within his head as he concluded. ‘She’s already broken through to the fourth level of Liberation. Her speed of cultivation is frightening indeed. No, it’s that Trait of hers which adds to her speed of cultivation like crazy!’

‘Furthermore, she’s probably nearly capable of fighting foes three levels higher than her in their cultivation.’

‘This kind of genius probably does not exist on the Cultivation Earth. Hmm, even when put in the entirety of the Cultivation Multiverse of my past world, she’s perhaps a genius of almost the highest tier, a super-genius!’ Through that simple exchange of fists and estimating the rough level of energy that was exuding from Hu Yuexin, Virus was capable of coming to this final deduction as he was quickly aware that the battle ahead of him was going to be anything but easy.

In the past, using nothing but his ring, Virus was somewhat able to defeat those at the first level of Liberation at the Martial Contest in the Cultivation Earth. Hadelia of the Burning Sparrow clan had been at this level before and Virus defeated her in the contest.

And later on, when Virus fought against the horned pigs who he assumed to be on par with cultivators of the second level of Liberation, he was capable of killing it using nothing but his True Sixth level of Corporeal Tempering, Ethereal Metamorphosis.

Subsequently, facing the flying pig, their leader, who Virus deemed as comparable to the Third Level of Liberation, Virus had to use both his ring and corporeal tempering strength in order to defeat it.

Afterward, never having gone against anyone comparable to the fourth level of Liberation, Virus directly fought against the infant Plant Kraken in Shanghai, who was equivalent to someone at the Fifth Level of Liberation.

And for the sake of having a chance against and killing that monster at the time, not only was Virus compelled to break through to the First Level of Liberation, he also had to utilize both his ring and the additional strength of the True Sixth level of his Corporeal Tempering Stage together!

And at last, now that Virus was at the second level of Liberation with fifty-eight percent fusion rate between his third and fourth yin and yang pathways, while employing all three of his current perks, meaning his second level of Liberation together with his ring and True Sixth level of Corporeal Tempering stage, Virus was somewhat positive he would be able to go against someone approximately at the Sixth Level of Liberation.

However, confronting Hu Yuexin who was only at the Fourth Level of Liberation but was, in fact, comparable to someone at the very peak of Sixth Level of Liberation or maybe even higher left Virus uncertain and in some doubt.

Chapter 435: Worthy

And indeed, just as those reckonings were finalized, Hu Yuexin quickly unsheathed her sword before rushing behind Virus and brandishing it at him with no mercy whatsoever. She was intent on taking him down with a lethal attack!

Swish!

Seeing the flash of the blade coming at him directly from behind, Virus knew he had to get serious, therefore, connecting to his ring at once, he sent two commands.

‘Trigger Initial Configuration – Longsword!’

‘Divide Median Configuration – Fragmentary Integument!’

Promptly, the ring on his finger started to transform and change at breakneck speed as it simultaneously reconstructed itself to a very lengthy unsheathed longsword on his left hand while the rest of the reconstruction was focused on Virus’ limbs as they were all covered in pitch-black scales with blue shimmering lines covering between each of them.

Following that, Virus straightly raised the awe-inspiring longsword that was giving off a grand blue hue before clashing and pushing it against Hu Yuexin’s dull sword in comparison.

CLING~

With the swords crossed horizontally between the two in opposition to each other, both Virus and Hu Yuexin continued pushing against the clinch. Internally, Virus had also concentrated his energy on his feet and arms already.

Their blades continued to lock as they both tried to knock the other one off balance while gazing intensely into one another’s pupils in that close position.

CRACK~

At last, due to the frightening amount of force being put behind both of the swords, a shattering sound was heard as one of the swords broke down into two parts.

Without further ado, that coerced Hu Yuexin to retreat at once as her dull sword had been the one to give out.

CRACKKKERLE~ SHATTRGH!

Before they could even charge at one another again, however, the sound of glass breaking into many pieces reverberated around the area, this unconsciously forced the two to look at the source, only to realize that one of the two Rifts was finally triggering.

Subsequently, many types of monstrous beasts were poured out. However, not having the time to pay them any heed, the two combatants once again stormed at each other!

In this round, unfortunately, Hu Yuexin had already thrown away her broken sword as she rushed at Virus with her bare hands while on the other side Virus was swinging his sword at her bare arm with no second thoughts whatsoever! He was about to cut off one of her limbs in order to temporarily immobilize her.

Nevertheless, just as the two were upon each other and a grave injury was about to be dealt at Hu Yuexin, she suddenly screamed. “Don’t think you’re the only one with a worthy sword!”

Not stopping there, she murmured in a low tone.

“Evil Myriad Arts – The First Sword of Devil!”

Abruptly, the energy within Hu Yuexin’s body began to leave and gather on her right hand as they created the shape of a barely visible, faint sword!

A sword that adjusted its size to the same size as that of Virus’, turning into a longsword at once.

Even though it was faint, looking at the various ancient-looking patterns on the pitch dark sword which were giving off and shining in an extremely bloody red light, Virus acknowledged the longsword was not to be underestimated. He even felt somewhat threatened by only gazing at the sword which looked like the sword of the devil itself!

‘The sword’s already this powerful despite its host being barely able to invoke it into that faint form due to the low level of her cultivation, I can only imagine how powerful it’s going to be in its fully evoked form!’ Virus judged, feeling impressed.

And yet, with no hesitation, the two smashed their longswords at each other!

CLANGGG~

This time, both weapons were completely intact as it was clear none was going to be able to dominate the other easily. Obviously, both longswords were worthy of combating and colliding with the other in their current forms.

Swish! SWISH! Swish~ CLASH!

CLANG! DING! SWISH~ JRRRGH...

Afterward, in a few seconds alone, tens of attacks were exchanged between the two at such speed that in case anyone was around, although they wouldn’t be able to perceive

their weapons or their clash itself, they would still feel silly only by witnessing the intense sparks flying around everywhere as a result of their collision.

The level of their battle was currently so high that even a five-star Guardian would be slain at once if the Guardian was caught in the middle of their fight.

As their battle continued to occur, the stalemate between them created a hazardous balance that would prove to be fatal the moment one side was careless enough and it was broken. Alas, none was successful in breaking it so far!

Virus was purely astonished and stupefied at this point at how powerful Hu Yuexin was. She had been capable of reacting to every single one of his attacks and calculations as far as his body was capable of following them.

This was the very first time since coming to this world that Virus was going against someone as strong as her!

True, he had been against tough or impossible to beat enemies before, but the only reason those people had the upper hand was due to their much higher level of cultivation that could suppress him easily. It had nothing to do with techniques and skills and it was merely a battle of cultivation.

But this time, he felt as if he was facing someone that could truly keep up with him!

Their combat proceeded to intensify and heat up for around ten minutes. By now some small wounds were apparent on both Virus and Hu Yuexin's bodies. Fortunately, they had been all merely shallow injuries that had been strategic schemes to make the other fall into their trap. Alas, none was successful so far.

No matter, when the clock hit the twelfth minute, finally, some changes started to take place as Virus noticed that she had gotten a little bit slower. And looking at the beads of sweat covering her forehead, he grinned. 'Looks like the advantage of my True Sixth Level of Corporeal Tempering is starting to show itself.'

And indeed, the next moment, identifying an opportunity and weakness, Virus brandished his weapon at her chest.

Swish!

"AhhRgh!" Screaming in agony, Hu Yuexin retreated in a hurry as a rather grave injury had been dealt on her chest as blood was now flowing out in massive amounts.

"Just listen and come with me, I don't want to kill you no matter what since your body still belongs to Hu Yuexin in the end." He declared while frowning at her.

However, this instead forced Hu Yuexin to grit her teeth in annoyance and rage. After that, looking around momentarily, having thought of an idea, she suddenly sprinted at the closest monstrous beasts and annihilated several of them with only one strike each.

Next, all their blood rushed into her before great transformations began transpiring inside her as she sensed a sharp rise in her energy. This unconsciously forced a triumphant smirk to appear on her face as she successfully broke through to the fifth level of Liberation unexpectedly!

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As a result of her breakthrough and a great deal of rejuvenating blood she had absorbed, Hu Yuexin's chest wound had scabbed already as the bleeding stopped.

"Hehehe!" Cracking up like a maniac next, Hu Yuexin stormed at Virus, brandishing the longsword with an even faster speed than before. "You're going to regret coming here today!"

Seeing her exponential increase in speed going above his physical limits, almost unable to keep up, Virus could only raise his longsword in advance, attempting to block the incoming blow with a simple calculation in mind.

Thud!

"Ah, pfft!" Alas, retracting her sword at the final moment, Hu Yuexin kicked him instead.

Feeling the painful blow to his stomach, the gastric acid inside Virus' stomach all came rushing out as it was followed by the force of the kick sending him flying into the nearest tree trunk.

CRUNK! CRANK~

Propelled backward by such force, Virus' physique immediately went right through the first tree before hitting the second one faraway, nearly crushing it as well.

"Haah..." standing up, Virus could taste iron in his throat. He knew he had suffered slight internal injury from the attack just now.

"You're good." He admitted, wiping the trail of blood off his mouth.

Normally, a person would feel distressed and in fear while facing a stronger opponent. However, this battle was only riling Virus up instead as he felt his blood boiling within his veins.

“But regret? Stop joking! I’m nothing but grateful! Hahaha...” Going against his first worthy opponent since entering his physical body, exhilaration and anticipation were now dominating Virus’ heart as adrenaline pumped him up.

“Entertain me more!” Charging at her, Virus swung his longsword vertically. But Hu Yuexin blocked his attack in a lock easily.

He punched in response using his other hand only to face an easy dodge from Hu Yuexin’s part.

“More! More! MORE...” Virus continued repeating and howling like a madman in fever as he released one attack after another at her.

Hu Yuexin’s movements were so graceful and impeccable that Virus could find no faults or openings in them. They were so flawless that Virus knew one had to possess a monstrous amount of fighting experience before accomplishing such a feat.

For instance, at Hu Yuexin’s previous feint sword attack, there had been no sign of pretense and deception. All of her muscle movements, the force behind it, and even her intent had been completely genuine until the very last moment where she backtracked and kicked instead.

Every move was full of mastery and they flowed like water itself.

Already on the offensive, Virus bashed into her tens of time. He advanced while Hu Yuexin retreated step by step. Unfortunately, every attack was either dodged or casually blocked by her who was putting on an expression that screamed, ‘You’re no match for me.’

“Pathetic. Your struggles are like that of a chicken in the slaughterhouse, completely in vain.” Confirming her thoughts out loud, she went on offensive abruptly, easily preventing Virus’ advances and forcing him into defending instead.

Clang! Clatter! Fizzle~...

By the time her fifth sword slash was upon him, a gaping wound showed on Virus’ left shoulder. It was clear she had been playing with him so far.

“Argh!”

“The next one’s going to separate your head off!” Determined, Hu Yuexin decided to end the battle at once!

On the other side, covering the wounded collarbone with his right hand, a more firm shimmer went past Virus’ countenance as he declared, “Hooo! Looks like I need to get more serious before you get any cockier.”

“Hmph! Let’s see how long you’re going to maintain that confident face of yours!” Declaring that with much annoyance, Hu Yuexin was just about to rush at him and brandish her longsword at his neck when Virus’ subsequent sentence beat her to it.

“You’re not the only one who can do that little trick you know!” Directing his eyesight at the remaining nineteen monstrous beasts still lingering around, Virus lunged at them using the maximum level of speed he could achieve.

He was like an unstoppable hurricane as he massacred them all in a single moment!

Next, the flood of energy overwhelmed Virus.

60%... 69%... 79%...

87%... 95%... 100%!

That was the sharp level of increase in the percentage of synthesis between his third and fourth pathways as all the energy within the monster carcasses were drawn into Virus’ pathways at once.

And, as sudden as that, Virus’ cultivation level at the second level of Liberation shot up like lightning as he hit the roof the following instant.

With the completion of the fusion of his second pair of pathways, Virus could now release energy from one more pathway. In the meantime, Origin also transmitted a strange type of energy into the doorway of his fourteenth passage, directly unlocking it as well.

And yet, that wasn’t the end as the last remaining vestiges of monster energy that had yet to be utilized made him break through to the next level and achieve a one percent fusion rate between his fifth and sixth pathways.

Third Level of Liberation!

Meanwhile, witnessing the nigh identical method Virus had utilized to progress in cultivation, Hu Yuexin’s eyes had long gone wide open as she screamed in disbelief, “Impossible! How did you do that!”

“Huh! It’s possible for you, but impossible for me? Ptooey!” Spitting on the ground, a grin crept over Virus’ face. This was one of the rare occasions where Virus expressed and displayed his true emotions without restraint since the feeling of entertainment and fun was one of the only modus operandi that moved him.

Rip!

Ripping the corner of his cloth at the same time, he tied it around his open injury, immediately stopping the bleeding from his left shoulder.

Then wagging his already bandaged arm and cracking his neck, he declared, "Shall we start the next round?"

Click~ Clank! Whoosh! CREAK!

Fizzle~ SHRR! Whish~ THUD!...

Once again, the intense battle was resumed as hard blows were exchanged between the two.

None uttered a word again as the hum of their longswords making contact with one another was the only voice filling the battlefield.

While one was grinning from ear to ear in pure anticipation, beads of sweat had covered the other retreating opponent's frowning profile.

Although one might assume their strength should be on par after Virus had also broken through to the next stage, that was incorrect. And there were a few reasons as to why.

The first reason had to do with Virus' beast-like nigh-infinite stamina that was the result of him achieving Ethereal Metamorphosis in the Corporeal Tempering stage.

While he was still as vigorous as ever even with the addition of his wound, that same logic didn't apply to the panting and tired Hu Yuexin who was only relying on her internal energy to keep fighting at this point. Her physique was already at its limits.

The second factor was because of his Fourteenth passage of energy!

After his Fourteenth pathway was unlocked with his breakthrough, a rather considerable quantity of energy had joined the previous amount, allegedly making him even stronger than one should have become after a simple breakthrough!

And last but not least, before his breakthrough, Virus had merely been around the middle phases of the second level of Liberation while Hu Yuexin was at the very peak of the fourth level of Liberation.

And the result of these three causes put together was the current advantage Virus had over the retreating Hu Yuexin.

'There!'

Swish!

Finally spotting an opening in the tired and slower Hu Yuexin's guard, Virus thrust the tip of his longsword at Hu Yuexin's stomach!

RIPP!

Freezing, Hu Yuexin gazed down at the penetrating blade within her stomach as her pupils shrank to the size of a mere dot.

Splash~

Subsequently, pulling the blade out with no hesitation, Virus splashed the blood off his sword as he looked into her eyes and comforted her. "Don't worry, you won't die as long as you come with me and let me treat that hole of yours nicely."

Meanwhile, blood was gushing out in massive amounts turning her dress color into red in just a few seconds!

Checking that fatal injury of hers, gritting her teeth, all thoughts of resuming the fight left Hu Yuexin's head at once as she understood she was going to die soon unless she treated it fast.

Therefore, turning around, she attempted to flee!

"Oi, Oi, Oi! And where do you think you're going, my lady? What's the rush?" Unfortunately, having seen through her little plan already, Virus blocked her path of retreat, leaving her with no other option but to either follow him and get treated willingly... or die!

"YOU!" Looking at Virus' smirking face, Hu Yuexin's anger turned into rage and her rage became wrath and hatred, she wanted nothing but to cut him into a thousand tiny pieces by now.

Although Hu Yuexin didn't care about Virus' existence prior to this day, after being pushed to the very edge of a cliff, hostility overtook her heart as she vowed.

"Remember, if I live through this, you're going to regret ever provoking me. Mark me, I will be back for you!"

Then, turning toward a specific location all of a sudden, as if she was going to make the most important decision of her life, she ran in that direction in utter resolution!

That course of action baffled Virus at first as he wondered in some amusement, 'You know you can't escape, I'm faster, and-'? before Virus could even finish his thoughts, however, identifying the direction she was running to, he realized in shock. 'Shit! She's going to run into the other Rift! This reckless idiot!'

Indeed, only a dozen meters away, there was the second Rift that had yet to trigger unlike the first one.

And Hu Yuexin was sprinting to it like there was no tomorrow!

"Don't! You're going to kill yourself! You idiot!" With his eyes wide open, trying to intercept, Virus dashed at her using all his strength. Of course, the target of his concern was Hu Yuexin's body rather than the soul occupying it.

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Fortunately, being able to reach her in time, Virus grabbed her by the arm, successfully stopping her. "I will not allow you to bring any more harm to Hu Yuexin's body. I promised her she is mine, and what's mine is mine alone, not even you can have it! So stop this nonsense struggle already and follow me!"

As Hu Yuexin was still facing toward the Rift, Virus could not see her expression. However, understanding from her shivering physique and the tone of her voice, it was clear she was burning in utter rage. "I said, do, not, touch, MEEEE!"

BOOM!

An invisible force, the same type that had sent Virus flying away the first time he tried to hug her, abruptly hurled Virus away as if a truck had just made a direct impact with his figure.

CRACK! BAM! BOOM!

The force of the impact was so great that Virus' body went through three tree trunks before the power behind it finally depleted away as his body fell on the ground like a puppet with its strings broken!

"Pfft!" Feeling like throwing up, everything within his stomach tried to find its way out of his mouth again. But shockingly, the only thing that came out was blood!

'Ahh, that hurt. She did it again.' Virus pondered in pain, he sensed the internal damage inside his body had gotten much worse as the might behind that invisible force of hers was the strongest so far!

Meanwhile, having finally reached the Rift, Hu Yuexin paused before looking back at Virus' sorry figure one last time.

Although she didn't even open her mouth, one could clearly discern the hatred and loathing she now possessed toward the source of her gaze. Still, with her face extremely pale due to the substantial amount of blood she had lost, Hu Yuexin did not linger around for much before turning away and entering the Rift with the utmost level of determination!

In fact, if not for the existence of Virus, Hu Yuexin had every intention of staying behind and getting stronger in this place which she believed to be a paradise for Cultivation. However, now, with the sudden hostile arrival of Virus, the only fate awaiting her was imprisonment. Furthermore, understanding how terrifying the existence of Virus was to the point of him even being able to spy on her without her knowledge honestly didn't sit well with her. Now, her only goal was to leave this location at once, try to survive wherever she ended up, get stronger, and at last, return to get revenge!

"Remember my vow." These last words of hers reverberated around the area as her figure had already vanished from sight.

Finally being able to stand up, Virus looked at the Rift.

"Sigh... I promised I'll be back for you, Hu Yuexin. I told you you are mine no matter the kind of relationship we have. And here I am..." whispering in some despondency, he finished. "But you're no longer here."

"..." Facing nothing but utter silence after that, Virus felt grieved for some reason.

Subsequently, as he gradually vanished into the distant horizon, merely an echo of his murmur resounded. "Is this... heartache?"

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After coming back to the atoll with his spaceship, the first act Virus did was to call the CEO ugly.

"Yes, master. I'm all ears."

"There is this sick kid that has an incurable disease in Shanghai, cure him using the medicine the Island ugly sends you. I've already transmitted his information to you."

"Yes, sir!"

"Good. Also, take him under your wing and raise him like he is your own son. Nothing less, do you understand?"

"Your wish is my command, sir!"

"Alright, later then." Finished with his orders, Virus hung up the line as his mind jumped back to the memories of the past while he deliberated, 'Hu Yuexin, do not worry about your son, he will see nothing but the best from here onwards.'

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A few days later, everything Virus had ordered the Island ugly to prepare was ready. So, right now, standing before his master, he was reporting the results.

"Master, everything's ready now. The Worker Robots transported the C.E.L.L Project, Shape-shifter Technology, the tea, and the Water of Life you requested to your personal spaceship while the Shield device has been carried to the other spaceship."

"Hmm, is that so? Then I guess we're ready to move to the next phase of the plan." Standing up, a grin crept over Virus' lips as he commanded, "Go, call Lil Belle and the Security ugly over, we're leaving soon."

"Yes, master!"

Half an hour later, on the second floor of the underground world beneath the atoll, four people were standing in front of a gigantic Transportation Spaceship which was nearly a thousand times bigger than Virus' private spaceship. They were respectively Virus, the golden beauty, the Island ugly, and the Security ugly that had returned to the island a few days ago responding to Virus' summons.

In the meantime, before them, thousands of Worker Robots were currently busy transporting various unknown materials, parts, and pieces of technology into the monstrous spaceship.

"This spaceship is ten kilometers in all width, length, and height. It is the biggest construct I've built so far! If we bring the 830 meters Burj Khalifa and put it beside this, the Burj would look a small toy compared to it." The Island ugly stated while complimenting the huge spaceship in front of him. It was clear he was extremely proud of this creation of his as it was the fruit of many years of nonstop effort on his part.

Meanwhile, studying the spaceship, a funny thought flashed through Virus' head, 'Should I fly this spaceship over to New York? Everyone will be scared shitless thinking the aliens have invaded.'

'That would be a nice prank to put on youtube.' Even the entire central park was barely one-third of the spaceship, therefore, in case the spaceship was truly steered to hover above the city of New York, merely the shadow it'd cast upon the city would be a sight to witness while watching horror and chaos take over the city.

"Hahaha..." Letting out an amused peal of laughter, Virus put the thought at rest for now and said, "let's go!"

Afterward, Virus, the golden beauty, and the Security ugly entered the huge spaceship before moving to its spacious glass cockpit. Then connecting himself to the spaceship, Virus added a basic Artificial Intelligence to it. From now onwards, the spaceship would be able to follow rudimentary commands and travel by itself anywhere it wanted as long as the destination was clear.

He was just about to initiate the spaceship next when the golden beauty opened her mouth, "Umm, master... I would rather stay here on the atoll and continue my secluded training if that's okay with you."

Listening to her, however, shaking his head, Virus replied, "I would feel ill at ease if I leave you anywhere on this planet, it's just way too dangerous nowadays. But don't worry, I'm not leaving for the Cultivation Earth just yet. And like I said, I have a better location in mind for you to cultivate in peace. Just come with me for now and you'll know it soon enough."

"Ah, I understand, master."

Right as they were done talking, the huge spaceship began to slowly levitate as it moved toward a certain metal gate that automatically opened up. Beyond the gate, water was occupying every direction since the second floor of the underground world was far beneath the atoll in the middle of the ocean.

Still, stupefyingly, as if the ocean was avoiding it on purpose, not a single drop of ocean water invaded the space inside the underground world.

Reaching the opened gate, the spaceship automatically made itself invisible before diving deep into the water.

In the meantime, looking at the ocean through the glass cockpit, the golden beauty gasped in astonishment, "S-so beautiful!"

"It is indeed." Enjoying the scenery as well, Virus agreed. In his past world of the future, this type of view was nowhere to be found on Earth.

Soon, having received the input for its final destination from Virus, the gigantic Transportation Spaceship left Earth's atmosphere before descending upon the infinite darkness of the starry space.

Right behind it, Virus' private spaceship also followed as they both entered the newly opened crack in the very fabric of the space itself.

When the two spaceships exited the crack, the view that greeted the trio was the image of another planet.

Within the glass cockpit of the gigantic spaceship, the golden beauty uttered a yelp of alarm at the familiar planet before her, "Uh! It's that planet at the very center of the Cigar Galaxy! The planet that's occupied by the Panumans! That Panuman Planet!"

Gazing upon this planet that was mostly covered in oceans of green and forests while the rest was full of red and blue, the golden beauty recalled her past journey to this specific planet where they collected some Water of Life from a certain river which assisted them in creating her real corporeal body.

'Huh? Where are we?' On the other side, the Security felt confused as he looked at the two planets that were stationed in very close proximity to one another. Furthermore, he could see two suns at the far distance shining upon and warming the planetary bodies in the system.

"Hahaha, that is correct... but don't call it the Panuman Planet anymore." With his eyes squinting slightly, Virus stated.

"What? If I don't call it the Panuman Planet, what should I call it then?" With her eyebrows drawn together, the golden beauty questioned in curiosity.

In response, ambling in front of the two and standing before the exotic planet displaying itself behind the glass, Virus spread both his arms and declared.

"Call it... Virusia!"

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"Huh...?" Two gasps of bewilderment were heard inside the cockpit while Virus looked at them in mirth.

Then, after the short silence passed, the golden beauty asked for further clarification. "What do you mean, master? Was this planet always called Virusia?"

"Hmm? Of course not! I just named it Virusia." Going quiet momentarily, Virus picked the rest of his explanation. "This place is going to become our new headquarters henceforth."

Shocked silly by now, the golden beauty and the Security ugly's jaws had already hit the floor since they didn't know what to make of this situation.

"Could you elaborate further, master?" At last, the golden beauty inquired again.

"Um, sure, what I'm trying to say is, we're going to focus our development and growth on this planet from this day on." Pointing upwardly with his finger, Virus announced. "1.49 million years... I'm going to try to bring that future to us... or rather, my goal is to run to it at a faster speed than before."

"But in order to make that dream a reality, we need a strong footing first. And this planet might just become that!" Although Virus' eventual aim was to try to advance to the same level as the Earth of his future world, he was aware it was easier said than done. He knew there were lots of obstacles and hindrances awaiting to block his path to that end.

In fact, in technology, every advancement required its own deep layer after layer foundation as he couldn't simply leap 1.49 million years in time and make the most futuristic pieces of technology just because he wished for it. Progress in technology was a step-by-step process, much like cultivation itself.

He had to jump one level after another before finally breaking through to the next stage and continuing additional growth.

Furthermore, all of that required an extremely strong foundation, an unshakeable one, in case Virus desired to tread the path to a further destination. The weaker the foundation, the faster he was going to hit a barrier, a bottleneck, and remain stuck there for a long time.

Actually, that was what had happened on the current Earth which was mostly related to the issues that arose from the existence of mankind on the planet itself.

For one, Virus didn't trust the human race since, at the end of the day, he knew without a shadow of a doubt they were going to betray and use his technology against him someday if he just introduced one godlike machinery after another into the market.

Virus considered that an idiotic and irredeemable approach since it was like giving deadly weapons to your possible attackers. It was only a matter of time before it backfired.

All in all, right now, with every improvement he wanted to make on Earth, he had to be careful and consider various advantages and possible disadvantages in the present and the future.

Furthermore, mankind itself had created many laws that bound, prevented, and slowed down the path of growth!

If he wanted to manufacture something that went way ahead of anything available on the market, all the other relevant manufacturers were bound to attack him and try to bring him down which in return would force Virus to waste more of his time to kill off all those nuisances.

Phones, computers, cars, planes, buildings, ships, medicine, mines, etc. It didn't matter what, as long as Virus stopped holding back and proceeded to produce extremely futuristic high technology, all of them were going to at least try to stand in his way one way or another.

If he wanted to mine a piece of land, he had to jump through hoops before being able to do it legally. Overall, everything was a hassle that decelerated the process and annoyed him every step of the road.

Moreover, in case he carried on with his advancement, he was bound to become too much powerful at some point and that was a big no to all governments around the globe. His eventual enemies were going to be the various governments around the world and that meant World War III!

For the Virus Industries alone to reach higher levels quickly, they needed to keep advancing on all grounds with no interruptions whatsoever since the various fields of technology were interconnected. Unfortunately, the mere existence of the human race didn't permit that.

The only viable solution Virus had to solve that problem once and for all was to wipe out the entire population of humans, the complete extinction of the human race on the planet!

If truth be told he had even considered it seriously on various occasions. In fact, with an excuse like money, he had gone so far as to even release a Super HIV that has already infected the entire population of the planet, and even to this day, he only gave them the temporary cure instead of a permanent one.

Regrettably, the appearance of the Rifts added another problem on top of everything else as it ensured Earth was going to be an unstable card even more in the future.

Thus, putting the matter of Earth and all of its issues aside, for now, being in immediate need of advancement in terms of technology, Virus chose to pick a new field to grow his roots in, and that was Virusia!

"Ah!" Awestricken, the golden beauty's eyes went wide open while her hand was already covering her mouth in surprise. "So this planet is going to become the new root!"

"Ah, but what about Earth? The Virus Industries? And our hidden headquarters on the atoll?" Somewhat nervous and uneasy at the thought of abandoning Earth which was like a home to her, the golden beauty queried.

"Good question! But you don't need to be worried about it, nothing will change over there... the only difference would be that the atoll won't be our headquarters anymore but rather a port and storage connecting Virusia to Earth and vice versa.

While they were engaged in their little discussion, the spaceship had already landed on the ground as thousands of Worker Robots ran out of the gigantic spaceship before beginning their new task of setting up something unique in the vicinity of a special river.

"Um, master, it's amazing that you want to make Virusia our new headquarters and everything, but... as long as the Panumans are here, I don't think that'll be an easy job. What are you going to do about that?"

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"About that... well, see for yourself." Pointing his finger at the spot where thousands of robots were currently hard at work assembling hundreds of

pieces and parts of various sizes, he waited for around thirty seconds when finally the last segment was put in place.

WHIIZZ~

At once, with the device at its very center, a dome of light began to expand at an extremely fast pace.

In merely a minute, due to how far it had expanded and was covering, the dome of light was now barely perceivable with the naked eye because of its great distance.

From the device itself, a pillar of light was also reaching out disappearing off right into the clouds in the sky. That ray was the connection of the dome to the piece of device that was supporting its maintenance.

"Woahh!" Awestruck at the scene she was witnessing, the golden beauty's eyes were glittering, "Was that dome a shield? How far exactly is it covering right now?"

"Yep, that's my temporary plan for dealing with the Panumans. The shield covers a radius of thousand kilometers."

"Amazing! Will that really be able to keep all the Panumans outside?" Curious for real, the golden beauty wanted answers.

Spotting that look of anticipation and curiosity plastered all over her face, Virus didn't hold back, "Of course! Other than the Panumans that are already within the radius of a thousand kilometers, considering the means they have access to, they will be kept out no matter how hard they try to breakthrough."

Following that, as he held a marble over his palm, the 3D image of a thousand kilometers in every direction spread from the marble itself while many red dots could be seen on various locations, "As for the Panumans or anything else

that's still inside, the Security ugly will be able to take care of them using this marble."

By now, the trio was already outside the great Transportation Spaceship.

Walking right beside the river of Water of Life, Virus pulled out a particular flag from within the case Security ugly was carrying on his orders.

Inserting it on the ground next, he declared, "By my words and this flag as a witness, let my civilization begin!"

By the side, looking at the inserted flag that had the image of a brain, half artificial and half organic, with the letter 'V' striking through it, the golden beauty had goosebumps as she felt her hair raising all over her body.

She had this foreboding that the events of today were maybe the beginning of something much bigger!

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Two hours later, inside a rather large and convenient tent that was set up by the Worker Robots, Virus was currently drinking the tea that had been brewed using the freshwater of the river, the Water of Life.

"Master, can you please tell me why you told me to tag along here? I mean what are your specific orders?" The Island ugly inquired while standing still, awaiting the decree.

"Hmm, what a fragrant smell, this type of tea is the best indeed." Taking a sip from his tea, Virus continued, "why else would I bring someone called 'Security ugly' if not for the purpose of security? Your main duty here will be to protect my Lil Belle. Toward achieving that goal, cleaning our territory of all its former inhabitants might be helpful."

"I understand, master." Bowing in respect, the Security ugly humbly accepted the instruction while throwing a short glance at the golden beauty who was busy quietly watching Virus drink his tea.

However, Virus wasn't finished yet.

"Be warned though, no mistakes are permissible this time. You are absolutely not allowed to be careless and make another mistake like last that."

Witnessing Virus' chilly pupils suddenly directed at him, a shiver went down the Security ugly's spine as he could feel the tension increasing from zero to a hundred percent abruptly. He knew Virus was referring to the lapse of judgment he had made while protecting Ella at the nightclub in the past.

"Yes, sir! I'll either protect her successfully or die trying."

"Good." Satisfied with his words, he retracted his gaze before adding, "besides that, your secondary mission will be to lead the Worker Robots and develop our territory."

"Whatever you deem necessary to speed up the process, just request the CEO and Island uglies to prepare, buy, and transport them using the big Spaceship. Fully utilize the resources Earth has available. We have all the money you might need, so go buck wild!" Just as he completed his sentence, countless amounts of knowledge began to overwhelm and invade the Security ugly's brain.

"Ahhhhhhh!" Feeling the overload, the Security ugly couldn't help but scream outwardly. Virus had just uploaded too much information all at once to the point it had exceeded the Security ugly's maximum capacity.

If he had done it throughout the duration of one second, it would've been fine, but he did it in an instant. The Security ugly understood that was a warning for him to perform his duties better this time around.

"That's the knowledge you will need in order to catch up to Earth's current level of technology and exceed it beyond to the level I require." In fact, although the amount of scientific knowledge had been too great for the Security ugly to the degree he felt horrified at the mere extent of the advanced blueprints he could gain access to now, to Virus, it was nothing but primitive knowledge.

Inside the Security ugly's head, he could now find all kinds of knowledge necessary in order to create a self-sustaining country. It covered every type of manufacturing such as food, petroleum, chemicals, plastics, clothing and textiles, metal, electronics, transportation, wood, paper, etc.

Building, construction, mining, anything that might be necessary was there!

Virus had even created a folder of knowledge for various roles that were essential for a variety of Worker Robots. The folder encompassed tasks such as manufacturing operator, associate, technician, supervisor, engineer, senior engineer, manager, director, etc.

With that, the Security ugly could now easily divide the jobs and tasks and bring together a self-sustaining army of employees that will do everything for him. All he had to do was to oversee how things were progressing.

"Oh, right... now that we don't have to hold back, also make a factory where the Worker Robots would be able to make more of themselves infinitely."

"Your wish is my command, my dear master."

After the Security ugly left the tent, only the golden beauty and Virus were left behind.

"Geez, master... you know I cultivate too, right? I can protect myself. Especially on this planet which is dominated by those Panumans. You saw me beat one of them already!" Pursing her lips, the golden beauty protested while acting cute.

"No, Lil Belle, you have only one life left in you. I can still save your Security ugly bro even if he's wrecked, but you're different. There's just no way I would risk 'you'." Pausing shortly, he picked the rest of his sentence while fondling and caressing her hair lightly, "Moreover, despite me securing the vicinity using the shield, you never know what might be hiding on a planet somewhere. I mean I can't even check since there are no waves or other required pieces of tech covering the planet."

"Ah, alright, I'll follow your arrangements, master." Puckering her cherry lips, she agreed.

It might sound like an exaggeration, but those simple movements by that kind of heavenly beauty slightly moved even Virus who wondered to himself, 'Well, I'll be damned. I might've made that face myself but it's still shaking my old heart.'

Nonetheless, outwardly, he didn't let any of that thought show as he proceeded, "Anyhow, you will be able to cultivate in peace here. Just don't forget to drink from the river every day. Not only will it keep your physique in top shape, immune from any disease, it will also bring many benefits to your cultivation like speeding it up."

"Yes, sir!" Saluting like a soldier, the golden beauty adhered to the command.

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During the next few days, the Security ugly was busy slaughtering the Panumans that were unlucky enough to be within their territory at the time the shield was triggered.

In fact, even Virus himself assisted when there was too big of a group gathered in a single location with rebellious intentions.

Of course, many of the scared Panumans who feared for their lives were still successful in escaping outside the range of the shield since the dome worked only in a one-way manner. One could exit, but not enter without permission.

And now, since Virus was confident the Security ugly would be capable enough to handle all the remaining illegal inhabitants scattered around, he decided to leave today.

Currently, standing right in front of his own small private spaceship, Virus was gently kissing the golden beauty's forehead.

Separating from each other soon, the golden beauty looked into Virus' eyes in dejection as she said, "master, I'll get super strong as quickly as I can and join you in your following journeys! But this time... please... please come back to me safely, promise me!"

By the end of her sentence, a drop of tear rolled down the golden beauty's face as she was no longer able to tolerate the thought of separating from her master for possibly a long time!

This was the first time that she was splitting from her master who literally meant the whole world to her. Before this moment, she didn't feel it much, but now that he was truly leaving, an odd sensation of unconnectedness was eating her inside out as she even had this notion of throwing caution to the wind and tagging along with him.

However, being aware of how that might put Virus in grave danger, she steeled her heart against the idea.

"I promise, my Lil Belle, I'll be safe. I'll try to do my thing at lightning speed and come back running to you immediately. You won't even notice it."

"Y-you promise?"

Wiping the tears gathered around her eyes with the back of his finger, he assured her. "Absolutely!"

"Also, remember, I already transmitted everything you might need regarding your cultivation up to the Embryonic Consolidation stage, it's all stored in your Communication Device and you just need to refer to it. Even though you won't be needing that far ahead before I return, one day you will, so I did not hold back."

Turning toward the Security ugly, he demanded one last time. "Keep her safe."

Then, turning around, he left inside the spaceship which soon vanished into the sky leaving behind a tearful golden beauty.. "MASTER!" She screamed, running behind him, albeit, he was gone already.

THE GOD VIRUS

Chapter 440: Moth to a Flame

After leaving the atmosphere of Virusia, Virus straightly opened a crack near the technological Earth.

Appearing in the space near the planet, Virus threw one last glance at the planet of colors before commanding the spaceship to open another rift.

Of course, he still adhered to his rule of being far away from the location of cultivation Earth while opening a rift through from one side to another.

"See you later." He murmured casually.

As the gate was now wide open for him to pass through, the spaceship dived in with no delay.

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Meanwhile, right as Virus entered the fissure in the fabric of space, many contemplations regarding what he was going to do on the Cultivation Earth were passing through his head.

‘I should first visit the Silver Sky Sect and visit apprentice sister and fulfill that promise of top-quality tea I made with the Alchemy Pagoda Master.’ By apprentice sister, he naturally meant Astes, the fairy-like beauty of the Alchemy Pagoda section of the sect which he had accepted as his apprentice sister.

‘And then-‘

BOOM! RUMBLE~

The entire spacecraft experienced such a sudden quake and tremor that Virus was sent flying away within the interior of the spaceship!

All one hundred percent shield of the spaceship was gone in an instant while the vessel itself also became terribly damaged. There was even a gaping hole passing through the spaceship. Fortunately, however, that hole was quickly covered by the emergency features of the spacecraft that had been installed for times like this.

Meanwhile, even though it was within the vacuum of space, a roaring sound of cheer, much like thunder, reverberated everywhere!

“HAHAHA! At last, after patiently waiting for so long! I finally caught the little mice hopping in my house!” An ancient voice reverberated in all directions.

“So that’s how this creature looks like! Fascinating!” The ancient old man stated, gazing upon the spaceship while playing with his snow-white beard.

It was clear he had mistakenly taken the spacecraft as some type of bizarre creature.

At the same time, inside the spaceship, Virus felt as if his eardrums were going to explode any seconds now, but he determined this was not the time for that.

Therefore, not paying any further heed to the agony he was experiencing due to the sound of the unknown attacker, his attention was drawn to the current condition of the spaceship.

‘The invisibility has been turned off due to the extreme damage, though it should still work.’

‘The shield is also gone!’

Of course, he reached these conclusions using all his AI capabilities so no time had gone by really.

The next course of action Virus took was to first reactivate the shield before changing the course of the spaceship to a ninety-degree different direction.

In the meantime, outside, seeing the creature suddenly vanishing again, an annoyed crease showed up on the ancient old man’s forehead who didn’t hesitate to attack again.

BAM!

Unfortunately for him, his attacks could no longer come into direct contact with the creature again.

“DAMN IT!” He yelled in anger. “What a slippery mouse... I’ll find you, you hear me! I’ll find you!”

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In the meantime, having successfully escaped from the grasp of that insane old man he had laid his eyes upon momentarily, Virus let out a sigh of relief.

‘Fuck... why is there such a terrifying old man lying in wait for me?’

‘Sigh... I should go back for now.’ As this line popped into his mind, he tried to open the rift to go back and fix the spaceship before returning, when, much to his dismay, he noticed the rift could not be opened at all.

“Ah, shit... this is as worse as it could get!” Muttering this, Virus checked all the remaining faculties of the spacecraft next.

“Both multiverse and universe rift opening technologies are smashed... even the fast movement features are gone, damn it! I can’t go back!” Virus deduced.

He was feeling quite lost honestly. And floating around in the middle of nowhere in absolute darkness didn’t really help much.

The only option he had available, for now, was to go toward the Cultivation Earth at that snail-like pace of the spaceship.

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Three weeks later, an announcement attracted Virus’ attention to itself.

[The Spaceship is entering the atmosphere of the planet.]

Soon, the whole interior began to quake and tremble while Virus fastened his seatbelt awaiting the successful landing.

“Land beside the Sky Silver Sect!” He commanded the spaceship’s basic A.I.

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A few hours later, an invisible spacecraft landed in the specified location.

‘Phew, I’m finally here. Let’s go meet apprentice sister Astes, shall we? I wonder if she missed me though... she was such a crybaby when I left last time, haha!’

The first thing Virus did was to enter the portable Shape-shifter technology he had brought with him and change his appearance to that of a young man called 'Vee' with jet black hair and dull emerald eyes.

That was the face with which he had infiltrated the Sky Silver Sect in the past and it was the identity he was known for by his apprentice sister and everyone else in the sect.

Subsequently, getting off the invisible spaceship, he took a glance in the Silver Sky Sect's direction.

However, what he witnessed following that quickly forced his eyeballs to become as round as they could get.

That was because, in front of him, instead of the expected ancient ground of the sect that was filled with grand pagodas and busy disciples running around somewhere, there was only a wrecked site with debris covering nearly everywhere!

"W-what's this place? Was I brought to the wrong location? Did the spacecraft malfunction due to the previous damage?" Going back to the spaceship, he checked the coordinates, only to be certain this time that he was indeed in front of the gates of the former Silver Sky Sect!

"What the, what happened here?" Virus could hardly believe his eyes as a sense of skepticism overwhelmed him.

Feeling somewhat concerned regarding the fate of the sect due to the existence of Astes, Virus resolved to go around, ask, and get to the bottom of what exactly was happening.

A while later, he came across an old man. He was the first person he encountered after more than ten minutes of searching.

Hence, stopping the man, he inquired, "Hello, good old sir, would you mind answering a few questions of mine?"

"W-what is it?" The mortal old man, however, seemed anxious seeing a strange young man blocking his path. These days, he had heard many rumors of how there were lots of thieves in the area.

"No need to be worried, I'm not a hostile person and I have no bad intentions toward you whatsoever, I just have a few questions and I'll leave right away." He assured him.

"Oh... is that so? Then what is it?" Still a little dubious, the old man retreated while awaiting the questions. He didn't want any trouble, so he wanted to reply as quickly as he could before scurrying away.

"So, here is the deal, I'm originally a disciple of the Silver Sky Sect but I left a few years ago..."

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Five minutes later, Virus became aware of the rough picture of everything that had taken place in the Silver Sky Sect.

Apparently, around a month or two after Virus had left the sect, the Poison Deity Clan, the clan that was the ruler of this island the Silver Sky Sect was on, had attacked and invaded out of nowhere as they had slaughtered nearly every disciple, master, and chicken they could find!

As for the reason why they had suddenly decided to do so, the old man wasn't quite sure, however, what he could tell Virus was the fact that even at the time of the attack and invasion, the sect leader of the Silver Sky Sect was still away as he was nowhere to be found. Therefore, there wasn't much the sect could do except watch and die.

“Do you know if anyone has survived?” To this question of Virus, caressing his beard, the old man responded, “Hmm, I don’t know who exactly survived... but I heard that some of the disciples and masters were taken away as prisoners and hostages to their dungeon prison probably. The rest were massacred.”

And now, sitting within his spaceship after sending away the old man, many notions and doubts were flickering through Virus’ head.

‘Did apprentice sister Astes survive?’ Gritting his teeth while making an anxious fist, Virus wondered.

The whole situation seemed a bit off to Virus, the fact that the strongest clan of the island had attacked the second strongest out of nowhere in that timeframe.

‘Should I go try to save her right away?’ The moment this line showed up in his brain, however, he shook his head, rejecting the idea temporarily.

‘A mere Adept Falcon had nearly killed me... if I go to the Poison Deity Clan and try to release her and the Alchemy master, I would be dead before even noticing that I was attacked.’ Adept Falcon was the person that had assaulted Virus on the night of his return from the Silver Sky Sect.

If it wasn’t for the golden beauty’s protection and sacrifice that night, Virus was quite sure he would be in fact dead already.

‘Going to the Poison Deity Clan right now would be the most idiotic and suicidal course of action.’ With his nails biting into his flesh unconsciously, this notion shimmered through Virus’ mind while he began to experience an intense clash between his logic and emotions.

While his emotions were screaming ‘go save her right now!’, ‘she is waiting for you!’, ‘she would’ve come for you!’, etc. His logic was telling him ‘don’t be an idiot!’, ‘that’s what we call a retard!’, ‘all calculations say that would be a

useless act, and not only would you die a meaningless death in the process, you'll also fail to save her!'.

Many such deliberations were storming through his head, occupying it.

On one side, thinking about how Astes might be suffering, Virus' heart could not tolerate staying still and doing nothing even if it resulted in his death.

On the other side, Virus was a hundred percent certain no matter how smart he was, schemes were nothing in the face of absolute power. It didn't matter how a single ant schemed against an elephant, the elephant was still capable of crushing the ant with a simple step.

'They destroyed the entire Silver Sky Sect with all of its experts in a single day for fucks sake! Don't be arrogant, Virus! Confidence without power to back it up is nothing but arrogance and a fool's game!'

According to the information he had received from the old man, there were simply too many variables and powerhouses in the Poison Deity Clan. Furthermore, Virus couldn't even connect to the world and surveil them at the same time since there were no waves and technology to back him up.

No matter how hard he contemplated, it would still lead to his own demise at any corner with a simple flip of the enemy's finger. And it wasn't only one enemy... rather an entire army of it!

'I need a logical plan. I can't just storm my way in there. Not only would that lead to my quick death, but it won't save apprentice sister Astes as well and merely endanger her instead. There is no way I would risk her life for an idiotic and pointless charge.'

In fact, one of the matters the Artificial Intelligence Virus abhorred the most was to make a move toward a goal that was clear to result in a negative and fruitless outcome.

Thus, at last, this was where his heart was suppressed while his logic came out on top!

“First things first, I need strength!” He muttered to himself with his eyes chilly cold, he knew in order to even have a shot at saving her instead of simply throwing himself off of a building like a moth to a flame, he needed power!