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Chapter 261: If

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"If I were like Ru or that person, Yuhi would you hate me?"

At that comment he does not say anything.

"Alright you come over here." Sumire disliked that he sat so far from her. What is he doing staying so far away?

"Pfft, if you want me to sit closer just say so."

"Yuhi-san, I will have you know I am not in the mood for jokes." she trails off when he shifted closer to her. He kissed a strand of her hair. "Or anything affectionate either."

"I know Sumire."

Why does he know? It really isn't fair sometimes.

Yuhi and Atushi must have planned all of that. After all, the only ones who know about her bad sleeping habits are those close to her.. As well as Yuhi and Soujiro, the latter would never blab about such matters to anyone no matter who it is. However, if it's Yuhi, he would tell Atushi without hesitation. Even now she still doesn't understand the relationship between those two very well. If you can call it a friendship at all.

For those two to be in such good terms, it's quite an illogical turn of events. Atushi never got along well with Arashi-senpai and the two had quite the rivalry so it surprised

"Having overwhelming desires that only plunge the world around you into misery. Or restraining yourself so much that you suffer endlessly. For it to be either that or something else. It's scary, isn't it? But what's even scarier is that. .." she trails off, her gaze landed on the pitch-black skies. "I'm conscious of the fact that I myself harbor a terrible seed of desire. And that I have the power to fulfill it. "

"Don't say things like that man would say."

Sumire sensed how troubled he was so she asked him. "Have I become like him?"

"I sometimes think you have, only sometimes."

"That must mean that I have gotten old."

Right if she is starting to talk like master, then it simply means that she has gotten old. Then again she is eighteen in two days, in two years she would legally be an adult.

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"Why aren't you saying anything I wonder. .. Could it be, Yuhi you really thought that and that's why you didn't do anything more than kiss me earlier?"

"No that's not." Yuhi trailed off. "Well, honestly that stuff does not bother me."

That stuff? Does he mean her getting old- then again he is older than her. Sometimes she forgets that since they act so naturally around each other.

"Dummy that's not what she meant. I just don't think it's right now. I'm sorry, perhaps even now I still have some lingering feelings. There is still pain in my heart whenever I think of him."

"I know, I get that way sometimes too when I look up at the sky. That moron was the one who left you with this heavy burden in the first place. There are many things I can't say. But you have to realize, everything I do is for your sake."

She knows that all too well Yuhi. The brunette wrapped her arms around his neck and brushed her lips there gently biting the soft skin. Yuhi. She loves him, she loves him so much. It's strange. She never thought that she would fall in love with someone this much; and now that she has, her actions, words, and everything else she's believed in has become muddled up. She becomes dizzy with thoughts of this person.

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After kissing for a good few minutes, he pulled her onto his lap. "Yuhi?"

"Get some sleep. You've been so busy these past few days that you haven't been able to sleep much, have you? No matter how monstrous like or strong your body is, you need to rest, you know?"

A soft chuckle escaped her lips. "A monster like is too much." She trailed off. "Say Yuhi? What are you doing out here anyway?"

"I thought it would be interesting to read some fascinating literature under the moonlight."

"Ah-huh, but you didn't bring a book out with you?"

"No need, I have the story memorized."

"Normally I wouldn't mind listening to you talk but tonight I would rather things remain this way." She was in an odd mellow mood.

"I can tell, you're not even quoting Shakespeare tonight."

"Do you want me to?"

"Well it is strange but this is fine too." Yuhi caressed her hair. "Are you comfortable?"

"This way I can see your face and the stars so yes."

Yuhi chuckled. "You're way too honest."

"Say Yuhi, are you really okay with it?" Despite her vague words, Sumire understood that he would get it.

Yuhi did not reply right away but suddenly sat her up, and pulled her into his arms. "Truthfully, it scares me a little."

"You're frightened?"

"Yes, I am. What if you decide one day that I am not good enough to look after him?"

"That won't happen."

"Then what if you decide to do something stupid like self-sacrifice? What if you think you're getting in the way of my career and future by tying me down?"

Her eyes widened when she heard those words. Did Yuhi hear that from Sano? Indeed when Sano said those words to her she thought the same. But why does Yuhi think that way?

"You know I talked about it with Hino, and he told me that you would think this way."

So Hino figured it out? Of course he would. She did not know him for very long but he seemed to naturally understand things about her based on observation alone.

"Was he right?"

Sumire wished she could cover her face and hide away but it was difficult since Yuhi would not let her go. His hold around her waist tightened as he asked her that.

"Yes."

"Hah, I wish he was wrong or at least lie about it. You know I dislike the idea of you leaving me even more so if you still have feelings for me."

The two of them have never spoken about the feelings she has for him. Unlike Yuhi she is not that open about it, and says everything indirectly. But for some reason, Yuhi already knew how much she liked him.

"I'm sorry."

"Yeah, don't ever think such things again. Like I told you I built this empire in the music world for your sake. It will mean nothing to me if you're not by my side." Yuhi mumbled. "Besides, I am looking forward to it."

"Looking forward to it?"

"The day you can sing by my side properly. It was fun, wasn't it? Singing together back then? There was no stage and it was just a small karaoke joint but it was a lot of fun for me."

Her eyes widened when she heard those words. Yuhi...he enjoyed it that much? All this time she thought it was just her. She thought it was just her who felt the rush of emotions at that time. So they both thought the same thing? There was also that song. This person has treasured her for such a long time. But what did she do in return?

She spent so much time trying to forget him saying useless things like she did not deserve him.

"Also, I think I could be a good parent."

Sumire deeply sighed. "How are you so certain? He is my child but even I have doubts."

"For one maybe you should think of a name."

"Correction, we think of a name. If you're raising him with me then you're responsible too."

Yuhi chuckled. "Indeed that is true. Mm, but I'm bad at names."

"Useless."

"I can be useful in other areas..."

Sumire swiftly moved away from him before he could do anything. "My birthday, I will spend it here so we should start planning."

"Well, you don't have to worry about that."

So he already made plans? "Then I suppose I have to trust you there."

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Chapter 262: I will grow old with you

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Despite what it seemed like he already made arrangements for Sumire's birthday. He planned it long before she even came here. Yes, he arranged everything before then. Was he confident that he could get her to spend the day with him? The answer is yes. The entire day yesterday, he showed her some famous spots on the island and they both had a good time. But he did not want to show her too much since it would ruin her birthday surprise.

But how did she end up coming here? He may have bought out this island but there were still some people living here. So Yuhi found a secret space where nobody else had access to. He was checking on it when he found Sumire in the area. So he invited her inside.

This girl is very good at finding places.

"Thanks for having me here." Sumire peered through the door curiously.

Yuhi waltzed right in and put his coat on the rack nearby.

"I will pour us some tea. So make yourself at home." Yuhi said, walking over to the kitchen. Through the small mirror on the wall, he could get a clear glimpse of her. Sumire was looking around curiously.

"It's the first time I've been here Yuhi."

"Indeed." Actually, he entertained the idea of bringing her here before but backed out quickly. After all, back then their relationship was strange. They were not lovers but they were closer than friends too.

Where did he put those tea bags? Although it's not a place he comes to frequently anymore. Unlike the old man's manor. He hasn't left this place vacant for a long time.

"I'm nervous."

Yuhi almost dropped the mug he just pulled out of the cabinet. Again, why is she saying this again? The other day when she said it, Yuhi countered it but he can't say those words to her now. Or rather he was nervous too. Yuhi felt his palms go sweaty, and his cheeks slightly red as he coughed. "Quit it."

Sumire was suddenly by his side and she peered over at him. "Yuhi-san that is sly of you."

"You're the one saying such things every time."

"I thought you liked honest people."

That is not the point here! Yuhi deeply sighed. He needs to stop battling with his inner thoughts too much, it just makes the situation worse. "I can't find the tea bags."

Sumire chuckled. "Then I can have coffee."

"That is bad for you.."

"But if I don't drink or eat anything now I will be even more nervous."

T-this girl is so extreme at showing her affection and she has no idea. Since she does it unconsciously it is even more frightening. Yuhi took a deep breath before he opened the cupboard and took out what he needed. He somehow managed to get her to sit down again but he felt her gaze on him the entire time he prepared the coffee.

Yuhi watched as Sumire fiddled with the cup in her hands letting it cool down before she took a sip. In that somewhat tense atmosphere, it was her brightly lit eyes when she took a sip of the coffee that reassured him.

Heh, if Morris and the other guys heard that he was having such soft-sounding thoughts they'd certainly laugh at him. But he can no longer return to how he was before. He needs to stop dwelling on the past. Besides, right now Sumire is by his side as his girlfriend, they are no longer just partners. He can finally be happy with the one he likes.

"We delivered all the threats we had to."

Yuhi paused. He actually thought she would not speak about this. While he was away on tour cleaning up those rumors about her, Sumire was also doing some work on the sidelines.

"Why do you have to apologize?"

She doesn't say anything to that. "So about what you said the other day. About starting over from the beginning --"

Sumire stood up. "We haven't told Irohchan and the others."

Iroha was his 'kohai', he found her living on the streets when her family went bankrupt. Indeed he had not said a word about dating Sumire but he is sure that girl must have read the news already or found out from reading those magazines.

"She said it herself, didn't she? That dating will eventually lead to marriage but as those years go by your soul will grow old."

Soul to grow old. .. " A dark depressing aura wraps around the brunette, as she slumps her head on the table. "Indeed. I can feel it too."

"You don't have to worry. I'll grow old with you too."

He will grow old with her and spoil her for eternity. He will give her everything she desires, and grant every wish she has.

The brunette doesn't respond but he finds her staring at him for a few minutes, "What is it?"

"Nothing."

Yuhi could not miss the tint of pink on the girl's cheeks and look puzzled. Why is she blushing? Did he say something weird again? Yuhi traced the words he said just now and paused. "You don't want to grow old with me?" Yuhi figured it out right away.

Sumire was playing with a strand of her hair and looked very nervous. "That is what you just asked me...you're proposing?"

"I thought you said you wanted to date with marriage in mind."

Was she kidding? Ever since she said those words Yuhi has worked even harder knowing that they would have a future together. His thoughts broke off when he looked at her face again. Yuhi stood up and took a seat beside her.

He did not say anything but eventually grabbed her hand.

"You want to?"

Sumire nodded slowly. "I think so."

She thinks? Why does she sound so vague? As Yuhi debated this he watched as she covered her mouth with her sleeve and laughed. "Sorry give me a minute, my heart won't stop pounding."

Normally she is so confident and messes with him. But there are times where she gets like this. He doesn't understand her at all. Yuhi thought he had a better understanding of her now but he still learns new things about her. He still finds more things to love about her.

This is bad though, he wants to- his thoughts broke off when he noticed how close she was. When did she get so close to him?

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Chapter 263: I want you to spoil me a little

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"Actually, I don't understand what you mean by starting over from step one." Yuhi finally managed to bring it up. It was something she suggested the other day.

Sumire looks up, "Isn't it about doing stuff together, and getting to know each other?"

"Really?"

"For example, naturally holding hands."

"Don't we always do that? "

What does she mean by naturally? It's something they always do, so isn't that natural? Or maybe there is something he is missing here.

"Or eating meals together, or going on walks and other places together."

"We did that every day when I was a member of the Holy knights." Yuhi trails off when he saw her innocent expression turn darker. His sweatdropped. "We can just do it again. What's with that funny face."

"That's right, you and me. There is nothing innocent anymore."

"There are still some things I don't know about you. I'll ask you now." Yuhi took a sip of the coffee. It was colder since he took a long time before he drank it, but it did not matter. "That charm lost its power a long time ago when the structure in France was destroyed but I noticed you wouldn't take it off."

It was one of the first things he noticed when she first came here.

Sumire lifts the bracelet she wore in her hand. "Yeah. This is a promise after all. 'Don't kill Yuhi' that one. At that time, I was so very weak and powerless. It was the only thing I could do. The one and only thing. I just couldn't accept your future to be painted completely black because of what happened to you before. 'If only my very kind partner...Someday, could smile peacefully. I always had these wistful thoughts. "

"Yeah. I somehow already knew that. " He already knew for a long time that she had deep feelings for him. But it was because he knew that he did not expect anything to change after confessing. He knew she would turn him down.

He watched as her gaze remained on him her eyes seemed to search for the remaining answers. But both of them knew that he did not have any answers for her, at least not right now. He placed a gentle kiss on her forehead.

"We can take our time can't we?"

"Mmm." She chuckled. "But I wonder how many people I will have to chase away until then? There are many who don't approve of this relationship."

Yuhi sighed and slumped his head so it rested on her shoulders. "Those people need to get a life."

"Yuhi-san, you should understand their concern."

"I know," Yuhi mumbled. He understood better than anybody. No matter how famous he becomes, he is a man of unknown origin. He has no noble blood, so many think he does not deserve her.

"Yeah, I see now. Since then so much time has passed."

In the passage of time, they have both gone through a lot. Events that ordinarily people would not survive. "A name for the child, I will think harder."

Sumire laughed but nodded. "Mmm, okay. So what are our plans today?"

"Well, the big thing is happening at night." Yuhi trailed off. He rubbed the back of his neck sheepishly. "I want to work on some songs with you, do you mind?"

When they did this during the first day Sumire did not mind since she was adjusting but now it is different. He does not want her to think that he is bringing work into their alone time.

"I would love that but could we eat first?"

Yuhi nodded and stood up. He walked over to the mini kitchen and opened the cabinets and fridge.

"Sorry, there's only ramen left. Do you mind? "

"It's fine. I prefer a casual meal."

Yeah, he knew that. The last time their date fell through, they ended up having hamburgers on the sidewalk and she looked far happier eating that than when they're in a fancy restaurant. Yuhi boils some water in the kettle. She should desire so much more and he has the power to give her anything she desires and yet she looks so happy over something so simple.

He hadn't thought much about what to do during the day. He made the perfect night plans but during the day he has nothing,

"Are these your photo albums? I knew you kept them somewhere."

"Oi. who said you could---" His sentence fell short when he saw her pouty cheeks. What's with her? Pulling that sort of expression on him is hardly what he would call fair. "You can look at them."

"En! But I will wait until you finish so we can get close."

Ultimate defeat. Now that he thought about it, has he ever won against her? From the very moment, they met each other. Her words and actions have thrown him off balance.

Once he finished boiling the water. He pours it inside the two open ramen packets and stirs the contents.

"It looks yummy. But first. ..." She shifted over until she was sitting down on his lap. Sumire nodded to herself. "Cuddling with Yuhi is the best. "

Dear lord. What on earth is she? Is it possible for there to be somebody so cute in this world? Or rather what is she doing acting all adorable for? Normally she does not behave this way. Then again it is her birthday, does she want him to spoil her?

"Yuhi? Do you not want to cuddle with me?"

"No, stupid. Of course, I like this."

He realized what he said a second too late, he averts his gaze clearly embarrassed. Sumire laughed softly.

"Aha, I see!"

Yuhi sighs deeply as he caresses her brunette locks. "You know, recently I've been thinking you've gotten used to it. Messing around with me. "

At that comment, Sumire chuckled. "Is it not your fault for being so easy to trick?"

"You were tricking me just now?"

"No, I just wanted you to spoil me a little."

So he was right. "If that's what you want then I can do that anytime. Honestly, since we are on this topic. You don't have to act so mature all the time Sumire. I know all about your insecurities too so I wish you would confined in me more. I wish you would act childish once in a while, act childish and let me spoil you."

His sentence fell short when Sumire wrapped her arms around his neck and mumbled. "If I did that, I would end up giving everything to you."

"Is that bad?" Yuhi asked. "Are we not serious?"

Sumire paused but she slowly answered. "We are but this is hard for me. Getting attached to another person means giving everything away again, it means forming ties. If something goes wrong, we will no longer be able to return to our previous relationship. The fact that I met you despite our different status was already a blessing, let alone become good friends."

"Is this why you turned me down before?"

Sumire nodded. "I thought to myself then, I do not want to lose Yuhi. Even if it would be awkward after the rejection and there was a high chance you would no longer speak to me. I would rather end things that way then date and break up."

Her insecurities and fears regarding people leaving her must be due to her childhood. Unfortunately, he does not know much about her family situation. It seems he will have to ask that man after all. Somebody who knows about Sumire's family situation would be her fiancé.

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Chapter 264: Without darkness there can be no light
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She doesn't understand it. Yet she guesses his feelings in an instance. Though if the words conscious were enough to describe his feelings. He's pretty sure he would be able to handle it just fine. Does she still not know? About the dark thoughts, he has about her?

How wonderful would it be if Sumire were to be addicted to him forever? She's chosen him, and he's confident in the love she has for him. Even though she hurt so many people and it upset her a great deal. She still rushes back to his arms and holds him tightly.

However, he saw many relations collapse after marriage. The couple remains together but there's a wall between them and their spouse. It depends on the circumstance and doesn't happen a lot. But he can't help but think that it will happen. Even if it's impossible, he wants them to continue in this manner even when they get older. If he were to voice out his insecurities now, Sumire would surely help him. He should tell her everything. Yuhi recalled what Hino told him not too long ago and sighed.

It won't be that easy besides she certainly would be upset if she heard what happened. With his own hands he almost killed a person. Sumire already figured out that he was doing some clean up for her sake. But she does not know the entire truth. If she knew about the random fights he got into, how he lost control and almost killed somebody, would she still like him?

Yuhi doesn't say anything and continues kissing her pretty neck. He nibbled gently on the soft skin, he gently lowers her top revealing her shoulders.

"Yuhi, dummy. No touching."

"Hm? Just a bit. Besides you have a sweet scent on you. Perfume again?"

"Ah, I ate some pudding earlier. As well as cream boiled peas with honey and bean jam."

"The villagers gave it to you?"

Sumire laughed. "Everybody here is so nice, it surprised me."

Well he never brought anybody here before so they must have figured it out.

"Yuhi, you know I got invited to a music program."

"Are you going to sing?"

Sumire slowly nodded. "It is a bit different than singing in a studio so I am very nervous. This will be the first time I performed live since then."

Yuhi felt her hands shake and he squeezed them. "I am here." He is here for her and will ensure nothing bad happens.

"Then will you come and watch me that day Yuhi-san?"

"Sure when is it?"

"Nagawa must like you a lot."

At that comment, a troubled look appeared on her face. "Initially I intended to decline it. I want to draw the line between us but..."

"It's a good stage to sing. As a singer you would be stupid to decline it."

"Say Yuhi if Sano was serious about me, would you panic?"

Why is she even asking something so obvious? Besides he is already panicking. Yuhi thought that as long as

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To think she fell asleep. Then again, there is still a few hours left before the fancy dinner. His gaze fell back onto the screen and he continued scrolling with one hand. His other hand was occupied since he was using it to caress her hair.

Whenever she falls asleep he would make sure to touch her in some way so she would feel his warmth. It is better this way so she knows she is not alone, that there is somebody here for her. This way she should not wake up with nightmares. Of course, even when he does this she still gets them, but she calms down quicker.

There is still time before the dinner but she is sleeping so peacefully. He does not want to wake her up. Even though she is no longer pregnant, she still sleeps for a long period of time. Only a few days have passed so she cant return to normal. It is better for her to sleep for a long time than her usual three hours, not that he can lecture her about that.

His thoughts broke off when he heard the sound of his phone.

Incoming call: Makoto Soujiro

Yuhi moved his hands away from the cursor and picked up his phone. "Hey."

"After kidnapping her from the hospital, now you leave me a message saying she is fine?"

Yuhi laughed. "It's fine, you handled it well right?"

Soujiro sighed. "That I did."

He didn't think to inform anybody in the hospital because he knew they would not let him. It is unheard of to be discharged so quickly after giving birth. He knew there would be an uproar but he didn't want to waste any time.

"So?"

"About what you proposed before I don't think it is a bad idea. Honestly, I know she doesn't care about those things and will accept me regardless of my status. But I want the world to accept us."

"I thought you would say so. You're already capable enough to manage a few businesses so I think you can expand it. Work with me on this next deal and people will change their minds."

"I wonder why you are doing this." Yuhi knew that Soujiro still liked Sumire. Why would he make this offer that would make his situation worse?

"Do not get me wrong, I do not intend to surrender so easily. Otherwise, I would not shamelessly cling to the title as her fiancee."

"Ha."

"But even I understand her current state of mind. Right now she can only handle dealing with one person. The scar in her heart and the trauma from Tsuenos's death have not vanished. It is difficult for her to speak to other people let alone get close to anyone. You're the only one who can help her now."

"She is adjusting to school but you're right it's way too soon. I want to be with her all the time but it is hard. However, as long as she returns to the entertainment industry properly, I can be there with her all the time. I can shield her from any harm too."

There was silence on the other line before Makoto spoke up. "Your fans are crazy."

"...You already know?"

"You have that very persistent stalker and the head of your fan club may act like a saint but she is the ring leader behind many violent cases."

A troubled look appeared on his face when he heard those words. "Sumire doesn't know yet right?"

"Not that I know of. But this is why I dislike the entertainment industry. It is filled with many dirty things."

Yuhi laughed. "Well, I can't deny that."

Even though he loves singing, he understood already. Without darkness, there can be no light. Sumire often said such things before.

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Chapter 265: If you are lonely I will hold you tightly
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"I did a few minutes ago." He turned to the screen of his laptop. "There was a blackout in the imperial hospital and everybody was brutally murdered. The culprit has still not been found. The search team is still searching for any survivors."

"This was not released on the news but large amounts of blood from the blood bank also went missing that same night."

"Blood?"

Could it be the culprit is one of their kind? This is dangerous.

"I take it you're familiar with this attack pattern?"

Yuhi sighed deeply. "Most likely but I won't be too sure unless I see with my own eyes. We will return in two days, so.."

"I understand, I shall make arrangements for you. I am also involved in this case since that was the hospital where the elder was staying. His body was not found amongst the dead but it is a horrific sight. I do not think there are any more survivors."

Yuhi clenched his fist when he heard those words. After a few more words with Makoto, he ended the call. If there are still people missing but they can't find the bodies it's obvious what happened to them.

This is a bad situation. If the police investigate the wounds on the dead properly then they will notice the human-made bite marks. They would conclude that it is the work of vampires or something but that is if somebody ordinary investigates.

In the forensics department in this town, there is a troublesome person there. If he looked into it then he will notice right away. Humans with evolved genetics surpassing that of the human race. Humans with blood cravings like vampires but still regain their humanity. Powers that should not exist in this day and age.

He turned his attention to his laptop and continued reading the news. Due to the scale of the incident the reports were rather detailed, they even attached these gruesome images. Normally such reports are censored by the government but not this time. It is strange that nobody in the underworld society tried to cover this up. Normally if the government does not act those people will.

Those people did not make a move. Why? Not even the organization that Sumire is in did anything. A deep sigh escaped his lips. Despite the detailed report it was difficult to get any information. It was killing him not to use his ability to go there and investigate. But his gaze fell away from the laptop and back on Sumire again.

She was still sleeping peacefully. From the looks of it, it does not seem like she will wake up anytime soon.

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It was around ten at night when Sumire finally woke up. He spent the last few hours carefully reading over the reports and planning his next move when he felt her stir awake. He quickly placed the documents down and turned to her.

"NnnYuhi?"

"Hey, there sleeping beauty."

"The ti---" Sumire immediately sat up. "Sorry---I..."

At that comment, Sumire stood up from the bed. She opened the large windows and stepped out onto the deck. Right at that moment, they see bright bursts of different color hues illuminate the sky. He watched as her eyes sparkled like a child.

The vibrant colors of the fireworks stretched across the night sky, those small bursts slowly turned to words.

"Your new song lyrics?" Sumire said, bewildered.

"Mmmm like it?"

Sumire laughed softly. "It is romantic. But if I look away for a moment I will miss the words."

"Well, any parts you miss I will sing it for you. Rather." He placed her down on the decking chair. "While I planned to do this over a nice candlelight dinner this will do as a substitute."

Yuhi picked up his guitar from the side. "Now then I shall sing for this lovely lady in front of me."

"Yuhi-uh--"

Yuhi leaned forward and kissed her forehead. "I want to give you everything and so much more."

He wants to give her the world and wants her to smile more.

He sang the first few phrases but then saw that clouded look in her eyes and stopped.

"You really are a genius Yuhi-san," Sumire mumbled. "Your songs are so beautiful. I don't understand how you can create music like this." She trailed off and weak laughter escaped her lips. "My songs are too dark, gloomy, and depressing. I can't write anything bright like this."

His eyes widened when he heard those words. To think she still had thoughts like this. From the very day they met during that snowy night, no even long before then he already understood. This girl there is something special about her. She is like him and yet different.

Yuhi continued to sing the rest of the song.

"...I'm drowned by your presence

But I come out ashore

I can't let the darkness return

I breathe a sigh for love's sentiment

I believe in a miracle, for the changes in you

Like the strong and gentle wind that always embraces you

If I can be by your side

then I will disappear into the sky

No matter what, I want to fly to you

If you are lonely, I will hold you tightly, protecting you..." Yuhi sang.

Such gentle lyrics and singing in a tone he has never done so before. "This song is only possible because of you." He mumbled as he caressed her red-stained cheeks.

"Yuhi..."

"The day is almost over, what do you want to do?"

Sumire sighed. "Yuhi-san this is what makes you dull, I would like it if you're more assertive."

'She has to get the last word in huh?' But this is one of the many things he likes about her. If only they could continue to spend their days peacefully like this. However the moment they return she will once again have to fight.

This girl who dislikes violence more than anything and yet can't stay away from it. No matter what happens he will embrace her tightly.

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Chapter 266: Practicing self restrain

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A scorching hot July morning, Yuhi found himself staring at the beautiful girl called Ibuki Sumire intently. Lately it seems the aura around her is different. She seems a lot more cheerful and outgoing. He watched her silently as some other students approached her. He wanted to call out to her since they were supposed to be meeting but he wanted to see something first.

It is a good thing that she is now able to speak freely with other students. But a part of him still worried sometimes. Once in awhile she would get that look on her face, that lonely look devoid of all hope. He no longer wants to see her that way.

But if this keeps up Sumire will become more popular and his time with her will be shorter than before. Since they arrived in Tokyo the guys from Quatro Light are kept busy with all the different work offers, but not for long. He needs to treasure the moments they spend with each other.

"Sorry I kept you waiting!"

"It's okay, you alright?"

"Mmm, they just had some questions about the painting sensei used as an example."

Other students are now comfortable enough to approach her and the teachers trust her. This is an ideal and good situation but he still feels uneasy.

"None of Quatro Lights groupies are harassing you anymore?"

"I still get the odd stares but thats all." She trailed off. "More importantly Yuhi-san what have you been doing the last few minutes?"

"Practicing self restraint."

At that comment Sumire laughed. "You don't have to, I feel a lot better these days."

Even if she says that he does not want to push her too much.

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"So, did you call out to me so I could hear you play?" Yuhi entered the music room and closed the door behind them.

"En, I haven't played in awhile but I have a program coming up so I want you to judge whether it is okay."

He doesn't mind doing that but after not being alone with her for days he felt quite nervous. Only a short amount of time has passed since he came back, and he had to rush because Sumire was in labour.

"By the way I have something to give you." Yuhi took out a small parcel from his pocket. "It isn't much but .."

Sumire took the parcel quickly and her eyes brightened when she saw the small key chains. "Thank you!"

Yuhis eyes widened when he saw the bright smile on her face. What on earth is with that expression? Ever since he came back they do not spend as much time together as before since Sumire is taking her career seriously again but when they do she smiles like this. He unconsciously extended his hand out but immediately slammed his head against the wall.

"Y--Yuhi? What's wrong?"

"It's nothing."

Nagawa Sano did a great job making her frightened towards men during his absence. Yuhi knew it was a bad idea from the very start but he did not think the man would actually make a proper move. He let his guard down but it won't happen again.

His thoughts broke off when he saw Sumire extended her hand out. "Won't you get close? You're a bit too far."

Practice self restraint, since earlier he repeated that in his head. More like after his talk with Atsuro this is what he concluded. Giving birth was tough on her already weak body, so for a while Sumire will not be at her full strength.

Yuhi understood that and so he decided not to do anything. Despite all that talk a few months back about touching her again on her birthday nothing happened.

He turned to her and pushed her against the piano and cupped her cheeks. "You're a bit pale."

"Just a little cold."

Even though it is summer, Sumire is dressed in thick clothing. Yuhi didn't mind since he didn't like the idea of her wearing summer clothes that would expose her skin. He brushed his forehead against hers. "Warm?"

"Yuhi-san, you're acting so sly recently."

"Sly?"

"Yes." Sumire trailed off. "You don't touch me as much as before but do other things that leave me feeling nervous and a mess."

Yuhi chuckled as he lightly brushed his lips against hers. "Such as?"

"What you're doing now." She mumbled and closed the distance. It was a light kiss but the girl appeared flustered afterwards. "You're so mean."

"I learn from you." He nibbled on her lips. She tastes and smells so good all the time. But Yuhi knew better than to entertain his crazy thoughts. Besides they are in school too, he can't do anything weird.

Sumire is not like those two so he shouldn't do anything shameless and degrading. He needs to battle with his inner desires. Yuhi pointed to the piano.

"What will you play?"

"A new song. But well it is still in this draft stage." Sumire quickly moved away from him and sat down on the chair.

The moment her fingers hit the keys Yuhi's gaze softened. A draft she says? A single note and he already knew this song would be good. It seems like it is no good after all. This girl will keep surprising him. If he isn't careful she will leave him behind in the dust. During that snowy concert several years ago, he found her in karaoke singing his songs.

He stood and listened for a while before he came in. It was the first time for him, hearing somebody sing his songs that way. So many people have done covers for his songs with different arrangements but it didn't sound like that. She stuck to the original score but there was something different about her voice.

"Say Yuhi-san?" Sumire spoke up as she continued to play.

"Hmm?"

"What do you think of the guys in Quatro Light?"

It seems Sumire is very keen on this whole idea of him being in a group with those guys. "I can't say much yet." Though he has kept an eye on them he isn't interested yet. Besides the one who stands out the most to him right now is Sumire.

Too bad he can't form a group with her. Yuhi understood very well how the entertainment world works, there is a reason why male and female groups are rare. A group aside it would be just them, he could already see what sorts of rumors would emerge.

He does not want her to get hurt from rumors ever again.

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Chapter 267: Hidden fears

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Currently he had Sumire trapped in his arms as they laid down on the ground. "It's time for my nap."

Sumire deeply sighed. "You're so hopeless Yuhi-san. You're already a working individual, you can't act whimsical like this."

Well she makes a good point. But the nap thing aside he just wanted a legit excuse to hold her. Practicing self restraint is very hard and since she is so willing he can't just not do anything. This is already bad for his heart. Despite what it looks like to other people he is always nervous when he is with her.

She laughed. "But this is nice, you haven't held me in awhile."

"Sorry." He mumbled.

"I understand your just trying to treasure me properly so I cant blame you."

He wants her to know she is important, he wants her to understand that she means the world to him. But if he pounces on her non stop like some kind of animal, it would resemble his former relationships. Yuhi does not want her to think that is all he wants from her.

"Have you been sleeping? You look exhausted."

"Well, not as much. Coffee is my best friend lately."

Yuhi sighed deeply. "What is Atushi doing..."

"Taking care of my kid for me while I am working and at school, so don't give him a hard time."

Indeed they owe a lot to him. Atushi is still a student too and is going back and forth from Tsukuhara high school to Tokyo. But since the child was born he spends more time here in Tokyo than over there.

"Still I wonder if it is okay for the kid to live at the bar."

Sumire bit her lip, a troubled expression appeared on her face. "I have been thinking of that too. But your home is no good and mine isn't either.."

Since the published news article regarding their relationship, the media has increased their stalking. So far nobody has found out about the kid but if they take the child to either of their homes they will find out in no time. There has to be a solution.

You can't provide anything for her.

Sanos words echoed in his head and Yuhis gaze dimmed. Indeed at least when it comes to this matter he is still a child himself, let alone Sumire. She is handling it quite well so far but it won't be long now.

"Yuhi-san, you really won't do anything?"

"You want me to?"

"Kiss..."

This girl is driving him crazy. She needs to stop behaving this way otherwise all his efforts would go to waste. Yuhi brought his lips to her forehead and kissed her softly but she looked up.

"Yuhi.."

"No." Yuhi muttered. If he does this now he will behave unreasonably.

If a single kiss like this is all it takes to drive him crazy, what will happen if they do anything more? This is different from how it was several months ago. The feelings he has for Sumire are different and he loves her more than he did before.

Different huh? It is most likely because they have come to mutual understanding now.

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"Sorry." Yuhi apologized. "I didn't think we would both end up sleeping."

"Its okay, we both needed to rest. Besides repainting walls isn't a punishment for me."

Indeed, it gets them away from the classroom and they can spend some more time together.

"Yuhi?"

"I want to do something unpleasant."

Sumire laughed. "This self restraint thing seems to be bad for you."

Hah, it really is bad. He cupped her cheeks and realized how red she was. "You always act calm but you're embarrassed too." He mumbled.

"That's my line, you have no idea how I feel whenever you kiss me."

Isn't she the one who asked for a kiss just now? Whenever he tries to hold back she attacks him. Sumire must have understood since she averted her gaze.

"I think I understand what Sano meant about having needs. I have needs too.."

He does not like the fact that she used Sano as an example but did she not just admit that she has desires for him? What does he do with her? She really is pretty.

His thoughts broke when somebody walked over. "Sumire, I'm free now. Do you still want to go?"

"Ah now? I'm in the middle of detention."

"Isn't it fine if one of you gets the work done?"

This person acting very hostile is none other than Iwa Ran. It looked like the man just returned from a photo shoot judging from his outfit. He went right here without getting changed. Was he in that much of a hurry to see Sumire?

"Go have fun, you wanted to buy a new guitar right?"

"I did but Yuhi-san we don't see each other often these days, I'm a bit reluctant to go."

Yuhi bent over and brushed his lips against her ear. "We can meet later, maybe a date?"

Sumire laughed softly. "Well it will have to be at the bar, movie night?"

"Sounds like a plan."

To his surprise Sumire suddenly buried her face in his arms and held him tightly. "You'll miss me right?"

He already misses her and she is still here. "I will but I will behave. Have fun."

Even to the last second it seemed like Sumire would turn around and come back but Iwa Ran pushed her away clearly irritated. The guys in Quatro Light huh? He understood why they were acting so hostile. Before Sumire came here he did not have the best reputation.

His thoughts broke off when somebody passed him a cold drink. "Aika."

"Your welcome."

"These are Sumires favourites."

"It was for her but that guy took her away." Aika trailed off. "Hey Yuhi, are you okay with that?"

"She can have male friends."

Despite what it would seem like he isn't that possessive. He wont freak out just because she speaks with the opposite gender. To be that controlling is no good.

"Male friends huh? There are rumors about her and Iwa Ran already. Those two are really close; it surprised me since Sumire is so cautious towards other people. Are you sure?"

Aikas words were exactly like a knife to him.

Since they came here he has been tolerating it. Sumire must miss her old friends, she must miss Star town. With the presence of Quatro Light here in Tokyo she won't be as homesick anymore. But at the same time he has pushed it to the back of his mind, his ugly feelings of jealousy.

Why would he be okay with her spending so much time with guys who clearly like her? Of course he isn't okay with it. But Yuhi is afraid to tell her.

Chapter end

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Chapter 268: No hope for salvation

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"I have. But Yuhi comparing yourself to scum-"

"It's not like I was any better. It didn't matter who I slept with, and I treated girls like garbage. At least Nagawa to a certain extent treated them with respect but I didn't do that at all."

Aika deeply sighed. "I knew you were sulking about this."

"That obvious?"

"You're making Asami and the idiot president worried about you. Yuhi, you need to talk to Sumire. That girl will hear you out."

He knows that very well. "You're getting along with her."

"Of course I am, she is a good person."

"It's not like you." Yuhi commented.

"Well, recently I haven't been going to those places."

"You haven't?"

"Yes. Did I tell you that I recently brought Sumire to my workplace? The entire time I showed her the studio she looked at me with such an innocent gaze filled with hope. We had a bit of a discussion about our dreams and it got me thinking that I want to take this seriously after all."

Despite Aika's calm attitude, Yuhi could tell how excited she was from her tone. That girl is truly amazing, she is able to change people from just a single conversation. "Good for you."

"Yuhi, you're not going there anymore either right?"

"Well, I haven't had the time anyway."

Since Sumire came here all the free time he had to do those bad things is now spent on pampering her.

A relieved sigh passed Aika's lips. "I actually came here to advise you not to go there anymore...now that you're in a serious relationship."

"Even if I go, nothing will change."

She shook her head. "Don't, it's for your own good to stay away. Also, think of it this way. Everybody knows your dating now. It will be bad for her if you go to that kind of place. People will think you're dating for show or something."

"Why is it so complicated? I built this entire empire so I could be with her, it means nothing if she isn't beside me."

Everything he built today is so he could have a stable future with Sumire. But why do so many people have to get in their way? How annoying.

"Aiksan! Could you help with the measurements?"

"Coming." Aika looked at him. "Don't stay out here you will catch a cold. I will call Hino, so don't go anywhere okay?"

Yuhi did not respond and the girl hesitantly left. All he wants is to be with Sumire but so many people have to make it difficult for him. Why do they have to get in his way? Once again they are stopping him from living a normal life.

Normal? A person like him? What a delusional thought.

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His ability is unusual and unlike most evolved humans he has the strongest ability. A power that he cannot control, a monster inside him. The eyes of a beast, even though it was only one eye. It happened during that dangerous mission a year or so ago, the one he participated in before leaving to Tokyo. He lost the sight of his right eye and so had to undergo a severe transplant or was it modification?

Whatever it was, his right eye is no longer the same as it was before. He kept it hidden this entire time but occasionally he would feel the throbbing pain.

"Are you Terashima Yuhi?" A voice from behind him said.

Only one person spoke but Yuhi could hear many footsteps closing in around him. A deep sigh escaped his lips and his gaze dimmed. It's impossible for a person like him to have salvation after all Sumire. Even though she told him with those bright eyes filled with hope that nothing is impossible, people can change. Scum like him will never change, they will remain the same.

It only took him a few seconds, and he barely moved. From the moment he turned around and locked eyes with the one who spoke it was already over. He felt a throbbing pain in his right eye and knew that the color had changed again. It was no longer chocolate brown but a bloodshot red, surrounded by bodies stained with blood.

The rain rapidly increased and Yuhi raised his hand. A monster, a tool of destruction. An ability that nobody has seen before. Strength that surpasses anybody normal. Yuhi felt a weak hand on his leg, it belonged to the one who called his name. The guy had no strength to fight and yet still clung to his leg with a malicious look in his eyes.

Where does that hatred come from? He has never done anything to these people and yet they treat him like a beast. Yuhi stepped on the man's hand causing him to yelp in pain and yet Yuhi did not stop there, he continued to kick him with so much force.

Since Sumire came here he has been calm but because he held back for so long, now he can no longer show any mercy. Why does he have to for people like this?

Yuhi did not know how long he spent kicking the man but when he finally stopped, he glanced at a large amount of blood on the ground. Yuhi walked past him and sat down on the curb of the alleyway. He ought to get away quickly just in case the police comes but he cannot move. Yuhi closed his eyes.

Why did it end up this way?

He is a hypocrite and so dirty. How could he touch her with these hands? No matter how many good people surround him, if he does not change then it will do no good. His thoughts broke off when he hears a pair of light footsteps amongst the large droplets of rain.

"Yuhi..." A familiar sweet voice called out to him.

Yuhi opened his eyes and saw her, his light. A girl filled with so much hope despite being in the face of despair.

"Did you buy the guitar?"

Sumire shook her head and he extended his hand out. The girl was struggling to keep a straight face and her eyes filled with tears. "You're crying again."

"I couldn't buy it, I wanted to go with you," Sumire mumbled as she wrapped her arms around his neck. "I missed you.."

"...where is Iwa?"

"I don't know I left him....you..." She bit her lip and caressed his cheek. "You're hurt."

"..Im okay." Yuhi managed to say. They both knew it was a lie. How could he be okay in this situation?

"You not, stupid..." She mumbled. "You're not okay."

Yuhi wrapped his arms around the girl and held her tightly. She is so warm and she smells good too.

"Yuhi-san..."

"I want to kiss you."

Even though he is dirty and tainted. Even though he is the one who does not deserve her.

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It was careless of her to bring them to a hotel but there was no other option. Yuhi however was not worried. Hino usually has people trailing him so they could cover for any mistakes he makes. His gaze fell on the girl who was sitting on the corner of the bed nervous.

"Uh...where did I put....um..." Sumire was searching for something in her bag but kept dropping everything she took out.

It is rare to see her this way. Normally she is so confident, brave and she has a cold and calculating personality. She is a strange woman. But occasionally he would see her like this. Whenever she became this way, he would end up feeling peculiar. He felt his cheeks grow hot.

Stupid girl she isnt the only nervous one here, still unlike her he could hide his embarrassment. Yuhi left the couch and sat down beside her. From here he could see not only her flustered face but hear the sound of her heartbeat.

"You're obviously nervous."

"Um.."

"Relax, I'm not going to bite. Besides I'm hurt."

Sumire laughed softly. "...I'm acting silly, I'm sorry but my heart won't stop..."

His heart too, it feels like it will explode. What on earth is this girl doing to him? Yuhi leaned forward and stole a quick yet passionate kiss from the girl's lips. He kissed her to calm her - no himself down but it only led to wanting more.

Yuhi quickly drew back. "Should we go back to the bar instead?"

If they stay here he may end up doing something to her. He wants to be careful with her. After all, her health is not good.

"N--no, you're hurt and those people might still be around..."

"I'll sleep on the couch." Yuhi offered.

"No, I will."

Yuhi grabbed her hand. "Sleep with me on the bed, and don't freak out."

Sumire nodded. "Okay."

"Yuhi-san, you must be messing with me."

"I would never." He mumbled against her hair. "Sumire did that not bother you? Seeing me that way?"

"It reminded me of before."

"When did I join the Holy Knights?"

Sumire nodded. "Yeah you acted up a lot then."

"You remember huh?"

"I think you're underestimating me too much Yuhi-san."

"Underestimating?"

"Yes. I mean, I loved you for so long so of course I paid special attention to everything you did."

Yuhi stared at her utterly speechless at her words. What on earth is she saying now? Then again it's not like he didn't know. It was obvious from the way she looked at him, but even with that he was not too sure. How could he have such thoughts?

A few hours later

When he didn't find her beside him, Yuhi went up to the rooftop and found her. She was staring at the sky in a daze.

"Yuhi-san you're a gentleman after all."

"Be quiet. Why are you out here in the cold?" Yuhi was quite upset that he woke up without her in his arms.

"I thought I saw snow."

"It's July."

"Mmm."

"You're angry after all aren't you?"

Sumire sighed. "Of course I am. Yuhi-san you, did you forget what you promised me a year ago?"

What he promised her a y--

"Yuhi-san, I am very angry! Even though you promised me. No matter what happens you will tell me everything!"

"Well yeah that was when we were partners-" His sentence fell short when she leaned forward, hands on her lips with an angry look on her face. "You're mad about something else aren't you?"

"Explain those chocolates I found in your bag."

"A gift from the fans."

When he saw her glare deepening. Yuhi sweat fell. So this is what she meant by jealousy issues?

"Well if it's like that, then why don't you take it? Or even throw it out."

Sumire blinked and sighed. "Yuhi-san, acting like a perfect guy doesn't suit you. It would be better if you said something despicable."

"Hey now, that's because I am a good guy."

"Is that so?"

This cheeky girl. Yuhi cupped her cheeks and leaned forward. "You're messing with me too much."

Sumire looked at him with an innocent look. "It's your fault Yuhi-san, since you came back you won't let me attack you."

"Even though I have this urge to fool around everyday."

'This girl...' Yuhi tugged on her hand and was about to kiss her when he suddenly lost his balance.

He landed on the grass with Sumire on top of him. "It seems I am quite needy..." She mumbled.

"You're selfish too."

Sumire nodded. "I said so before, my personality is bad." She traced his lips with her pretty fingers.

"Yuhi-san, the stars are watching."

"Let them watch." He has had enough of her teasing.

July 6th 4:00pm

Going shopping after school had become a habit for them both. But because he had work to do he could not go with her to school, so he decided to ambush her at the store.

Yuhi walked over and immediately hugged her.

Sumire rolled her eyes. "Did you do something wrong again?"

"No, I'm just cold. Sumire your warm." He muttered.

What is this warmth? Whenever they are together, even when she is cold he feels only warmth.

He lifted her face and kissed her.

"Mmmm, Yuhi-san were in public."

Her lips taste so nice and she smells great. God what is this? Why cant he keep his hands away from her, he must be going crazy. Maybe he needs a doctor. He is kissing for her awhile when she eventually broke free and stepped on his foot.

"Ouch..." Yuhi yelped in pain.

Sumire sighed deeply. "When I tell you to stop, you should. Besides if you keep fooling around, the shops will close."

He wanted to ask her for another kiss but instead he buried his face on her neck instead inhaling her sweet scent.

"Yuhi-san you're so clingy and annoying..."

"Mmmmmmmmm."

"I will go there. You buy things from this aisle."

"I want to go with you."

"Yuhi-san you're not a child, you don't need to come with me. Besides we have a lot of shopping to do, it would be better if we split up."

Her words fell on death ears and he continued to stare at her.

"It can't be helped."

"Behave." She smiled softly. "You will get more when we finish."

Yuhi didn't get a chance to say a word since she quickly left. 'Damn it, this is difficult.' He hasn't touched her at all since that time. This is frustrating.

He recalled what happened earlier at school and frowned. 'She...is becoming more conscious towards blood.' It was a small injury from a student who was far away, and yet she smelled it.

This is dangerous. 'Should I tell her the truth?' But it isn't something he can say. Sumire is already aware to an extent so he should just tell her. What if something happens.

It should be fine for now. As long as they are together nothing bad should happen.

From: Atushi

Shin finally woke up.

At that comment his eyes widened. So the guy who has been sleeping for half a month is finally awake? When Yuhi heard what happened to him it shocked him a little. Shin is part of the SF, and while the agents do missions alone.

His thoughts broke off when he caught a whiff of blood in the air.

Sumire?

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Yuhi quickly followed the scent and found her at an alleyway at the back of the store. She was standing in the center and right at her feet were several bodies. The men were not dead but Yuhi could see how severe their injuries were.

"Sum-"

"Stay back. The blood."

His gaze fell on the particles of red that lingered in the air. Yuhi clenched his fist. It was only four words and yet he sensed the loneliness behind them.

Once again he has to see her lonely back. How many times did he see this scene in the past? He is tired of this. Why does she have to go through this again? The pain of being strong, for having inhumane strength. A pain only those who stand at the top will understand.

Sumire's inhumane strength is most likely to do with her abilities, at first Yuhi thought that. But after a bit of research he learned that was not the case. At some point the girl became physically stronger than the average person.

If that is all it was then it would not be such a burden to her but because she got involved in the underworld society... Yuhi shook those thoughts out of his mind and stepped forward. The blood still lingered in the air but he hurried over to her and hugged her tightly.

"Are you hurt?"

"Yuhi." Sumire mumbled softly. "I--"

"I should have told you. But when did you find out?"

"The day after we came back from our trip."

That long ago? He noticed that her behaviour was strange but he didn't think it was because of this. Yuhi gently caresses her hair.

"Let's go home."

Sumire looked at the bodies on the ground. "I didn't mean too, they just randomly started hitting on me. I only intended to knock them out but they brought a knife out."

His eyes twitched annoyed. 'I leave her alone for a few seconds, and flies get to her?'

Sumire chuckled. "Yuhi-san, surely now is not the time to get jealous?"

"I want to keep you captive."

"Silly." Despite her words he sensed how happy she was. "But what should we do?"

"It's fine. I'll call the guys to deal with it."

"Ah, now you use your gang?"

"Like I said before those guys just randomly followed me on their own."

"Is that so?" Sumire leaves his embrace. "But, did you know Yuhi-san. I think men who lead gangs are very cool."

Yuhi felt the heat creep to his face. What crazy thing is she suggesting now? "Lets go back now."

Hospital 6:00pm

Instead of heading home however for some reason they were at the hospital. Not just any hospital though. Yuhi grabbed Sumire's wrist who just finished speaking to the receptionist. "Why are we here?"

"Shouldn't I let my doctor know?"

Yuhi deeply sighed. 'Why is Sano still her doctor?' But indeed he should know. Sumire has to use her own blood when using that weird ability. They need to know if it has any strange effects.

"Um mam?"

"Yes?"

"Were sorry but doctor Nagawa isn't here today." The receptionist looked quite troubled.

"It's fine, I will handle this one." A man with black hair and ruby coloured eyes stepped forward.

"Ah."

'This person, it's the one Nagawa briefly asked to watch over Sumire before.' Yuhi immediately remembered him since his eye colour was unusual.

"I suppose you're a better option for this Razel."

"Come this way."

First name? They seem familiar with each other. Sumire tugged on his hand breaking his thoughts.

"He was a medic in the special order of the Holy Knights forces. You probably didn't meet him since you dealt with different jobs." Sumire explained.

"I understand that but...why did you suddenly take my hand?"

Sumire tilted her head innocently. "Naturally holding hands right?"

Yuhi looked at her speechless. Quite some time has passed since they started dating. He thought by now she would adapt to being in a relationship, but that is not the case here huh?

"I thought Atsuro was in charge of you."

"Mmm, but that guy was an important figure to the organization too. Sometimes he was elsewhere. During those times Razel here acted as a substitute."

Now that he thought about it, they said Sumire was in an odd relationship with a doctor before. "Hey you two--"

"No." But the one who answered was Razel who was walking ahead of them.

"A woman like this is too much for me to handle."

Sumire chuckled. "Relax Yuhi-san, even I won't fool around with a doctor."

"I heard weird rumors."

"Ah, right." Sumire nodded. "We did spend a lot of time together but that's because I was curious about him. He isn't a normal human-" Right as she said that he heard a large cracking sound.

Yuhi glanced down at the ground and saw a medium sized crack.

"Huh?"

Sumire's lips curve to a smile. "Still can't control how much strength you use while you walk?"

'This is strange....I've never heard of somebody like this before.' If they were the same type, he would be able to tell.

It did not take them long before they reached an office. The name plate read 'nagawa.' but the black haired man casually walked in.

Well if he is Nagawa's assistant it should be okay.

"I apologize. I have to search for your folder. I am unsure of your current state now."

"It's okay."

"I do believe the Master left them here somewhere..."

He is calling Sano, 'Master?' But why?

"How did you end up here?"

"A failed mission. I was dispatched to save those people but I ended up getting caught. I managed to escape but was in a bad state. Master was the one who saved me."

Sano saved him? The more they learn about that guy the more confused he gets. Then again from the moment Yuhi realized that Sano was serious about Sumire, nothing made sense anymore. At the start the man did not seem serious and Sumire did not hide her dislike for him. But the situation has changed now. She is cautious towards him. At times it looked to him that she did not know what she was doing.

"Sumire-san you are still with them?"

"Mmm but I'm on a bit of a break for now."

"I see I thought if you debuted you would free yourself."

Indeed Yuhi thought the same. Or rather is that not the normal thing to do? It would be bad for her image if other people found out. So why would she stay?