## **ETERNAL MELODY Chapter 621**

Chapter 621: I want to continue trusting him
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Chapter 621 I want to continue trusting him Soujiro is very strange, though. How can he talk so calmly about her and Yuhi getting married? She tried to inquire about his feelings, the last time, but he quickly shifted the topic. Even if she does not ask, it has already become obvious to her. This person likes her, but he intends to keep his feelings sealed away, unlike the other guys who have confessed.

There are still many things she does not understand about romance. Soujiro is older than her by five years; perhaps that is the reason why she does not understand what he is thinking.

Her thoughts break off when Soujiro puts extra sugar cubes into her coffee. He did it so casually that nobody noticed it. Her gaze softened, even though she did not understand what he was thinking. They have always naturally gotten along with each other.

Yuhi suddenly stood up. He bent down and whispered something in her ear before exiting the room.

"Did a problem arise?"

"There is a skirmish between power users near the akagumi bar. Atushi went back to star town for a short while, so nobody is in charge."

"I see those barbari" Soujiro coughed. "Apologizes."

"Well, it's true they are violent." But despite their eagerness to fight/start a brawl, they are very kind people. They each have traits that any normal person would have.

"Since you began to live with them, you have gained a lot of weight."

"Oh my, it's unlike you not to be a gentleman."

Soujiro sighed. "You still have that bad habit of teasing; you know that is not what I meant."

"I understand. Atushi is always thinking of different menus for me. He always disliked how I had a limited diet before and whenever he could, he would make food for me. But back when I lived in Star town, I was an active member of the underworld organization holy knights, so I had a lot of work. It was difficult for me to balance that and my student life. When Ru became sick, I barely had time for myself.

So now that he has this opportunity, he is working very hard to develop various dishes that I would like. Jae is very good at baking; he always makes different treats with me. Oh, and Chitose has his vegetable garden; it's amazing. Kawa and Yoru always treat me to good food whenever we go out. They know a lot of good places. "Sumire repeated what she told Yuhi not too long ago.

Sumire saw a gentle look on Soujiro's normally stoic face the entire time she spoke. Her heart beat increased. Oh, she wonders since when this person started to show expressions like this. Since when could he show a sincere expression easily?

"You finally found a place you could belong. I am glad."

"I see, Soujiro, you noticed it."

"I am not very sharp when it comes to family matters. But I could tell there was a distance between your family and you. On the outside, you seemed like a perfect family. But whenever I paid a visit, I noticed how your family, your father treated you. It was no different than treating somebody like air."

Sumire laughed weakly. "I never did find out why he disliked me so much." She trailed off. "He made up all sorts of excuses, your grades are bad, you don't wash the dishes, you don't have a job. Whenever my siblings asked him why the answer was 'I am just disappointed in her.' No matter how much stigma I experienced, I tried my hardest not to dislike him. But eventually, he crossed the line; my emotions became numb. I could no longer cry. His words just stopped hurting me."

Ah, there is no point anymore. There is no point in trying to please somebody who has decided what type of person she was a long time ago.

"He always treated me like I was some type of evil being." Sumire sighed. "If I truly wanted to act like a villainess, I could have easily done so."

"If you did that, my dear, you would have taken charge of the family long ago."

Sumire laughed. "I didn't know you thought that highly of me."

"You know I already thought of you as my wife long ago."

Eh? What is he trying to say- wait, this isn't a confession, right?

"Because of your capabilities." Soujiro hurriedly said.

Oh- for a moment, that shocked her. Even though Soujiro is getting much better at expressing himself, he still won't be that direct. He seems to keep a tight lid on expressing his feelings toward her. But, at this point, anybody could tell. Even Yuhi-san confessed to me why Soujiro worried him more than anybody else.

"I apologize. Was that statement too forward?"

"Oh no." Sumire trailed off. "Right now, I am still your fiance, so you have the right to say those words."

Soujiro slides a black colored envelope with a white seal on the desk in front of her. Sumire immediately recognized the seal and sighed.

"Is this an invitation to a banquet?"

"Yes. It seems they intend for their new artists to mingle with important officials."

"So they invited you, that does make sense." Sumire's lips curve to a smile. "Are you asking me to be your partner?"

"I simply cannot attend an event on my own. Moreover, I have no interest in the entertainment industry. Normally I would not attend such an event, but these people deliberately provoke me."

"So you're going to take the bait?"

"Since it is beneficial for you."

Soujro truly understands her mindset. Is it because they have been engaged since they were younger? They indeed spent a lot of time together.

Due to their age differences, their families were worried that they wouldn't get along. So they frequently set up meetings where they could be together. However, during those meetings, Soujiro always wore a fake smile on his face. Only when they were alone in private did she see his true face.

"I understand. I will attend with you. I can't miss this opportunity."

Although she sent Eli as a spy, it would be better to see what kind of people are in that company. According to the list, Shin showed her and the confirmation from Sano. They have mainly recruited artists with a grudge against her.

"Enemies will surround you, are you sure?"

"You're by my side; why should I worry?"

Moreover, "Yuhi will most likely attend too, but in secret."

If her dearest is around, she doesn't have to worry. She can act as recklessly as she wants, knowing that he will have her back.

"You seem to trust him more than you do yourself," Soujiro commented. "I question whether that is a good thing or not."

"I wonder myself, right now, I want to continue trusting him."

#### **ETERNAL MELODY Chapter 622**

Chapter 622: Fragments

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Chapter 622 Fragments She wants to trust him, yet she cannot do so because of her past experiences of being betrayed. The moment she learned about her childhood friend, something inside her broke. Her behavior recently is disgusting. What on earth is she doing acting jealous when she has such little information? She doesn't even know much about the girl yet.

It is normal to have a childhood friend of the opposite gender; it was the same for her. Nao and her cousin Hijiri are both guys. But, she still feels strange.

"Your imagination is wild, my dear. Those two are not a couple."

"That is true, but that girl likes Yuhi." Sumire only observed her for a few seconds, but it was enough for her. Occasionally the girl would stare at Yuhi for longer than she ought to. Whenever she talked to Yuhi, her tone seemed brighter.

Sumire sighed deeply. Sometimes she wishes she wasn't so sharp; if she wasn't, then she wouldn't have noticed such things.

"As long as that man loves you, it does not matter what others say."

Sometimes she wishes she could be more open-minded like Soujiro.

"You have not contacted me recently. Were you snooping around?"

She has not heard from Soujiro since she last stayed over in his residence for a short while. Even back when they were younger, he was not the type of person who communicated with her often whenever they weren't together. He would send a message when he intends to visit her, but he does not contact her again after he leaves until his next visit.

Her sweatdropped at the memory. When she was a child, his lack of communication troubled her a lot. But over the years, she adapted to it, and that is why she understood that he would eventually seek her out despite the silence.

"I was. I have gathered a list of corrupted nobles and was wondering if you want to join me on the purge?"

Sumire's gaze fell on the list. "Are these not people who were hostile against my family? Is that a coincidence?"

"Before the accident, I was already suspicious of these people. I consulted this with your eldest brother."

Her eldest brother was not blood-related to her or anybody in the family; he was adopted. But she only learned that after the accident.

"My eldest brother Raven was not in the manner that day. So he is alive but has not attempted to contact me over the last few years. Soujiro, do you know where he is?"

"Yes. Initially, we were working together to find the reason behind the accident. But after a few months, he disappeared. I have not heard from him since."

'That is suspicious. Perhaps did he find something, and that's why he disappeared?' Or maybe the enemy caught onto her brother discovering something and killed him? No, that man is not the type who would die easily.

"So, do you think these people might have contributed to the accident?"

"Yes. Does it not seem strange that a fire of that scale occurred? The fire spread even to the forest in the surroundings. There would be many ways for fires to occur, but not one on that scale; if it was an accident at most, it would have burned part of the manor. The only explanation for a fire of that scale is somebody did it deliberately."

She also had that same thought. But unfortunately, she tried her best to survive that day and did not look around for any clues that could be helpful.

"I fear the police was bribed and got rid of the evidence."

"Did you know who they named as the main culprit for this accident?"

"My brother Raven."

Soujiro nodded. "They even went through the trouble of revealing that he was adopted, thus creating a motive."

"The adopted child was jealous because he would not get any of the inheritance. The adopted child did not get along with his parents." Sumire repeated the titles she read from the articles Aki gave her.

"Right, he was named as the culprit. But fortunately, the police never found any evidence to detain him. That was why he could freely investigate with me. However, after his disappearance, people started to say that the police must have found evidence, and that's why he ran away."

Sumire sighed deeply. "From this, it seems like the entire police force was bribed. Because no normal subordinates could get away pinning the blame on somebody with no evidence. Somebody must have bribed the media too."

These are people/organizations they rely on to keep them safe, and yet look what they are doing? Bribery and corruption in this day? She supposes those are the two things that will never disappear in society.

"I think finding my brother right now is a priority. We can put aside purging these nobles lately. My brother most likely has more information."

She does not believe he participated in this and ran away. He must have discovered something.

"What about Tsueno Mamoru's case?"

"Attending the ball will help us learn more about the enemy. It is already clear that the Black Alice organization are the culprit. But there are many important officials involved."

"The Nagawa family. I am keeping track of their movements like you asked me to. But they are being very careful."

"Do you think they have noticed?"

"It should not be possible. The Nagawa family has a much lower standing in the elite world. But if they are able to evade the spies I sent, then perhaps they are more capable than we thought."

"Nagawa Mira is one of the founders of the organization; that should be enough to determine the Nagawa family's guilt. But," Sumire recalled her old classmate. "We cannot conclude that everybody in the family is related to the black Alice organization."

Moreover, based on what Evans said, Sano decided to take on the burden himself.

She does not want to blame the entire family if they did not know. Sure the Nagawa family did not treat her well, with the exception of Evans and her classmate Shuusuke. But that does not give her the right to blame them for something they did not do.

Soujiro placed his hand on her forehead, and Sumire extended her hand out. "Are you sick?"

"No."

## **ETERNAL MELODY Chapter 623**

Chapter 623: I was tired

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Chapter 623 I was tired Sumire rolled her eyes. Why are all the men around her so stubborn? In the end, she persuaded Soujiro to at least rest his head on her lap as she wiped his forehead with a towel. The servants prepared for it quickly, almost like they already knew. Her sweatdropped; anybody who works for this stubborn guy must have a hard time.

"I have repeatedly told you. There is a reason why you have subordinates. At least allow them to share half the workload."

"Indeed, perhaps I have overdone it this time. I seldom get sick."

"I had a fever not too long ago, and so did Yuhi. So I have no right to lecture you. However, I wish you would be more mindful of your health. You are an important person."

Even though times have changed, families like Soujiro's that carry on the bloodline of traditional nobles are still important in today's society.

"How is your relationship? Is he still treating you well?"

Sumire blinked, startled at his question for a moment before she nodded. "Yes, he is very good to me, almost too good actually."

"Of course, he should do that much. If not, then I would personally have to put him in his place."

When she saw the fire that burned in his eyes, her sweat fell. She almost forgets how scary Soujiro can be since he is normally so calm and composed.

"You do not have to worry about our relationship. Yuhi has never done anything to harm me emotionally or even physically despite my odd behavior. No, every single time he holds me, he is so careful. It is like he is holding a piece of glass that would break."

Since Christmas, he has been more passionate and does different things- different. Sumire felt her cheeks heat up. That hooligan, what is he doing to her? Isn't he corrupting her mind too much?

"I am relieved, truly. I do not understand much about you, Sumire. Even though I know many things about you, having knowledge is not enough. I have failed to understand despite having the information. I have always known how lonely you were as a child, but I could never do anything for you. I did not

know how to help ease your loneliness. I could never imagine that you were in so much pain mentally that you tried to take your own life."

At those words, her eyes widened, and she felt her body tremble. It seems Soujiro has already heard of it. One of the conditions he set for her was when he gave her the information he collected on the Nagawa family. 'Please tell me everything that happened to you.'

She entrusted that information with Atsuro, and Atsuro must have decided that discussing her suicide attempts was important.

Her thoughts broke off when he extended his hand out and caressed her cheek.

"You do not have to feel guilty for not telling me. At the time, I was indeed your fiance. But I was no different than a stranger."

Arranged marriages were not common during this time. But it still happens amongst traditional families and the newly rich who wish to make connections. Despite having that knowledge, she once entertained the idea that she could fall in love with him.

Perhaps Yuhi-san knew this, and that is why he is so hostile toward Soujiro?

"You don't think I am strange? I thought you would judge me if you found out."

Most people would judge her. After all, she had a roof over her head, good food, and money. She belonged to a wealthy family. So people assumed that there was nothing she lacked. She was given everything even without having to work for it. But for her, that wasn't what she wanted. She was only young, and yet she understood that none of those things made her happy.

When she finally found something she liked, the people around her expressed their disgust. 'You will not have a future doing that.'

Even though she attempted suicide several times, it always frightened her how others would react to it. That was why she always went away; she wanted to die in a place where there was less chance of being discovered. She wanted to rot away alone.

When she returned alive after her failed attempts, the person she wanted to hide this from the most was Soujiro. She did not want to hear him say that he was disappointed in her.

She no longer wanted to hear those words from somebody important to her ever again.

"I have no right to judge or condemn you, and even if I did, nobody should. Nobody should have the right to judge you for your actions. Even though this is not a topic, I am well versed in. But this is you. You would not take action unless you feel it is the right thing to do."

"Even if that action is taking my own life?"

"Yes. I do not believe in God. I believe we have the right to decide our own deaths. Even if it was due to your loneliness and pain in your case, you still have the right to decide."

"Truthfully, Soujiro, I was not in the right state of mind then. I could not tell right from wrong. All I knew was that I was tired of being in pain every day. I was tired of living in a world where I had to be careful of my actions. I had to watch my words just in case I offended anybody. I was tired of pleasing other people and getting their attention. I was tired of fighting to be loved only to be treated even worse than dirt."

She was tired of all of it and wanted it all to go away. She missed Yuhi so much, but she knew she could never tell him she loved him. I do not deserve him. I cannot destroy his future.'

"I see. Although I do not understand it, I once had similar thoughts about being tired."

Sumire already understood even if he did not say anything. Despite his behavior, Soujiro must have experienced a lot of hardships too. Maybe that was the reason why he started to visit her after their engagement banquet personally. At first, he only met up with her when their parents arranged it. But as time went by, Soujiro gradually visited her of his own accord.

Her thoughts broke off when she heard a knock on the door. Soujiro got off her lap.

It was one of Soujiro's guards. "Pardon me, sir, but you have a meeting this afternoon."

Sumire immediately understood the meaning behind those words and stood up. "Then Soujiro, I shall be on your way. I will see you on the day of the ball."

### **ETERNAL MELODY Chapter 624**

Chapter 624: I feel frustrated

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Chapter 624 I feel frustrated After leaving Soujiro's manor, Sumire thought she could shop for some art supplies or find a quiet place to paint. But Yuhi waited for her and immediately brought her back to his place. The moment he unlocked the door, he pushed her against the wall and kissed her neck.

Whenever they do anything intimate recently, she feels a bit strange. There were all those awful rumors about Yuhi and his experience with numerous women. But she knew that Yuhi never tried to use what he learned from them with her.

What he learned from other women? The more she thought about it, the more upset she became. But she has no right to get angry. The only reason why Yuhi ended up with those other women was her.

If other people knew that they liked each other a long time ago, she knew they would call them an idiot couple. Really what were they doing all these years?

"Yuhi-san, we are still at the entranceway."

Yuhi does not respond and continues to kiss her neck. This is making her feel very strange.

"Yuhi...what is it?"

"I don't like it when you're angry."

"I'm not angry anymore."

He isn't listening again. Then again, the last few days, she has given him a hard time because of the childhood friend issue. Yuhi is probably struggling to maintain a balance. He doesn't want her to be upset, but he does not want to be mean to his childhood friend.

'Although I am Yuhi's priority, he can't just treat somebody he knows rudely.'

Sumire ran her fingers through his hair.

"Yuhi, I won't get angry anymore. I'm sorry, I just felt frustrated recently."

The higher people's expectations are, the more burdened she feels.

Yuhi lifted his face from her neck and cupped her cheeks. "Don't be frustrated. I'm right beside you, and I'll never leave."

Her gaze softened at his words. "You're too good to me."

"If you know that, then reward me tonight."

It feels like he tricked her there. Well, no matter. 'I don't dislike getting close to him.' Lately, they have been more intimate with each other.

Sumire nodded, and Yuhi got off her. He quickly leads her into the living room.

"Hah, I'm tired."

"Is it hard being paraded around with your childhood lover?"

Yuhi buried his face in her neck. "Again with that? I thought you weren't angry anymore."

"Well, I'm curious."

"I'll admit people are pushing for us to be a couple right now. But as long as Hino is around, they won't get that chance."

"I see. Hino is capable."

"I'm jealous after all. I want to be the one who goes with you everywhere."

"Mm that would be nice. But it's not the time for that yet."

Still, it would be nice to sing with him at least once. If they can't perform together, maybe they can release a song together? There will still be objections, but she did defeat Yumi-senpai. No matter how much the idol association board disliked her, they did say they would give her something for winning. Maybe she can request to release a song with Yuhi?

When is the next board meeting- Sumire felt his hands tug on her clothing.

"Yuhi." He doesn't respond and starts to kiss her.

Oh geez. What's with him recently? He is acting so weird. Maybe she should stop seducing him. Something has indeed changed since Christmas, but his behavior is a bit unusual even then.

"When you talk to Soujiro, you seem different."

She does?

Sumire scanned his expression and saw a worried look on his face. How silly of him.

"Do you still think Soujiro can take you from me?"

"N--no, but you're never like that around me."

Isn't that the same as what she was thinking? They behave differently when they are around people. How silly, worrying about something like this. Sumire leaned forward and kissed him.

"Please do not worry; you are the only one who has my heart."

Only Yuhi, from the very start, she has only ever liked Yuhi. "Dear, do you want to go to the bedroom?"

It will be quite uncomfortable doing this on the couch.

At those words, Yuhi flicked her forehead. "Alright, you, quit teasing."

Ehhh? But she wasn't teasing him! It would be easier to kiss on a comfortable bed. Yuhi sighed once he saw her expression.

"You really want to?"

"I don't want to now; it will make it look like I am forcing you-" Her words fell short when Yuhi lifted her up. Soon he is carrying her in his arms and taking her upstairs.

It did not take long before they reached the bedroom. Yuhi placed her on the bed and just laid beside her. H-hey! Is he actually going to sleep? This is so unfair! He was the one seducing and doing whatever he wanted with her. But now that she wants to make out, he is sleeping!

But then again, he had a fever not too long ago; maybe he still isn't feeling well?

Sumire rolled on top of him, and Yuhi immediately wrapped his arms around her back. "I'm tired today. Are you going to attack me?"

"I did intend to, but if you are tired, you must rest."

"I will, but first, let me know what you and Soujiro discussed."

Right, Yuhi-san has the right to know this information too. Sumire explains everything to Yuhi, and the first thing he points out is.

"A ball?"

"Yes, it will be a good opportunity to observe the enemy."

Yuhi was silent for a moment before he spoke up.

"I haven't seen you in a dress in a while. Do you need help choosing one?"

Uh, why is he focussing on her outfit for? Shouldn't he give me some insights into his feelings towards the people attending? Yuhi has been in the entertainment industry far longer than her; he ought to have more knowledge regarding those people.

Moreover, just now, why he said he would help her choose. Isn't he basically implying that he will help her put the dress on? Oh this idiot. Sumire traced his lips with her hands.

"Then you can choose for me, Yuhi."

Unless Toh sends her another outfit to wear for the occasion, it would be better if Yuhi picks a dress for her. During those events, females tend to gather around and discuss each other's outfits. The people in that ball surely dislike her, but because of her status, they will approach her.

"What if I make you wear nothing?" Yuhi said playfully.

"If you do that, I will be cold, and." Sumire kissed him lightly. "Surely you do not wish for me to expose my skin to other men?"

It was just a joke, but his expression immediately turned dark. Uh oh, sometimes she forgets how dangerous this topic is.

### **ETERNAL MELODY Chapter 625**

Chapter 625: The most important
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Chapter 625 The most important After all, she has already exposed her skin to somebody who isn't Yuhi. Of course, that happened before they dated; it occurred during her previous relationships. But she knew how much it upset him knowing that others saw her before him. She does not wait for his response and continues to kiss him. It did not take long before he kissed her back just as passionately.

She can sense his emotions clearly whenever he kisses, no, whenever he touches her. Why does he like her so much? Sure the main factor must be due to what happened when they were younger. But even then, his level of devotion to her surprises her.

Sano was very devoted to her, too, but he had ulterior motives. Ru didn't have ulterior motives; he just genuinely liked her. He was devoted, too, but he still drew the line.

Yuhi suddenly bit her lip, and she pouted. "I'm not thinking of other men deliberately!"

"Oh, so you're admitting now that your thinking of them?"

Geez, Yuhi-san can be so petty. Then again, is she one to talk? Her recent behavior is beyond appalling. She felt embarrassed, but she knew she still wouldn't be able to treat the childhood friend kindly.

Now, who is the one being stubborn?

"I hope you can tell me what has been troubling you recently. I know we cannot spend much time together because of our work, but you can still call me whenever you need me."

"That's true. Sorry, I tend to have this bad habit of doing everything alone. You see, Yuhi, I am starting to regret it a bit. Returning to the entertainment industry. Indeed, I do not like the idea of abandoning my dream. But the people in this industry frighten me so much."

How can they use such frightening words? How can they scheme and harm people to the point that it completely destroys their reputation?

Yuhi caressed her back, and a content sigh passed her lips. "If you were the only one in the industry, Yuhi, I would be more relieved."

"So you could listen to my voice more?"

Seriously, he always tries to tease her! Yuhi leaned forward and lightly nibbled on her lips.

"I understand how you feel. I was frustrated with the industry a lot at the start."

"Do you not feel frustrated anymore?"

"It's more like I have learned to accept the situation. No matter what we do, we cannot erase jealousy and greed from the world. You told me before too that there can be no light without darkness, did you not?"

That's right; she did say something like that before.

"I know you are feeling uncomfortable. But the longer you are in this industry, the longer your resolve will become."

"You're saying I will get used to this."

"Yes. I know it is harsh to say it like this. But we have to face all this to achieve our dreams. Sumire, what is the most important thing to you right now is achieving your dreams, isn't it?"

"The most important thing." Sumire stared at Yuhi and then kissed him. "Isn't this?"

Yuhi blinked and then laughed. "Your acting so cute. Well, I also agree with you. Our careers are important, but I want you to feel comfortable in this relationship."

"I feel very comfortable, especially right now."

He brushed their foreheads together. "But we can get more comfortable, right?"

Uh, as expected, seducing Yuhi-san after what happened during Christmas only leads to her being teased. He truly is a work of art, though. How can somebody have such fine features and his hair? It's beautiful.

"I am pleased to know that you like what you see enough to ogle. But aren't you hungry? I made some food in the morning before I left; let me heat it up."

"Mmm, okay." She quickly got off him, and Yuhi stood up.

She kept staring at him right up till he left. Their current relationship isn't bad at all. It feels like they have a better understanding of each other now. She is more open to being intimate with him like before.

They go on short walks around the city whenever they have breaks from work. They always go grocery shopping together and eat all their meals together.

There are truly no problems. But what she wants to do with Yuhi-san the most is to sing with him. 'I should bring it up soon about wanting to release a song together.'

Wait, what if, with all this pressure from the public, the idol association board ends up getting Yuhi to sing with the childhood friend? Even if it is a performance, if they sing a love song, it will further reinforce the rumors. This is bad; why didn't she think of this sooner?

She has to quickly tell Yuhi her plan. Her thoughts broke off when her phone rang.

"Hello?"

"You seem to be in a daze, Queen."

At those words, she sighed deeply. "Eli, did you finally remember to report to me?"

On the other end, she heard a chuckle, and she sighed again. This person truly has a bad habit of teasing. Or maybe she is just an easy target?

"How is it?"

"Hmmm, your reputation is very bad here, Queen. Even the minor workers speak ill of you. How many people did you offend?"

Her eyes twitched, annoyed. Why does he sound so cheerful? Ah, talking to Eli is exhausting sometimes.

"If you didn't find anything useful, I will hang up."

"The eldest daughter of the Nagawa family and her mother seem to come here frequently."

The eldest daughter of the Nagawa family? Uh, what was her name again? Why doesn't she have any impression of her? She recalls the second daughter very well; it was the noisy one that always picked fights with her.

'I suppose I can ask San when I get a new batch of medicine.' The medicines he gives me usually lasts a week at most because she has to take several tablets a day.

Yuhi-san got her the last batch four days ago. To think only four days have passed since that childhood friend came, and already her surroundings have become more chaotic.

# **ETERNAL MELODY Chapter 626**

Chapter 626: I have always felt powerless
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Chapter 626 I have always felt powerless The eldest daughter of the Nagawa family aside, to think Nagawa Mira is acting so obviously. Perhaps there is something she is missing? It is not like that woman to take such obvious moves like this. For her to keep showing up in D entertainment means.

"She is planning for her eldest daughter to become an artist?"

"Correct, it seems her debut will happen next week."

Next week but doesn't she have her first solo live concert then? Sumire sighed. It seems those people are directly trying to confront her now. If that is the case, then she no longer has to hold back either.

"Befriend her, but do not make it too obvious."

"I see your planning to use me as bait."

"Why not? People don't know about our relationship anyway." After all, they seldom met in the open. She doubts anybody knows her, and Eli are acquainted.

"That is true."

To think Nagawa Mira would become this desperate to take her down. When she dated Sano, that woman always talked about how vulgar the entertainment industry was. She remembers having to sneak around searching for agencies and places to sing without that woman noticing. Calling her vulgar and saying if she debuts, she is no different than a prostitute.

Now that very same woman is encouraging her daughter to enter the entertainment industry. She never thought of the entertainment industry as dirty; if she truly did, she wouldn't send her precious daughter into the lion's den.

So she only said those words to put her down? Her eyes twitched, annoyed.

"Queen, are you angry?"

"I just thought of something unpleasant."

Eli chuckled. "You're quick to lose your temper as usual."

"That isn't a good thing. So if she is debuting next week, she must have prepared for this a long time ago. D entertainment won't just accept anybody. If I think about the rooster Shin gave me, there are a lot of people whose specialty is singing."

It seems they are trying to take her down using what she is good at. However, they don't seem to understand how she put in triple the effort after she switched companies. She wanted to repay the kindness the people in her new agency showed her. As an idol, she has to excel in all fields. How hard did she work to practice dancing?

"It seems like you are planning on crushing them."

Sumire chuckled. "Since they want to play that type of game."

"If anything else stands out, I shall report to you."

"Please do."

"Before I go, how are your powers? Have you adjusted- have you remembered everything now?"

"I have. It is hard to believe that I forgot about it."

How could she have forgotten about these beautiful and yet frightening flames that burn inside her? But now that she remembers everything, she won't allow those people to escape any longer.

Just the mere thought of it, she felt the burning sensation inside her. Destroy, destroy - until there is nothing left. No that is wrong; she does not need to use her flames for such a purpose. She does not have to be the same as those who came before her.

Her thoughts broke off when somebody snatched the phone off her.

"Don't provoke her; she needs to eat. Yeah, I understand." Yuhi quickly ended the call. He turned to her with a frown and caressed her cheeks. "Your eyes are red."

"Ah, I guess I got worked up."

"It's a good thing you remember now. But you should still be careful, don't use it unless you have to. In other people's eyes, having the flame power is a sign of destruction. It is not a good power to have."

"I never saw it that way. Sure sometimes, I hear voices that tell me to destroy everything. But, I already understand why these flames were given to me."

"The reason you were given those flames?"

"Yes." Her gaze softened. "You see, Yuhi, I have always felt very powerless ever since I was a child. Perhaps it was due to my bad habit of comparing myself to others, but before I knew it, I started to question why I was alive. There was nothing good about me. Unlike my siblings, I did not excel in anything particular. I was born with a weak body too, and I got sick easily. But after seeing someone get badly beat up one day, I rushed over and tried to help them. Of course, I couldn't do anything."

Yuhi did not say anything, but he squeezed her hands.

"It turns out that they paid the person getting bullied into acting as the victim. The entire scenario was a setup so they could beat me instead. I was lying down on the ground unconscious for hours; then those people came back with a group of strange older men. It sounded like they were making some type of transaction."

At those words, Yuhi's gaze darkened. "What?"

"U-h, hold on, wait, don't get angry."

"How can I not?"

"Well, this is something that happened before we met Yuhi-san. Let's see. I think it's the reason why I was sent to the facility. My powers must have woken up then. I think I caused an incident."

"That explains it. Your parents came frantically in the middle of the night."

"They did?"

"They seemed startled that their daughter had an ability. It seems this is not the first time somebody in your family has had it. But it has not happened in a long time, so they didn't know what to do."

"Um so.."

"The loud noise woke up, and I was going to complain. But when I saw you, I volunteered to help. I mean, uh," Yuhi's cheeks reddened. "You were so pretty even as a child, so.."

"Ah, you fell in love with me at first sight."

Yuhi's cheeks turned redder, and Sumire laughed. This is fun; recently, he has been the one teasing her. Sumire wrapped her arms around his neck. "For loving me for so long, thank you."

She is truly thankful to him. Even though she still has thoughts that she does not deserve anybody's love and attention. If the love is coming from this person, she thinks she can accept it.

# **ETERNAL MELODY Chapter 627**

Chapter 627: Dangerous side

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Chapter 627 Dangerous side "Yeah. Why don't we eat? The food will get cold."

Oh, right, she almost forgot about the food. Sumire sweat fell when she saw the number of dishes on the tray. How much does he want her to eat? Isn't this going overboard? Her thoughts broke off when he grabbed hold of her wrist.

"You lost weight; you need nutrients."

"Pfft." Sumire laughed when she heard his serious-sounding tone. Yuhi-san can be quite silly sometimes.

Sumire picked up the tempura with her chopsticks, and her eyes brightened. "It's so crispy; how did you make it like this?"

Yuhi chuckled. "I'll show you next time we cook together."

"Mmm, you should; don't keep it a secret."

Still, for his cooking skills to improve this much in a short amount of time, he must have practiced. But why?

"Yuhi-san, you're not asking me to finish my story."

"Because there is no need since it's you, I think I understand. For you, those flames are flames to protect then destroy."

"Mm that is correct."

"Your flames aside, I wonder if the same could be said about my black flames."

Sumire recalled that time she stepped into Yuhi's dreams. That destroyed city and his lonely figure staring at the broken buildings. She grabbed hold of his hand. "Yuhi, you don't have to do anything! I will protect you."

His lips curve to a smile. "Cheeky brat. That is something a guy should say."

Sumire puffed her cheeks into a pout. "But if you don't like your powers, then you don't have to use them. If anything dangerous happens, I will protect you."

Yuhi pulled her into his arms, causing her to drop the chopsticks. "You don't have to worry. I understand the burden behind having an ability very well. But up till now, nobody has said they would share the burden with me."

"That's because everybody knows you like me. Who would dare utter something so romantic?"

He laughed, and she sighed. He is so carefree even when he is clearly troubled. "Does everybody know that you liked me?"

"Not at first. But some experts started to analyze my songs, and I certainly got an earful dedicating all my love songs to one lady. After the experts analyzed everything, the idol association board started to get on my case about ghostwriters. Even if my songs all look different at a glance because of the analysis, they thought I was being lazy."

Sumire frowned. "How could they?"

"But all of that was an excuse. They just wanted to find any flaw, so I could accept a ghostwriter."

"Um, this sounds like my fault."

"It's not your fault; you didn't ask me to write songs for you."

"No, but uh, if you didn't fall for me-"

"Then it really is your fault."

Yuhi-san is too blunt, and lately, there is that frightening smile on his face. Perhaps, she extended her hand out and caressed his cheeks. "Are you worried about San?"

Yuhi sighed deeply, answering her question right away.

"I said to myself after hearing about you and him that it was okay. There is no way you would ever return to a man like that. But as time went by, I realized not only did he genuinely care for you, you seemed to care for him too."

"Yuhi, it's not-"

He hugged her again, but this time tighter. "I truly do not want anybody to take you from me, Sumire."

"Nobody can take me away, idiot."

"Hah, but even if you say that I have too many rivals. It does not help that they are all good guys who genuinely care for you. If they were all jerks,, I would have gotten rid of them long ago."

Uh got rid of them?

"Um, would you care to clarify?"

"Hm? It's nothing. Depending on how they treat you, I might have ripped out their tongue and cut out their hands. If they treasured their appearance, I might have burned their face a little."

Her sweat fell when she heard his explanation. Make note, do not make Yuhi-san mad. Her dear is even scarier than her when it comes to defeating romantic rivals.

"I think you don't know this. But I am very possessive." Yuhi brought his lips to her neck, and she shuddered. "If we ever got together, I planned to treat you as gently as I could for as long as I could restrain myself. However, I am at my limit seeing that man get so close to you."

In the next second, Yuhi is hovering over her, her head almost hitting the headboard. But Yuhi casually blocked it.

"Tell me something, Sumire. Even if he is important to you, do you have to let him get so close to you?"

"So close?"

"Don't you two kiss a lot? You think I won't find out?"

G-geh, she is busted. She doesn't know much about Yuhi's powers, but she would never have thought he would be able to read her thoughts so clearly.

"Listen that-"

"If you cheat on me, should I kill you?"

Normal people would be frightened if they heard such a sentence, but Sumire felt her cheeks redden for her. This is the first time she has seen Yuhi look so dangerous. Ah, it makes him look more handsome!

Her thoughts broke off when he suddenly pulled away.

"You really do have a strange fetish. Even when I am like this, you're getting embarrassed."

"Ah, did you do that deliberately?"

"No, I am angry."

Sumire hugged him from the back. "Don't sulk too much. You trust me, right, Yuhi?"

"This is why I didn't want to bring this up. I didn't want you to think I didn't trust you. But Hino keeps seeing right through me, and every time we talk about it, I get annoyed."

"Hino is being nosy as usual. But he does it because he cares. I'll be careful from now." Sumire mumbled. "So Yuhi, you don't have to worry about Sano. What I said during the new year was the truth. However, if he ever crosses the line. If he betrays me again, I will show him no mercy."

So many people have told her that her behavior towards Sano is unusual. Indeed she must admit that she acts strangely around him.

At first, she intended to use him as a toy, but she realized that controlling him that way doesn't do anything. So she switched tactics, but Sano's behavior towards her puzzled her even when she did that.

In the end, she decided to leave it up to him to determine the outcome of this relationship. If he betrays her, she will show him no mercy. She will not hesitate to strike him down.

### **ETERNAL MELODY Chapter 628**

Chapter 628: Scent

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Chapter 628 Scent "You're so scary."

Sumire giggled. "That's my line. Oh, but just now, I thought you were very cool."

Yuhi sighed at her words. He still seemed troubled, but his expression was more relaxed unlike earlier. He tells her to finish the food, and for the next few minutes, she quietly finishes the meal. Yuhi didn't speak, but he didn't leave earlier. He was reading some documents.

The scary aura from earlier still remained, and his eyes had turned red. Yuhi's hanyou state, huh? Nothing else changed other than his eye color, but even then, she felt her heartbeat increase. The more she looks at him when he is like this. The more in love she feels.

Maybe she does have a strange fetish. The current Yuhi is very dangerous, yet she wants to do something. Perhaps it was due to strange thoughts, but she finished the meal faster than she ought to.

Yuhi quickly puts the tray aside and pushes her down. Ah, is he going to attack her after all? If they do it now, it would be very nice.

But it looks like he is busy working, so maybe she ought to leave it for today. Yuhi tucked her in with a blanket and placed a light kiss on her forehead. "You should get some sleep while you can."

He is too much of a gentleman even in his scary state. But they have done it a lot recently. Is he worrying that it is too much?

"Yuhi-san, what are you reading?"

"The documents Soujiro showed you."

Ah, right, he must have sent a copy to her dearest too. Whenever Soujiro tells her anything, he eventually informs Yuhi. She always has mixed feelings whenever he does that.

"Yuhi-san, Touko-san told me that she actually fell in love with you."

"Hah, since when were you two on such good terms?"

"We aren't. I don't like her. But, she was willing to hear me out, and she told me some stuff." She trailed off. "Are you able to paint with no restrictions now?"

At those words, Yuhi paused, and his gaze softened. "Yeah, that's all because of you."

"Because of me?"

"Well, even if I explain this now, you probably won't understand it. But just now, you have more influence and monopoly over me than you think."

"Monopoly?"

If she already has a monopoly over him, maybe it would be okay for her to do something to him? It is surp

I don't mind if he punishes me, though.' That scary aura around him still hasn't left. There are many rumors regarding the man called Terashima Yuhi. Other than the rumors about him and other women. The one she paid attention to was this one.

"My dear, you're not going to punish me?"

"If you do it again, I'll really lock you up somewhere."

Sumire laughed. "Do you also have a cage?"

"Maybe I'll invest in one." Yuhi caressed her cheeks. "Are you really feeling better now?"

"I am! So it's okay for you to do something!"

"Hah, you're really trying to seduce me."

"It's okay, Yuhi, you can attack me today. I don't mind."

At those words, Yuhi is suddenly hovering over her. "You asked for it, so all I can do is fulfill your every desire."

After a few minutes, Yuhi already had them both out of their clothes and began his 'work .'But strange enough, he didn't tear her dress.

"Mmmmm, dear, your good at this."

"Hah. You're doing this deliberately, aren't you?"

"I just thought it would feel different today."

"Does it? I can never tell."

So does he just do this to her without thinking? Sumire quickly noticed his pale face and frowned. "Yuhi, maybe we should just-"

"-make out?"

Sumire nodded. "Your very pale." He did say he was tired. But she got too caught up in the flow. Her thoughts broke off when she noticed that he was continuing. He doesn't have to do this- hearing him groan. Her cheeks reddened. Then again, now that they have started, Yuhi is not the type of person to stop midway.

After a while, Sumire relaxed and ran her hands through his hair.

"Yuhi, Atushi will be away for a while."

"Mm."

"I was thinking I could help out more with the gang."

At those words, he raised his face from her legs. "If that is what you wish. But be careful."

"You're not going to join me, Yuhi?"

"Unfortunately, I am too busy."

Too busy, huh? "Do you not want to be with me, Yuhi?"

Yuhi leaned forward and kissed her. "I always want to be with you. But there is something I have to do. Sorry if you will be lonely for a while."

He isn't telling her, but considering how he isn't sneaking off without saying a word, it is probably something important.

Yuhi kissed her neck, and she wrapped her arms around his back. Even though he is hiding something from her, she isn't mad, strangely enough. More importantly, he really isn't going to stop this, is he?

How many times have they done this already? No matter how many times they do this, she still ends up feeling nervous.

"Sumire, do you want me to stop?"

"N-no, I-"

"Your turning so red, you might explode."

"Isn't that your fault?"

Yuhi's lips curve to a smile. "Is it? Your to blame this time."

"Perhaps, but it's because you're so handsome."

Yuhi is suddenly kissing her at those words, but this isn't a normal kiss. He is being so aggressive. He is biting her lips when he could easily just pry them open like he would usually do. After kissing for a few minutes, she felt her vision gradually turn blurry, and her breathing became unsteady.

What is he doing to her?

"You have a very strong scent today," Yuhi mumbled as he bit her ear. "The more I inhale your scent, the more I want to completely let my desires take over me. I want to hug you tightly and not let you go. I want to fill you up with me."

Bthump, Sumire felt her already beating heart go crazy. W-what is he saying? Yuhi's words sound so possessive. He is clearly acting strange. But for some reason, she cannot push him away. It is like he is trapping her in some type of spell.

#### **ETERNAL MELODY Chapter 629**

Chapter 629: I found a purpose

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Chapter 629 I found a purpose They really went ahead and did it. However, she did feel the odd atmosphere. She never thought they would do it like that. Her lips hurt; there are still traces of blood. Yuhi kissed her so harshly, and she dared to look at the state of her body. It was a good thing Yuhi was sensible to put on her nightgown for her.

Yuhi catches her in his arms. "Are you okay?"

"Yeah. I'm just slightly tired."

"I see, then-" Yuhi extended his hand out. "Don't let me go."

"Okay."

Yuhi said this in a normal tone, yet she felt more depth to his words. Perhaps she is overthinking it. She still feels lightheaded due to all the kissing, and he truly meant what he said about filling her up. Aaahhh, Ibuki Sumire, stop with the unusual thoughts.

As she thought, if she is with Yuhi, she couldn't calm her beating heart down. He is only holding her hand, yet she can feel the love he has for her transmitted through the warmth of their hands.

After walking for awhile, Yuhi led her downstairs. There she spotted an annoyed-looking Atsuro alongside Shin, and her gaze brightened once she saw a boy with short brown hair. Her beloved child!

Huan rushed up to her. "Mommy!"

Oh he is so cute! Sumire snuggled her face against the young boys. "Did you gain some weight? Oh my, it makes you cuter."

"I did it for you, mommy!"

'Oh, so cute, but it's hard to focus when somebody harshly glares at me.' Why is Atsuro glaring?

"Even if the walls here are thicker. It's easy to pick up movements if you have an ability." Shin suddenly commented.

Uh, then that means- ahh, how embarrassing. It's no wonder Shin looks flustered, and Atsuro is glaring.

"Huan, you must protect me. Your uncle Atsuro is scaring me."

Huan wrapped his arms around her protectively. "I won't let him get to you, mommy."

Atsuro's eyes twitched, annoyed. "Brat, this is my thanks for saving you?"

"Saving? Did something happen?"

"The other day, when we were going on a walk, some pests showed up."

"It's Atsuro's fault, Sumire. He keeps making enemies recently."

At those words, her gaze darkened. "You told me before it's safer to leave him with you. But if you're doing ridiculous things and not hiding your face, perhaps I should find somebody else?"

"Since your on that topic. I was actually thinking the same, at least until this mess dies down."

"Is it that bad?"

"Considering how they are openly attacking me, then yes. But you don't have to worry about it. I can-"

"No, since they are being so open. Then our side should do the same."

Besides, this reckless attack pattern reminds her of someone all too well. The person directing those attacks on Atsuro is surely the second eldest daughter of the Nagawa family. Mira would plan more wisely, so it's obvious that the daughter is doing this one.

If that is the case, "We should attack in the open too."

Atsuro sighed deeply. "I thought you were too behaved recently. You were just waiting for an excuse to start chaos."

"Isn't it fine? My condition has been good recently."

Other than catching that fever from Sano. Her body has been in a much better state. Otherwise, she wouldn't have even suggested this.

"Yuhi, tell her not to-"

Yuhi, who was silent this entire time, was actually playing with her hair and occasionally kissing it.

What is he doing in front of other people?

"You know, Atsuro, I think you need to stop trying to decide everything for Sumire. Not even I have the right to do that, much or less you who has no relation with her."

Her sweatdropped when she heard Yuhi's harsh and blunt words. Yuhi is telling the truth but does he have to be so straightforward? She saw a dark aura wrap around Atsuro. It felt like there were lightning bolts between the two.

Shin spoke up, breaking the tension as he appeared behind her. "I'll keep her company; she will be fine."

Atsuro seemed reluctant but nodded. "If that's the case, then alright. For now, Sumire, find someone to look after that child. I'll send over his stuff later on."

"Thank you, Shin."

"Your welcome. I heard strange rumors the other day that you're getting along with Yuhi's ex now."

Ah, it's more like after that talk, they exchanged numbers. Yuhi, who was sending Atsuro out, overheard and frowned. Uh oh, maybe she ought to have told him?

Shin didn't wait for a reply and quickly hurried away.

She can definitely see the benefits of this friendship. Indeed no sooner had the two left she received a message; it was a picture of Yuhi from before. How rare! Yuhi, however, snatched her phone and sighed deeply.

"You know why are you getting so happy over this?"

"Ehhh? Why not! It's a picture of you I'll add to my list of treasures."

"Treasure, huh." Yuhi trails off and suddenly leans forward, wah?!! His lips grazed against hers briefly. "You know when the real thing is in front of you, do you need something like this?"

Sumire felt her cheeks redden. "Yuhi, that's unpleasant of you."

After what they did, it is difficult to look him in the eye. It was the first time they had ever done it like that. They have joked around about their desires towards each other many times, but this is the first time they have done it like that. Perhaps she ought to stop fooling around with him so much.

"Hmm?"

Before his lips could meet hers, though, "Mother and mister kwis?"

She almost forgot about Huan. Really whenever she's with Yuhi, she can't seem to calm herself down. But she glanced over at Yuhi, who had bent down to pick Huan up.

"Mister, do you like my mother?"

'Mister' huh? It's not like she expected Huan to call Yuhi his father, but it is a painful reminder that she does not have Yuhi's child. A child with Yuhi, huh? Right now, it is still difficult for her to think of such things. After all, she truly thinks of herself as a bad mother.

It is difficult for her to care for herself, which is why the child remains with Atsuro. Her mental state has gotten better, but it is indeed not wise for her to raise the child by herself.

"Yes, I do a great deal. I love little Huan too."

He is so sly. It really is bad for her heart if he keeps smiling like that. However, she catches another glimpse of his face; she supposed it isn't too bad if he keeps on doing so.

She has never met someone who has smiled so much; she said that before regarding Mamoru. But if she thinks about it carefully, the description suits Yuhi instead. Back then, she was on the verge of collapse after Ru's death; she was merely wandering. However, after she met him, she finally found a purpose.

No sooner had Ru passed away did she meet him, the one who would have a great impact on her world. Who would have thought that the two of them would end up this way? Back then, she would never have thought that she could remain so close by him like this.

### **ETERNAL MELODY Chapter 630**

Chapter 630: Why did you leave me?

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Chapter 630 Why did you leave me? Huan seemed very pleased with Yuhi's response while she started preparing for dinner. The two were playing happily together.

When she finally finished making the meal, she looked up and saw Huan fast asleep on the small beanbag.

Sumire walked over and carried him over to the couch, and wrapped a blanket around him.

"He must be tired. It's been awhile since he last went anywhere, after all."

Sensing her tone, Yuhi reached over and pulled her towards him, "It's not your fault."

"Thank you, Yuhi."

Yuhi nodded and gave her a gentle smile.

So very kind, she has never met another person who could dispel all the dark emotions in her heart with a single smile. Whenever he touches her, she feels such warmth.

Yuhi lets her go after a while, yet he continues to hold her hand. He brought them upstairs to the rooftop, and the two of them sat down on the ground, their backs against the railing. How familiar this frequently happened with Mamoru on the rooftop in Tsukuhara beven this was started because of Yuhi.

"Say Yuhi."

"Hmmm?"

"The pro art league competition, will we enter?"

Although she wanted to discuss more about what Touko-san told her, she wanted to get this out of the way. She recalled Soujiro's words and what Atsuro had just mentioned. It seems those people are taking bold actions. If so, their peaceful days will be stained with red.

The pro art league competition is a tournament held in Japan, but people from all over the world enter. It is a national-scale painting tournament.

"If you want."

"So, are you not interested?"

"That's not it. I already decided a long time ago that I'd enter the pro league one day. Even before I knew of your skill, I wanted to enter it with you someday. However," he brushes his free hand on her forehead. "Recently, you seem paler than usual, and you've been throwing up quite a bit. I do not want to push you if you're sick."

So kind, he really is far too kind to her. " I'm alright, Yuhi. Your warmth makes me feel better."

It is not like her health is getting worse; she throws up and looks pale due to Sano's medication. It is a side effect, but if she tells Yuhi that, he will surely tell her to stop taking it.

"Really, you're so selfish. If you say cute stuff like that, I'll attack you again."

Sumire chuckles softly. "I see, so you were holding back after all?"

"Of course I was. Even I won't be rough on you when you're sick. " Yuhi trails off. "Whenever you mention Mamoru, I become too reckless and uncomfortable. Well, it can't be helped you feel the same when I'm with Cassie too. Back then, you didn't realize it did you? That you cared about him a lot. "

"Ah."

How strange, he's actually talking about it.

Even though they can no longer go back to those times.

"Weren't you the one who was encouraging me back then? 'Experience it for yourself, love with someone you already care about.'"

At those words, she heard Yuhi grumble and stopped herself from chuckling.

"You remember that well, huh?"

"If I was capable of forgetting so easily, would I not have done so already on numerous things?"

If she could just forget, she wouldn't be doing such bold actions with anyone aside from Yuhi. If she could forget the pain Sano caused her, she wouldn't bother dealing with him anymore.

Unfortunately, she cannot forget the pain and grief from that day. After all, it was the day she truly gave up on people.

'Ru, I am really sorry. But even if you are important to me, for me, the one I love is Yuhi. But despite that the feeling I have towards Ru has yet to go away.'

"Sumire, it's alright."

It was showing on her face, huh? No, even if it wasn't. Yuhi knows her far too well.

"Don't you think it's unfair of me?"

"It is. But I've also been selfish, well, it's not like we're children anymore, so I can't whine and complain even though I want to. Back then, I encouraged you to go out with Mamoru because I knew you cared a lot about him."

If he is going to talk about back then, aren't there more important things he should be talking about? If he isn't going to say that, then she should. She should. Ever since she reunited with him, she had wanted to ask him.

But no matter how close they became, those words never left her lips, almost as though she was afraid. Afraid that Yuhi would disappear and leave her again if she said it. But even if she didn't say it, he ended up leaving her anyway, didn't he? It was her fault that she let him go but it does not change the fact that he left her.

"Why, why did you leave me?" Sumire managed to say. But she felt her entire body tremble.

She did not hear a reply even after a few minutes. Is he not going to answer? Sumire looked up only to find that Yuhi had stood up and suddenly leaned forward, his body leaning over hers.

"Are you scared? I won't do anything to you, even though there isn't anyone here right now."

That's why it's even more unbelievable.

"I'm not afraid. Yuhi, are you trying to intimidate me?"

"Who knows? I've always been a pretty ruthless guy. "

He is wrong, at least to her Yuhi has always been so so very kind. Sumire buried her face in his arms.

"You're doing this again. I thought you would be more cautious around me."

"I'm not scared of you. Actually, I think I like your dangerous side a lot more." Sumire briefly averted her gaze. "I mean you-" Her sentence fell short when he lifted her chin and parted her mouth. The moment he placed his fingers inside her mouth, her heartbeat increased.

Oh, this fool, he is truly messing with her. Sumire felt embarrassed, but she did what he wanted. 'I haven't done this type of thing in awhile. It was something Toh taught me before, but I didn't think I'd have to use it.'

These matters are still very foreign to her. Yuhi removed his fingers from her mouth and wiped the saliva from her face. Yuhi leaned down, "So, where did you learn that?"

Uh-oh, busted! Is he angry again? But ah, she doesn't mind it. "I learned it from Toh."

Yuhi frowned and bent down to bite her already grazed lips. "If you use techniques, you learn from other men. I may have to punish you."

T-the way he said 'punish' just now sounded very seductive.

"Then, Yuhi, you can do that later."

At those words, he said and hugged her again. Oh, there is a nice scent around him.

"Sumire, do you remember I traveled quite a bit even back then?"

Oh, he's talking normally now. But he isn't changing his position at all.

"I remember."