

Rot and Flesh

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It is finally the end for the human kinds as a mysterious virus spreads all over the globe destroying humanity. Will the humans have the chance to survive the disaster they encounter? Will the terror of the massive virus finally stop?...Or will the human race will led to an extinction?



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Chapter 1: The Last Day Of School

The alarm clock rings as it points at 6:00 a.m. waking up an average girl from her dreadful sleep. She tosses and turns on her bed as she grumbles about the ringing clock bothering her beauty sleep. As the ringing went longer and more annoying, the girl decides that the clock must be crush into tiny little pieces. She sits up on her bed as her long black messy hair covers almost completely of her face. She then grabs the ringing alarm clock without bothering to look at it as she switches off the annoying alarm with just a flick of a switch.

Her eyelids are still heavily close as the drowsiness from her sleep still controlling her. She throws her covers aside as she shifts herself lazily to the edge of the bed shivering from the cool breeze that comes from her AC. She sighs and gets down from the bed as her feet touches the cold soft green tiles. She then walks lazily to her dressing table and grabs the comb from the basket as she starts to comb her hair slowly not wanting to damage her already messy hair from any more irritating tangles.

The girl then ties her long hair into high ponytail style as she walks to her wardrobe and takes out her pink bathrobe and tosses it onto her untidy bed. She unbuttons her pajamas quickly and then wears the robe as she ties the robes strings into a ribbon. She then grabs her towel on the chair and walks out from her extremely chilling cold room to the bathroom. She walks lazily across the dark hallway and stop for a moment to reach for the light switch, flicking the switch to brighten the creepy hallway.

"Why does this creepy hallway always must be so...Dark?" Thought the girl as she continues to walk to the bathroom door as the floor squeaks and creaks behind her making her walk more slower and gentler to prevent the noises from getting any louder.

After a few minutes passes by, the girl comes out from the bathroom as the door opens slowly and droplets begin to fall to the old wooden tile floor, soaking it with cold water from the morning shower. She wraps her damp towel around her neck making it like a scarf as she walks back towards to her cold room. As she walks, a small trail of droplets trails behind her until she arrives at her room's door.

She turns the doorknob and pushes the door forward as the door creaks a little and slowly she walks into the room, shivering a little from cool breeze yet again brushes on her now moist skin. She neatly place her damp towel on the same wooden chair again as she walks to her wardrobe and pulls the top drawer, taking a pair of black shorts and a black singlet as she pushes the drawer back easily.

She puts on her shorts quickly as she takes off her bathrobe and wears her black singlet. She then takes the bathrobe and hangs it on a wooden hanger as she puts it back into the wardrobe, sliding the wardrobe's door open and hangs it in the robe onto a white metal bar. After that, she browser her wardrobe to find her black school uniform as she mumbles about being late on the last day of her school days.

Searching and searching, she finally said to herself that her uniform is not in the wardrobe as she shakes her head, grabbing the wide-open wardrobe's door and slides it back closing it with a thud. She grumbles as she walks out from her room to head downstairs. As she opens the door with a creek, she sees her uniform hanging on her doorknob. "Perfect, just what I need a while ago!" Thought the girl smiling as she takes the uniform from the doorknob and wears it quickly, seeing the clock ticking its time saying to her that she will be late if she does not act fast.

She then takes a pair of black long socks and puts it on quickly as she struggles with herself. After that, she look herself in the mirror and pulls out her hair band as she brushes her hair quickly and putting some hair oil on it, making her hair looks a bit damp and shines from the lights shining onto her. She looks herself into the mirror for the last time making everything look perfect for her own satisfaction. "Wellâ Everything looks

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okay on the hair, face and uniform. "Right! Time to go! Don't want to be late! Again!" Says the girl as she skips to her school bag and picks it up, strapping it onto her back firmly then walks out from her room once again.

The girl closes the door behind her and walks down the wooden floor stairs as she walks towards to the kitchen. She goes in and takes a seat next to his brother, Zurl. To her right, she sees her father is reading today's newspaper as usual. "So...Today is your last day of school, isn't it?" Ask his oldest brother, Zack. As he sip some of his coffee from his cup, looking at his sister with a warm smile carve on his lips. "Uh...Yeah..." Replies the girl as she laughs nervously to fill the empty spaces on her words.

"I hope you will get the best in your results, Rin. We all are counting on you. For the sake of your future lives depends on it greatly. Seriously...Don't mess this one up..." Says Zack as he takes a bite on his breakfast, eyeing on his dear sister making Rin looks more even nervous than before. Rin quickly looks to her arrive breakfast meal and dines it as she takes the spoon and the fork that are place on the plate. "I hope this food taste good as it looks like." Thoughts Airin quietly as she takes a bite of the white eggs. "Hmm...Yummy~" Says Airin happily as she continues to eat the meal without stopping for tasting more the rich and delicious flavour of her so call 'rich and heavenly' meal.

"Somehow she sounded like she is ignoring the important words." Thought both Zack and Zurl as they both sighs and shakes their heads in disbelief for the usual reaction they always get from giving their dear sister some advices. "At least nothing has change." Says Zack chuckling as he takes another bite on his toast. "Yes...You are most certainly right about that!" Replies Airin giggling as she crunches her food to pieces in her mouth, and then swallows it into her esophagus. "Ah! This meal is delicious!" Says Airin again smiling at her mother, which is washing her dirty hands at the sink with running water from the pipe. "Thank you, dear. Do you want to bring it as your lunch? I can pack it up for you, if you want." Replies her mother sweetly as she wipes her wet hands onto her dry cloth apron and walks to the cupboards to get the bento box.

"Sure, why not? I will surely eat it again in the afternoon. Mom, can you use the box that has red roses pattern on it. That is my favourite bento box!" Says Airin again, smiling to her mother once more as she tries to lighten up the kitchen in the early tiredly morning. "Alright, now...Where did I put that bento box again? Oh...Here it is!" Replies her sweet mother with her warm voice as she takes Rin favourite bento box and fills it up with her lunch meal. She then puts the bento box onto the dining table and covers it with its lead. "Here you go, Rin." Says Rin's mother as she takes a sit beside her loving husband.

"This will help me saving my lunch money more~" Thought Airin evilly, smirking like a Cheshire cat. Suddenly, something runs by into her wicked mind making her go snap like a branch on a tree. "Then again...Today is the LAST day of school for me." Thought Airin again, frowning like a little child she is. She grabs the bento box and carefully places it in her school bag next to her water bottle that she puts it at the right corner of her bag. Looking up at the kitchen's ticking clock, Airin's eyes widen as she sees something horrible on the screen of the clock. It shows 6.30 am as the thinner red hand ticks quickly passing the others two black hands.

"I AM SO LATE!" Shouts Airin as she grabs her bag on the dining table and quickly gets up from her seat and run to the front door like her life is depending on it. "Have a nice school day, honey! Be careful! I love you!" Shouts Airin's mother from the kitchen. "Okay! Love you too, mom! I'm off!" Replies back Airin shouting to her mother on the front door as she quickly puts on her school shoes.

She straps her bag onto her back and turns the doorknob, opening the front door to the outside world. As the door creaks open, she quickly walks out from her house without wasting any time. She closes the door behind her with a thud and walks up to her front tall gates. Unlocking the locks with the correct keys, she slides the right side of the gate open and walks out, then slide it back in to close the huge yet tall gates. As she closes it,

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she suddenly notices a small door carve onto the black at the left side of the tall gates. "...I didn't see that...Why?" Ask Airin to herself as she walks away from her house shaking her head and calling herself names in her own mind. "I am such an...Idiot..." Mutter Airin softly under her breath as she starts to walk, taking the same path as before going to the school on every weekdays mornings.

As she walks along the side road, she sees a light fog covering the other side of the road. Rin only blink as she continues to walk into the fog without a doubt. "Just a fog...Nothing else..." Says Airin to herself, as she looks around her while crossing over to get to the other side of the road. Passing the cold, light fog, she suddenly hears footstep from behind. Tack...Tack...Tack...The rhythm goes continuously, making her feeling...Uneasy...As someone is...Following her...Watching her from behind...She dares to not look behind, remembering it will only worsen her situation and her nervous breakdown.

Trying to distract herself from her fear, she goes into her so call 'Dreamland' in her mind. Imagining herself somewhere else, but her 'Dreamland' suddenly changes from fantasy to a new world of...Nightmare, the only place that kept her insane with horrible stuff that she keeps for herself. Sometimes, it makes her happy. Yet sometimes, it makes her shake with fear. She suddenly sees all of her surroundings decaying, leaves falling from the trees, grasses wilting and the sky turns darker from before.

As she remembers her 'Reality', fog begins to cover her 'Dreamland', making it hard for her to picture the surroundings that are now carve on her new image. Shocking from imagining it all, she tries to adapt herself into the new world that her mind creates it for her to play in. Looking all around her seeing only plain heavy fogs, she then sees a small shadow from afar. Adjusting her sight, she tries to figure out what is it from only the shape it gives. "A...Tree...? Maybe so...But...Why does it look like...It is...MOVING? A man perhaps, in my own 'playground'? That...No...It is not possible...This is MY world. I do not share them with others! But who is this 'stranger'..." Thought Airin for a moment as she thinks deeply while tapping her white soft chin with her thin tiny finger.

Letting her own guard down as she thinks, the dark figure slowly moves closer to her, stepping closer and closer as the cold wind blows and the fog begins to thicken. As the wind brushes her soft white pale skin, she shivers from the cold and are now back in her own world. Seeing the fog becoming thicker than before, she remember a story that was once been told by her late grandmother about fogs and man or 'thing'. However, her memories cannot recall the exact details of the story because she only listen to it once when she only a mere child at that time.

"...Eh...Where did that 'stranger' go...?" Whisper Airin to herself as she look to her left and right to find the missing man. "I could have sworn that he stood there a second ago...Maybe he went home...? However, there is no road to go back. How did he...May...Maybe I am just dreaming like am I now...Yes...I just...Have to blink twice and I am awake from my own world. Okay...Focus..." Thought Airin as she takes a deep breath and tries to focus to 'get out' from her own world. She blinks twice quickly, feeling uneasy for no reason. She quickly run towards to her school building not far away from her as she see the school's building top roof. "ALMOST THERE!" She screams aloud, trying to make herself braver and run even faster than before to get there sooner.

She reaches at the front school gates minutes later, sweating and huffing for some air to breathe in. "Uh...Gah...Phew...I am now saved!" Says Airin cheerfully as she slightly brushes her clothes off from any dust and walk straight into the school area as some pupil looks at her. "I just hate people...Especially when they do...This kind of stuff to me..." Thought Airin to herself as she sighs and look down just like she always do. Walking around while looking at the ground, she suddenly hears footsteps running towards to her. "Airin! Airin!" Yells a voice from behind. She looks up then looks to her right as she sees a girl about her age is waving and running towards her. She stops at her track and turns around to meet her 'twin'. "Airin! It is good to see you again! How have you been? Good? I am bored if you are not around with me. Nevertheless, thank god we can still meet to get our results! Hehehe." Says Jeanne once again as she smiles to her 'twin'.

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"Yeah, lets go! We don't want to be late to get our results now." Replies Airin back as she holds Jeanne's hand as they both side by side walk to their school hall.

"I hope we pass our exams like we promise!" Says Jeanne again, as she jumps up and down like a rabbit.

"Yeah...Hope so!" Replies Airin smiling, as she looks straight to focus on where they both are going.

"Everyone must be waiting for us at the school hall! I am so excited from just walking here with you!" Says Jeanne giggling as she looks at Airin's serious face. "Hey...Why so serious...?" Ask Jeanne again as she pokes Airin's cheek with her finger. Airin just smile at her friend and suddenly tackles her friend. "I'm just kidding! Rawr! Tackle attack!" Yells Airin giggling and laughing with her 'twin' as they both quicken their steps to the school hall.

Chapter 2: A Mysterious Gift To mother And Father

As they both enter the school hall, they hear chatters and laughter of joy as it echoes and see some of them are hugging one another. "Wow, so much people." Says Jeanne blinking a few times, "Well, what do you expect from the day we get our results. That is today my little dear." Replies Airin giggling once again as she walks in and tries to find her classmates. "Come along now, Jeanne. We don't want to be the 'wall' to this door, do you?" Says Airin rolling her eyes to the side as she takes Jeanne's hand and pull her gently to where she is going.

Walking around in the hall without looking straight, Airin accidently hits someone as she rubs her head and mumbles under her breath about her mistake. "I...I am so sorry about that." Says Airin as she looks up to the person's back. As the figure turns around, Airin's cheek begins to turn reddish pink. "Umâ 'That's okay." Replies the boy back smiling, looking at his face she replies it back with her warm smile as her friend, Jeanne grins beside her. "Hey, Fabian! Lets go, or we'll miss our place up! Come on!" Shouts a voice from behind the boy, "Yeah, okay!" Replies the boy as he turns around for a moment and wave at his friends. "I'm sorry, I've got to go! See you next year!" Says the boy as he holds out his hand for a handshake, "Uhâ 'Yeah, sure! See you next year~!" Replies Airin smiling, shakes his tan cold hand.

Jeanne went speechless for a moment and finally gives Airin a big grin. "Oh, I see now! It has seemed that you my dear seriously like him! Aha!" Says Jeanne giggling as she begins to walk to her friends. "I do NOT like him! We are just friends, you know friends! F-r-i-e-n-d! FRIEND!" Replies Airin out trying to cover her nervousness from Jeanne. "Uh...Okay, whatever you say my dear. Whatever you sayâ '!" Says Jeanne finally, looking at the billboard for their results.

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"Wow! Congratulations, Ai!" Says the girl excitedly, patting Airin's back gently. "Yeah, thank you Manda. Yours too, your result isn't half bad either!" Replies Airin back smiling as she walks away from the billboard grinning like a Cheshire cat.

"Hey Ai, where are you going?" Ask Jeanne, grabbing onto her hand to stop her from leaving. "I'm going to get my results and go straight back home of course!" Replies Airin raising her eyebrow as she continues to walk towards to the open door. "Can I come with you? I mean after that you can go to my house!" Says Jeanne smiling as she tries to catch up with Airin from behind. "Yeah...No, sorry. I do not have any time for today. I do really need to get back." Replies Airin plainly, as she walks out and went to the administration block to get her results.

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Chapter 4: The Stolen Item

After a few minutes of driving, they both finally arrive home as Michael parks the car in front of the house gates. Turning the car key anti-clockwise, the car's engine purrs slowly and shuts down.

"Alright, we're finally here." he murmurs as he unlocks the car's door and walks out, shutting the door behind him with a thud. Airin looks around her for a moment and finally gets out from the car as she feels a bit hot.

'Finally, home at last!' thought Airin, sniffing out the dry air around the area.

Michael then unlocks the gates with the keys that he has with him and slides open the gates to the other side. Airin then quickly goes inside to the shaded area to protect her skin from the sunray.

'My skin, my poor skin! I don't want to get tan again!' yell Airin in her own thoughts, quickly running to the front door and knocks on the wooden door. "Yellow? Anyone home?" shouts Airin continuing knocking the door.

Hearing a clicking sound from behind the door, Airin smiles and quickly takes off her school shoes slowly, trying to pass the time.

Lurking behind the door, a man in his 26s grins evilly hearing a 'prey' finally comes to his 'trap'. "Hehehe" he softly giggles. He then quickly opens the door and screams loudly. "ARGH!!" he screams. Airin tosses the shoe on her right hand and screams back loudly to that man.

The man laughs and runs back into his room. "Gotcha!" he says as he closes the room's door quickly before Airin has the chance to run after him.

'I'll get you for this, big brother. Just you wait!' she thought as she picks up her shoe that she had thrown earlier that landed next to her old cat, Grandma Garfield. "I'm sorry granny, my bad!" she says to the cat as she takes the shoe and pats the cat's gently as it purrs slowly.

Airin giggle and puts back the right part of the shoe next to the other one neatly, brushing off her feet with the socks on the 'Welcome' rug. She then goes inside tip toeing to her brother's room. Waiting for the moment to strike an attack, she quickly thinks of a plan and puts down her school beg on the floor next to the shoe rack.

While planning, the door to the room opens with a creek, making her almost jump from her hideout. Seeing her brother walking out from room, she jumps out from her hideout without a second thought and screams at him.

"ARGH!" she yells out, making her brother jumps from his steps and turns around to look at her. Airin only giggle and quickly, lifting her beg with her right hand. She quickly dash onto the wooden stairways and climbs up to her room. Closing the door behind her quickly and tosses her beg next to her wardrobe.

Seconds later, her door bangs open as her brother smiles and grabs her. Pushing Airin to her bed, then tickles her and sits on her trying to bullying her to admit defeat. Airin only laugh and giggle to what her brother is doing to her as she refers to it as 'sibling jokes and play time'.

"Soâ !What did you get for your results, hmmm?" purrs the man as he stands up and sit onto the black hair next to him. "Uhâ !" only Airin reply as she glaze at her beg for a moment and back at her brother. "Don't know~?" replies Airin again lifting both of her hands and shrugs.

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Looking at where his sister gaze, he stands up and goes to the school bag. Unzipping the zip and peeks inside, grinning like a cat seeing a white paper, he takes it and crouches while reading the paper's content.

Airin quickly jumps from her bed and covers her brother's eyes with both of her thin hands, making him blind from seeing her results. "No! Do not look. It will burn your eyes out!" says Airin giggling as she landed on her brother's back, to support her own weight.

"Woi! Big brother can't see! Let me see your result!" says the man as he takes off one of the hands and tries to peek at the content once more. "No!" shouts Airin happily as she giggle and laughs more. "Ohâ !Don't tell..You have E in you results right!?" says the man laughing, standing up from his position making Airin almost fall from the sudden action to the cold floor.

"I'll tell mom!" the man says as he quickly rushes to down from the wooden stairs and goes straight into the kitchen.

"Mom, mom, mom!" he shouts a few times making a woman in her late 50s to turn around from doing the dishes.

"Yes dear? What is it?" ask the woman softly with her warm voice as she rubs her wet hands off with a clean cloth that hangs beside the refrigerator.

"Mom, guess what? Here's Airin result!" he shouts out happily as he takes a seat on the dining table and clears his throat to read the results to his mother.

Chapter 5: The Results

"Ahem! Hmm! Let see here. Okay, she got A for her Science, A for her language and--" says the man as he was cut out by Airin screaming at the top of her lung. "GIVE ME BACK MY RESULT!" she screams, running downstairs quickly and dashes to the kitchen.

"My result!" she yells again as she huffs for some air. "Oh? You want your results? Let me read it first~" replies the man happily as he continue to read the content out loud. "Her Geography is A and her math is-muhhppp!" before he could say it, Airin quickly covers his mouth with her thin hands. "No reading!" replies Airin as her eye twitches and her lips curves a big grin like a Cheshire cat.

"You two, always like to fight. Here, let me see." says the woman as she snatches off the paper from the man's hand and reads it as she puts on her reading glasses.

"Hmmm!" murmurs the woman as she reads the content. "Well?" ask both of them as Airin's eyes are big as a dinner plate, waiting for an answer from her mother.

"Well! Great job on the results. Do remember to study hard to get greater grades next time, okay?" says the woman, putting down the result slip on the dining table as she takes off her reading glass and puts it on top of the paper.

"Alright! You heard that big brother? I pass the exams! Ha!" says Airin happily as she takes back her result slip, laughing happily for her accomplish.

"Heh, wait until you see my results!" replies the man, who doesn't want to admit defeat to his little sister's game. "I'll show you!" says him, getting up from his seat and runs up to the stairs and goes inside his room, taking a green color file from his wardrobe and takes it back down to the kitchen.

Sitting down on the same sit, he blows off some of the dust from the cover and opens it. Seeing this, Airin grins more as she looks at all of her brother's previous school years reports and identification.

"Eh! Where did I put that slip?" says the man as he flips the plastic pages, trying to find his previous exam slip when he was in his 15s.

"Don't tell me you lost it, big brother!" Says Airin nervously as she stares at the file.

"!Maybe I left it in my office. Oh well, maybe next time you-"

"Next time what, sees it? But I want to see it now!" whines Airin as she makes her face look like an innocent kitten.

Before they both know it, a paper falls out from the file and lands on the floor. Seeing it laying there, Airin takes it and reads it. "XXX Exams in 19XX"

Hearing that, the man quickly looks at Airin and says "Hey, that's mine, give it back!" trying to snatch away the paper from her thin hands. Quickly, Airin stands a bit further away from her brother and looks at the result, snickering and laughing seeing the results with her own eyes.

"Wow! You got D for your Science? Didn't you say you were like friends with Stephan Hawkins? Hmm?" says Airin playfully, making her brother struggle to find a suitable answer. "Well? Come on, spill it out!"

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Professor" she teases more, giggling as she takes a small Chinese tea cup and pours in Japanese Green Tea, sensing hot radiation coming from the tea pot itself. 'Smell so delicious andâHerbs too' thought Airin, sniffing the tea before she drinks it.

"HehâThe reason that I got D for my Science is becauseâThe teachers doesn't agree with my theories so they just give me a DâBesides that, they are jealous because of my genius." replies the man crossing both of his arms and gives a 'true story' look on his face.

Airin only blink and drinks the hot tea, sipping it slowly. "Wellâ!" Airin states, "I think it is just because you hate Science, that's all. ThatâIs why you got a D for you ScienceâAm I right, big brother?" says her again smirking, as she puts down the tea cup on the table once more.

The man only went silent for a moment and replies with a grin on his face. "WellâNoâIt is because they think my theories are wrongâThat is why-"replies the man with the same answer again. Babbling with his all mighty words and explains again and again to both of his mother and sister. Making them both only roll their eyes to the other side.

'Oh lordâHere we go againâ!' thought Airin as she listens to her brother's explanations like Stephen Hawkins style.

"And that is whyâI got a D for my Science." says the man, ending his explanations to his sister as he ask for her to pour a cup of tea for him to drink.

"What are you cooking for today, mom?" ask the man as he nods to his sister to thank her and sips the hot tea slowly and shivers from the bitter taste.

"WellâI'm cooking Butter Chicken, Mix Vegetable and Butter Prawn. Do you have any other dishes you wanted to eat for lunch?" Ask the woman as she walks to her stove and begins to cook.

"UhâHmmâWellâThat's good for us, right Rin?" Ask the man nodding to his little sister and gives her a childish smile.

Airin only smirk and continues to drink her tea, enjoying the rich flavor of the herb. 'What a delight cup of tea. HmmmâMy body now feels more relax than ever, thanks to this healthy tea.' thought Airin smiling, putting down the tea cup onto the dining table.

"Lunch will be ready in a moment, why don't you take a shower and change your clothes, Rin." says the woman eyeing on her daughter as she holds a spatula, waiting for the chickens to fry in a perfect softness.

Hearing about that, Airin finally remembers that she only got home from school and has not yet change from her dirty uniform even though she only went to school for a few hours only to get her results slip.

"Alright mom, don't let big brother eat my Butter Chicken, okay?" says Airin playfully as she walks out from the kitchen and gets up onto the wooden staircase to her room with red curtains covering her room's door.

Opening the door to her room, she walks inside and locks the door from behind as she begins to take off her school uniform and wraps herself with a white towel. Grabbing all the dirty clothes on the bed side, she opens the door once more and walks out, closing the door behind.

Walking through the hallway, she then turns to her left side and unlocks the bathroom lock as she opens it and walks in.

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Locking the door from behind, Airin takes off her towel and turns the shower knob as the cold water splashes down like raindrops.

Chapter 6: Who's At The Door?

After a few minutes of showering the cold water, Airin goes out from the bathroom and walks to her room, passing some other rooms as she goes by. Looking around, she spots a room with an open door.

'Huhâ 'I never knew this room was opened before. It must have been the wind that opened the door.' thought Airin as she walks closer to the door and peek inside. "Hmmâ 'Nothing interesting, I'll just let the door open." says Airin shrugging as she goes into the room and open the windows to let the cool breeze in.

'Mmmâ 'Much better~' thought her again and walks out from the room, walking back to her own room just a few walks from there. Opening the door as the creeks open, she goes inside and locks it.

She then walks to her wardrobe and picks up a black T-shirt and a pair of black shorts, slipping it onto her cold and smooth skin. Taking a comb on her dressing table not far away from her standings, she combs her damp black hair. Wanting to make it look neat, while waiting for it to dry it out by itself.

Looking at the mirror from afar, she blinks for a moment and touches her soft cheek with her thin fingers. Rubbing it gently, not wanting to hurt her sensitive skin.

"I lookâ 'The usual as ever be." she murmurs to herself as she turns her head and looks at her laptop on her study desk. Looking at it, she desires to online onto her favorite website, DevianART even more than ever she could have imagine.

'God, I really need to online! Hell, I can't take it anymore, must online that website now!' she thought quickly as she walks to her desk and opens her laptop, logging in as she types in the laptop's password.

"Alright, I'm inâ !" she says to herself as she scrolls her 'mouse' and clicks on the Internet Explorer icon. Typing down the word DevianART in the search box, she then presses the Enter button and waits for the window to load the screen.

Glancing at her cell phone for a moment to pass the time, she then looks back at her laptop screen and clicks on the website that she wishes to enters.

Waiting again for the load, she lightly sighs and stares at the close curtain window. "What a sunny and hot day for today, I must say!" she murmurs and lay back onto her soft bed, closing her eyes to clear her mind.

"I feel like I want to sleep~" she murmurs again as she yawns lazily, starting to feel that she is drifting away into a deep sleep.

Back to kitchen, both men in their 26s and 30s are talking to each other as they laugh fills the room. Meanwhile, a man with a blackish white hair with spectacles in his 50s is doing puzzles in the newspaper as he taps the pen onto the paper to figure out the answer.

"Hmmâ 'Other word that describe fast isâ 'Swiftâ !" says the old man as he writes the answer down in the correct box.

"Michael, do you want some coffee?" says an old woman in her 50s as she walks to the dining table and pours in a hot cup of coffee to her beloved husband.

"Sure, darling~" purrs Michael as he grins while still concentrating on the puzzle words.

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"Here you go my dear~" says the woman kindly, putting the cup gently onto the table in front of her husband.

"Mom, you love me right? Can I get a cup of coffee please~" says the young man giggling as his older brother joins in with a laugh.

The woman laughs along as she walks to the cabinet and takes out another cup and goes to the sink to wash it clean. She then walks back to the table and again pours in a hot coffee into the now clean glass cup, giving it to her son with her happy face.

"Thanks, mom!" replies the young man as he sips down the hot coffee slowly into his mouth. "Ahhh~" he says again as he puts down the cup and peels a banana, eating it.

Suddenly hearing someone knockings on the front door, all of them stop for a moment and glance from the kitchen's door.

"I wonder who it is." Says the old woman as she wipes her hands clean with a clean cloth and walks out from the kitchen to the front door, unlocking it and opens it.

"Ah! It's you!" says the woman out loud as she gives a big smile.

Chapter 7: A visitor And An Old Friend

"It has been for so long old friend!" shouts the woman happily as she hugs her friend.

"Ahahaha, yes it has been a long time Angela! I really miss you! And now, I finally can visit you from afar!" replies the woman that she hug.

"Oh Lydia, you know how to make me laugh all the time!" says Angela laughing as she invites both Lydia and her husband in. "Please, make yourself at home!" says Angela again, closing the door behind them as they all walk in.

"Michael, Harry and Lydia are here!" shouts Angela as she helps Lydia carry her heavy suitcase. "No no! It's heavy, let me carry it!" says Lydia as she lifts it up, holding the suitcase handle.

"What! Oh no! Let me help you out. You are my guests after all!" argue Angela as she tries to help Lydia out again.

"Don't trouble yourself. I can carry it myself!" replies Lydia, carrying the suitcase next to the staircase. "There, you see? I can do it." says Lydia again as she laughs and waves her hand for no worry.

"You always have your own way to settle things, Lydia. What would I do without you around." says Angela giggling, walking up to Lydia and pats her back gently.

"Oh you, stop flattering me. I think you're going to be lonely without me here, making jokes with you every time we meet like always." replies Lydia laughing at her friend as they both walk into the kitchen and sits down on the dining chair, talking more about their own stories and jokes to each other like there was no tomorrow.

Zurl and Zack greet both Lydia and her husband, Harry with a hand shake and a smile on their lips. "Uncle, where is Evelyn? Did she come along with you both?" ask Zack politely.

"I think she is on the phone, talking to her friend outside." replies Harry as he puts down his suitcase next to Lydia's.

"Thanks uncle." thank Zack as he quickly walk to the front door and goes outside trying to find Evelyn.

Looking all around, Zack sees a woman with a long black hair talking on a phone as she sits down on a wooden chair, looking up at the blue sky seeing flock of birds flying to a tree near the house.

Zack walk towards her, wanting to greet and invite her inside into the house. Waiting for a few moments for her to end the call, Evelyn finally says good bye to the person in the phone as she takes away the phone near her ear and pushes the red button on her phone to end the call.

Looking up, Evelyn then sees Zack staring at her for a quite a while. "Yes, how may I help you?" she says giggling as she puts away her cell phone back into her purse.

"Wellâ !" Zack purrs for a moment and stares right down at her like a cat observing a mouse. "Do you want to come inside or just stay here?" ask Zack raising his eyebrow as a grin escapes from his lips.

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"I was going to go inside after I took the callâ So, my answer isâ Yes, of course~!" replies Evelyn smiling as she grabs her purse and stands up, walking to the welcoming open door for her to get inside.

After both of them gets inside, Zack closes the door once again and locks it shut as he turns the lock.

Evelyn sees her mother, Lydia. Sitting and talking to her future mother-in-law, Angela as they both joke with each other in the kitchen. Seeing it, Evelyn walks in and greets Angela with a warm smile and a polite hand shake.

"How are you aunty? It has been so long I didn't see you. Mom always missed you back home, you know." says Evelyn as she gives Angela another big smile and laughs it out.

"I'm fine, thank you for asking Evelyn. Of course she misses me, I mean I am like her best friend? Isn't that right best friend?" replies Angela giggling and laughing as she answers her future daughter-in-law's question.

"Oh, that's good to hear! Well, I'm just going to leave you two talking to each other. Please, continue~" says Evelyn again as she pats her mother's back gently.

Walking out from the kitchen, Evelyn takes a deep breath and huffs it out slowly and repeats it again for the last time. She then holds onto the suitcase handle and lifts it up the stairs trying to carry it up to the guest bedrooms.

Looking up from the top floor, Zack quickly takes the suitcase from Evelyn's grip and carries it up quickly to the room. Making Evelyn blink for a few times, staring up at the top floor.

"Uhâ Thank you?" she murmurs under her breath, still trying to process what was happening seconds or minutes ago.

Zack settles the suitcase gently onto the wooden floor next wardrobe as he walks out from the room and walks downstairs to get another suitcase to carry.

"Well, well. Aren't you a strong man, Zack?" jokes Evelyn slightly as she giggle a bit from her own joke.

"Wellâ !" replies Zack as he purposely shows his bicep muscles and grins at Evelyn. "I do am strong after all~" says Zack again finishing his words as he carries the suitcase up to the same room and settle it next to the other suitcase.

Evelyn only shakes her head grinning, trying to hold off her laughter as she walks back downstairs and enters the kitchen. Sitting down next to her mother as Angela offers her some biscuits to eat.

"Thanks aunty" she thanks her as she grabs a bite on one of the delicious chocolate chips biscuit.

"Mmmâ This is absolutely delicious aunty! You really are a good baker!" praise Evelyn as she takes another bite on the biscuit.

"If you like it, I could give you the recipe for the biscuit if you want too." replies Angela kindly as she sips on her cup of coffee and gently puts on the cup again onto the small plate.

"Yes, that would be nice! Maybe I'll try to bake it next time when we all get back!" says Evelyn smiling and fetches another biscuit from the same plate that fills with the delicious biscuits.

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"Of course dear." replies Angela giggling as she sips another to satisfy her thirst.

Settling down the newspaper from his grip, Michael takes off his reading glasses and sips some coffee, trying to enjoy it even though it is already cold.

"Hey mom, have you seen Rin anywhere?" ask Zurl as he walks in into the kitchen, scratching his head as he pose at the kitchen's door.

"Well honey, I think your sister is in her room. Probably playing with her laptop maybe?" replies Angela as she looks at her son.

"I hope she is not sleepingâ!Again!" grunts Zurl as he walks out from the kitchen and climbs up the stairs, walking to his sister's room as he creeks open the wooden door.

"Ohh Riiinnn~" Zurl calls out as he walks into Airin's dark room. "Where are you my little sister~?" he calls out again as he walks to the light switch and flicks it on.

Looking at the bed, he then sees a figure laying there hugging a stuff puppy dog, sleeping soundly like an innocent child.

'It seems that she is sleeping again. She looks like an innocent child when she is sleeping. Well, I'll just check her laptop for a moment then~' thought Zurl as he walks up to Airin's study desk and sits down on the black leather chair.

Stretching out his fingers and hands, he opens the laptop and wakes it up from 'sleep mode'.

Typing password in the password box, he then pushes the enter button and waits for the screen to load.

Only waiting for a few minutes, the screen pops up that looks like a Microsoft Office Word 2007 website.

'Huh? She's been writing again? Hmmm, this title seems interesting to read.' he thought more as he left click on the left bottom screen and changes the pages from twenty three to number one.

"I hope this is worth readingâ!" he murmurs as he begins to read the first chapter of the story.

Chapter 8: Amazing Facts

Zurl spend hours reading the story, making him more tired than before. He looks up at the wall and sees a big red clock, ticking.

'Whatâ.It's 5:30 in the evening and I feel tired? Maybe my body needs more food.' he thought as he stands up and walks out from the room, towards to the kitchen.

'There must be some food here!' he thought screams as he sees a basket full of fruits.

'âFruits...I don't care anymore!' he thought again as he takes a red juicy good looking apple and crunches it up with his teeth.

"Mmmâ 'Tasty" he murmurs as some of the juice slides from his lips to his chin.

Hearing someone walking from behind, Zurl turns around as he still comps on the apple.

"Hello auntie. What are you looking for?" he utter with an apple in his mouth, crunching the apple out as he holds it firmly in his tight grip.

"Oh hello there Zu, have you seen your mother?" ask Lydia sweetly as she looks around.

"Ohâ 'Ummâ 'Maybe she's outside with my dad?" replies Zurl blinking at her with his innocent looking face.

"I seeâ 'Well then my dear boy, thank you!" thank Lydia as she walks away, walking towards to the front door.

She opens the door and walks outside as she closes the door from behind. 'Ahh, what a sunny day~' she thought as she walks towards to the wooden chair and sits on it as it creaks from the weight.

"Oh hello Lydia, care to join in eating this delicious fruit that I bought?" ask Angela nicely as she peels the fruit's skin and eats the delicious insides.

"Of course, that looks delicious!" she replies happily as she takes the fruit and peels the skin off.

"This is really delicious, Angela! Where did you bought it?" she asks as she takes another fruit and peels the skin off again.

"Oh, hmmâ 'If I wasn't mistaken, I bought it at the mini market that I usually go to." replies Angela, looking at her husband.

"Oh, so that's why this fruit is very delicious! It taste so fresh and juicy." says Lydia, smiling to her friend as she takes another fruit and eats it.

"Hmmmâ 'What a nice weather we're having. So warm and sunny all day." says Michael as he takes a sip a cup of coffee.

"Hmmâ 'What time is it?" ask Angela as she takes a fruit and peels its skin's off, eating the insides.

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"Wellâ. It's only 5:55 in the evening." replies Michael as he glances at his watch on his wrist, then back to his coffee.

'Hmmmâ. It is still early.' Angela thought as she sips her tea from her cup.

Both Angela and Lydia chat and laugh as they talk about their lives and experience in previous years.

Hearing it, Michael joins in the conversation as they all laugh with joy hearing jokes from him.

As time flies by, the sun begins to set as the clock ticks to 6:30 in the evening. Seeing the changes on the sky, both Angela and Lydia gets up from their seats and walks into the house. Leaving Michael outside, as he watch the sky changes its color to yellowish orange.

"What a nice sceneâ!" he whispers as he looks into his empty cup and simply sighs.

Inside, Angela and Lydia are preparing dinner for all the family members.

"What should we serve them today, Lydia?" ask Angela as she takes the cutting board and a sharp kitchen knife, settling it down onto the counter next to stove.

"Hmmmâ. How about curry?" answer Lydia nodding as she stares at Angela with her dark brown eyes.

"Yes, and fried fishes too?" ask Angela again smiling to her.

"Yes, yes. Of course! They would really love it, when they taste it." replies Lydia, laughing as she takes out two frozen fishes in freezer at the top of the refrigerator.

"Will this do, Angel?" ask Lydia, holding out the fishes as she puts it in the sink.

"Yes, that is the perfect size for the fishes, isn't it?" chuckles Angela as takes the frying pan that is hang on the wall and put it on the stove. Filling pan with cooking oil, as she turns the stove's knob and lit it up.

They both quickly prepare dinner as night begins to fall.

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Zurl rub both of his eyes from tiredness as he sips some of the coffee from the cup.

"God what a long story she is working on. Is she making a novel or something? But she herself told to us that she wrote a short storyâ. But this method seems to be likeâ! A novelâ! To be preciselyâ! Hmmmâ! Wellâ! I'll just continue on reading thisâ! This story seems kind of a bit horror and humor in mix. I sayâ! She does have a bit of my talent." murmurs Zurl under his breath, scrolling down trying to read the next paragraph.

The door knob twist, as the door creeks open. Walking into the room, Zack then closes the door back shut as he glances to 'his' bed and sees his sister is sleeping soundly, cuddling with her stuff puppy.

"Eh? I thought you went to the gym." says Zack as takes out his laptop from his bag pack and puts it on the end of the bed side. He then takes out the laptop charger and plugs it in into the extended sockets and plug it into his laptop.

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"Yeah, well. Today is my day off. Besides that, I am very fond reading this story." Zurl replies with a nod without glancing at his brother.

"Oh, sayâ Who wrote that story anyways?" Zack points out to the laptop as he walks closer to read the content.

"That sleeping beauty over there wrote this stuff." Zurl chuckles as he scrolls down again.

"Wowâ All of usâ We both wrote when we were youngâ And nowâ She is tooâ I? I never knew." Zack softly laugh and takes his laptop to his lap as he opens it, pushing the glowing white button on the top center of the laptop and typing in the correct passwords.

"Yeahâ I must say 'again'â She does have talentâ Only a bit slight of grammar mistakes on chapter one and two while the rest of the chapters is clean off without any errors." says Zurl as he nod again, focusing on reading the text.

"Hmmm....That is good to hearâ I" replies Zack nodding back as he browse the internet and logs in his Facebook page.

Rubbing his eyes again, Zurl yawn tiredly as he can barely stay awake any longer.

"Damn, I'm getting so tiredâ And I'm only in chapter 5! I mustâ Finish reading this stuffâ HUUU" Zurl breathes out as he rubs his face off and sighs.

"Wellâ Why don't you just sleep, and then continue on reading it when you're awake, hmm?" replies Zack as he does his work in his laptop.

"â Maybe you're rightâ I." says Zurl with his tired voice and puts the laptop on Sleep mode.

"Of course I'm rightâ I am always right." chuckle Zack as he continues to do his work.

"Where are you going to sleep? I mean like, she's going to sleep at *your* bed. Soâ Don't tell me you're going to sleep on the floor." laugh Zurl as he stands up from his seat and pushes the chair back in.

"No, I'll just share my bed with her. Besides, she's not that big even for her ageâ Uhâ How old is she againâ I" ask Zack as he looks up at Zurl straight to his face.

"â Well if I'm not wrong, I think she's turning sixteen this year soâ She's still fifteen and a half then until her birthday arrive." replies Zurl as his tired eyes blinks tiredly and his hand scratches his head lazily.

"Hmâ I never knew she could be that age by nowâ Anyways, I think you should go to bed. You look like something just hit you with a mallet and then toss you into the great river Neil." laughs Zack as he rubs away tears that fill on his eyes.

Zurl only grunts and walks away with a smirk on his face as he yawns tiredly stepping from the room, walking up to his own bedroom just across the hall.

"Night Zack!" he shouted as his bedroom door shuts close.

Zack only shakes his head and nods as he continues to do his work and then stop for a moment to stare at his little sister. He chuckles and gently strokes his sister's head not wanting to wake her up from her sleep as he

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pokes her little nose with his finger.

"Hehehe, thisâ is going into my picture album." he says softly as he takes out his cell phone from his pocket and snaps the picture by pressing the center button on the screen, that look like a camera.

He then saves it in his cell phone and browser the internet for a moment to check something new.

"Let see....Hmmmâ Nothing new todayâ Oh well, I might as well sleepâ !" he murmurs under his breath as he closes his laptop and puts it in the pigeon hole.

Chapter 9: The Bizarre News

As the clock ticks to 7:00 pm, both Lydia and Angela finally finishes their cooking as they serve it on the dining table after cleaning the table up.

Lydia washes her hands with cold and running water from the pipe as she turns the pipe knob to the left.

"Angela, I'll help you with plates while you can go and fetch them up for dinner." says Lydia kindly wiping her hands clean and dries it with a clean cloth hanging at the side of the refrigerator.

"Oh, okay then. I'll go and fetch them up nowâ Have you seen my kids? I didn't see them anywhere." says Angela as she dries the wet plate with a clean cloth and settles it down with the rest of the plates in the red square basket.

"Hmmmâ I think, all of them are in their own room. Maybe you should check there first." suggest Lydia as she begins to settle the plates all around the table neatly according to the seats.

"Yeah, I'll do that. Thanks again for helping me out with the cooking." replies Angela chuckling as she walks out from the kitchen and climbs up the stairs as few of the stairs creeks from below.

Reaching up to the second floor, Angela walks to the nearest door and knocks on it. Opening it with another creek, she walks half in and looks around the room.

Seeing two figures on the bed, she walks up a little more closer trying to see their faces.

"Hey, wake up you two. It's time for dinner, hurry downstairs if you don't want your food to be eaten now." says Angela with her gentle and soft voice.

Zack only nods with his eyes still close as he sits up from his sleep position. Rubbing his eyes and blinking a few times. He then gets up from the bed lazily as he tries to wake up Airin from her sleep by calling her name and shaking her up.

Seeing that, Angela walks out from the room and goes into another one.

Knocking on the door first, she then opens it as the door creeks.

"Zu, it's time for dinner. Go and head downstairs." says Angela gently with her soft voice.

The man only makes an 'mmm' sound, as he lazily sits up and looks down at the mattress for a moment.

Angela only nods and walks out from the room as she closes the door from behind.

She then climb downstairs as the stairs creeks after it was step.

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"Airin, hey wake up sleepy head. It's time for dinner, come on. Get up lazy bone!" says Zack as he begins to tickle Airin's ticklish spots to wake her up from her heavy sleep.

"No!" plead Airin as she giggles and laugh nonstop.

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"Well now princess, come on. It's time for dinner~!" Zack repeats himself again as he helps Airin gets up and gently brushes her long messy hair with his hand.

"Fineâ" whines Airin admitting her defeat as she stands up from the bed and walk through to the wardrobe.

Seeing where she is going, Zack quickly turn her shoulders to the left to avoid making her bump onto the hard wood wardrobe. 'Seriously, this kid.' he thought as he helps her up with the walking.

Both of them hurry downstairs as Airin's stomach growls more loudly than ever.

Stepping into the kitchen, she sees the dining table is almost with people and food itself.

'Wow, what a big family I have hereâ 'Yey! I always wanted a big family, now I have them!' thought Airin smiling as her uncle, Harry invites her to seat down with an open hand.

Airin smiles and nod as an answer. She then pulls the chair next to her father and sits down on it as it creeks.

Seeing Airin have chosen her place to seat, Zack takes the empty seat next to his future father-in-law and sits next to him.

"Ah, is everyone here?" laughs Harry trying to make a joke and conversation.

"Hmmâ 'Hey, where's Zu?" ask Michael as he sips some of the red color liquid.

"Yeah, I'm here!" replies Zurl as he waves his hands side to side while putting a big grin on his face.

"Ha! There, the boy is already here! Let's start eating!" shouts Lydia happily as she sips on her cold drink.

All of them laugh with joy and happiness as they feast together happily.

After finishing the meal, Zack and Zurl steps out from the kitchen and turns on the big black screen television that is stuck to the wall.

Airin quickly drinks down her drink and refills it as she takes it with her to the room where her brothers at.

As she walks in, she could hear her favorite cartoon theme song.

"Are you ready kids?"

AYE AYE CAPTAIN!

I can't hear you~

AYE AYE CAPTAIN!

Ohhâ !

Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?"

"Good evening, I'm Rose Henry bringing you the latest news from the NCW. Today, happening in New England was a devastating for the pupils who lived there.

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She screams and jumps out to the room.

"SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS!" scream Airin with happiness as she runs to the nearest couch and quickly sits on it.

Her eyes grow bigger, her smile grow wider as she sees her favorite idol jumping up and down on the TV screen.

Zurl laughs as he hears Airin screaming while not bothering to see it for himself.

Zack only smiles and pats her head gently as they both continue to watch the channel.

As the shows start, it shows the title.

"Shanghaied"

"WOHOO NEW EPISODE!" screams both Zurl and Airin happily making Zack blink and smiles.

The three of them watch the episode as they laugh when something nonsense happen to both SpongeBob and Patrick.

"AWOOO!" shouts the Dutchman as he holds up his ghostly sword.

"TAAAAAA!" replies SpongeBob as his eyes grow bigger.

"Lilililiiii!" shouts Patrick as he stirs up the ship.

Airin makes the same sound as SpongeBob meanwhile her brother replies to her what had Patrick said in the TV.

Zack laughs with the others as they both continue to watch the show.

Walking in, Michael takes the normal seat where he always sits. He takes out his cigarette and lights it up with a lighter as he settles it down on the small coffee table that is right against the wall beside him.

He takes a long drag and puffs out the smoke smoothly looking at the TV, he then smiles and continues to smoke.

Eating her favorite snacks, Airin lick the content clean and then finally eats the delicious biscuits.

"Rin, can you give me some?" Ask Zack as he holds out his hand while looking at the TV screen.

"Mm" only replies Airin, as she takes out one piece of the Oreo cookie and puts it on her brother's palm.

"Mm, thanks." thank Zack as he begin to munch on the cookie with a crunch.

Airin only nod blankly as she takes out another cookie and eats it slowly, enjoying the delicious taste of the Vanilla flavor.

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As the clock struck at 7:30 pm, the show ends with the ending theme song as Airin face frowns.

"NO! My SpongeBob! It can't end now!" she grunts and whine.

"Alright, now it's my turn to watch. The TV remote please, my good man." replies Michael with a grin on his face.

Zack takes the TV remote after asking from Airin and hands it to his father as he takes it.

Michael smiles and keys in the channel number by pressing the button on the remote.

103, he presses it and in a blink of an eye the channel from Kids zone is change to the News channel.

'Urgh, I hate news.' thought Airin quietly as she just sits there and continue to watch.

In the TV screen, a woman with a medium black curly hair wearing a dark blue dress appears and reads the news as she focuses staring at the camera. It seems that a mysterious illness has affected the area bringing death to thousands of people. The illness is still unknown to but the scientists are making a move to find the cure for the horrible disease. It was said that-

The woman stops for a moment as she shifts her dark blue eyes to the corner of the screen. Nodding lightly for a second and turns back to her regular position as she opens her lips to talk once more.

"This just in folks, another terrible incident just reported in Downtown Brattleboro, Vermont. To what it seems, an explosion was caught while our crew members were passing by."

A video then pops out of the blue in the TV as it shows the destruction that just made.

The car is now black as it is now upside down from the explosion as the fire burns away the car to it destructive form.

"Wow! This news is getting stranger by the minute I hear it. What do you think, Rin?" says Zurl as he crunches on the Oreo cookie.

"Hmm! Well! I think! It is just a normal usual thing to see in today's life." replies Airin plainly as she scratches her head and sighs softly under her breath.

"Yeah, she's got a point about that." says Zack nodding as he cracks his fingers.

"Hehehe, of course I am right. There is nothing unusual ever happen to this world and we all know that fact." replies Airin again as she giggles and takes a bite on the last cookie in the pack.

"NO! My Oreo is gone!" she whines and pouts as she stands up from her seat and walks to the dust bin as she throw the empty pack away.

Walking back to her seat, she sits on the couch as she holds onto Zurl's muscular arm.

Zurl only blink and turn his head back to the TV screen, trying to hear the latest news.

"Now reporting live from New England, Jane?"

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Waiting, the images then change as another woman appears to be wearing a pink shirt and a pair of black jeans while holding a microphone on her right hand.

"Hello, I'm Jane Rand reporting live in New England. As you can see, a sudden explosion had happened minutes ago as we drove by. The residents were surprise from the unexpected incident. Some of them got minor injuries during the explosion. I think the ambulance is on its way now folks, so don't worry."

The reporter then gives a sincere smile to the camera.

The sound of the ambulance siren then surrounds the street as the paramedics come out from the vehicle and quickly treat the injured. Then, the firefighter truck arrives as the fire fighters come out from their vehicle and start to extinguish the fire before it get worse than ever.

Michael only stares at the TV screen with mouth apart as he set down the cigarette down into the ash tray.

"Dad is New England far from here?" ask Airin as she turns around looking at Michael, who is sitting on the couch only blinking at the TV.

"Huh? Oh, umâ Yes it is very far. Unless you use airplanes, but still it took 7 or 12 hours to get here though." replies Michael nodding as he look at his daughter smiling.

"Really dad?" ask Airin again blinking.

"Yes, didn't you learn Geography at school? You should have known that, you know." says Michael raising his eyebrow straight to his daughter again.

"Ehâ Eheheh, yes of course I've learn it~!" replies Airin giggling and turns back to the TV screen.

Airin yawns lazily as she looks up at the clock, that shows 9:00 pm sharp as the second hand ticks away. She sighs softly under her breath as she stands up from her seat and climb upstairs, walking to her bedroom as she opens the creaking door and closes it behind.

She then jumps to the bed as she pat her pillow and tucks herself in, closing her sleepy eyes finally that somehow satisfy her needs for the night.

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"Hey, where Rin?" ask Zack looking around him for a moment.

"I think she went to bed, you know her. She now sleeps really early." replies Zurl usually as he lies back on the couch, resting his head on a big soft pillow while trying to watch the TV.

"Never see that comingâ !" says Zack raising his eyebrow as he checks on his cell phone.

Michael then changes the channel as he presses the buttons on the remote.

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"Ha! Look, they're going to show a good and funny movie! Heh, to bad Rin will going to miss this movie." laughs Zurl as he waits for the movie to start.

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"I wouldn't be sure of that, Zu." says Zack raising his eyebrow as he point up to the stairs smirking.

Hearing a creaking noise from upstairs, they both know that someone or something is opening a door.

Running down the stairs, Airin then again sit back on her spot as she hugs her favorite toy while her hair is a bit of a mess up.

"Didn't I tell you?" says Zack laughing as he pat Airin's head gently and let her head lay rest on his lap.

Airin snuggles her head on her brother's lap as she lazily blinks, trying to watch the movie.

"Hnnnâ !Wâ !What kind of movieâ !Are we watchingâ !?" she murmurs quietly under her breath as Zack looks down to her.

"Bruce Almighty, it's a funny movie." Zack replies with a chuckle as he gently puts his hand onto Airin's head.

"Ohâ !That's my favorite movie of them all!" says Airin again as she wakes up from her position that make Zack almost startle from her sudden action.

Zack rest his hand on his lap as he chuckles seeing Airin smiling to him.

"Look, the movie is about to start~!" yells Airin as she giggles and sit straight, lying against her brother's shoulder as her brother shakes his head and smiles.

Harry, Lydia and Angela walk in from the kitchen as they sit on the available seats on the comfortable couch.

"Oh wow, you change your TV to a bigger set than before. Nice, how much did you bought it?" ask Harry as he looks at Michael with his glasses on.

"Well, actually I didn't buy this. My son, Zurl did. Say, how much does it cost again Zu?" says Michael looking to his son as Zurl turns his head over to his father.

"I thinkâ !About ten thousand like that?" replies Zurl laughing as he turns his head back to the TV screen.

"Hoâ !That's a bit expensive." says Harry nodding as he sips his drink from his mug while holding it.

Michael only smiles and continues to watch the movie as it starts.

Chapter 10: Unexpected recorded video

As the movie reaches the end, Zack and Zurl laugh as the man in the movie makes the final funny move and joke.

"Ahahaha! This movie is bloody hell funny!" says Zurl as he wipes his tear off from his eyes.

"Heh, I knew you would laugh like hell when you watch this movie! I expected it from the beginning for the show after all~!" replies Zack grinning like a Cheshire Cat.

Hearing snoring from his lap, Zack looks down as he sees Airin sleeping cozily on his lap, snuggling like a little kitten.

Zack only smiles and chuckles softly as he pats Airin's head gently.

'What a cute little kitten I have here.' he thought, as Zurl stares at his sister with his funny looking face.

Looking up, Zack stare at Zurl as he lifts up his eyebrow wondering.

"Whatâ!What is it you find funny?" ask Zack as he smiles to his brother.

"Whaâ!Oh, nothing, just seeing Airin sleeping like that reminds me of our childhood with her. Seriously, back then she look so cute and innocent~!" replies Zurl laughing.

"Yeah, I miss the old daysâ!But, not when she's a cry baby. God that almost killed me back then!" whines Zack as he chuckles more and brushes Airin's long black hair gently.

Zurl yawns like a lazy lion as he blink lazily and waves good bye to his brother as he climbs up the stairs to his room.

Zack waves back as he gently lifts Airin up from the couch and carries her in bridal style up to their share bedroom.

'She's heavy than she looks, god this is torturing!' thought Zack whining in his mind.

While sleeping, Airin only smiles innocently in her sleep as she can hear someone mumbling about something that she doesn't care for it anymore.

After a few climbs of the wooden stairs, both of them finally reach to their room.

"I never knew stairs would kill me!" he utter under his tiring breath as he looks down at Airin and frowns a little from tiredness.

Zack then carries Airin like a child as her head lies on his broad shoulder. He opens the door as the door creaks open and quickly he walks in, closing the door from behind with his foot.

He walks up to the bed as he gently puts down Airin on the soft and comfortable mattress. Hearing Airin making 'mmm' sound as she rolls to the other side of the bed, snuggling like a little kitten on her stuff puppy.

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Zack only shakes his head and smiles as he sits on the side of the bed and takes out his cell phone from his pocket, putting it on the table beside him.

He lightly sighs and lies down on the bed as he stares up at the ceiling, thinking about some things that are bothering him.

He then turns to look at Airin, seeing his sister is cuddling on her stuff puppy as she shivers slightly from the A/C's cool breeze.

Quickly, Zack gets up and grabs the colorful blanket from beneath Airin's feet and tucks her in. Hearing Airin humming with her tiny and gently childish voice, Zack once again pats her head.

Watching Airin sleeping cozily, Zack begins to feel a little bit dozy as he gently lies down his head on the soft pillow, shutting his tiredly black eyes to rest.

Soon, he begins to drift into a peaceful sleep as he hears rain pouring down heavily with thunder rumbling from above.

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RING! RING! RING!

Airin grunts and rolls to the other side as she covers her face with a pillow.

RING! RING! RING!

She lazily opens her eyes and reaches down to her pillow, taking out her cell phone as it rings continuously. Airin mumbles and turns off the alarm as she tosses her cell phone beside her, landing softly on a pillow.

While looking around, she scratches her head as she can hear someone typing.

Blinking lazily, she then quickly gets up from the bed as she stumbles a little while landing her feet onto the wooden floor.

She walks straight up to the door and opens it as it creaks open, walking out leaving the door open without a bother.

Walking and stops at the end of the left corner, she opens up the bathroom door while switching on the lights with her other hand.

Slowly walking into the bathroom, she closes and locks the door from behind not wanting unexpected people to barge in while doing some private business.

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"Aha! The fried rice is almost ready, Lydia." says Angela smiling as she sniffs the frying rice that she's cooking.

"Oh, that smells lovely and very delicious! I wonder who would run first to get this." laughs Lydia as she take some plates and put it on the dining table.

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"I think Zurl will run for this first." replies Angela giggling as she scoops the rice with a spatula and puts it in a big round glass bowl.

She then places the bowl in the middle of the dining table as she walks toward to sink and washes her hands to clean it off.

"There, all is set for them! The only thing they need to do is 'bon appÃ©tit!'" laughs Lydia again as she washes her hands.

"Since when did you know France language~?" ask Angela as she laughs along with Lydia.

"Oh, I watched the TV" replies Lydia while drying off her hands with a clean towel.

"Yikes, look at the time! I need to take a quick shower. I'll see you later, Lydia!" says Angela as she quickly taps on Lydia's shoulder and walks off to the upstairs bathroom.

"Alright then, don't be late for what you worked for~!" replies Lydia as she smiles and takes a seat on the dining chair.

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Stepping out from the bathroom while wearing a pink color bath robe, Airin wraps her blue towel around her neck like a scarf as she walks down the hall way, towards to her bedroom.

Walking into the room, she quickly searches for her clothes to wear in the wardrobe as she grabs a black T-Shirt and a pair of short jeans that's knee reaches her knee length.

She then quickly gets out from the room and rushes to her parents room and changes into her clothes that she have it with.

Airin then walks back into her room and combs her wet hair as some of the water drips onto the wooden floor making a small puddle underneath her wet hair.

She looks at her brother, seeing he only focuses on his so call work as he types in something into the laptop.

Zack look up and stare at Airin making her only stand still like a statue.

"Hmm, what is it, Rin?" he says with his soft and gentle voice as he glances at the clock at his laptop screen saver, showing it is almost nine o'clock.

"Are you hungry? I can sniff something delicious coming from the kitchen. Mmm." says Zack again without letting Airin giving out any replies from his first question.

"I...Umâ!Yeah sure!" replies Airin, smiling like an innocent child as she still stands there waiting for Zack to come along with her to the kitchen.

"Alright, I'm hungry too. Let's go!" says Zack as he closes his laptop and puts it down on the mattress as he gets up and walk towards to the door with Airin on the front.

"Yey~!" only replies Airin as she quickly walks out from the room and went downstairs as the old stairs creaks.

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Both of them then walk into the kitchen as they take their own seat next to each other while Zack pour some hot coffee for himself.

Airin stare at the food on the table with a delightful smile on her face, she then grabs a red and clean plastic cup from its place and pours in some hot coffee as she sniffs the good coffee scent.

"Mmm, this coffee smells great." says Airin as she takes a sip on the hot coffee.

"Haaâ !Just like I expected from the coffee brand." she says again as she gives a smile to herself.

"Eh aunty, please enjoy the breakfast with us." says Airin giggling as takes a piece of fried potato and munches it all up even though it is still very hot.

"Oh you, can you see I'm already enjoying it all." laughs Lydia as she sips some of her coffee from the glass cup that have a cartoon design on it.

Zack only smiles as he takes a plate from the other plates and put in some fried potatoes and fried chickens in it as the delicious scent surrounds his nose.

"Mmm, this smells goodâ !" says Zack smiling as he takes a big bite on the fried chicken then on some fried potatoes.

"This is the best breakfast I ever had~!" says Airin as she takes another fried potato and eats it from its container case.

"Well then darling, you'll be enjoying this delicious breakfast every morning now while I'm still here." replies Lydia as she gives a wink to Airin, seeing her smiling like an angel.

"Yey, this is going to be great!" shouts Airin still smiling as she drinks some of the hot coffee to boast up her energy.

"You know, Rin. You look like you've put yourself into a little bit ofâ !Weight." says Zack as he sips on his coffee, grinning.

"â !Iâ !.Are you saying I am fat!? I am not fat! This is just extra lump for keeping me warm at night!" replies Airin, glaring at her brother as she takes a big bite on the fried chicken.

Zack just chuckles when he hears it as he gets up from his seat.

"Where are you going?" ask Airin as she quickly finishes her breakfast.

"Nowhere but the TV." replies Zack as he walks out from the kitchen.

Airin only blink and shrug as she pours more coffee into the cup. She sips in some and stares at her aunty.

She only stays quiet as she waits for mother to come down.

"Airin, hey Airin come here!" shouts a voice from the living room.

Airin gets up quickly from her seat and dashes to the living room, "Yes?" ask Airin as she blinks innocently.

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"Look at this video I'd found in YouTube." replies Zack as he looks down onto his laptop.

Airin walk to her brother and sits beside him as she watches the video silently after Zack click the play button on the video.

The video then starts to play as the load in the loading bar finishes. The image of a gruesome kills are shown in the video as a voice says something in the background.

"The police had reported about an insane man biting another man as it tore the victim's clothes off from his arm. He is now currently been sent to the hospital to be treated in the Intensive care units. With me now is an eye witness who had saw this horrible incident happened. Carey, please tell us what had happened before the police arrived."

"Um, yeah. While I was walking home with my dog from a run, I heard someone screaming that was coming from a dark alley just across the block. My dog acted strange that it dragged me to the sound where it was coming from. And that is when I saw it happened. The man is like crazy, his shirt was torn like an old cloth and his pants were dirty with dirt I think. My dog attacked him after I let the leash go and quickly called 911 for the police."

"I see. What happened to the man that was got bitten?"

"Um. He was bleeding very badly, I tried to stop the bleeding with my handkerchief while waiting for the police to come and rescue him."

"How about the man who bit him, did he ran away?"

"No. He then tried to bite my dog! So I kicked him away. But still he tried to attack me too but thank god, the police had arrived to save me."

"I see, well then Mrs. Carey I hope you still have some strength in you. Wanting to know more about the information please visit www.NCW/info.com.my and I'll be seeing you again, this is Nancy Taylor reporting live for NCW."

The images changes to a white room that have a very long corridors.

"Hospital?" says Airin in wonder as she blinks a few times.

"Yeah, I think so." replies her brother as he stares at the video.

The image then somehow moves and walks to a room number 375. The door creak opens as some of the nurses' rushes to the patient bed and injects them with a sedative drug from making them acting more violently.

"Doctor, the patient looks like it is in pain from some infection!" says one of the nurses'.

"Strap him, Sarah did you get the blood sample that I ask for earlier?" ask the doctor, trying to control his panic.

"Yes. Here it is. The blood is somehow contaminated with a bacteria or a virus." replies Sarah as she looks at the patient that is now calm.

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"What do you mean by contaminated by a bacteria or a virus?" ask the doctor again as he checks through the documents on his hands.

"No, this is not possible. How could this have happened? There must be something wrong with his blood." replies to doctor to his own question as he looks at the patient with his pitiful eyes.

"Doctorâ!" says Sarah as she looks at the doctor worriedly.

"Did you exam everything? Body temperature, urine-"says the doctor as he looks at the nurse who is beside him.

"I was not supposed to do that but yes I did. His urine contains a little of blood as for his body temperature it had increase so that consider that he is now in a high fever."

"I seeâ!"

The doctor walks toward to the patient as he checks on the patients eyes, taking out his pocket flashlight and flashes the light to the eye lens.

"No reactions from the pupils. How strange, and the color on the eye lens begin to change its color." utter the doctor under his shallow breath.

The doctor arch back from the patient as he looks through to the documents once again. His face expression changes and he walks out from the room leaving the nurses' behind to do their jobs.

"Doctor?" ask Sarah as she stares at the now closing door.

Sarah look down to her feet and back up again at the camera.

"I think you should now go." says Sarah as she gently pushes the camera man away.

The video then end just like that as Airin stare at the now blank black screen.

"Wow, is this for like real?" ask Airin scratching her head gently.

"Yeah, it was submit just about 3 days ago from somewhere else." replies Zack casually as he closes the video down.

"And that is?" ask Airin again, now looking at her brother with her dark brown eyes.

"I thinkâ!Around the United states? Or somewhere else?" replies Zack again, only now in doubt.

"Okay. Hmmmâ!Can I go out just for a while to meet my friends?" ask Airin, giving Zack the goo-goo eyes.

He sighs and nods. "But, don't be late! Or mom will kill both of us. Understand?"

Airin only nod as she gives her brother a hug and a big grin on her face, she walks quickly to the front door and steps out from the house as Zack hears the door shuts close.

'She is walking alone with a friend. Still, I think I should follow herâ!Just in case for emergencies.' thought Zack as he quickly go upstairs and changes his clothes and stalks his sister from the window above.

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'Okay, 'friend' where are you?' thought Zack as he quickly gets out from the room and dashes downstairs towards to the front door and closing it behind slowly, not wanting to alarm Airin.

Chapter 11: Unknown friend

"Hey guys! Over here." shouts Airin as she waves both of her hands up high to the sky.

Airin quickly jog to them not wanting to waste time as she huff a little for air.

"Well, you look better than the usual. How'd you been?" ask Hannah smiling as she gives Airin a hug.

"It has been so long, I miss you very much! Don't leave us again please!" plead Airin, hugging on Hannah's arm not wanting to let go.

"Hmm, it is still school holiday. Soâ I won't~!" replies Hannah as she pats Airin on her head.

"Yey!" all the other three shout as they all laugh and continue to walk.

"So, where are we going?" ask Jeanne, looking besides her seeing Manda thinking on something.

"Wellâ How about the public park? It's just a few meters away from here." replies Airin as she points out the direction.

"Of course~" says Manda out as she throws her hands up to the sky and smiles at Airin.

"Well? What are we waiting for? Let's go!" shouts Hannah as she throws her fist to the sky and run.

"âWow, she's in a high spirit today." laughs Airin as she tries to catch up with Hannah from behind.
"Hannah, wait up!" waves Airin from behind.

Hannah stops for a moment and laugh, seeing Airin running for the first time.

"I never thought you were an athletic." says Hannah patting on Airin's shoulder.

"I had too, because of our Softball coach. Fuuuâ Okay, let's goâ Again~!" says Airin as she starts to jog.

"Okay, let's just walk. Our members are falling behind." says Hannah as she walks backwards and turns back to the front.

"Okayâ !" utter Airin under her shallow breath as she puts out a thumb up to her friends that have fallen behind.

"Jeez, Airin sure can run." says Jeanne as she walks slowly with Manda, looking aside her for any cars that wanting to pass them by.

"When it was the School's Sports Day, she won't participate in any competitions. Heh, she sure has a hidden talent." laughs Manda, checking on her cell phone for any messages.

"Yeah, but she did participate in a running marathon. We both lose but still Airin laugh because she still receives a medal for her effort." replies Jeanne again, nodding.

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"We're here~!" shouts Airin as she quickly walks through the park's entrance and stop at the centre of the track, waiting for her friends to catch up their breaths.

"God, my legs are bloody sore from the running!" mumbles Jeanne as she slowly walks to Airin.

"Don't you dare run again!" shouts Jeanne to Airin's ear, making Airin close both of her ears. Jeanne then shakes Airin's shoulder as hard as she could to relief herself out.

"Hey, don't do that to Airin, she's sensitive." says Hannah from behind.

"Wellâ Sorry, but I had too because she made me run!" replies Jeanne in her mocking tone.

"What? Could you repeat that again?" leaning closer to Jeanne's face, Hannah stare her like an owl.

"H-Hey guys, come on. Don't fight, we're friends right? Friends don't fightâ Or I think soâ But come on, this is a public place. Ring a bell?" says Airin as she taps gently on both Jeanne's and Hannah's shoulder from behind and give them her wide smile.

"â Fineâ !" utters Hannah under her breath as she pats Airin's hand and smile weakly at her.

"Good! Now, let's have a seat under that fine and beautiful tree over there~!" says Airin as she grabs Hannah's hand and drag her up to a small green grassy hill and lies down on top of it, giggling innocently.

"I think she's high." laughs Manda and joins Airin.

"I think we all are~!" shouts Hannah and join the others as Jeanne just stare at them with emptiness in her eyes.

"Hey guys, I think I need to go home. I forgot that I had to do something today. I'll see you later Airin." utter Jeanne almost like a whisper as she waves at Airin and runs off without waiting for the reply.

"Hey J-Jeanne wait!" shouts Airin as she quickly gets up into her sitting position, trying to see where Jeanne went from the high place.

"Hey Airin, it's fine. I think she needs some time alone with herself for a moment. You know girlsâ !" snorts Manda and pats Airin on her back gently, giving her a wink.

"â Are you trying to hit me? Because I can do better~" replies Airin, holding Manda's hand and blink like a doll. She then pinches Manda's cheeks and giggling.

"Hey!" laughs Manda as she rubs her cheeks.

After hours on chattering with each other, Airin stare up at the clear blue sky and starts to drift into her imagination.

"Hey, did you heard about the weird news?" ask Manda as she sits up and lay back behind the tree.

"About the weird disease thing?" replies Hannah as she turns her head to Manda, staring at her with her bright chocolate eyes.

"Yeah, how about you Airin, did you heard it too?" ask Manda again, looking at Airin's gazing face.

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Airin only stare up at the skies, grinning and giggles wondering nothing else than her own imaginary world.

Hannah quickly turns her look to Airin as she hears giggling. "Earth to Airin, are you there? Where's the controller behind the wheels?" jokes Hannah as she waves her hand side to side in front of Airin's face, waiting for the usual respond.

"Nine million nine hundred, huh what?" replies Airin, looking to her left and right as she looks down on Hannah, who is lying on the grassy ground.

"Seriouslyâ!? Anyway, Manda asked you a question just now." says Hannah, playing with her hair.

"And that is?" lifting her eyebrow, Airin stare at Manda's face.

"Have you heard about the weird news?" ask Manda again, giving a smile to Airin.

"Uhâ!Let see nowâ!Oh yes, I did heard it! It was about some kind of disease that had infected the population of the New England. Am I on the right train here?" replies Airin blinking, putting on her blur face on.

"Yes! That's the one!" laughs Hannah saying to Airin as she gives a smile.

"Ohâ!Okay? So?" ask Airin, lifting up her eyebrow with confusion on her face.

"Wellâ!What do you think about it? Is it real...Or fake?" says Manda, looking at both Airin and Hannah.

"Umâ!I think it is real?" replies Airin doubly.

"Noâ!I think it is fake." replies Hannah another as she shakes her head gently saying no.

"Why? Can you give me a reason?" ask Manda again as she stares at the grass beneath her.

"Well I thinkâ!Something is happening at there soâ!That's my answer~" replies Airin plainly as she shrugs her shoulders and stare up at the sky once again.

"Really now, I think it is fake because it is not realâ!So it is fakeâ!Who knows maybe that was a trick show or something?" replies Hannah her answer, looking at Airin as she grins like a winner.

Manda thought for a moment after hearing both of her friends' answers and just stare at the grass for a long time.

"Hello? Manda, are you there?" ask Airin waving her hand in front of Manda's face.

"Huh, ohâ!Um, what time is it already?" ask Manda blinking. Airin only shakes her head and shrug.

"Hannah, do you have a watch with you?" ask Airin, yawning lazily like a cat.

"Yeah I do, now it is 3:30. Still a bit early I think." says Hannah as she glance at her watch.

"God that is still early!" grumbles Airin as she scratches her head gently. Thinking on how they all can pass the time together, an idea pops out from Airin's mind as she grins like a Cheshire cat.

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"What is the bloody hell with that grin of yours?" laughs Manda as she points out to Airin's face.

"I've got an idea. How about you both go to my house to get some snacks or maybe we could play games together?" ask Airin, playing with her fingers waiting for the answer from her friends.

"Hmmâ I think that's a good idea. I mean if we just sit around here all day long, we are like wasting our time onâ !Nothing!" replies Manda in agreement. Hannah only nods as she stands up and dusts away the sticky grasses off her light brown jeans.

"That's the spirit~!" cheers Airin as she stands up and pats off the dirt on her black tight jeans.

"Um guys, I think I need a little help on the standingâ !" chuckles Manda, holding out both of her hands waiting to be grab.

Airin grip on both of Manda's hands as she full her with all her strength while Hannah just stand there and watch, waiting for something to happen next.

Airin wipe the sweat off from her forehead with her palm as she slides down the hill like a child, as for Hannah and Manda they walk down from the hill laughing.

When all of them reach down the hill, Airin gets up from the grassy ground pats off the dirt from her jeans as she stares up at both of her friends.

"Next time Airin, try rolling for instant." laughs Hannah as she pats on Manda's back.

"If I do that, then I'll roll like a ballâ !Wee~" replies Airin, giggling as she walks towards to the park's entrance.

"I'll bet she's going to do that someday." whisper Manda to Hannah as they both laugh and giggle like maniacs.

Chapter 12: Let the Game Begins!

Arriving home as Airin unlocks the front gate with her keys, she walks in as her friends follow close from behind.

Hannah looks around as she admires the beautiful little garden on their left side, seeing colorful orchids planted in small pots and hearing water splashing from the water fountain that is against the wall.

"Wow Airin, I never knew you have a lovely garden! I'm impress!" says Hannah in shock as Airin just giggles and nods for an answer.

"She's rich that's what I see!" says Manda, expressing her shocking face. Airin stops for a moment and laughs out as she waves out her hand to stop her from laughing more.

"Huh, what's wrong Airin?" ask Hannah, now eyeing on Airin with her bright brown eyes.

"Oh, the words that Manda just said. It just made me think on something and laugh." replies Airin, wiping away tears from her eyes.

"And that is?" ask Manda smiling and giggle.

"And that is, I am just an average person. I am not rich. To you yes, but to me this is just normal I think." replies Airin nodding to her own answer to conform it.

Airin starts to walk again as she unlocks the front wooden door with the same keys.

"Seriously, what a tight security." laugh Hannah, trying to make a joke as she pats on Airin shoulder gently.

Airin laughs as she opens the door, letting her friends goes inside first as she takes off her black sneakers and places it in the shoe cabinet.

She then walks in as she wipes her feet clean with the welcome rug and closes the door from behind, locking it by turning the lock anti-clockwise.

"Well! Welcome to my humble home." says Airin smiling as she hangs the keys onto a small hook with the others keys in the small key house.

"So! Lets go to my room, shall we?" ask Airin looking up as she climbs up the stairs hearing footsteps coming from behind, following her.

"Wow, what a big house you got here." praise Manda again giggling from behind as she looks at Airin's hair.

"Why, thank you Manda. But I assure you this is just an ordinary house." replies Airin sincerely, grinning.

"Hum! You're lying! Your house is like a mansion!" shout Manda again, laughing from behind.

"A mansion you say? Well, I think this is still just a normal double story house." replies Airin smiling as she looks back to her friends.

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Arriving at the second floor, Airin then walks to her room as she opens the door revealing her King sized bed and a little mess up room.

"You got to beâ kidding me!" shout Hannah in shock as she holds her cheek.

"What?" ask Airin plainly, looking at Hannah with her puzzled face.

"This roomâ is BIG!" continue Manda cutting out Hannah as she blinks a few times.

Airin only laughs and begins to clean the room for a little bit as she arrange her favorite reading books into the big dark color pigeon hole just beside her study desk.

"Please, have a sit." says Airin as she cleans her desk off.

Both Hannah and Manda laugh and sit on Airin's King sized bed as they look around the room that is fills with books and papers.

"Wow, you must love to readâ I mean just look at all the books you keep in here. It looks like a library!" says Manda, amaze as she stands up and look at the books up close.

"I collect these books, some of them I've already finish reading, some others are not." replies Airin giggling as she claps her hands off from the dust.

"Only horror genes, seriously?" ask Manda taking out one book that she chooses.

"Yes, I love horror genes more than ever. It keeps meâ comfortable." replies Airin slightly as she switches on her gaming console.

"Would anyone love to play Harry Potter and The Deadly Hallows with me?" ask Airin as she turns on the motion camera, waving her hand to active it.

"Awesome! Yes of course!" shout Hannah, quickly standing right next to Airin smiling.

"This is so going to a great battleâ You know how to use the wands right? Just wiggle your hand like you are holding one." explain Airin looking to her friends.

"Of course~" replies both Hannah and Manda as they are now ready for a battle of a life time.

"Alright then, let the gamingâ BEGINS!" laughs Airin as she starts the game after selecting the level from them to play.

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"Bloody hell, I just hate the dark creature thingy." puff Manda out from tiredness as she sits on Airin's bed.

"Huuâ Yeah, I hate when they show up. Why am I always the target!?" complain Airin, crouching down for a moment and stands up again trying to start the game again after the screen shows 'Game Over'.

"It is because you are the 'Choose one'. Likeâ Harry Potter hello?" waves Hannah up in the air as she ready herself for another round.

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"âThisâ is going to be crazyâ!" utter Airin under her breath as the screen changes and shows a forest image as three game characters are in place.

Manda quickly takes her place and ready herself up as she hears the characters in the game shout.

They all quickly readying their 'wands' as they wait for the battle to begin, watching as the sky grow darker in the TV screen.

Seeing the characters take out their wands from their pockets Airin quickly shout "NOW!" as both Hannah and Manda wiggle their hands to create the spell.

Battling until they reach the checkpoint, Airin quickly pause the game by putting her hand aside her for a few second until the screen shows the pause sign.

"No more, I'm so tired." babble Manda, giving up as she lands herself on the cold floor.

"âYeahâ I'll go and get your drinks." says Airin as she quickly walks out from her room and went in into the kitchen

She opens up the refrigerator and takes out a jug that fills with punch syrup, putting it on the dining table as she takes three clear glasses and place it on the table.

She then pours the same amount of punch into all the glasses and places the glasses onto a metal tray that she grabs from the cabinet.

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"God, I can barely feel my legs now." mumbles Manda as she collapses onto Airin's bed.

"I never knew you need to be fit to play this game." huff Hannah out as she crouches down and lands onto the cold floor, trying to catch her breath from the exhaustion jumping and running.

"Yeahâ I really could use a drinkâ Right nowâ Aiâ Where are you!?" mumble Manda again as she rolls on the bed, staring at Hannah across the bed with her lazy eyes.

The door creaks open as Airin walks in with cold drinks serve on the metal tray that she bring.

"Sorry for the late service, here are your drinks. Enjoy." bows Airin and giggles as she places the tray onto the small coffee table beside her bed.

"Ai, why do you have so many tables in your room? I mean yes, you need a table for the TV and then for the study or laptop and then this small table? It doesn't make sense." says Manda truthfully not wanting to lie from her friend.

"Well you see Manda; it is true that I need the two other tables for the devices that I use. The reason that I keep this *coffee table* is because it is an extra table to put my books or papers."

"But still it doesn't make senseâ!"

"Yes it does, you see. I am an odd person, I rarely went outside. I always stay inside my room, expect for personal uses such as bathing." replies Airin as she sips some punch from her glass and gently place it down

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onto the tray once more.

"Wow, I never knew that." laughs Hannah as she smacks the floor a few times.

Airin laughs and shifts her look to the game that is in pause mode.

"Umâ !Do you still want to play the game or what?" ask Airin pointing out to the TV screen from afar.

"No offence but do you have any other game?" replies Manda, looking at Airin waiting for an answer.

"Hmmmâ !Yes! I think I have just the thing you need." says Airin as she cracks an evil grin upon her lips. She walks to the game device and takes out the disc, placing in another game disc.

The screen went blank for a moment and blood drips from the top of the screen as it lands on the centre, showing the title of the game.

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"Umâ !You're sure this is going to be fun?" ask Manda shaking her head.

"Yeah, here take this." replies Airin as ready herself for the game.

"If you want to shoot, just remember like you hold a gun and pull the trigger. If you are using melee weaponâ !I suggest you need a great stamina andâ !A great hitting." says Airin out loud, looking at both of her friends.

Hannah and Manda just nod as they position themselves in their ready mode, waiting for the right time and signal from Airin.

"Okay, prepare yourself as we enter the house of deathâ !" Airin devilish grins

"Threeâ !Twoâ !Oneâ !Start!" shouts Airin as she runs in place and make a move to hit the door in the TV with her motion from the reality.

The door creaks open as an eerie music follows from behind.

Airin changes her weapon as raises up her hand and picks a strong melee weapon, which is cricket bat. She swings her hand a few times to test the bat.

"Soâ !Have you ever played this game before?" ask Manda slowly looking cautiously at the TV screen waiting for something to pop up.

"Noâ !I just bought this game yesterday night. So it is still newâ !" replies Airin plainly, as she turns her upper body a little to look around in the TV screen.

Seeing nothing, Airin nods at both of her friends to signal them that the place is clear. They then continue to walk into the dark corridors, lighting the way with only just a small pocket light.

"This place gives me the creeps." mumbles Hannah under her breath as she turns her upper part of her body to check the surroundings.

"Yeaâ !I think soâ !" replies Airin lowly, trying to concentrate.

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Only hearing their characters breathing and wind blowing throughout the corridors, Manda shakes her head, trying to find her fears.

"Don't worry I'm he-" a hand suddenly grabs Airin's character into a dark room as the door shut close behind.

"Ai, Ai! Ai, where did she go!?" shout Hannah in panic turning her body side to side, trying to find Airin's missing character.

Airin's character rubs his head as he stands up, readying for any attack in the dark. He then flicks on his flashlight as a body lunge towards him, trying to take a bite of his flesh. He struggles as Airin tries to pushes the body away from her in reality.

Kicking the 'thing' away, Airin takes her chance and smack her weapon as strong as she could onto its skull. As red blood splashing onto Airin's screen, hitting it and kicking it again and again. Airin backs away as she steps back with one foot behind and stop, looking at the now dead body of a person.

'An ambush?' thought Airin and step forward a little as she crouches down, making her game character also crouches down to the bloody floor. She pokes the dead body with her bat, waiting for a respond but nothing happen instead.

Hearing some noises from behind the door, Airin quickly runs to the door and swing it open.

"Airin, where did you go? We were worried about you!" shout Manda, trying to calm herself down.

"I got dragged into the room that I walked out." replies Airin, giving a grin to her friends as if nothing happened.

"By who!?" ask both of them, eyeing at Airin with their big round eyes.

"Dead people. . ." replies Airin plainly as she stare at her trustful bat, looking up once more she continue to walk throughout the corridor as she sees a huge closed main door blocking the way from afar.

They all walk to the door and stops as Airin try to open to door by bashing it with her bat, nothing happen to the door, not even a scratch bears on the wooden door.

"What kind of door is this!?" yell Airin, looking at her now almost broken bat. With anger raging inside her, she kick the door with a mighty kick as the door budges a little, dropping some dust like snow to the wooden floor.

"Calm down Airin. Maybe we could figure something out?" suggest Manda, looking around at all the close doors just beside them all.

Walking closer to the door, Hannah stares at the door for a moment and found a small key hole hidden from a far view.

"Guys, I think this doorâ Needs a keyâ !" says Hannah as she crouches down, poking the key hole with her weapon.

"You got to be kidding me!" groans Airin as she turns around and march away from the annoying door.

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"No, I mean it. This door needs a key." repeats Hannah again, standing up and turn her body a little to turn around, facing Airin's character.

"Well then, let's go and find it!" shout Manda excitedly as she stands at the nearest door and stares at it. "How about we start with this first?" ask Manda, looking at her friends.

"â ¡Lets just split and try every door; it will be the quickest way to find the key-"says Airin and get cut off by Hannah.

"And the quickest way to dieâ !" finishes Hannah as she cross her arms and stare at Airin.

"â ¡And yesâ ¡Deathâ ¡But not without a fight." replies Airin, trying to lift up her friends spirit and enters the third room on the left side of the corridor.

"â ¡I have a bad feeling about thisâ !" mumble Manda under her breath as she opens the second door slowly, as the door creaks. She then enters the room and closes the door behind, seeing only darkness surrounds her sight.

"H-Hello?" utter Manda softly under her breath, as her game character slowly switches on the flashlight. Revealing an old dusty room fill with only beds and dirty white sheets cover in dry blood.

'I hate thisâ ' she thought quickly, readying herself for any surprise attack. Looking all around, she senses nothing but her own presence in the room.

'Goodâ ' as a sigh of relief escapes from her mouth and cautiously walk passing every bed beside her.

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"Are you sure about this, Airin?" ask Hannah doubtful as she looks at Airin.

"Yeahâ ¡Don't worry, if you ever need help just scream." replies Airin as a smile carves onto her thin lips. Holding firmly onto the door knob, she twists it open and enters the dark silent room.

'I just hate it when it is bloody dark!' thought Airin angrily as she turns on her flashlight and shines her light to every corner of the room.

Seeing a broken mannequin standing in the middle of the room, Airin sighs and cautiously walk to it. Readying her weapon that is tightly grip in her left hand, she glares at the mannequin waiting for a surprise attack.

"Nothingâ !" mumbles Airin under her breath as a small smirk escapes from her lips. Walking all around the mannequin, she then sees a shining object, twinkling lightly from the light reflecting under the dusty and old wooden desk.

'Huh, what is that?' thought Airin, quickly walking to it not wanting to waste time. She crouches down beneath the desk and reaches to the shiny object. Grabbing it whole, Airin backs away and suddenly stops when she hears a groaning sound coming from behind.

Her breath becomes shallow as her heartbeat begins to beat faster. Clutching tightly onto the precious item that she found, she turns her head slightly to see the hideous creature from behind.

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A/N: Sorry if I kept the actions for a long time, but now you can finally read it yey~! This is going to be nice! Sorry if there is some mistakes in there XP Anyway, I hope you enjoy reading it and tell me what you think about it. Come on now, don't be shy OwO

Chapter 13: The Bite Is Worse Than The Bark

Blood ooze out from its parting mouth as it moans and groans, creeping its way to every corner of the room.

Airin quietly gets up from her position as the old wooden floor creaks from her sudden movement making her slightly almost jump. Quickly looking to where the creature is, she stare at the creature with her widen eyes.

The creature shifts its body to where the sound was as it groans even louder than usual.

"Oh hell!" shouts Airin out loud in reality as she take a step back trying to avoid the thing.

The creature moves as it drags its broken leg towards Airin petrified body. Airin only stares at it as both of her character's hands quivers, making Airin panic in reality as she tries to move her character out from the danger.

"MOVE!" shouts Airin to the TV screen as she can only watch her character stand there beside the desk unmoving.

The creature closes in as it takes a big bite on her character's arm as her character scream in agony from the pain. Her character quickly swings his Cricket bat to the devilish creature's head as its skull cracks. He hits it again and again until Airin's screen is almost covers with fresh blood from the kill.

He then looks upon his bloody wounded arm as he curses for his mistaken action.

"No! I've been bitten! NO!!" shouts Airin in agony as she takes back the controlling of her character.

She puts the item that she found in her inventory as she walks out from the room with a pale face. "I'm going to kill this character if I have tooâ " she mumbles to herself as she waits for her friend to arrive.

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Hannah takes a deep breath as she walks in into the room fill with files and documents from the previous use.

"I think I'm in the wrong room orâ ¡Maybe I should call Airin insteadâ ¡Yeah" mumbles Hannah as she switch on her communication device making a gloom blue light lightens up.

"Ai, do you there?" ask Hannah softly as she looks around the room waiting for a respond.

"Yeah, what is it?"

"I think you might want to check this room out."

"Oh..? Is there something interesting you found?"

"Yup, now hurry up!"

"Okay, okay! Can you call Manda too? Don't want her to get lost alone in thisâ ¡Building."

"Sure! Now move!"

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Changing to another channel, Hannah asks the same question again. "Manda, are you there? Can you go to the third room across you?"

"Manda here andâ Which side, the left side or the right?"

"The right side, remember the third room."

"Yeah, I'm on it."

While waiting, she stares at the mountain of files and documents on the metal desk just across from her distance.

"Wow, I think I'm going to faint seeing that on my working desk one day." says Hannah in doubt and shakes her head gently not wanting it to happen to her.

The door behind her slightly open as Airin pops out her head onto the hole and look around to find Hannah.

"What are you looking at?" ask Hannah, raising her eyebrow and cross both of her hands.

"I uhâ Just checking if the room is clear." replies Airin while nervously laughing to hide her awkwardness.

Hannah only shakes her head once more and step away from the door, letting Airin in.

Airin steps in into the room as she looks around with disbelief in her eyes. She quickly goes to the metal desk and opens the top file to read it.

"Well? What's it about?" ask Hannah, resting her hands on her hip.

"The facilities hnnmmâ Contaminate blah blahâ !" reads Airin as her eyes quickly scan the words on the paper.

"The what?" ask Manda as she walks in into the room and closes the door behind her.

"Give me a minuteâ !" only Airin replies as she flips to another piece of paper.

Manda nod and look around the room, humming her favorite song softly while waiting. Seeing paper scatter on the floor beneath them, Manda pick some of it up just under her boot. Reading it quickly as her eyes takes her, she tries to conclude the content from her understanding. But the words make no sense to her as tries to read on, only someone who understands this type of language isâ Airin. She sighs and places the papers down onto the nearest desk she sees.

"What is it Manda?" ask Hannah as she turns her body to Manda and stare at her directly to her eyes.

"Just some papers, but I somehow don't understand them." replies Manda as she shrugs her shoulders.

"You mean it involvesâ !" says Hannah as she blink her eyes.

"Yesâ !" nod Manda and walk up to Airin who is now sitting on an old chair.

"Airin I think-"and gets cut off by Airin's excitement replies.

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"Yes finally! I understand this content. It is so incredible! The virus generates itself into a small molecular sized and can also pass any barrier in our body! It even kills our Leukocytes to try and consume our Erythrocytes!" says Airin as her eyes fill with excitement.

"The Leoke what?" ask both Manda and Hannah in confuse as they stare up at Airin's face.

"Ai, can you speak English?" ask Manda now crossing her hands to her chest.

"Of course, Leukocytes or in other words White blood cell was or will be destroy by this awesomely and deadly virus. For our Erythrocytes or Red blood cell, it will be consumed or eaten. Any questions?" says Airin as she folds the paper and puts it in her inventory.

"Um yeah, I just notice thatâYour sleeve is soaking with blood, not to mention fresh ones." says Manda, eyeing on Airin's sleeve closely.

"UmmâW-Well I think that is out of the question. If you must know, I didn't ask for this to happen." replies Airin, looking away from her dear friends as she walks to the shelf at the corner of the room.

"Don't keep secrets Ai, you know that would only worsen up theâSituation." threat Hannah with her serious voice as she glare at Airin as if she is going to die any minute.

"I umâ!" she doubly replies as she clutches her hands tightly, trying to calming herself down from the sudden saying of her friend.

"Well? We're waiting for an answer hereâWe're friends right, Airin?" Manda quickly goes to Airin and gently place her hand onto Airin's shoulder, trying to plead Airin to answer her simplest question.

Silent only fills the room as Airin stares down at the floor, thinking on about how she is going to answer the question.

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"IâIâI don't know anymoreâ!" she utter quietly under her breath, staring at her fresh wound feeling it burns like an acid.

She takes out some bandages and wraps it tightly around her wound, tapping her foot in a rhythm to ease the pain from her mind. She then takes out the item that she found and hand it to Manda.

"Here, take this. I don't want my inventory to get full." mumble Airin as she drops the key onto Manda's palm.

"Wha, but why me?" ask Manda as she turns her look to Airin with a puzzled face.

"Um, you're a responsible just like everyone elseâ!So um, I don't knowâ!Maybe you can keep that thing safe? No?" replies Airin doubly while looking up at the ceiling.

Silent then again fills the room as only eyes stares at each other for a moment. The ceiling suddenly begins to crack as the room shakes fiercely.

"What's happening!?" shouts Hannah as she quickly protects her head with her arms.

"I don't know, but the only thing I know is if we don't get out from here RIGHT NOW WE WILL DIE FOR SURE!" replies Manda shouting back as she runs to the door and opens it quickly.

"Quickly now!" shouts Manda from across the room, holding the door open as her face shows panic and worry.

Hannah quickly runs to the exit as Airin follows from behind, screaming like a child in a playground.

After the room is clear, Manda quickly closes the door behind Airin as she leans back behind the old wooden door.

"Whatâ!Was that!?" ask Manda while huffing out for air around her.

"Wellâ!â!Don't know but this game is getting crazier than before!" replies Airin, shaking her head gently and pats off the dust from her dark color clothes.

"Why do you always wear black?" huff Hannah out, pointing to Airin while she stills patting off the dust on her black jeans.

"Huh me?" says Airin as she stops what she's doing and point out to herself in the face.

"Yes you! Who else wears fully black in here!" grumbles Hannah as she cross both of her arms.

"â!Umâ!Because blackâ!Is my favorite color?" shrugs Airin while staring at Hannah.

"Yeahâ!Okayâ!I-" Hannah is then cut off by Manda that is waving her hands to get their attention.

"Sorry guys but I think we should keep on moving." suggest Manda as she takes the lead and walk towards to the main locked wooden door.

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Airin and Hannah only stare at each other for a moment and begin to follow Manda from behind, looking around the corridor to see if there is something useful that she could find.

Stopping at the enormous wooden door, Manda takes out the item that Airin had give her earlier. She then puts the item into the keyhole and turns the item clockwise; suddenly hearing a clicking sound from the lock Manda turns her head to her friends and smile.

"Yes! We did it!" jumps out Hannah with excitement, celebrating the tiny victory after the long search for the key to the locked door. It is finally over and they can finally pass through.

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"I wonder what are they doing right now until they scream like that." says Angela shaking her head while sipping some warm tea.

"Oh you know kids these days, they always play with a scream." laughs Lydia while eating some biscuits.

"It's almost 6.15 in the evening, let start making them dinner." smiles Angela as she drinks her tea until the final drop and washes the cup that she uses, then put it on the plastic rack next to her on the sink.

"Hmmâ 'Today's menu isâ '!" ask Lydia while finishing the biscuits quickly and cleans the table.

"I think we should cook their favorite meals." smiles Angela and takes out the cutting board from the cupboard beneath the sink.

"Yes, I think that a splendid idea!" replies Lydia smiling back towards Angela.

Both of the women then start to heat up the kitchen as they try their best on cooking their husbands and children favorite food, making a little bit of a mess to the kitchen.

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"Hey dad, have you seen Snow?" ask Zack, crouching down on the floor while holding a small pillow that fills with catnip.

"Snow? Hmmâ 'I think she's sleeping." replies Michael casually while reading the newspaper about the recent news.

Zack only replies with a hum as he lands himself on the couch, making it creeks from the sudden weight.

'God, I'm so bored!' thought Zack quietly as he changes the TV channel by pushing the buttons on the TV remote.

Walking in into the TV room, Zurl stare at the TV and back to Zack's boring face.

"Nothing new?" ask Zurl while stretching himself up from a good exercise.

"It seems soâ '!" sighs Zack, taking out his cell phone to check the new inbox message that he had receive awhile ago.

"Where's Rin?" ask Zurl again, sitting on the couch across Zack's.

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"She's in her room playing games with her friends." replies Zack casually while only looking at the text message as he replies it.

"Friends?" says Zurl out loud as he looks up at the stairs.

"Yupâ !" mumble Zack and continues to watch the TV.

"Any food?" ask Zurl while staring at the TV.

"Snacks you mean? Yeah, here." replies Zack, handing out a big orange container to Zurl.

"Oreo?"

"Yeahâ !"!

". . ." Zurl only eats it up with a bit without saying another word.

"Boys, dinner is almost ready. Call out your sister would you?" shouts Angela while preparing the dishes with Lydia in the kitchen.

"Alright, I'm starving here!" says Zurl, rubbing his empty belly as he groans from stretching himself out again.

"Yeahâ !And don't forget about Rin." says Zack casually, smirking.

"â !You call her." Zurl says out protesting, crossing his muscular arms to his chest.

"Me? I thought you love seeing beautiful ladiesâ !" replies Zack, now smirking widely.

"She has lady friends? Are they hot?" ask Zurl, eyeing on Zack's expression.

"Check them out yourself." chuckles Zack lowly like a whisper as he blinks twice.

"â !Rightâ !" only reply Zurl as he stands up and climbs up the stairs, heading straight to Airin's closed room.

Stopping in front of Airin's room, Zurl takes a deep breath and knocks the door like a gentleman he is. He then slowly opens the door as the door creaks, making Airin pause her game play.

"Yes?" says Airin out loud while holding out her hand.

"Yeah, um mom asks me to tell you that dinner's ready. Why not invite your friends too, they look hungry." chuckles Zurl as he closed back the door.

"Dinner!?" both Hannah and Manda says out.

"Howâ !What time is it!?" shouts Manda out loud in terror as she shakes Airin's body back and forth.

"I umâ !It's almost 7.00pm?" replies Airin doubly, gazing at her wall clock behind Manda's head.

"7.00pm!?" both Hannah and Manda shouts again making Airin's soul almost jump out from her vessel. She quickly covers her ears with both of her free hands while staring at her friends, still smiling innocently like a little child she is.

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"Soâ !I bet you guys want to stay for dinner?" says Airin casually, after the atmosphere went quiet for a moment after the scream.

". . ." Manda only place her hand on her face as she sighs loudly in the now quite room.

"Sureâ !I guessâ !" says Hannah while only stare at Manda's distress face.

"Don't worry, Manda. I'll call your parents and said that both of you are having a slumber party at my house." replies Airin with a big sincere smile, trying to cheer up both of her friends up from the misery.

"You'll do that?" utter Manda softly under her breath like a whisper.

"Yes, anything for my dear friends." replies back Airin, now smiling widely like a Cheshire cat.

"Oh thank you, Ai!! We owe you our lives!" says Manda as she runs to Airin and hugs her tightly like a teddy bear.

"I never knew you are softâ !" laughs Airin out as she tickles her friend's belly.

"C-cut it out!" laughs Manda as she lands on the floor, laughing from the tickle.

Airin nod happily and help Manda up as she cleans herself off from the dust.

"Let's go downstairs." says Airin as she opens the door and holds it, waiting for her friends to walk out from the room.

Closing the door after Hannah walk out, she leads the way to the kitchen as her friends follow her from behind.

"Sorry if we cause you so much trouble." mumble Manda as she just stares at Airin's hair.

"That's fine. Besides, we don't get visitors so often." says Airin casually, smirking.

"That sounds creepyâ !" laughs Hannah from behind.

"Yup~" only replies Airin nodding her head, agreeing to her friend's words.

Popping her head out to the kitchen's door, Airin stare at her mother and aunt, grinning. She then jumps out from her position, roaring like a monster and smiles innocently making Lydia gasp from the sudden noise.

Holding her chest and rubs it gently, Lydia smiles and laugh. "Oh dear, I thought a monster just crushed the roof and wanted to eat me."

"Hehehe, mom can my friends stay for slumber party?" ask Airin, looking at her mother with her begging and innocent eyes.

"Sure, your friends are welcome to stay. Do they have the approval from their own parents?" says Angela while wiping her wet hands with a clean cloth beside the refrigerator.

"Umâ !We're getting to that part, eheâ !" replies Airin doubly, making a weird smile on her face to conform it.

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Angela only shakes her head and smile warmly to her daughter. "Alright then, you can use my cell phone if you want. It's in my handbag."

"I'll just use the home phone, much more cheaper." says Airin smiling to her mother as she walks out from the kitchen to her friends.

"Alright guys, we are good to go. Let's move to our next station, that is the phone!" says Airin, pointing out to the sky like a cartoon character.

Hannah only shakes her head while Manda laughs at Airin's childish action.

Here's my chapter 14, I hope I am not to late to submit this. Sorry if it is crappy T.T because I'm now suffering from a virus that is called...Writer's block! Nooo!! I really do need an antivirus for this... *groans* Anyways, please...Enjoy the...unsuccess action-thriller pack by me ...*gloom*...

Chapter 15: Approval approved!

"Alright, who's first?" ask Airin, taking the phone off from the holder and holds it while looking at both of her friends.

"I'll go first!" says Manda happily as Airin hands her the phone and she begins to push the buttons to dial the number.

Manda taps her feet while waiting for the answer as she looks around and then smiles to Airin. She then focuses her eyes onto the phone's holder and breaths out gently.

"Hello? Ah hey mom, I'm sorry to inform you this late but Airin asked me to stay with her for tonight. Yes, only tonight. No! I didn't bring my toothbrush or my extra clothes. What? You want to speak with Mrs. Angela? Um! " Manda pause for a moment and place her free hand on the speaker.

"Um! Airin can my mom talk to your mom for second?" whispers Manda quietly to Airin as she blinks a few times.

"Uh, yeah sure!" replies Airin happily and ask Manda to hand back the phone to her. Manda nod and gives the phone away as she follows Airin from behind to the kitchen once more.

"Mom, someone wants to speak to you." says Airin while putting a smile on her face.

"Oh? Who would might that be?" ask Angela as she wipes her hand clean and takes the phone from Airin.

"Hello? Yes, I'm Mrs. Angela, Airin's mom! Oh don't you worry now; I'll take care of your daughter for you. Yes, yes! No, that's all right. Alright then, good bye." says Angela as she ends the call by pushing the button on the phone as it goes beep.

"So, did she say something?" ask Airin, blinking a few times while standing beside Manda.

"Yes. She said that we need to take good care of Manda for her and the rest is my job." replies Angela smiling as she hands back the phone to Airin.

"Oh, is that so? Well then aunty, thank you for letting me stay at your house for tonight. I'm sorry if I cause you a burden." says Manda while bowing her head a little a few times.

"Oh that's okay dear, you're not a burden at all." says Angela smiling to Manda, then glance at Airin.

Airin quickly walks away from her mother to Hannah as she hands the phone over to her. Hannah nods and dials her mother's phone number and wait for a respond.

"Hello?" says the voice from the phone.

"Hello mom, it's me. Um! I'm having a slumber party with my friends tonight. So, I'll be staying at her place for tonight, is that okay with you?" ask Hannah while glancing the room, waiting for the ultimate answer.

"Do you have your clothes with you?" ask the voice.

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"Umâ !Noâ !But still, can I stay?" ask Hannah again doubly.

"â !Alright honey, you can stay. I'll talk to you father about this and remember dear, don't cause any trouble on other people's property understand?" replies the voice casually.

"Okay I won'tâ !Bye mom."

"Bye honey and good night tooâ !" says the voice and ends the call.

Hannah places the phone back onto the holder and nods to Airin as an approval from her mother. Airin smiles and jumps around like a child and hug them both.

"We are so going to have a lot of fun!" says Airin in excitement. Both of her friends nod and laughs as Airin starts to make jokes.

Tapping Airin shoulder from behind, Airin stops what she's doing and turns around to face the stranger behind her.

"Food's readyâ !And I can hear your stomach grumbling." says Zurl while smirking.

Airin only rubs her belly gently and glace at her friends and shouts, "To the kitchen we go!"

Zurl only shakes his head and smiles as he follows them from behind. 'It's nice to see that she's finally having some 'real' friends.' nods Zurl as he stops at the kitchen's door.

"Come on now, wash your hands and take your seats." says Lydia as she pours some punch juice into every cup on the table.

At the table, Harry, Michael and Zack already have sat on their seats while waiting for the others to come.

Airin looks at the seats for a moment and decides to sit in between of her friends. She drags the chair away from the table and takes a seat as she waves at her friends to have a seat next to her.

They both only nod and sit next to Airin who is now smiling like an innocent child. Airin looks around at the table as she almost dribbles herself from seeing the most delicious food in the world.

Manda only shakes her head and giggles as she sees Airin's reaction towards to the food on the table.

"Oh don't just stare at the food, please dig in and enjoy yourself." laughs Angela as she sits down on her seat and drinks her drink.

Hearing the 'go' word, Airin quickly fill her plate with the delicious food that is Butter chicken and scoop some rice form the big glass bowl on the middle on the table with a rice spoon. Sniffing the delight aroma, she could almost taste it and begins to dig in without any other word escape from her mouth.

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After the big feast has end, Airin gets up from her seat and takes her empty plate to the sink.

"Oh don't worry dear, let me do it." says Lydia smiling as she takes the plate away from Airin's grip.

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"Oh, umâ ¡Thank you aunty." replies Airin, smiling back to her as she walks to her seat and drinks up all of her juice.

"Ahâ ¡Refreshingâ !" comment Airin and fills in another round.

"Hey Rin, have you test yet the new game that you bought yesterday's night?" ask Zurl while lighting up his cigarette.

"Yeah, and it is really good! It's like Silent Hill only that you can access both first and third person view. You can choose any of it, but in first person view it is moreâ ¡Well, best quality to real horror happening to yah~!" replies Airin laughing, then sipping on her drink once more.

"You really did make a conclusion about that game. Haha, who would ever thoughâ !" laughs Zurl as he puffs out some smoke from his mouth to the air around him.

Airin only smiles and laughs as she waves her hand to make the smoke disappear from her surrounding, that is especially her nose.

"Hey Airin, can I ask you something?" ask Manda as she makes eyes contact with her.

"Yeah, sureâ ¡Shoot." replies Airin casually as she sips some juice away from the cup.

"Umâ ¡Where's the restroom?" laughs Manda nervously as she looks around her for a moment.

"Haha, it's just around the corner. The second door, the light switch is on the wall next to the sink and the mirror." replies Airin smiling as she points out the direction.

"Oh, thanks!" says Manda, returning her smile with a sincere and friendly smile back. She gets up from her seat and straightly walks into the restroom without any further halt.

"So, what's your name dear?" ask Angela smiling as she takes a seat from cleaning the dishes.

"Oh, it's Hannah." says Hannah shyly as she smiles towards Angela.

"Oh, so how'd long have you met my little Airin?" ask Angela again, still smiling and using her loving mother tone.

"Oh, umâ ¡Let seeâ ¡About 4 years now, I think." replies Hannah as she scratches her head gently not wanting to mess up her hair.

"Then you guys must have been best friends." laughs Angela, trying to make the conversation a bit lighter.

"Haha, we certainly did." says Airin giggling, trying to make Hannah feel comfortable.

"Oh, is that so?" laughs Angela and then smiles to Hannah.

Airin gets up from her seat and shifts her chair back into the table as she makes an excuse to go upstairs.

"Alright then, off you go. Don't stay up to late." says Angela as she sips some of her drink.

Nodding for an answer, Airin then gaze at Hannah and ask her to accompany her upstairs.

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Hannah only nods and gets up from her seat as she copies what Airin did and follows her from behind. She halts for a moment and glance at the restroom and then glance back to Airin who is now at the second step of the stairs.

"Hey Ai, how about Mandaâ 'Don't tell me that you've forgotten about her already." whispers Hannah softly to make sure that only Airin can hear it.

Airin stops at her track and turns her upper body around while her feet are still on halt from the previous steps that she made.

"â 'Pardon but what?" ask Airin innocently, as she blinks her eyes a few times.

"I said, how about Manda?" says Hannah again and which is now crossing her arms to her chest, waiting for an answer from Airin's lips.

"Well...She'll be out anytime soonâ 'Hopefullyâ '!" says Airin doubly as she leans on the wall and cross her arms.

Hannah only nod and glance back to where Manda went and wait.

For minutes that felt like hours or even years! Manda finally comes out from the restroom as Hannah sees her cleaning her hands with running water from the sink.

'Finally, she's out!' thought Airin as she sighs under her breath while staring at the sink, waiting for Manda to finish up her business by tapping her foot into a rhythm.

"Sorry to make you waiting, but here I am!" says Manda happily she quickly walks to both Airin and Hannah.

"Nah, its fine!" says Hannah giggling as she nods to Airin to let her know that she can finally move.

Airin raise her hand to Hannah's and give her a thumbs up as she turns back around and continue to climb up the stairs without any further delays.

"Do you think she's mad at me?" whispers Manda quietly.

"No, I don't think soâ 'Because you were doing some business so it's fine." replies Hannah, trying to comfort Manda from blaming herself about the misunderstanding.

Chapter 16: Sleep or Play?

Airin opens the door and holds it as she waits for her friends to get inside. Manda and Hannah quickly went inside as Airin closes the door behind her.

"So, did the dinner full your tummies up?" ask Airin as she sits on her black leather office chair.

"Yeah, it sure did. Your mom cooking's taste great, noâ DELICIOUS!" replies Manda as she rubs her tummy and crouches onto the cold floor and sits on it.

"Hehehe, thanks for the compliment about my mother's cooking. She IS a great cook, same as also my dad." chuckles Airin as she lies her back a little and stare up at the ceiling.

"Your dad, he cooks?" ask Hannah sounding like in disbelief.

"Yeah, he sure does! He cooks for me when my mom's not around, for instant like do you remember about the Softball Club, Manda? That I always have my lunch ready with me? That's my father's cooking." replies Airin laughing as she looks back to her friends who are now showing disbelief expression as they only blink for an answer.

"âWhaâ Wha, OMG!" utter Manda in her girly voice as her jaws drop a little. Airin only laughs more and spins around on her chair to make herself occupy for awhile.

Then silent fills the room as Manda quickly remembers the incident back then. She looks up at Airin who is still playing with the chair. She takes a deep breath and opens her mouth and speaks.

"Uhâ Airin, can I ask you about something?" ask Manda as her facial expression changes to serious that make Airin stop from what she's doing. Airin only nods and smile for an answer as she waits for Manda to speak up her thoughts.

"Well, about a minute ago. Um, are you mad?" ask Manda again now only lowering her voice from before.

"What do you mean by 'Are you mad?'" ask Airin plainly as she puts on her blur look to let Manda know that she isn't connect with the question.

"You know what I mean. I mean that before we walk into the room, you guys were waiting for me coming out from the restroom, and I saw your face a little bit of moody so I thought it was my fault to keep you guys waiting for that long. Now do you understand my point?" huffs out Manda as she tries to stabilize her breathing.

"âYeah! Um, I was not mad but I was just only thinking about something. So, you don't need to worry now." replies Airin as she looks down to her feet and smiles lightly.

"â Are you sure? Because-"and then gets caught off by Airin again as she quickly replies.

"No, it's not your fault. Now let's just drop the subject and continue our game or something, like sleeping. Yeahâ !" says Airin nodding her head as she looks around her room and then look at her friends.

Hannah and Manda only stare at each other as they blink twice and then back looking at Airin who is still smiling like an innocent child.

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"But it's only like 8.30." says Hannah as she glances at the clock wall behind her and then back at Airin.

"Yeah, I know. It's just that my eyes are a bit sleepy, if you know what I mean." replies Airin as she yawns and rub her eyes like an innocent child.

"Well, it is your house and this is your room soâ I think you should do whatever you want." says Manda smiling as she pats the bed behind her with her hand.

Airin quickly walks to her bed and lies down on the soft mattress as she lays her head onto the soft inviting pillow. She stares up at the ceiling for a moment and then looks back to her friends, smiling.

"How about you guys? What would you guys do if I am asleep?" ask Airin innocently as she wraps herself with the bed covering.

"Well, I don't know. Um, maybe we could read books orâ 'Something?" replies Manda doubly as she looks around the room to find some ideas to fill up their time before going to sleep.

Airin looks around her room and stares at the paused game that they had played a while ago. She quickly gets up from her bed and walks towards to the motion sensor as she stands firm in the middle of the empty room.

"Why don't we just continue on playing this game? Besides, we've found a key that leads to another room!" says Airin smiling as she looks at her friends who are now standing behind her, taking their previous position when playing the game.

"Yeah, HOPEFULLY it won't be filled with monsters and other thingsâ 'Rightâ '!" says Manda while nervously laugh from behind.

"Yeah, I hope so too." mumbles Hannah as she and Airin laughs together.

"Alright then, let's do it!" shouts Airin happily as she continues the game by waving her hand side to side to the motion sensor.

Chapter 17: Out Of Reach

"Are you ready, guys?" ask Airin as she places both of her hands onto the wooden door.

Both Manda and Hannah nod as they ready their weapons in their hands to attack any monsters that want to jump out. Airin then nods back as she begins to push the enormous door with all of her might. The door creaks an eerily sound as it breaks the silent of the dark hallway.

Airin's heartbeat begins to beat faster as she feels an eerie feeling coming from beyond the door she had open. She shakes her head and tries to control her breathing to calm it down as she begins to walk into the hall of the darkness once more with only her comrades to accompany her from behind.

While shining her flashlight through the dark hallway, Hannah and Manda look around the empty and dusty hall.

"They really do need to re-decorate this room, noâ 'This house!" whispers Manda from behind as she looks around and passes by the unclean glass windows beside her.

"You still have time to comment on this freaking place!?" replies Hannah beside her in a whisper tone.

Manda only nod and they both smile, but for Airin there is nothing to smile about until she finds something.

Looking to her side, Airin sees a big crafted portrait hanging onto the decayed wall. She stops for a moment and stares at the old and dusty portrait. Walking a little bit closer to it, she could feel something from the portrait. Instantly, she grabs her pocket knife and slashes the portrait to pieces as she unconsciously wickedly smiles to what she had done.

Her friends from behind stop their steps, as they both watch Airin's un-normal state of mind taking control of her action for the first time. Manda tries to call Airin's name to see if she is alright but got stop by Hannah as she shush her down while shaking her head.

Both of them could only stare as they watch Airin pull something out from the portrait, a skull that still have a bit flesh stuck to its bone.

Manda could almost feel that something is wrong with the place, and they should be getting out from this place as quick as they can before it is too late!

Airin stare at the skull as she feels the texture of the rotten flesh with her finger tips. She lifts an eyebrow and devilishly smirks, and then slightly turns her head to both of her friends that are now sweating like mad as they both ready their weapons in their hands waiting for a sudden attack from their own friend, which is Airin!

"S-Stay back!" quivers Manda as she steps a foot back, readying her weapon as she grips it tightly in her hands.

Airin only chuckles and shakes her head in disbelief. She sighs and asks her friends to come over to her.

"I'm not going to bite your fleshâ 'Heads off!" says Airin doubly as she laughs lightly.

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"Yeah right, like we'll believe that word." replies Hannah as she pouts like a small child while standing next to Manda.

"Look what I found, flesh! And it still feels fresh. It rhythms!" laughs Airin once again as she toss the skull to Manda's hands, making Manda jump and lets go off the skull, making it drop down to the wooden floor and rolls to Airin's boot.

"That's not funny, Ai!" mumbles Manda as she cross her hands to her chest and pouts.

"Aw, don't be mad you two! I mean come on, I was just only joking." says Airin as she grabs the skull from the floor and hold it firmly on her hand.

"Yeah right, a joke that almost made us wanting to kill you!" grumbles Hannah while crossing her hands to her chest.

"Maybe one day or another~" sings Airin softly as she walks away with the skull in her hand.

"Hey wait up!" shouts both of them as they jog from behind.

Airin continues to walk on her pace as she thinks about the wound on her character's arm, imagining what she would might do if her character losses control and goes rampage towards her friends.

'What am I going to do!?' thought Airin as she shuts her eyes for a while walking down the hall, leaving her friends behind.

"Is Airin, okay?" ask Manda as she whispers to Hannah, getting an answer from only a shrug of a shoulder in return.

She sighs and shakes her head in disbelief as they both continue to follow Airin from behind, not wanting to bother her or worseâ Madden her up.

Airin stops as she looks to her left and then to her right. Both of the halls are dark only silent fill the atmosphere. She stares at the darkness for a while, suddenly feeling fear covering her mind as she starts to imagine what's going to pop out from the darkness. Her heartbeat begins to beat faster again, gripping tightly onto her weapon she begins to walk into the darkness on her own.

Hannah and Manda quicken their pace, panicking as they both watch Airin's character disappear into the darkness in front of their own very eyes.

"W-Wha, w-where did she went off?!" screams Manda in panic as she runs towards to the dark hall.

"M-Manda wait!" shouts Hannah as she quicken her pace trying to catch up with Manda from behind, not wanting to be left alone in this dark and eerie mansion. She then slows down as she sees Manda sudden stop on the middle of the hall looking to the left and then to the right hastily.

"Hey." says Hannah as she places her hand gently on Manda shoulder to calm her down. "Don't worry, we'll find her!" says Hannah again as she now stands beside Manda and weakly smiles to her.

Manda only heavily sigh and scratch the back of her head gently. "Why does she have to leave us in this creepy mansion!" mumble Manda as she shines her flashlight to both dark separate halls.

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"I don't know, but maybe we can separate and-" and got cut off by Manda with her massive worries and questions that just sudden struck her right in the head.

"And one of us somehow will die if we separate in those dark halls! I don't trust this mansion, Hannah. Maybe we can get lost or worse! Eaten by the dead people who came back to life!" shouts Manda in frustration as she huffs for air and stays quiet for a moment to hear a reply from Hannah.

Hannah only stays quiet and slowly takes a deep breath as she breathes it all out to clear her mind and trying to lessening her anger a bit before the situation goes out of control.

"Alright listen here Manda, if you're afraid of going alone just activate your communication device and call me for help if anything happens to you. I'll be there as soon as I can to reach your location, alright?" says Hannah gently as she smiles while tapping on Manda's shoulder few times to spirit her up.

Manda look down the floor for awhile and looks back up to Hannah's smiling face. She agrees to it as she nods for an answer.

"Alright, let's go then." says Hannah as she flicks on her pocket flashlight and shines it to the dark opposite hallway from Manda.

"If one of us found her or something interesting, give it a shout, alright?" says Manda with her usual voice as she switch back on her communication device and tightly grip on her weapon. "Alright, move out." mumbles Manda under her breath as she starts to walk opposite way from Hannah.

"Good luck~" replies Hannah as she too begins to walk to the opposite site away from Manda, into the darkness without any companion except for her flashlight and her weapon, a golf club and a pocket knife just in case.

Chapter 18: Trouble

Manda grumbles to herself as she shines her flashlight to the darkness. 'Why did I ever agree to be here again?' thought Manda as she sighs and grip her flashlight tightly, trying to control her fear from overwhelm her.

"Airin, where are you?" utter Manda softly under her breath, passing by countless halls that seem to be going on forever. Passing by a closed door, she remembers Airin's words that to always check it if wanting to find things that are lost or forgotten.

"Of course!" she mutter again and stop in front of the door as she holds up her flashlight to her shoulder height and opens the door with her other hand that is holding a wooden baseball bat.

She slowly opens the door as it creaks eerily in the empty dark halls.

'This is such a bad idea...' thought Manda again as she walks inside the dark room only be lighten by her flashlight.

The room fills up with books as some of the papers scatter around the floor, dust covering them all while an old wooden bed is against the wall next to the close and barricade window.

"What the heck happen here?" ask Manda to herself as she walks in into the room cautiously, floor squeaking beneath her feet as she steps on them.

She gulps and takes a deep breath to summon her courage to explore the room, trying to find anything that could be useful for her or her friends later in time.

She quickly walks to the study desk and opens the drawers. Opening it one by one, the drawers only full with useless letters and broken parts that seem to be from children toys.

"Darn it!" she grumbles as she shuts the last drawer with a force than the usual to release her anger.

Hearing a sudden thud coming from the wardrobe just beside where she stand, she jumps away from her spot and backs away slowly from the wardrobe.

"W-Who's there?" shudder Manda in fear.

Only silent fills the room once more as Manda waits for an answer from the wardrobe. A few second pass by and still nothing, she decides to ask again.

"Who's there?"

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Still nothing, but only the silence answers her question. Manda shakes her head, chuckling lightly to herself as she looks down. "I think, I'm going crazy!" she utter under her breath as she looks around the room for a moment and decide to take leave.

Walking out from the room, she closes the door behind and sighs out loud.

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"God, this is going to be a long night to find her!" she utters under her breath as she continues to walk to another closed door.

"Only three more doors left to go! Great, just great." grumbles Manda as she stops in front of another door and places her free hand onto the door knob.

She twists the knob slowly and pushes the door away as she shines the dark room with her bright flashlight. Coughing up from the dust, she grumbles and curses the room for having so much dust in it.

Manda looks around and only sees electrical equipments fill up the room. She walks around the room and sees something glittering under the old strip bed.

"What is that. . ." mumble Manda as she shines her flashlight at the glittering object. She walks to it cautiously and crawl under the bed as she tries to reach for it. She sits under the bed and look at the glittering object, staring at it with questioning look on her face.

"What is this thing?" asks Manda and grabs the object lightly, not wanting to crush it with her bare hands.

The object stops to glitter as a picture pops out on Manda's screen, describing what it is just below the picture.

Her character reads it out loud, as Manda nods and listens to it carefully if it is important to understand.

"A sealed test tube that contains a blood sample of a person, Derrick Weldon was written under the label."

The picture disappears from the screen and shows the room that she is in now as a subtitle suddenly appears under the screen when her game character starts to speak.

"Derrick Weldon, why does that name sounds familiar. Who took his and why did they want it . . . I better find clues about this place before something more unspeakable happens."

". . . Great, I found a blood sample now I need investigate this place like a cop?! Better inform this to Hannah before she ask the same question, I guess." Manda grumbles as she channels herself to Hannah's channel and contact her about the news.

"Hey! Hannah, are you there?" asks Manda as she looks around the room warily, turning off her flashlight not wanting to expose her hiding place.

"Yeah! I'm here. Did you find her yet?" asks Hannah in the radio.

"!No! Not yet, but I found something else. It's a bit unusual for a find actually."

". . . Huh!?"

Manda sigh and continues to talk. "I found a blood sample from a guy who named Derrick Weldon? You know who's this guy is for a chance?" asks Manda as she blinks lazily.

"How should I know? I don't even know who's that guy is. But anyways, keep up the search. Maybe you'll find the other clues for that blood sample you've got there. I've got to go!"

"Okay, I'll meet up with you later." she replies and channels off from the channel.

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She sighs and scratches her head gently. Looking to her both left and right without turning her flashlight on, she takes a deep breath and breathes it out slowly to calm herself down.

"Aiâ 'We need you-I need you!" she whispers to herself as she rocks back and forth like a little child who had lost her precious little doll.

While doing so, she suddenly hears a creak coming from the closed door. Her gaze quickly shifts to the wooden door as her eyes grow wider that fill with fear.

'N-No! I-It c-can't be!' she trembles with fear, gripping tightly onto her flashlight and her baseball bat.

SCREEEE. . .

Manda lets go of her equipment and cover both of her ears with her trembling hands as she drags up her knees to her chest. Whimpering quietly, begging for the sound to stop. 'Please stop, please!' thought Manda as she shuts her eyes tightly.

The screeching sound fills the silent room with its horrible and eerily sound.

Chapter 19: Good Night

The noise suddenly stops as the door is slowly being open. Manda open up her eyes and quickly hug her weapon to her chest, securing herself from the danger that has just walk in.

'Why does it have to be in this room!' her mind scream as she stay quietly under the strip bed, stalking the 'thing' like a predator.

She could see a pair of black boots and thought that it might be Airin who just walk in. She cautiously stare from under the bed as she crawl towards it, not wanting to get close but to get a closer look without being spotted by the unknown being.

The figure seems to be wearing a white blooded coat, with a light brown color pair of pants that is now mud brown. The hair is a mess, like a prisoner who had been kept in prison for a very long time.

'By god, that 'thing' smells like a dead animal!' thought the character inside the game, telling Manda what she is thinking.

"Hehehe, thank god I'm not you." chuckle Manda as she calms down and puts back on her serious face.

The figure seems to be moving like a normal person, not dragging its feet on the floor. It looks like that it's trying to find something as it trashes the place up, especially the chemical cabinet.

'What the hell are you doingâ '!" thought Manda as she just keep still but suddenly her character gets out from the hiding place and sneak behind the figure.

"WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!" screams Manda to the TV as she tries everything to make her character stop from doing the unwise act. Her character does not even flinch from the commands but only raise the bat from its hideout and bash the figure's head.

Manda eyes grow bigger as her lips part from each other. "Whaâ 'What have you doneâ '!?" roar Manda, making Airin and Hannah stun from the out range that just shout out from Manda's mouth.

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"My my, someone seems to be in the game spirit tonight." chuckles Lydia as she looks up at the stairs and back to the TV screen.

"Kids today Lydia, they are into anything that involves with gaming systems." laughs Angela as she turns up the volume just a little with the remote TV.

Angela looks around for a while and finally something caught up to her. "Lydia, have you seen our hubbies around?" ask Angela, blinking with a questioning face.

Lydia hums and looks around as well; thinking back where could those both men are in the middle of the night.

"Maybe outside?" replies Lydia doubly as she looks at Angela's face. Angela just make an 'oh' sound and continue back to look at the TV screen, watching Dangerous Love series that are showing.

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"What a handsome lad." laughs Lydia as Angela joins in the fun.

"Yeah, he sure is! I wonder who would take him as a groom?" says Angela as she continues to watch the TV series, commenting it every minute or second if something happens that excited her.

Lydia gets up from her seat as she walks to the kitchen and takes a clean glass. As she pours some coffee in into it and walks back to the TV room, sitting back right next to Angela.

"It's nice having someone with you watching the same TV series, right Lydia." says Angela, still looking at the TV screen.

"Yeah especially drama series, somehow men don't want to watch them as much as we do." laughs Angela lightly as she turns up the volume up a bit.

After few minutes the show has finish, Angela and Lydia hear the front door creeks open as they hear someone coming in.

'That must be them.' thought Angela as she glances at the living room for a moment and back to the TV screen. Picking up the remote and change the TV channel.

"So, what should we watch now?" ask Angela as she clicks on the remote to find some good movies to watch.

"Hmmâ I don't know. An action movie maybe?" replies Lydia doubly while still thinking about what to watch.

"An action movie, you say? Alright, how about The Sorcerer and The White Snake?" suggest Angela as she switches to the Chinese movie channel with the remote.

"Sounds good to me!" replies Lydia once more laughing.

As Harry and Michael walks in, Angela stands from her seat and walks to the kitchen's entrance. Stopping there, she turns around and asks her husband.

"Would you like something to drink, dear?" ask Angela as she blinks to him.

Michael nod and replies, "Hmmâ Coffee would do." as he smiles to his beautiful and loving wife.

"How about you Harry, could I fetch you anything?" ask Angela once more, turning her head slightly to Harry.

"Oh, that's alright, Angela. I'm already full from the previous drink. Thank you for asking." replies Harry modestly as he smiles to her.

Angela only nods and replies back the smile before she vanishes into the kitchen to pour the coffee for her husband. She then walks in into TV room with a cup of coffee on her hand as she puts the cup on the coffee table in the middle of the TV room.

"Thank you, love." replies Michael as he takes the cup and sips the warm black coffee from the cup.

Angela nods and climbs up the stairs as the stairs squeaks and creeks.

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Hearing sounds and some screams coming from the Airin's room, she opens the door quietly and peeks in.

'Still playing games at this hour? Aren't they tired at all? Oh well, sooner or later they would go to sleep.' thought Angela as she closes the door back gently and walks to her room.

Opening the door, she walks in and closes the door back from behind.

'Good lord, I'm so tired.' she thought as she walks to the wardrobe and changes her clothes to an old nightgown.

Walking toward to the bed, she climbs it up and tucks herself in as she closes her eyes and finally falls into a deep sleep.

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Harry looks up at the clock and covers his mouth from yawning.

"Oh, it seems that someone's sleepy." says Lydia playfully as she stands from her seat.

"Well it is getting late, why don't you both get some shut eyes. Beside, you must be really tired from the long flight." says Michael as he too stands from his seating and smiles.

"Alright then, we'll see you in the morning." replies Lydia with a smile as she takes her husband's hand and climbs up the stairs to their room.

Michael glance up at the clock and sits back on his comfortable couch.

'Where could they be right now? Hmm, maybe their watching a late night movie on the cinema?' thought Michael as he takes out his cellphone from his pants pocket and dial up one of his son's number.

"Hello?" says the voice in the cellphone.

"Ah Zack, when would you guys be coming back home. It's getting pretty late, did you bring the spare keys?" ask Michael as he waits for an answer from his son.

"Yeah dad, I've got them. Don't worry dad, just go to sleep." replies Zack with his soft voice.

"Alright then, I'll see you soon." says Michael and waits for the farewell word to be spoken.

"Yeah, okay. Bye dad." replies Zack again as he hangs up the call.

Michael hums as he climbs up the stairs, walking to his room. While passing Airin's bedroom, he could still hear some voices and laughter coming from in there.

'They aren't asleep yet?' thought Michael as he approaches Airin's bedroom door and knocks on it before opening the door.

"Yes daddy?" ask Airin as she pause the game and looks at him while blinking innocently like a child she is.

"Not tired yet?" ask Michael as he curves out a slight smile on his lips.

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"Well, a little bit. Did we make a lot of noise that bothered you?" ask Airin as she just stares at her father's face, waiting for an answer.

"Yeah, maybe if you could tune down a little bit, that would be nice of you, and you should sleep if you're feeling tired, alright, Rin?" says Michael.

"Alright daddy, I will. Good night." replies Airin innocently as Michael nods and closes the door gently.

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"Hey Ai, what time is it already?" ask Manda as she looks at Airin with a questioning look on her face.

"Uh let me seeâ Hmmmâ its half past midnight, why?" says Airin plainly as she sits on the floor while looking up at Manda's face.

"What? 12.30 a.m. already!? Iâ Say what?!" shouts Manda in disbelief and lands herself on Airin's bed to calm herself down.

"Wow, it's getting late. Why don't we just save this game and play it in the morning?" says Hannah as she yawns and rubs her eyes like an innocent child.

Airin only smile and nod as she saves the game by pointing the save section on the TV screen, then she turns off the gaming system after taking out the game disc.

"So, where would we sleep?" ask both Manda and Hannah at the same time.

"Uhâ Yeahâ !" says Airin doubly as she walks to the bed and drags out the upper mattress from it, dragging it down to the floor.

"Will this doâ !?" ask Airin as she scratches her head gently while smiling.

". . . Yeah this will do, I could sleep on anything right now." yawns Hannah as she stretches both of her arms up and sits down on the mattress below.

Airin nods and takes unused warm blankets and pillows in her wardrobe and settles it down on mattress.

"Here are your blankets and pillows." says Airin as she looks up at both Manda and Hannah, while climbing up on her bed.

Manda only blink and nod as she shares her sleeping place with Hannah.

"Lights on or off?" ask Airin as she holds out a white colour remote.

"Off pleaseâ !" says both of them as they tuck themselves in and lay their heads down on the pillow.

Airin nod and clicks the button on the remote as the A/C in her room turns on. She then settles the remote down next to her pillow and cellphone as she claps her hands twice to switch off the lights.

"Good night~" says Airin lazily as she snuggles in her warm blanket, covering her close eyes with a funny sleeping mask.

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"Good night, Aiâ !" says both of her friends as Airin could hear some rustling sound from their blankets.

The last thing Airin could remember before she gives herself in to the dark is that she could only hear the A/C's wind blowing in her bedroom as the atmosphere becomes quiet.

Chapter 20: Breakfast Is Served!

RING! RING! RING!

Airin groans as she tosses and turns on her bed, mumbling and cursing the sudden annoying sound that awoke her from her nightmare.

RING! RING! RING!

She grumbles and reaches out for her cell phone and tosses it away, landing somewhere on the floor.

RING! RING! RING!

"Ouch! My bloody head!" yell someone underneath.

RING! RING! RING!

Airin could now hear grumbling and shuffling from a sheet, just below her.

"Mandaâ ¿What is itâ ¿Do you know what time it isâ ¿!" says a hoarse voice lazily.

"Yeah, I know! BUT SOMEONE THREW A DARN PHONE ON MY BLOODY HEAD!" shouts Manda continuously as she places the cell phone on a nearby desk.

"Alright just settle down, Airin is still sleepingâ ¿ And in fact, why didn't she wake up when she heard the ringing sound anyway?" says Hannah calmly while making an 'hmm' sound.

"Maybe she's likeâ ¿Dead? You know some sleepers are dead." replies Manda.

". . . Let'sâ ¿Justâ ¿Wake her up, its morning now." mumbles Hannah as she stands on the mattress and gently shake Airin's body to waken her up.

"Airinâ ¿ Oh, Airin. Wake up sleepy head." state Hannah as she keeps shaking Airin.

"Hnngâ ¿ Don't want toâ ¿!" mutter Airin tiredly as Hannah could hear Airin yawning from underneath her blanket.

'Don't want to wake up, do we? I'll make you wake up.' thought Hannah evilly as she grabs the blanket by the hand and pulls it away from Airin's possession, revealing Airin's body, curving itself uptight to warm herself from the sudden cool breeze that is being blown to her.

Hannah drops the blanket onto the floor and sits on Airin's bed as she pokes her slightly on the ankle.

"Wake up! Its morning, you lazy cat." groans Hannah as she pulls out Airin's hands and drags her off from her comfy bed.

Airin only grunt as she opens up her heavy eyelids, waving her hands in defeat as she lazily stands up on the floor while scratching on her messy hair.

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"Okay, okay. I'm upâ Lord, do you always like to be a human alarm clock sometimes?" laughs Airin as she grabs her pink bathrobe and a blue towel from the wardrobe.

"No! I did that because you were the only one who didn't waken up in this room yet." pout Hannah as she cross hands to her chest and glare at Airin from the back.

"Alright, I'm sorry. Have you both showered already?" ask Airin as she takes another two extras towel from the wardrobe before shutting it close.

"No, not yet." replies Manda as she yawns lazily.

"Here is your towels then." giggle Airin as she hands out the towel to her friends.

"Soâ Where's the bathroomâ ?" ask Hannah blinking.

"Uhâ Walk straight and turn left." replies Airin nodding as she points to the direction after opening the door.

"Thank you~" says Hannah smiling as she walks out from the room to the bathroom as the hallway floor creeks from her movement.

Airin nod and looks back to Manda, who keeps yawning continuously.

"Manda is there anything you needâ ?" ask Airin politely as she smiles.

"Uhâ No, I think not. I'm just a bit tired from yesterday's night, that's all." says Manda while yawning lazily like a lazy cat.

"Well, if there is nothing you neededâ Could youâ Step out for a moment so I couldâ Take off these clothes?" ask Airin doubly as she blink like an innocent child.

"OH! I'm sorry, I didn't notice that a bit. Sure, I'll wait outside." replies Manda quickly with a smile as she walks out from the room and closes the door behind her.

'Okay, this morning is getting awkwardâ ' thought Airin as she takes off her clothes and puts on her pink bathrobe, tying the robe laces into a ribbon.

She then takes her towel and wraps it around her neck like a scarf and walks out from the room as she opens the door.

"You could change now, while waiting for Hannah to finish her shower." says Airin to Manda as she walks downstairs.

"Oh, okay. Thanks for lending me your towel, Ai." replies Manda as she quickly walks into the room and closes the door with a thud.

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"Good morning, Angela." says Lydia as she walks in into the kitchen.

"Morning, Lydia. Would you care for a cup of coffee?" ask Angela as she wipes off her hands clean with the clean cloth and takes a clean cup from the cupboard.

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"Of course." replies Lydia smiling as she takes a seat on the dining chair.

Angela then pours some hot coffee into the cup and serves it to Lydia, placing it in front of her on the dining table.

"Thank you, friend." thank Lydia smiling as she sips some coffee from the cup, and place it back on the plate.

Hearing someone running down the stairs, both Angela and Lydia glance at the kitchen entrance to see who it is.

Running into the kitchen, Airin, Manda and Hannah quickly take their seats on the empty chairs as they giggle and laugh.

"Morning girls would you like some breakfast?" ask Angela smiling to them three.

"Yes please~!" replies the three of them, still giggling and laughing.

"What would you like?"

"Oh! I want a cheese pancakes!" says Airin as she waves up her hand like a child.

"French toast please." says both Manda and Hannah smiling.

"Alright ladies, sit tight for a moment while I make you some breakfast." replies Angela kindly.

"Okay~!" says them three altogether.

"Do you want to continue to play the game again?" ask Airin as she pours herself a cup of hot coffee.

"Uhâ ¡ Maybe. . . Later?" reply Manda doubly as she smile nervously towards Airin.

Airin just hum as a reply and pour some coffee from her friends after she fetch two clean cups from the cupboard.

"You madâ !?" ask Manda innocently.

"No of course not, why should I be mad to my dear friends?" reply Airin smiling as she sits back on her seat.

"Wellâ ¡ Sorry, but the game just... Freaks me out from the atmosphere andâ ¡ Moreâ !" says Manda doubly and truthfully.

"Oh, that's okay, Manda. Everyone get scares sometimes." Airin laughs lightly as she continues to sip on her coffee drink.

"Here you go girls, fresh from the oven." says Angela as she places 3 plates on the dining table.

"Mmm, smells lovely." says the three of them.

"Eat up now before it turns cold." says Angela more as she wipes her hands clean with a clean cloth.

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"ITADAKIMASU!" shouts the three as they take the spoon and the fork, and then starts to gobble up their breakfast like starving animals.

"My goodness, it seems that they are hungry that I thought." laughs Lydia as Angela just shakes her head chuckles.

"Mmm, this is good! Mom's pancakes are the best of them all!" says Airin while her mouth is still full.

"Now now Airin, you know the rules while eating. No talking while your mouth is still full." chuckles Angela as she sips some of her coffee and pours some more in.

Airin just smiles and continues to eat beside her friends, enjoying their delicious breakfast while is still last.

Chapter 21: Boring day

Walking into the kitchen, Zack and Zurl takes their seat on the other side of the dining table as they pour themselves nice hot drinks.

"Morning boys, what would you like for breakfast?" ask Angela as she smiles, sipping some coffee from her cup.

"French toast please." says Zack while smiling as he sips some of his coffee from the cup.

"I'll take four French toast." says Zurl happily as he yawns a bit and then sips some of the hot coffee from the cup.

Angela only nods and chuckles as she gets up from her seat and make some toast from them both.

"Morning Rin." says Zack as he smiles to her and also to her friends.

"Good morning big brother." replies Airin as she smiles back to him and drink some of her hot coffee.

"Where did you both go last night?" ask Airin as she stares at Zack and Zurl's face with a questioning face.

"The usualâ Karaoke." replies Zack while smiling more as he sips some more of his coffee.

"Oh." says Airin plainly as she slightly yawns and glance at the clock on the wall, behind her.

'8:30 in the morning. Greatâ Just great.' thought Airin tiredly as she slightly sighs under her breath and grumbles.

"Hmmâ Why don't you and your friends watch something on the TV." says Zurl kindly as he smiles at Airin's friends with a friendly smile.

"Oh okay." replies Airin happily as she smiles to her brothers and gets up from her seat, giving the hand signal to her friends to follow her.

Hannah and Manda look at each other as they both nod and walk out from the kitchen, following Airin from behind as quick as possible.

The three of them takes a seat on the comfy couch as Airin reaches out for the TV remote and turns on the TV as she pushes the red button on the remote. She then takes a seat beside both Hannah and Manda as she changes the channel to 431 as she presses the numbers on the remote once more.

"What are we watching, Ai?" ask Hannah as she looks at Airin for a moment and then back to the TV screen.

"Hmmâ I don't knowâ !" reply Airin slightly in bored as she changes the channels one by one only by pushing the same button over and over again.

After a few minutes passes by, they still haven't watch any of the shows that they are interested at.

"Ugh! There is nothing to watch!" grumbles Airin as she changes the channel back to 103, the news channel.

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"Seriouslyâ A news channel?" ask Manda as she stares at Airin's face while lifting up an eyebrow.

"Umâ Let's just watch this thenâ !" laughs Airin slightly as she changes the channel again to 433.

"Wellâ Better than nothingâ !" says Hannah as she slightly sighs and watches the movie on the TV screen.

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After finishing their breakfasts, Zack and Zurl get up from their seats and walk out from the kitchen as they both give a friendly smile to Lydia and their mother, Angela who is still enjoying the light breakfast.

Walking pass the TV room, Zack and Zurl stop for a while and look at the three of them with a questioning face.

"Hmm, what's the matter?" ask Zack as he takes a seat on the nearest empty couch and sits on it as the couch creeks from the sudden weight.

"Nothingâ We're just boredâ !" replies Airin plain in boredom as she sighs.

"Bored? Why?" ask Zurl as he too takes a seat besides his brother.

"There's nothing good on the TV." groans Airin as she puts on her boring face.

Her friends just giggle and nod to her words as they just slightly smile to both of Airin's brothers.

"Hmm, give me that." says Zurl as he reaches out for the remote on Airin's hand as he walks towards her and takes it.

Zurl hums lightly as he change to every channels that he knows and finally sighs when Airin's words were true. There is nothing good to see on the TV today. He then hands back the remote to Airin and goes back to his seat.

"Told you so." says Airin plainly as a slight smirk curve on her thin lips as she changes the channel back to 433.

Both of Airin and Zurl just sigh while watching the usual movie as Airin slightly yawns even though it is still morning. She glances up at the wall clock and sighs again, seeing the time only ticks to 9 in the morning.

'Greatâ ' she thought lazily and rolls her eyes as she continues to watch the movie once more.

Walking from the kitchen into the TV room, Angela stops at the kitchen's entrance and stand there as she looks around for a moment.

"Have you seen your father?" state Angela finally as she look at her kids with a questioning look.

"Noâ !" replies Airin plainly as she looks at her mother for a moment and goes back to watching the movie.

"Wellâ I did saw dad and Uncle Harry went outside, maybe they still both are." says Zack with his light and gentle voice as he look up at his mother.

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"Ohâ Well then could you boys do me a favor, then?" ask Angela gently as she smiles and takes out a small piece of paper from her dark brown slack pants pocket.

"No." says Zurl jokingly as he slightly smiles and giggles from his own answer.

"Here's the list for the things that needed in the kitchen." says Angela smiling as she gives the grocery list to Zack, who is sitting the nearest from the kitchen's entrance.

"Okayâ !" replies Zack softly as he takes the list and reads it for a moment and finally look up at his mother while lifting an eyebrow.

"You needâ !. This muchâ !?" ask Zack while blinking as he glances back at the list and back to his mother.

"Yesâ ! We need that much because your brother and sister eat a lot." replies Angela with a chuckle in her voice as she continues to smile to her oldest son.

"Uhâ ! Alright then." says Zack plainly as he stands up from his seat, walking to the small key house and takes his car keys that is hanging on a small hook.

"I'll go with you!" says Zurl happily as he too stands up from his seat and walk up to his brother.

"Let's go then." says Zack smiling as they both walk to the front door and exit from it, shutting the door back with a thud.

Angela just smiles and shakes her head slightly as she disappears back into the kitchen without a sound.

Now, only Airin and her friends are left in the TV room as they sit boringly watching another movie without a care.

Sighing from boredom, Airin stands up from her seat and walks to the stairs, only to be stop by her friend's voice.

"Where are you going?" ask Hannah as she and Manda glance at Airin's back.

"Umâ !I'm going to get my cell phoneâ !" says Airin doubly as she turns around and gives a silly smile.

"Alright then." replies Hannah as she nods and glance back to the TV screen.

Airin nods and quickly climbs up the stairs as the stairs creaks from her footsteps. After reaching up to the top floor, Airin opens her bedroom door as it slightly squeaks.

Walking into her own bedroom, she walks to her study desk and picks up her cell phone as she checks for some miss call or messages.

'Nothingâ !Goodâ !' she thought lightly as she puts her cell phone into her jeans pocket and walks out from the room, closing the squeaky door from behind.

Walking downstairs slowly, she reaches out for her cell phone again and begins to types in some messages and then sends it after she finishes typing it by pressing the send button on the cell phone's screen.

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She grips on the cell phone and quickly goes downstairs as she walks back to her friends and sits back to where she had seated earlier.

Glancing to both of her sides, she sees Hannah and Manda are still busying with their cell phones rather than watching the movie on the TV anymore. She just lightly chuckles and changes the channel to 713 as she could hear the music and sees someone singing the song.

Manda and Hannah looks up from their cell phones as they both could hear the music being play and sees the music video on the TV screen.

"Niceâ !" says Manda as she smiles to Airin and hears the music while focusing again to her cell phone, typing something on it.

Airin only laughs and smiles as she sings along with the song, dancing to the song's beat while laughing and giggling.

While dancing, she could feel her cell phone vibrates on her palm, remembering it is still on her hand. She checks and sees a new message have appeared on her cell phone screen, showing the message content and the sender's picture along with the name on the top screen of the content.

Airin, 09:10

Hey Doll! XD I'm bored!!!

Dolly, 09:14

Hey! I thought your phone credit is expired or something and why are you bored?

Airin giggle and begins to type her reply as quick as possible.

Airin, 09:14

Because there is nothing to do even watching the TV is bored! T^T

Then she presses the send button on the phone's screen.

"Who are you texting, Ai?" ask Hannah as she stands up from her seat and look at Airin's cell phone.

"Doll, I'm bored. So I'm texting her now." smiles Airin as Hannah only nods as an answer.

"Why don't you ask Doll to come by to your house instead? Maybe it would be more fun when she's around. You know the more the merrier." says Manda giggling as she places her cell phone back into her pocket.

"Yeah! That's a great idea, Manda! That's why I love you~!" laughs Airin as she quickly text Doll without waiting for the reply and click send on the phone's screen once more.

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