

Moon Phasers

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The story takes place in a secured location in Japan. A man-mad virus spreads and infects those who are unfortunate, mutating the infected mentally and physically into a monster similar to a werewolf named by the military "Moon Phaser". The military cannot handle them with normal weapons and "normal" fighters, thus creating the agency "Moon Hunters". The story is from the main character's perspective. Satsuki Black, half American half Japanese 16-year-old girl that works with 14 others in killing off the infected. Being so young, she is different from the rest, being a survivor of being bitten.



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Moon Phasers : Chapter 1

Its only been 6 years since the almost end of the world. In 20XX an man made virus managed to escape a secret biochemical base on an island close to Japan. The virus spread like wild fire. Almost all of Japan was consumed by that virus. The military decided to barricade the infected area and put up a secure remote area for those who where not infected. The population started to decrease during the years and the military couldn't keep up with the infected. So a scientist and combat specialist put together a "special" group of people that were to be trained to get rid of the so called infected people. Soon after they named the virus. Moon X09, but what our group calls it... "Moon Phasers" since the infected only reacted to the view of a full moon. I thought it was almost like wear wolfs but I guess its kind of similar. Our group consists of 15 people and only to that amount since we were specially picked for the job during the training course.

My name is Satsuki Black, my mother was foreign and my father was Japanese. Unfortunately they both my parents along with my older brother died during the spread of the virus. Though I was a survivor at the age of 9 I was bitten by one, I was rushed to the infected room. I thought at first I was going to turn into one of the Moon Phasers...but when they took a look at my blood sample. The side effects where much more different than what they've witnessed in the past. I was kept on watch by a few security guards. This was during the moon cycle where the effects should have suffice. By the night of the full moon I looked nothing like the Moon Phasers.

The scientists looked over my blood once more, to their amazement my blood cells where mutated. I got my inner body checked out and my muscles mutated as well. My eye color changed from dark brown to blood red. I was scared and relieved at the same time. When I turned 10 I was sent to the MPH head quarters (Moon Phaser Hunter). And I was introduced to the founder...Dr. Okinami he told me he looked into my files and decided it was best for me to join their group. He was not worried about my age. What was important was that I was one of the infected a Moon Phaser but the virus inside me was much more advanced in the cycle than the others. And so my training began from there.

This year I have just turned 16 the year 20XX. I've gotten used to the sight and scent of blood. Since I am a Moon Phaser my abilities are more advanced than a humans. The agency has taken care of me since I was 9. My training is in higher rank than the others that are in the group. I; 1 out of 15 hunters is specialized in really hunting down the monsters that swarm our country. The first time I killed was when I was 11 I was really scared back then...being forced to kill at such an age. I was almost killed during that battle and I was punished for being so careless. So I began to train myself hard so I wouldn't have to deal with the shame I ounce felt in the past.

Each kill brought a somehow intense delight to me...it felt good to be of use to someone, I was already told not lose myself to the virus, I needed to stay sane during those times...again and again each kill made it harder not to go insane. I was and still hated by the other members, they where scared of me. None of them went near me or talked to me. I didn't mind being alone...However we got news from one of our superiors that our eldest member died during battle, everyone went silent and some started to cry. I did not feel any sadness because...I did not care if one or more members die. I felt weird when I heard the news so I retreated to my room. In the bathroom mirror I saw something horrifying. A slight smirk began to show on my face. Why was it there? Whats so funny about the situation? Did I find it amusing in some way?

All these questions went through my head. I thought during that time I was not sane. The virus made me feel this way. Curiosity struck my mind. How did he die? Did he scream? Did the scent of blood bring ecstasy to the murderer? I sometimes thought about what it would it be like to kill a living human and not an infected. Each time this thought crossed my mind I found it funny how stupid of it was to think such things. Once I regained myself I headed toward the kitchen. 2 members where there...if I recall the one near the sink was

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named Rain and he came here 2 years before me so I guess hes like...18. And the one on the couch smoking is Jiro he was here before I came so...maybe in his late

20's.

I only noticed a few months ago that only 3 including me there were more males than female hunters...How rude does that mean men are stronger?

"Ah". I flinched when I heard Jiro say that.

"What"? I looked at him sternly. He just sat there smoking his big old cigar like he had no care in the world.

"...Nope never-mind". I really started to get pissed...did he want to tell me something or was he just doing that to annoy me. He took a deep breath and walked towards me. He bended down and gently tilted my head towards him. I didn't like the feeling of being touched especially by this one man. He always manages to piss me off somehow. He grinned and blew smoke into my face.

"Heh". He dare do that to me and he was well aware that I was a Moon Phaser. Before he managed to get away I grabbed his arm and at full strength pulled him to the ground. There was a loud bang once he hit the floor.

"Oh, Was I too rough for you? Flea". As I looked down at him I knew this was humiliating for him. I backed away once he stood up, he was still shaky getting off the floor. Rain was reading a magazine, ignoring our fight like we weren't even there.

"Damn you little brat"! He tried swinging at me with his left fist, of course I blocked it. He was slow when it came to hand to hand combat. He tried again with his right...again I block him.

"Ha ha...slow as always you'll never-". Before I knew it he had bunch my right cheek sending me flying to the wall. There was another loud boom when I hit the wall. It started to crumble. I was out for a few seconds.

"I'm not finished yet". Jiro sprinted towards me. Once I got out of the Crater that was created when I crashed into the wall I saw him, about to strike again I dodged him using just my hand to block his fist. I punched him again but this time the blood rushed to my head. Sending him into the courtyard.

"You better stop fighting me now, Jiro...or I just might lose myself to the insanity".

"Y-You don't need to tell me something like that. As if I would be scared of a little girl like you".

My blood started to boil...I know I cannot go against the agency rules, I cannot kill a hunter, but if this keeps up I don't know what I might do. Everything is going blurry I see blood dripping from Jiro's head . A deep red color, the scent was unbearable. I noticed blood on my hands, the scent was similar to his. I smelled it...the scent rushed to my head I felt my eyes roll back as the scent spread. This was another side effect from Moon Phase.

"Oi!"

A voice came from the building, shouting I could hear it faintly. I turned around to see who was shouting so loud.

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"What did I tell you about causing a riot...Jeez this happens almost everyday". Dr. Okinami stood there were the once glass window stood now shattered everywhere on the ground.

"Che! I could have sworn I just put a new glass window here...Satsuki pull yourself together. And act like a young lady should in front of your new member".

I rubbed my eyes and saw there was a second person standing next to the Doc. He was tall and didn't look much like a talker. He had greenish-black hair. There was a small pony tail in the back and his bangs enabled me from looking at his face. He looked older than me.

"Damn that hurt". Jiro was up again, I really wanted to punch him so hard that his skull would crack under the pressure of my fist. He dusted off the crumbled walls dirt from his shoulders and hair. He patted my head, and grinned at me again.

"Get your stupid hands off me you prick". I slapped away his hands off my head.

"sorry, sorry". He jogged away back into the building.

Dr. Okinami waved his hand telling me to come back inside. He ordered all members to assemble in the main room.

"Well, I know you've all heard about the unfortunate news last week but rejoice for we have a new member that has joined our team starting today. If you may".

The new member stepped up and was silent for a moment.

" Names...Joshua and well...". After that he went silent and everyone was waiting for him to speak more.

"Come on no need to be shy, boy". The cougar woman she is Hanako goes after boys that are younger than her...shes 30. she the type who's big boobed and has no shame showing it to the world.

"Shut your trap Hana you'll scare him with those large cow glands". Hats off to Sen who's always like that to Hanako...He's the somehow poker face funny guy he's 20.

"If you keep talking like this, he wont have a chance to speak". Whenever I speak everyone seems to listen since I know their scared of me. Though the desire to bully them like this worsens my insanity of Moon Phase, putting that aside. The Boy spoke.

"Like I said the names Joshua and 'm only 18 I suppose I'm the youngest among you all-".

Dr. Okinami spoke up, "That's not exactly true...Joshua". He pointed to my direction.

"That young one-".

"If I may... I would like to introduce myself".

"Ah...go ahead". I took a step forward, standing in front of Joshua. I looked up noticing his height I stepped back a little.

" Satsuki Black, I'm 16 so don't jump to conclusions on saying your the youngest by not noticing me you half wit".

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The room went silent again. He looked down at me.

"I'm sorry I really didn't notice you until you actually stood in front of me". I got so pissed I really wanted to see the smile on my face right now.

"See I told you, you were short...". Giggles surrounded the room. Even the Doc wanted to laugh. Thats it...I can't control my insanity.

"Jiro" Even I heard my own voice, it was cracking. The Moon Phase taking over my body. My anger was rising. I glanced at Jiro who was smoking a big old cigar again. I walked toward the broken glass and picked up a piece. I could hear each and everyones laugh...Stupid virus, I'm losing control over such small matter. What will I do if I end up killing everyone...Again.

"Heh". I started to giggle at the thought of Jiro screaming for his life.

"Oh, No" Everyone knew what was going to happen. When an Moon Phaser is angered then that is when they are at their most strongest also during a full moon.

Taking the glass shard, I tossed it across the room hitting the tip of Jiro's cigar. Halfway splitting it open.

"Oh man, and I was so close the cutting that pathetic face of yours...right"?

"Sh-Shit".

"Too bad...and I really wanted to see you bleed". The room was intense. I saw Mari take out his gun for Moon Phasers. He was prepared to shoot me if I ever were to lose control. I looked at my reflexion in the remaining glass window that stood before me. Just as I thought a bright blood red color... Well at least I still held some humanity in me. I slowly raised my hand gesturing to Mari that I was still sane, put down his gun back in his pocket. Mari was the nice type...always there with a gun ready to fire at any given time.

"I think I'll retire to my room for the day...to...regain myself...hopefully".

"Satsuki don't forget to get up early tomorrow-".

"I know, around 4:30 am correct"?.

"Ah...yes, thank you for remembering".

Every one usually trains starting from 5am to 9pm the same day. But for my cause...Moon Phasers are much more active at night, meaning I don't rest in the night. So when I go for training I don't sleep once the time comes. Rather, I don't sleep at all...maybe I take occasional naps in between training but the rest I do not sleep.

It must be nice to sleep. To re-energize your body and let it be prepared for the days to come. I do not have that lifestyle...anymore.

When I looked at the clock it was only 2:09 am in the morning, I was getting thirsty so I stepped outside into the kitchen to get something to drink. All the lights were off of course Moon Phasers can see well at night. I've only seen it once, during one of my rounds in the infected district I happen to glance at a store window, giving off a strange reflexion. I then realized it was my eyes that where giving it off.

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The bright glow of a Moon Phasers eyes seem frightening to humans but I find it quite interesting. The look of a predator stalking its prey

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I looked into the fridge and found 4 bottles of beer, 6 bottles of soda(carbonated) and on the floor 3-24 pack watter bottles.

"Heh, Jiro and Nobu wouldn't mind me getting just one would they". Nobu was also here before me. He's almost like Jiro except he doesn't dare to make fun of me in any way. I took a can of beer and drank out of it. I usually do this without them knowing, though Jiro has caught me drinking once. I was lectured the whole day. But it was worth it. Now that I think about it I never really got a chance to talk to the new guy, Joshua was it? I couldn't really see his face his hair was covering it. (And I really wanted to see it too).

As I sat on the stool in the kitchen I started to think about my family again. The sudden memory of them made me feel somewhat sad. All I remember is that I didn't cry. When the rescue team found me I was covered in blood I was a mess the color in my eyes was gone like I wasn't even there. They thought I was going to be traumatized by what had happened to me, but for some reason that never happened. It's not like I didn't care about them...its just they actually where never my real parents to begin with. I was adopted by them as a baby, guessing my birth mother didn't want me. I mentioned that when I asked my "mother" once. She told me,

" It's not like your mama didn't want you anymore, she...she didn't want you to be born into the kind of lifestyle she was living in, she wanted you to live in a place where you can grow up into a beautiful and strong young lady".

I didn't quite understand then that means she was poor? Or she didn't have the money to care for me? Eventually I forgot about her...until now.

"Really now, if she was scattering for money she could have waited until I grow older and then sell me to some rich geezer".

I really didn't mean that, the thought just came out of my mouth. I hate this horrible personality of mine. Did I develop this during my time here. (I think it was Jiro's fault).

"Well whatever". I drank more of the beer. Gulping down all of the remaining liquid in the can. I wanted more.

"Hm, if I were to take more from the fridge...I wonder what Jiro would do..." Not thinking about it I took another from the fridge, opening the can I liked hearing the clicking sound "Another round for...me". My head was spinning and it was only 2 cans I need to fix this habit of getting drunk with so little liquor consumption. I wasn't tired at all, I looked at the clock it was already 3:30 in the morning. Time flies by quick without me noticing it huh.

"Oh, your up early aren't you". I jerked my head towards the hallway.

"Hey there". I recognized that head of hair and the voice.

"I should be the one saying that...Joshua".

This might be the only chance where I actually get to have a chat with him. I took notice of him still standing there, the same spot.

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"Have a seat, I don't bite...well for now maybe". I giggled and gestured my hand to the seat next to me. He's got such a nice voice. It's low and fits his image well.

"Well, If I do get bitten will you take responsibility"?

"I might". This is bad I'm actually starting to like this guy. He's got guts to talk in this manner to me. (Jiro's just annoying).

"Aren't you a minor, like 16 miss black"? He snatched the beer away from my hands midway sipping it. And took a sip from the same can my lips touched..

"I won't disagree with that but, aren't you one as well"? I snatched back the can and drank up the final drops. Crushing the can with my hand and tossing it in the trash.

"Oh...well you got a point". He laughed and I laughed too.

"Hey". I asked him why did he grow his bangs so low that it hid his face.

"I don't like it when people see my face and immediately think of me as some strange foreigner".

I thought he just grew it out because he was too lazy to cut it. I shouldn't contradict people at first glance.

"I wanna see it".

"What"? He looked at me and I looked at him. I was really curious. I wanted to see what was hidden behind those dark strands of hair.

"You can't". He spun around on the chair facing the other side.

"I will". I grabbed the rotating chair and spun him back facing me.

"Wha-" I took my hand and slowly brushed back his bangs. He started to struggle...just a bit more and I could see his face.

"Stop"!

"No can do". Grabbing his neck and jerking his hair back I was at the point where I can see the tip of his nose.

"Hold still, do you really want me to break your neck"?

"But-". He finally stopped. So taking advantage of this chance I folded his hair back all the way ...and I got to see something extremely amazing. Behind his bangs hid a pair of beautiful silver-blue eyes. Like the scales of a desert pup fish. I noticed they were staring down at me intensely.

"You happy now". I knew he was angry but...

"Why..." I didn't want to look away from them. They drew me in deeper and deeper.

"Their...gorgeous". He didn't make a comment after I said this. He kept silent until I put my hand down. It got awkward all of a sudden. I did not like this kind of feeling. Now I'm getting embarrassed.

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"We-well I have training in an hour so, it was nice talking to you". As I walked away he

just sat there motionless. And wasn't his hair really too soft to look that way? I laughed at the thought, but those eyes of his will never leave my mind.

Chapter 3

It was 4:25 am in the morning and I was getting ready for training. As I walked down the hallway to the training area it was quiet. And as I thought no one would be up this early in the morning. They really are useless people. After all, I usually do most of the dirty work. Some of them don't get to give the final blow...that's my only job. The training area is filled to the point where it looks almost like a work out station. It's in a separate part of the main building. Since the area is as big as a stadium, half of the room is work out equipment and the other half is to practice combat fighting and that also goes for our weapons. Since Moon Phasers are a lot stronger than mere "dogs" their bodies are tougher. Their thick skinned once they're fully developed and their pretty fast too in speed and agility. Our weapons are made specifically to fit each hunter. Since my height is 5'7 my weapon was made taller in height and longer in length. Dean is the man who makes all our weapons.

All 14 that are made of the finest and most expensive materials on Earth. My weapon is made into a sword like image but longer than a normal sword. The blade is made of unbreakable steel, the handle is made of iron and gold. It's so sharp even a strand of hair can cut into two just sitting on it.

Putting on my work gloves is a hassle, I don't need such protection for my hands. Since my skin is the same as a Moon Phasers.

During the midst of my training the alarm goes off.

" Oh, it's time for district rounds". During this time we group up and takes rounds securing the district and killing any fully grown Moon Phasers. As I walk to the meeting hall everyone's there already. Even that bastard Jiro.

"Mornin, night owl". Yoko...she made another new nickname for me.

"So who's grouping with who"? I was grouped with Joshua, Jiro, and Yoko. Total of 4 people per group. Depending on each person's strength and endurance they are grouped.

As we were walking to the gear hall(entrance to gates) Dean came strolling in with what looked like a new weapon, probably for Joshua.

"Er' ya go Josh". He handed the large object to him.

"...It's kinda heavy ain't it"? He looked at me, thinking I could answer his question.

"Dean, how much does it weigh"? He looked at me and then to Joshua.

" Eh, around 90 to 100 lbs". I turned back to Joshua, he had on such a surprised look on his face. I wanted to laugh but kept my composure.

Yoko went up and asked Joshua if she could hold it for a sec.

"...Not bad, it's well balanced and the weight shouldn't interrupt with you swinging it at anything during fight mode".

Since the object was covered in a cloth like weapon protector. Joshua took it off, showing what looked to be the most well and greatly wielded blade I've ever seen. Its features were different from what I had imagined. I

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asked Joshua if I could touch it. I wanted to feel the roughness of the blade...surprisingly the blade was smoother than what I had thought. Well the thing is, is that his was newly made and I've been with my "Blazer" since I was 12; the amount of battles I've been through in district 0 made my swords blade chip in some places. I'll remind myself later to ask Dean to smooth it out for me.

I turned to look at Joshua. He seems to like his new weapon, without anyone else noticing I think I was the only one who was able to see him smile...just a bit. And I was the only one who got to see his gorgeous silver-blue eyes. When I thought about them I suddenly got the urge to pull back his hair and see it once more. But in doing so I might make his feel uncomfortable and he did say he really didn't want anyone else to see them. And I may be selfish to say this but, I wouldn't want anyone else to look upon those eyes...no one else but myself.

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I blushed at the thought, just what is happening to me? I used to be so straight faced, and I was able handle these...no actually I was never able to handle situations like these. I felt so hopeless. Coming back to reality when Jiro smacked my back out of no where.

"Dammit, you geezer that hurt". That hurt? Just what the hell...

"Oh, I thought you couldn't feel pain, thats a shocker". I was about to slice him in two when Dr. Okinami came in. Jiro was lucky for now.

" You two never stop fighting do you"? My face returned to how it's usually shown towards people. Dr. Okinami reported the amount we kill and the percentage of the Moon Phasers development.

"So in summery, 8 to 17 fully developed Moon Phasers and-". He looked at me while continuing.

"Please keep in mind that you don't kill the halves...ok"? I knew what he was talking about. The reason being is that...In my records I've killed more halves than fully develops. Better to kill the halves before they develop into actual ones. Eases their pain. Well it's not like I can totally understand their pain. But only under full moons does the pain begin.

I noticed Joshua staring at me. I looked back and grinned. I quickly turned his attention to Dr. Okinami. After the announcement Dean showed Joshua how to use the blade.

After that was done everyone went to the truck. I walked up to Joshua.

"So...". I looked at the newly made blade.

"It's a beaut isn't it"? I tried to put up a straight face. When I noticed him staring down at me. And I was able to see those eyes again.

"Yea". That was all he said while looking down at me as we walked. I again noticed how tall he was. And I also noticed the uniform he was using. It was similar to the womens but some minor changes here and there. Of course the mens uniform wore jeans , though they were to stretchy type that you can easily move around in. Our clothes where made by our preferences as well as the designers. The twins...well fraternal, Sai and Mai makes all our combat clothes. These are important, like armor that protects us from getting easily injured. Of course I wouldn't have to worry about that too much.

His undergarment that supports his waist. This is when I blushed; exposing his strong build(well its a 6-pack). I wanted to touch it, to see how hard I could punch it...I was craving it and I didn't even realize it myself. Ah, what it would feel like to slash at that body. His entire body bathed in slash marks and blood. I managed to snap my self sane again. Maybe it was the Moon Phasers influence that still marks this body of mine. Consuming me deeper and deeper into the dreaded darkness those creatures wander. What if someday, I may end up like that. Then I'm sure That Mari will not hesitate to kill me.

Once we got onto the truck. The feeling in my chest began to pain. Whenever we went to District 0, the infected area I would always get this weird but strong and aching pain in my chest. The feeling of seeing what I would someday look like. Those hideous beasts. Knowing that inside me lies the same beast. How Ironic.

"You ok"? Joshua being the young gentlemen he is.

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"I'm fine". As we got closer the pain spread to my hands, they began to shake. I took both my hands and held it against my sword, gripping to the handle tightly. Everyone in the truck didn't seem to look too concerned other than Joshua and Yoko. It was so painful. Though, the only way to stop the pain from spreading to my legs I need to commit something cruel even for me it's disgusting but it's the only way. Moon Phasers feed off the dead corpses that roam the grounds, they feed on their flesh and blood. When I can't contain myself that Is the only way. The thing everyone in the agency doesn't know is that I do the same. I feed off the dead carcasses that fall in front of me when I kill.

I feel stupid. When we reached the gate to district 0 I could so easily smell the dried up flesh and fresh blood beyond where we stand. My sense were so clear. With each inhale the scent of my own kind sufficed.

"Well, this should be fun". Everyone looked at me with fear in their eyes.

"Don't worry I wont kill any of you, your not even worth it". After I said this I entered the front gate and entered into the darkness. For me, only knowing what awaits me.

Chapter 5: Blood

Once we reached a secured area in the city. We went atop a building roof. Yoko was reading her military scope rifle making sure she had enough bullets or what she calls it magazine. All I heard was fast clicking and the sounds of guns cocking. Watching her move that fast didn't surprise me anymore than it really should to newbies. Joshua was unwrapping the cloth around his blade. He got something out of his backpack. It was a ribbon, a dark red ribbon and tied it around the handle of the blade.

"Whats that". I asked his curious as to know what he had done.

"It's a memento of my mother. She would always wear this when she went out. See how the color is like blood...she seemed to like the color; one time she told me the color makes her feel nostalgic".

Weird, I don't think its so much so. Her liking that color is like wanting to stare into my eyes forever, since the ribbon and my eyes match each other. She would have liked me.

"So this means she's...". He hid behind his dark bangs once more then looked up and smiled.

"Yes, its been 4 years now". I felt kinda terrible for some reason. I had only lost my parents when I was 9 and not feeling any sadness for the event because they were not my true parents. I was unable to sympathize with him.

" I'm sure she is proud of you, that she is watching over you from above this very moment".

"...Yea". He smiled and stood up with his blade in hand.

Jiro was crouched down, looking over the area at the tip of the building. I really wanted to push him off. I need to stop this habit of killing my own kind for my own pleasure.

"Seems like they're startin to pile up down there". I walked towards the edge and looked down. Jiro was using binoculars(turned on night vision) to scout the area. I didn't need use of that stupid thing. All I had to do was look down and to what human eyes can't see, in the darkness it was clear as day to me.

"4...no 6 more and their increasing...". I began to feel happy at the thought of killing off those things. My hands were trembling, my legs were shaking, my heart was beating so fast my monitor couldn't keep track. My breathing was unstable, the desire to shed blood had already overflowed. My foot was already off the edge.

"Hey"! Joshua called for me. I could hear him but besides that everyone else stood frozen once they heard the screeching howls of the Moon Phasers below us. I told them to stand their grounds and not to move an inch. I went back and grabbed my "Blazer" from Yoko. She looked at me with concern. When she finally understood she backed away. I walked up the Joshua and gave him a pat to the head.

Walking towards the edge I inhaled once just to sink in the scent of blood and took a step, I began to fall into the darkness.

I heard the screams from above.

" Sat-...Jiro what"?!

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" Oh, you haven't figured it out"?

"What..."?

" She's a Moon Phaser...a monster...only, she's a bit mutated so..."

Before I crashed to the ground that was all I heard from up there. I turned my ear piece on and all I heard was static. I guess the from when I crashed into the ground there was an after shock.

I looked up and saw nothing but a few floors from were I was, the fog was too dense to see clearly. From where I collided with the cement, the impact left a large crater in the ground. I found my blazer stuck on a dead Moon Phaser. I walked towards it, still twitching I took my blazer from it and stabbed it once more on the head making sure it was dead, I kicked it's head and the slice was so clean it managed to roll off into one of the buildings alley ways.

"Didn't put up much a fight did you little one, but...". I happen to notice the other 6 waiting for me to look away. Though they just stood there. They were fully developed beasts. Mouths watering, bright blood red eyes that shown brightly in the darkness.

With Blazer in my right hand, I continued my tread towards the scent of blood. I'm not sure but I think I blacked out after that. When I came to, my vision was blurry. The air somehow changed, the scent of blood changed from Moon Phaser to...human. I I looked around, my Blazer was splashed in blood and I was striking against something else. I took a closer look, it was a blade that I could easily recognize with that blood red ribbon tied and swaying in the air. Then I saw it.

Joshua's blade was clashing against mine. When we separated there was a spark. He was out of breath, he was sweating an awful lot, he looked so tired so weak.(So cute) besides that he was wounded almost everywhere, the deepest cut I saw was on his left thigh. I glanced down at my self. My hands were bloody and I looked at the remaining glass window nearest to me. I couldn't believe my eyes. My body was covered in blood but there were not wounds or cuts or anything that seemed off. The blood that was in my hand, I smelled it and the scent was familiar. I looked back at Joshua who was still trying to catch his breath.

He leaned against the buildings wall and sat on the ground still his blade clutched beside him. My eyes where glowing like what they should look like. I felt so disgusted with myself. How could I hurt him so much to the extent where he almost would have bled to death. I heard static coming from Joshua's ear piece.

"Yea...shes stable now". He looked back at me. His eyes showing. Once the clouds dispersed the moon's light reflected off his eyes giving the illusion that it was glowing almost like the moon it's self.

"Joshu- Joshua I'm so...". I couldn't find the words. He was still staring like he was waiting for me to speak.

"You...You could have been killed, I know its my fault for not warning you about what my actions in this district might lead to, and that I'm...". I wanted to cry. But the beasts scent returned and there appeared 3 more, and they were bigger than usual. I looked at Joshua who was so badly wounded and I'm the cause of it. I got my Blazer and stood in front of Joshua I wanted to protect him.

"Satsuki, what are you".

"I'm fine now, you went down here because you were worried right? And your in such bad shape because of me, so you just relax right there and I'll protect you".

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I tapped my ear piece once more and I managed to get back into frequency. Jiro was the first to answer.

"Hey ya brat, you hurt the new guy and I'm gonna-".

"We do not have the time for this trivial matter, tell Yoko to Snipe from the second building across the street. And tell her only to shoot in the head, that is all". Before he managed to speak again I cut the connection. Resting Blazer upon my shoulder I crouched down and whispered in Joshua's ear.

" Do not fear me for I am the only one that can destroy them, because you who lay before me; you are my own to feed upon". I'm sure that sounded strange to him because his face was red and pale at the same time.

I walked toward the beasts, one that looked like the leader walked towards me huffing and growling. I tried to do the same. Instead I growled at him showing my true colors, that I was like them. But I am the one that destroys.

" I Satsuki Black promise that, you beasts that stand before me...you all...will vanish from the face of the Earth, and I will personally make sure of that". Jiro made a slight comment after my little speech.

" Your a lot more serious this time huh? It's kinda sexy".

" Shut up, your on the list as well". He laughed and ended the transmission. I heard wired sounds from above me. Yoko was using military enforced wires to glide across to the other building. The beasts heard it as well.

" Hey, thats rude. Your my entertainment for the evening...so entertain me with what you've got". The leader roared and sprinted towards me. The sound of a sonic boom came after I sprinted forward. We clashed at each other.

" Heh, your pretty tough huh". Since I'm sane the Moon Phasers blood is still inside me. The rage has past. And at the moment this bastard's pretty strong. He roared again thinking it might scare me.

" I've killed many and I've been through worse do you think screaming from the top of your freaking lungs will scare me...think again"! I pushed him off by kicking him in the jaw. He whimpered.

" Since I hold your blood I'm a lot stronger than a mere human". The other two were scared of me. I felt the urge to kill once more rise from me. My blood was boiling. I roared at them sending the two scampering away.

"Yoko! Don't let them get away".

"RIGHT"! I herd two gun shots in the distance.

"I GOT THEM"! She screamed from the other building.

I smirked and looked at the leader who was now readying to strike me again.

"It's just you and me now...come at me". He ran towards me at full speed. I just stood there with Blazer with me. Holding her up I went into "cross" position. This was the last time he roared, when we collided all that I witnessed in front of me was his body splitting in half blood splashed across the blade his remaining parts fell to the ground. I stood there motionless. An in such a dramatic way it really did have to rain. I inhaled the scent of rain, leaving it to pour and wash away the blood and sins I have showered upon this ground. I turned to look at Joshua. I took a step towards him.

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" It's over now..." I said this while smiling. Blazer scratching against the cement behind me. The blood was washed away from his cuts by the rain.

" Send in a stretcher and the truck in, A.S.A.P".

" RIGHT". I sat beside him. The rain was pouring and silence fell. I leaned in and our shoulders touched.

"...I'm sorry". I said.

" For what"? For what he says.

" I didn't mean for you to see that...I should ha-". He turned towards me. I didn't know what kind of expression he had on his face. I gently took my hand and folded his hair back. He looked so tense.

" You know, when you scrunch your forehead like that for too long, it will get stuck that way". He was still tense. Grabbing my hand where it was, he held onto me. My heart started to beat. Faster and faster it went. He was staring into my eyes so intensely.

" I know now, even if your a Moon Phaser or monster your still the same person. I've seen what happens to you, sometimes you can't control what can't be".

"I really..." I wanted to cry, this was the first time anyones ever said something normal about me. I ducked into my knees and cried. Only for a short moment even just for that one simple moment I cried so much my whole body began to shiver.

Chapter 6: Hesitant

When we got back to head quarters the air was fresh. It felt peaceful. Until I was ordered to go to Dr. Okinami's office. I got slapped several times because I couldn't control myself, and I had to run for the whole day in the training area for the whole night until morning. Though, I do deserve this punishment. After all, I did hurt him and the monster inside of me wanted it. Thinking about what I said yesterday to Joshua in the rain got me all shaken up. I looked at my watch and it was already 8 in the morning.

" I guess I can stop now". I jogged to my room and took a shower.

When I looked in the mirror I noticed that on my back there where scratch marks.

" Hmph" besides those the bite marks where still there. Ever since I was bitten the marks have never faded. And on my arm too. I can't ware any tanks without a bandage.

Hanako knocked on the door.

" Can I help you with something, cow glands"?

" Their not that huge my dear, and don't you start comparing me to some cow".

" But its a true fact isn't it"? By this time she was extremely pissed.

"You wanna go"? I gestured my hand like (come at me) she hesitated and clicked her tongue walking out the door.

I was tired, and this was a first even for me. I wasn't hungry nor was I thirsty. I didn't want to walk out that door. Knowing Joshua might be out there. Suddenly there was a knock at the door(again).

"Who dares to knock on my door so early in the morning"?

"Its rain".

I was shocked Rain wasn't the type to walk here in this area of the building or even knock on my door personally.

" Come in". He opened the door and walked in. I pointed to the couch next to the window.

" So, whats your business here"? He was smiling at me. I got creped out by this new face of his. He usually just stands somewhere and reads either a book or some of the agencies paperwork. He was holding a paper that I noticed having Joshua's name on it.

"You know what this is correct"? He held up the paper and I saw Joshua' s full name and picture.

" I'm guessing this is his...medical records"? He nodded his head.

"Let me see it". He gave me the paper and as I looked at it the wounds that I saw in the rain yesterday were not as deep as I thought. He had 3 multiple bruises on his arm, 4 cuts near his left shoulder, slashes on both his legs , and only one deep cut on his back. My chest felt lighter. The feeling of relief.

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" How did you get this, you know this kind of paperworks' confidential".

" So is the personal Bio on all the members, but in any case at least I could get my hands on that".

" So this means he's..." He told me Joshua was still in the medical sector. And I really wanted to see him. I wanted to apologize for what I did to him. Even if he said it was fine I still want to.

" Here". He handed me a green piece of paper. It read: authorization to enter the medical building.

I looked at him, and back at the paper. I was so full of joy I didn't know how to control it. Doing so I jumped onto Rain hugging him and laughing at the same time. After a while I let go knowing that he might of felt uncomfortable. I took a peek at his face and I saw slight pink blotches on his cheeks. He coughed.

" G-go already". He walked out the door and I went after running at full speed down the hallways. Passing some of the staff they yelled at me for running fast in the hallways(this isn't school) I continued down the hallway into the medical building. Security was up ahead. I banged onto the window slapping the green note on the glass. The security guard twitch when I did so. He looked at it and pressed the button, opening the glass doors.

I speed walked to the head desk and asked for member #14 and what room he might be in. She told me he was resting but I pleaded with her to tell me the room. I was desperate to see him. My tears were ready to come out any second. She looked at my concerned face, pitying me she pointed to the direction to the room. I thanked her of course.

I slowed my pace and walked down the brightly lite hallway, I saw the room and I hesitated for a moment. Thinking, what was I supposed to say? Why did I even rush over here? Why did...why did I cry that day? I inhaled deeply and walked in.

the sound of beeping and tapping filled the air. I stopped and looked at my self in the mirror that was next to me(how convenient) I was sweating, my face was bright red, my hair was a mess from all that running. I re-buttoned my shirt and pulled my pants up a bit. This was embarrassing...why did I feel nervous, did I even have this emotion? What could have made me so worked up...even though I just met him, even though...we are different, hes human and I'm...I'm not.

Chapter 7: Tears

Forgetting the thought and setting it aside I stepped into the middle of the room. It was spacious and kinda dark. Only one light was on. The window was left open, the early morning breeze went in and out making the blue flowered curtain hung from it sway back and forth. I turned my attention to the bed which looked like it would hurt your back. I began to stare at Joshua who was asleep on the bed. He must have been exhausted. After all, he was the one that fought me...no I was the one who fought and he was the one trying to stay alive. It hurts, to see someone you might care for, someone who might be important hurt and lying on a hospital bed before you.

I grabbed a chair and slid it next to the bed as quietly as I could. I sat and continued to stare at Joshua's face. His bangs were blocking it as usual. So I took a bobby clip from my hair and pinned up his hair gently trying not to wake him. When I felt his hair it was just like the first time I had touched it. It was soft and fluffy. A greenish-black color. Now I could see his face. He had long eyelashes. His nose was pointy and small which complimented his face a lot better than a large one (Not like Jiro's). His jaw line looked full and strong, his ears were big and pointed. His lips were...I shook my head trying to keep myself together. I didn't want to lose my self control.

I kept staring. The temptation to poke him was escalating. So I poked his cheek, no reaction. Next I poked his nose, no reaction. Then I poked his lower lip. When I did this he twitch his lips. I jerked my hand away at this. I was so scared. What would have happened if he opened his eyes while I was poking him. Would he think I'm strange? Would he think I'm a freak, plus the fact that he knows I'm a Moon Phaser.

He stopped. I sighed in relief. I looked at the clock, it was 9:30 am now. I was getting tired. My eyes were slowly shutting. Without knowing, I fell asleep.

I soon heard a low but gentle voice calling out to me. I slowly opened my eyes. I squinted at the blurry image. When the image cleared it was Joshua's face. He was grinning. My eyes widened.

" Good morning sleepy head". I jumped up, I looked at the clock it was already 2:30 in the afternoon. I turned and pointed at the clock.

" Dummy, its already in the afternoon". I was shaking. Blushing I froze pointing while he laughed at me.

" Right, right...but you just woke up, saying afternoon sounds unappealing so I said good morning. Has a nice ring to it huh". I pouted. To be made full of was so not my style, or blush, or feel flustered.

" You know, you really have corrupted me".

" how so"? He was sitting up right and I did the same, crossing my arms and legs.

" I never used to feel anything. Physically and emotionally...maybe even mentally. I haven't cried since I was 9 and I did yesterday...for you. I was happy when I found out you were ok. I used to never show what I was thinking. I never...I NEVER USED TO BE SO HUMAN LIKE"! I continued to rant about what has changed in me since I met him.

" People would fear me because I was stronger in body and mind. Now probably knowing how I reacted to you, they might belittle me like I was treated the first time I came here. You don't know what it was like to be treated like some sort of strange creature. They looked at me with fear in their eyes. Wanting to become stronger on my own was what I wished for. Instead....instead that wish was granted but by such a horrid

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method".

I wanted to cry again. I knew now I was spilling out what had been locked deep down inside me. I was able to say it all to someone else but myself. However, I didn't want to be pitied.

" And what now!?!...Now that I have met you...all this time I was known as someone you shouldn't go near to. Like there was a thick wall between me and reality. I want to laugh with everyone, I want to joke around instead of threatening people. I don't understand what this "Disease" Has done to me. I...I just long for-".

" Enough now". He pulled my arm...touching his warm hand against my skin. Letting my head rest on his chest. I tried to break free.

" Your wounds-".

" Let them be...". He embraced me. Holding me tightly. I was struggling. My body was warm, I started to feel more at ease in his arms.

" Joshua". My voice came out shaky.

" Hm"? He asked me.

" Your playing dirty...you know". I nuzzled more into his chest, I remembered the wounds. The scent of blood was light. But behind that was his own scent.

" I'm doing it on purpose". He patted my head.

I started to cry...only this time I'm sure, was the most I've cried since I was little. My cries carried all the way to the hallway. So I buried my face in his chest some more, to sure my voice couldn't be heard by the nurses. This counts as the second time I've cried in front of him. And I'll make sure that it will never happen again in the future.

Chapter 8: Misunderstanding/Change

"You ok"? He looked down at me still smiling. Now that I can see his face clearly...smiling while his eyes shown makes me want to touch them. Its like I'd trade my blood red eyes for those silver-blue pairs.

" I'm fine, so just let go of me". He chuckled and gave me one quick squeeze then released me from his grasp. I actually wanted him to continue embracing me. It felt so nice to be held like that. Now that I think about it I care for him...yes I do, to the point where I want to protect him from any harm. And most likely he would do the same for me. And so I came to the conclusion...

" I care about you...Joshua". His face was bright. I started to blush.

" So you know what?...". He nodded with such a brightened expression.

" Your kinda like an older brother". Once I said this his expression changed from bright to grim. He started to frown. And the scrunch between his eyebrow reappeared.

" Whats wrong". I looked at him confused.

"..." he began to laugh...but it was like he forced it.

" I'm sure brothers don't embrace their sisters like what I just did". He has a point but...

" Besides that, you think I'm important yes? So I just thought of you as like my older brother even though I don't really remember him, I'm sure he treated me with the same compassion as you did".

He ceased laughing he dropped his head to his hands. He was like that for a few minutes...maybe I misinterpreted something.

" Did I say something wrong"? He looked up and the same smile showed up on his face again.

" Nothing". That was the last thing he said. But while I was getting ready to leave he said.

" To answer your previous question...I do care about...to such an extent where I would die for you". That was all he said.

I walked out of the medical building and into the main building. I went to the kitchen and on the couch smoking a cigar was Jiro.

" Your waisting your life away smoking that much". I said as I was getting things to make a sandwich.

" It's all good, its only my 3rd one". He inhaled and withdrew that gray smoke from his nose. I grimaced at the sight.

"Did you get more beer, the fridge is awfully packed with them".? I looked at the almost full fridge which contained half of what was beer and water.

" ...yep since it seems that every time I get the 6 pack the next 2 days I'm left with 2. someones been stealing my beers and I don't like it".

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I started to giggle. He looked over at me, got up and walked over to the kitchen counter. Putting out his cigar he sat down at the counter and watched as I put together my sandwich.

I pouted, he was just sitting there the whole time. Why did he have to stare so much like he was observing me. I was just making some food nothing to gawk at.

" You need something"? Putting back the bag of spinach. I got out the knife and started to cut the sandwich into two. He got all quiet all of a sudden...makes me feel uneasy. I glanced around the room, no one was in sight. Maybe their resting? There hasn't been a round alert so I guess that might be the case.

" So...". The silence finally broke.

" So what"? He put his elbows on the counter and lazed his hands, letting his head rest on it.

" what happened to ya...yesterday during the rounds"? Well this was an interesting thing to ask me. Jiro who was always the one to never care a rats ass about me, asked me what happened yesterday?

" I'm shocked Jiro...why would you-" he slammed his hand on the counter. Even if he didn't say anything I knew he was pissed. And this was a first.

" Just what happened. Why did you lose control back there"? I ignored this question and handed him a piece of the sandwich. Sandwich in the hair, he slapped it out of my hand, it fell to the floor.

" dammit Jiro, thats a waist of good food". I picked up the sandwich and examined it if it was still clean enough to consume.

" Satsuki"! He shouted my name, hearing this I went pale. Jiro has never called me by my first name before. In the past he would continuously call me shorty, or midget and I wasn't even that short for crying out loud.

" Whats wrong with you"? I shouted back. I really didn't want to start another fight, if this keeps up will I lose myself again, and even hurt Jiro in the process?

" You...why did that happen yesterday? Why did you go all chaotic? Was the pressure to hard for you?...Moon Phaser or not how...why did you"?

" I don't understand"? His voice sounded as if he was serious. He was shaking.

" Are you scared of me"? I asked him.

" No, its just that...". He started to calm himself down. When he was calm he took a deep breath and sighed.

" I just want to know...what made you change so suddenly during that time"? He stared at me. I know he wasn't joking. Maybe he was concerned, was it for me or was it for...

" I really...don't know myself actually". I laughed.

" All that I could remember before I came to was that, it felt like my insides where being sliced to pieces. That the pain was so excruciating that I couldn't bare with it any longer. My mind was going blank, and before I knew it...". I paused and started to think.

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" The smell of fresh blood engulfed the air, filled me up. This usually happens when I go on rounds but this was the first time...the Moon Phasers blood has taken over me". Just what was I doing? Why was I explaining all this to Jiro of all people. Didn't I just get over from breaking into tears in front of Joshua? My emotions have changed. And I didn't like change.

" I'm sorry". Jiro said this to me.

"...come again"? Are my eyes deceiving me? Am I dreaming...mother in heaven please tell me I'm dreaming, because if this were a dream then I'm in hell.

Chapter 9: Awkward Fear

" I said I'm sorry alright? I should have not asked if you had to have such a terrible look on your face, but if you ever decide to tell me the truth about you...I'm all ears".

After he said this he grabbed the clean half of the sandwich and walked away. Bastard he could have left me the clean one instead of the dirty one. He has no consideration towards women.

" You selfish piece of trash! Come back here with my food"! And here I thought he looked pretty cute when he acts his age, guess I really shouldn't keep my hopes up. It is Jiro after all.

I looked at the dirty half of the sandwich that was in my hand, I sniffed it and took a bite. It seemed alright so I ate the rest and when I looked at the clock it was 4 in the afternoon. I guess there are no rounds today. From time to time this occasionally happens. We get breaks between our rounds allowing us to recover. That is, if we get injured during the rounds.

I walked around the inside of the building, the space was much larger the first time I set foot in here. Back then I was tiny so of course it makes sense to seem smaller now then it was back then. It was quiet as usual. I passed by the training area there was no one in site. Nothing was misplaced or touched since we left.(because I was the one and the only who cleans the place). I passed by the meeting hall. That is where our meetings take place.

The place reeked of newly wet paint. The building was here before I came to this place. Everything looks new and in some places it looks old. So desolate the place was in the afternoon. I saw some of the staff in their usual meeting places around the building. I noticed that they never make eye contact with me. Since almost everyone knew I was a monster. But looking at the bright side of being one I can scare the shit out of people if I just glance at them. It's a little funny now that I think about it. You can say I'm weird but I think it's hilarious.

My feet started to ache. Maybe from too much walking? No can't be. Maybe cause I'm so used to running in my heeled boots that slippers have become uncomfortable to me.

What ludicrously. I started to think about Joshua again. I really need to stop this unsightly behavior.

" He's just some weak little boy".

No, he's a man and I know he's not weak.

" He's just like a brother...nothing more"!

But, do brothers hug sisters like that? Thats not right.

I started to develop a headache. Until I heard gun shots, I looked at the sign above me that the shooting range was being used. I peeked inside and found Yoko and Sen. It looked like they were testing their guns.

" Good afternoon". They stopped firing and looked my way. Yoko settled her gun next to the "pile" basket (which contained 4 other guns that belonged to her) and hugged me. Yoko is such a nice person(I still don't appreciate the nicknames).She always sticks up for me. Even if shes almost 4 feet tall for her age. I looked down at her and it was as if I was gazing at some foreign doll from America. She was too cute but, no one was allowed to say that in front of her, so long as she has her rifle with her you can't say squat or else you'll never

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live to see the light of day ever again.

"HI" Sen yelled out to me as he kept shooting the target. Yoko released me and asked if I wanted to try.

" I...Using a gun is not my forte".

" Come on at least use this one, its a lot easier to handle then the ones I use". She gave me a small handgun.

" This gal's a SIG P938 9MM pistol. It has G10 grips and it comes with night sights too. The cartridge platform is also similar in size to the P238 pistol. Though I prefer this one. The dimensions are slightly different than its .380ACP counter part, but of course would have given you the kahr CW40 3.5" SS Poly Frame...aw man but this one-". I pinched her arm making her yelp.

"Don't go weird on me with your Gun Fanatic self". She rubbed her arm where I pinched her, I then heard Sen chuckle.

" You know her, when she starts talking about guns...theres no other way but to pinch her to shut her up". I'm pretty sure there are other ways but, I guess pinching might be the best choice.

" I'm sorry. I can't help it, just went you start ranting on about your gun types...there's no freaking way to shut you up".

" Well excuse me for being like this. Don't judge me, judge the one who taught me".

" And that would be..."? She hesitated, I got the feeling she didn't want me to know.

" My father".

" I'm guessing he's...right"? She looked down and sighed. Maybe I should have not asked.

I know most of the members in the agency are survivors of the infection. I know some of their families have...past on, at least they had a real family.

" A-anyways Satsuki...hows the wee boy"? I was pretty sure she was talking about Joshua so I told her that I went to see him and told her the alternate of what happened there.

" Oh, so whens he gonna be discharged from there"?

" I'm not sure, they didn't inform me".

" At least it's not life threatening, see ya didn't do too much damage Sat". She keeps coming up with these weird nicknames...at least they make sense(some of them).But I felt the guilt in me when she mention it being my fault, and I know too that it was my fault. The losing of my sanity happens a lot.

"I don't think you should judge her...Yok". I looked at sen.

" Hey, but I wasn't judging her, just spoke the truth".

"The truth hurts...especially coming from your mouth...it hurts 3 times more. Its like pouring salt on a deep wound, like adding fuel to the fire, like running over a small puppy and not even bothered to go back and check on it-".

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" Okay we get the point Sen, look at Yoko she's pissed...shes even pointing "Gazelle" at you".

You see, you can tell when Yoko's serious. Gazelle is one of her favorites in her collection. If I could recall it was an AK-47 military rifle. She was happy when Dean brought it in the day he ordered it. Knowing him he might have made a few minor adjustments to it. On the other hand if she where to kill you at long range (though you wouldn't know) her top choice would be the MAUSER SP66 that she personally ordered from Germany. Know one knows how or when but she never told us about it.

She was still pointing the gun at Sen, I stepped back a bit to give them more space. During this time and this time only I'm actually quite scared. I backed up into the wall, frightened I looked back and forth at the two people that were now holding guns at each other.

" Hey...guys you shouldn't be doing this, over such a trivial matter".

" My words hurt huh". Yoko cocked the gun at Sen aiming straight for his forehead.

" At least I didn't call you a dwarf aga- oh...sorry I said it didn't I"?

Dammit these two are always like this, Yoko can't control herself, she needs to learn how to control her emotions...though I shouldn't be talking I can't do that either.

Yoko positioning Gazelle at Sen forehead, she really looked like she was gonna shoot him. Her posture changed. She usually slumps but she was standing straight. Her shoulders supporting the weight of the heavy rifle, her aim was sharp. She took the first shot...and missed his head by 2 inches. The sound of the gun shot echoed through the room. My heart was beating so fast. It was throbbing, the shock made me slump to my knees. I collapsed on the floor shaking in fear. The only reason why I was so frightened was because each of the agencies guns was specially re-made to specifically kill off Moon Phasers. To be more specific the bullets where replaced by silver metal material and cotted with Deans version of a tranquilizer. The doses are made to knock down the beasts. Once they are shot with one of the bullets they either reduce the movement or if the dose is mixed with cobra venom the beast slowly and painfully stops moving and dies. I've only seen that happen once, and being in this type of situation...knowing Yoko she might have put in the mixed bullet, it might be a good idea to get out of the room as soon as possible

Chapter 10: Delusion

At least an our passed by. Though it felt more like an eternity. Yoko stepped forward. She was probably trying to scare Sen, in which case won't work because he has such a poker face you would never know what he's thinking. He didn't even flinch, he just stood there. He put down his gun and waved at Yoko. She smirked and put down her gun as well. I sighed in relief. The feud had settled down. And they both went back to their original positions, as if nothing really happened. These people....are strange.

Yoko turned to me and gave me a big smile.

" Sorry you had to see that, you should go what time is anyways"?

" Its only...". I looked at the clock above the doorway, it was late.

" Maybe I should...get some sleep". I nodded to Sen and Yoko. As I walked away the sound of gun shots started to disappear in the background.

I was exhausted. I've never felt more tired in my life. Typically Moon Phasers never sleep nor do they ever rest. They constantly roam around looking for fresh meat. I've never seen such beasts that never take the time to rest and regain their strength.

From what Dr. Okinami told me during his research, the beasts gain their strength during full moons. The moons light reflects off their fur (or rough skin) to be more exact. Absorbing the moons light energy. Its almost the same as solar power. You know like those boards they use in most places all over the world to absorb the suns rays to use as energy.

Maybe I'm the same, maybe thats why when ever the moons light shines from my window and it touches my skin...it feels as if my skin is burning. Not like heat more like intense burning like when it snows and the tiny bits of snow drops on your skin leaving a slight burning sensation after it melts.

I didn't want to think about how I could compare myself to those things. I haven't devoured human flesh yet. But I've felt like trying it. How would it taste? Does human blood taste as good as it looks and smells? When chewing does it have a rough or mushy texture? My thoughts began to accumulate. I slapped my face bringing me back to reality. I felt a warm liquid trickle down my lower lip. I touched it and found myself drooling again. I wiped it away in disgust. Am I really such a girl to be thinking such things.

Once I got to my room, I locked the door behind me and hopped into the shower. Being under the warm water was like stepping into my own little paradise where no one but me can be in. I thought about Joshua.

" Maybe he can join my little paradise as well". I giggled at the thought of seeing Joshua in a small hula skirt and dancing to the beat of the drums, playing a ukulele. If I were to throw in the coconut bra then that would be the most disturbing thing I've ever imagined.

" Joshua in a hula skirt would be ludicrous, its almost like the end of the world...no more like if that were to happen in reality pigs could actually fly".

My giggle became a laugh which seemed to bounce off the wall of the bathroom making it much louder. I couldn't stand anymore. My legs began to give out on me. I slumped to the showers floor letting the hot water shower onto my head. I would love to see so much enjoyment like that happen. Unfortunately in this now corrupt world. Things like that are now like dreams that are impossible to effectuate. People who have dreams

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like that feel a sense of lose when they finally realize it wont come true.

Chapter 11: Fearful curroption

For as long as I could remember this idiotic virus has caused the whole world to go chaotic. In the United States there aren't that many "Safe Havens". Approximately 5 Havens have been created there. Here in Japan we have what you call Districts then calling them Havens. We have 5 more than the US. And over there, there aren't that many special fighters to kill off the infected ones.

It's only a rumor but, Dr. Okinami once told me that...in the US they've been issuing a recruiting stage. They need more fighters. Half of the current population are women, children and the elderly. He told me that this agency (1 out of 3) will be grouping together with other district agencies to board a plane towards the US. I can't remember the exact day that would take place in but if ever, he would tell us right away.

" Oh, how I love the hot water". Would have been better if it was a Sake(* Japanese Liquor) I would have never stepped out in such short time.

Personally I like to sleep in the nude. I just don't feel right sleeping in clothes. It adds to the laundry. And here laundry days are tough, especially since not a lot of us have a whole wardrobe full of clothes...anymore that is.

I looked out the window and as it's always been there, there stood the buildings security wall. It had to be at least 241 ft high, to build such an extraordinary barrier and around the whole facility...must have shed sweat and blood. I opened and let in a soft cool breeze. The room needed the circulation it was getting a bit humid. Since I'm naked if one of the guards spotted me in such a sight then they'll never leave me alone. I took the thin clothed sheet from the bed and rapped it around my body making sure to cover every part of my fully feminine build.

I leaned on the window sill and gazed at the moon. It was a half crescent. I guess that explains the terribly bad feeling I've been having lately. I pointed towards the smiling moon and made the grin shape with my fingers.

" Such a wonderful sight, moon who smiles on me, and on many others. The goddess that resides on you please grant me the strength to pull through once more. I ask so much of you but what I say is always true".

I just realized when I speak I have the tendency to talk poetically. I guess it was the way I was raised. Forgetting that awful memory I left the widow slightly open letting a small breeze to come in. I changed into my sleeping wear and tried to rest. Being a half I can't really sleep, I can rest for a while but I can't sleep.

I suddenly felt a horrible throbbing pain in my chest. I quickly rose off the bed the pounding rushed to my head, the pain was horrible, the sensation of having a hammer smashing into your head and body constantly. I started to sweat soaking my pillow. What was this pain? It wasn't like before, like someones squeezing my heart. I started to cry because of the pain, my mind went numb at that moment. It felt as though the other half of me is warning me of something. The alert siren goes crazy. The foul scent filled the air at the same exact time I heard a loud bang coming from the front Gate. The scent sent my falling to the floor. My legs felt like dead weights.

I looked at my hand and strange specs of some kind of hair started to grow. My nails were lengthening to an almost claw like state. I screamed in discomfort when my spin cracked. Just what was going on with me? It was not a full moon how can I...before I knew it the banging sounds grew nearer and nearer, and the changes started to escalate. After a few minutes the pain subsided. I was panting hard, my throat grew weary from my screams. I managed to get the feeling back in my arms and legs and slowly crawled to the mirror.

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My eyes grew wide at the once human body I was used to looking at, change to such a degree. My eyes were glowing blood red. I gazed at the half human half animal Silhouette in the mirror. I realized the thing standing in front of me was...me?!

I tried to stand up and heard a few cracks and pops sound from my knees and neck. I leaned against the wall for support. My hearing was enhanced and I was able to hear the strange banging noises from the outside. I tried to open the door, not knowing my own strength my beast like claw left a small hand impression on the door nob, denting it.

I stumbled into the hall way, and noticed all the other members door were swung right open. The speaker phone came on and what sounded like Mari, speaking more loudly than normally.

" ALL PERSONAL REPORT TO THE ARMORY! I REPEAT WE ARE IN CODE RED11 I REPEAT CODE RED11"!

I couldn't imagine a code RED11 happen ever in the facility. That means that a fully developed Moon Phaser has entered the area. How could security be knocked down so easily. I peered down the empty and smoky hallway. I walked down to the armory and found most of the members in there. I remembered my appearance and stopped midway entering the room. If they were to see me in such a manner then they would without hesitation. I limped my way in the direction were I could hear the loud banging noises.

Walking like this was a lot harder than I thought. Since my muscle weight gained a lot when I changed. My arms were practically dragging behind me making it more difficult to walk.

My back was slumping, my knees creaked with each step. The sounds came from the medical building. Knowing Joshua's still recovering there I started to shake at the fear of him getting eaten by something else. I've already sworn it will be me if ever the time for that will come.

I trusted my instincts and sprinted with what little strength in my legs could manage to the building. When I approached the smoky building the security wall had been so badly damaged, I didn't know what to do...risk myself to save Joshua or just... the roar of the beasts came closer and closer. They could smell me, I could even smell my own scent; of sweat and blood.

Chapter 12: Pain

I neared the room where Joshua was placed in. I awkwardly poked my head in and found an empty bed. Where could he be. My mind went numb. The bed sheets were covered in blood and the scent was familiar. I wanted to cry. I rested on the crumbled wall beside me.

"I need to calm myself. Worst case scenario...they could have taken him". If that was his blood...and he's still recovering from his previous injuries and they re-open. I started to steer my heavy body off the ground. Once I got my senses together I continued my search for him.

The whole building was in shambles. There were bullet holes all over the walls, dead bodies claimed by the beasts lied on the floor motionless. The smell of blood filled the air. I hopped none of the members were killed. Really, how could they let them enter the facility and why didn't I notice until now. I felt useless.

I heard a voice in the distance. It was screeching making my ears ring.

"Satsuki! Where are you"?! The voice came from the surgical ward.

"You better get your ass out here"! I turned around the corner and found Jiro.

He saw me! What could be going around in his head at the moment. The look on his face...he looked scared, he looked like he was in shock. Jaw dropped and wrinkled brow.

"J...Jir". My voice came out hoarse. It sounded husky. He was holding his gun and he was covered in blood and bruises. He pointed the gun at me and shouted at me to prepare myself. I knew that he was going to shoot me, how could he differentiate between me and a real Moon Phaser.

"You"! He shouted again. I wanted to scream from where I stood. I wanted to tell him that it was me. But how could I? When I looked at my appearance after the change I looked nothing like my former self. I finally surrendered to him and slumped on the ground on my knees.

I cried. The cries did not sound human, they sounded monstrous. The screams of a Moon Phaser. I did not want to die just yet. But how can I tell him it's me! His gun started to rattle. He looked so tense. Not the Jiro I knew, he was serious now. I never thought of him as a serious person. I didn't get to tell you about what I thought about you...even if you make fun of me, even if we never get along, even though I told you when we first met that you were nothing but a pathetic bastard of a man. I always knew that all you wanted to do was destroy all the corrupted and change this world just like the others.

I tilted my head toward the gun. And touched the tip with my forehead. All while this was happening why did he not shoot me yet? When one sees a Moon Phaser you must not hesitate in terminating it. He looked at me. I looked back and tried to smile. He twitched and took a step back.

"Is that...you..ya brat"? He dropped his gun to the side and knelt down in front of me.

I nodded. He frowned when I did so.

"How...How could you look like this, it isn't even the night of a full moon".

I shook my head trying to signal him I too didn't understand.

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" And how could you smile like that, when your like this"? I tried to speak but my voice came out in a husky whisper.

" I...wanted...you t-to know it was me so I...". He sighed and put his gun away. Forgetting the situation he told me about what really happened.

" Damn them, they're a lot smarter than we thought".

He told me that they ambushed the 6th division round when they entered the front security gate. He was a witness and managed to get away safely. I asked him about the 6th division group. He told me all he heard was screams and gun shots and it all went silent. 6th division group Y; low trained and low knowledge in military combat. Their the ones that are grouped all together in one and sent on small missions. The ones that are unfortunate die during the battle. We are group division A. The "Elite" or I guess thats what the lower divisions call us.

I don't really like the term "Elite" it makes us sound like a bunch of stuck up rich like idiots that only get in the A group with their parents power. They don't know what we have been through, the hardships we've overcome. Some of us aren't even sure if our families are safe or not. Some of us know our families will never come back. Even I know my foster family will never come back. Not like it matters to me...not like I care about them. Though I hope and pray, my elder step brother made it through. He was in the military so I'm sure he's fine.

" And...what about...Joshua?...have you seen him"?

" No". I felt scared when I heard that Jiro had not seen him.

" Have you at least got any audio or....visual contact with the head deck"?

Jiro said he hadn't gotten any since the alarm went off. I grunted when the pain in my lower back came back. The cracking and popping of my spine when off like the sound of a fire cracker. Jiro looked at me concerned.

" I'm fine...the spasms only last for short periods".

" You scared me back there, I didn't know...if I would have shot you back then, Yoko would never forgive me" He chuckled at the thought of Yoko who's so small beat up a grown man who's a lot taller then she.

I stood up straight trying to a line my twisted like back. Gasping from the try, I looked back down at Jiro who still stayed silent on the ground. He was looking at me. But not through me like he could see the real me, the the beast that hid me.

" We...should go...the situation seems to be worsening. I would like to find the rest of the group...Jiro look for the group and Joshua please...and I'll-".

" Don't tell me you...you want to fight all those things by yourself"?

" You know I'm a lot stronger than the others and I'm sure everyones tried their best from fighting, and I don't want to see anymore blood shed from you and you know better".

I grinned at him, trying to make myself look like I had everything in control. He sighed when he got up and walked towards the main hall, which connected the medical building and the main housing were we live in.

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midway towards our parting he coughed. And I looked back, he tossed me a small Iron pistol which was meant for women to handle in the facility.

" You hold onto that. Make sure you won't get killed".

I pointed the gun at Jiro making him flinch and took a shot missing his left ear.

" Ya idiot...you knew that guns loaded with the mixed chemical"!

" I know, It's just it's been a while since I held a gun, so I thank you for being a substitute target for practice".

" I'll get you, once this is over...I'll get you".

I turned towards the giant hole in the wall and walked outside. The wind was blowing, fire was spewing from the Medical Building above my head. I went into shock when I saw what looked like a human body, fearing for the worst I stared at it and waited.

Chapter 13: Silence

When I got my act together I walked closer towards the body, rolling the body on it's back. I sighed in relief thankful it was not Joshua's. Feeling a bit guilty for having no sadness to the damaged body, I carried the body into one of the buildings that seemed to be still intact. Lightly putting my head to its chest I heard a heart beat, thank god hes not dead. I brushed off the smoke dust from his hair and face. Then I just noticed that this was...

" Sa- Sai"? The small and petite sized body in my arms was Sai after all. I wasn't able to easily recognize him because of the dirt in his red hair turning it into a dried up rose like appearance.

" Satsuki"? He winced. I told him to stay still and just relax, he had broken his arm and there were multiple claw marks on his sides. I found some medical cloth and tape. Placing the rap around his arm securing it in place. Sai was the small and weak twin. Both at the age of 14 and having so much experience in design and technology. I heard they were prodigies or something around those lines.

" Sai, you'll be alright now. So just rest up". He struggled to open his eyes to see me more clearly.

" No, shut your eyes and succumb to slumber. You've gone through so much pain on your own".

" Satsuki...where is Mai..."?

" I...I am not sure, but I assure you he must be safe".

Rolling his body towards my own he rested his head on my breast.

" Just because your hurt don't take that to advantage now". I chuckled while I massaged his hair, twisting small strands into curls.

" How, come...you feel so rough...Satsuki"? I flinched and tried to relax myself.

" I can't see you clearly, my eyes still hurt from the smoke getting in my eyes".

I rested my claw like human hand on top of his head and patted it, I told him to sleep.

" I thought I told you to go back to sleep, Let your body heal it's self".

" Bu-". I covered his mouth with my hand. He complained again about how rough and prickly it was, again I yelled at him to sleep. So finally after a few minutes he shut his eyes and went to sleep. I placed him in a nearby bed that was still together and covered him with a blanket. I was unsure about putting him in such an open area so I decided to carry him half way.

I remembered my ear piece being in my room. So I walked back to my room making sure no one saw me, I found it on the desk and tried to get a steady frequency. A voice came on.

" SATSUKI"!

" Mari"?

" Where the hell are you, while you where out somewhere we were trying to handle these things alone, you know how hard that is without you"!?

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Ignoring his nagging. Is asked him if Mai was with him.

" Yes, hes with us and hes going mad looking for Sai. Have you a clue as to were he is. He told me they got separated during the collision".

" Sai is safe, he's right here, next housing building...come for him now while the coast is clear...while I-".

" Where are you going"? I paused and thought over what I should say.

"...I'll look for Joshua...that is my top priority".

" ...you care about him that much huh".

I told him Joshua was just like an older brother figure to me. He told me to be careful and cut the frequency.

I looked at Sai and saw that the blanket had fallen off and wounded up on the floor. I looked up and Sai was staring at me...dead straight at me. He started to shake and stutter. He was completely still.

" Sa-Satsuki...why are you-" I got up and walked towards him, picking up the blanket holding it out for him to take it back.

" I'm sorry that you had to see me like this"

" Am...I scary"?

" Does my form disgust you"?

" â | I am ugly aren't I"? he started to settle down and gently took the cloth from me. He shook his head.

" It's shocking though, to see you like this...why did you change"?

I told him I had wondered that too. Why in the world would I change? It was not a full moon nor was the temptation high.

" You...look remarkable...you don't compare to the beasts out there. You still hold some human features...your face for starters still remains the same. You've grown taller, your arms are longer and fuller. You may look like them from the outside but, your still Satsuki".

I wanted to cry again...though I would never do that.

" I want you to stay here...and never leave the room".

He just stared at me when I said this, Sai and Mai have no ability to fight only to design what we ware during our battles. I took the gun and gave it to him. Tightening his hands around it.

" Use this...if something does come at you...point straight, and keep your composure. It has a strong kick to it,and never show fear".

He was whimpering again, scared knowing what was going to happen. He took the gun and put it to his side. I was wondering how he was going to shoot if something were to happen with that arm of his.

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" I guess I can try to shoot...".

" That gun has the the mixed chemical in it so if you don't aim for the head just scratch it and that will affect them".

He gave me one of those cute puppy like eyes and nodded. I petted his head and left him. Leaving the medical building out I decided to search for Joshua using the top tower. It's a building like skyscraper that allows clear vision; beyond the gates. Another announcement came on the intercom,

" SATSUKI!...WE HAVE FOUND JOSHUA...REST ASSURED...OUR CURRENT LOCATION IS IN THE TOP TOWER".

I began to cry again. Not the loud sappy sobs I cried before but it felt more like happiness.

But I'm sure that was Jiro...he found Joshua before I did, that actually helped. If he were to see me like this I think I would die right on the spot. Its humiliating for some reason.

Knowing that Joshua was in a safe place, I strolled around the area. I heard a few gun shots in the distance, screams here and there. But I didn't see any Moon Phasers yet. It was strangely quiet, again the intercom went on: " SATSUKI! WE HAVE SAI NOW! HOW ARE THINGS DOWN THERE"!?

" YOU IDIOT, LIKE I CAN ANSWER YOU AND YOU CAN HERE ME FROM DOWN HERE"!

I shouted with all I got, and continued my walk. I stumbled upon a few dead bodies. The smell of human blood filled the air again. It stung my nose like the scent of onions. A sour and fowl taste left on my tongue. Just how many of them managed to breach the facility. Though I'm glad everyone seems to be secured in the top tower. Of course I'm down here for a reason, that is to protect them from my own kind.

I gazed at my claw like hand, it didn't look real. Everything felt like some sort of nightmare.

" WHY DID THINGS HAVE TO END UP LIKE THIS"!?

My throat was burning. Was I not satisfied. Did this "thing" decide to take over me.

I felt the ground shake. Boom boom it went. Then in front of me appeared an oddly shaped shadow. I looked up and it was like looking at a clone. Except my form still resemble some human parts. It looked so out of breath, it's rough fur covered in it's own blood and scars from Moon Phaser weapons.

It crouched down, paused, and just examined me. Blood red eyes just like mine shown behind a fur covered face. Huffing, I could see it's breath. It began to snarl, it's body twitching. Maybe it was hit with the mixed chemical, near at the end of it's life. I took a step closer towards the beast.

It growled at me. I took another step closer, trying not to scare it. From it's appearance it was a full grown Moon Phaser. I would consider myself as a half. I wouldn't want to fight it, not now...not here. Joshua is in the top tower. He could easily noticed the fight going on down here. Sen must be up there too, he's good with stuff like that.

All these thoughts going around in my head. If this were all to end soon...what would become of the facility? How much would it cost to fix everything, the medical building would need new supplies and things like that are hard to come by. Requesting the government for things like that are likely to happen. So are food and cloth. When Mai and Sai make our cloths they use special instruments to design and make them. I don't know

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all the details about how they do things but what I know is in this god forsaken world...the word possible doesn't exist.

For a while the beast did nothing but stare at me. I took another step closer now being only a few feet away. Why hasn't it attacked me yet. Normally, they would attack anyone and anything that was in it's way...was it because my form was changed?

" Y-...can you...understand me"?

It twitched and stepped forward. Thinking this as a positive response I continued to question it.

" Why did you come here..."? How could I know it's reason. How would it speak me.

A pulsing went on inside me head. I threw my body to the ground head first. There was no pain, but there was this itchy kind of feeling...a sort of buzzing going off. All of a sudden there came a small but deep voice...it sounded like a mans voice. I looked up at the beast who was now towering over me, but still sitting. Looking down at me the voice spoke:

" Are you one of us"? The voice asked me. This was so shocking. To think A Moon Phaser like this one can communicate using telepathy. Not only that but...to talk using it's human voice its amazing.

" I share your blood, considering my form I guess its so". It turned it's head towards the Top Towers direction.

" We will not harm the humans...not here". I looked up at the beast.

" This is not our battlefield". It tried to stand again only to fail at the attempt, slumping on the ground once more.

" You are hurt, you mustn't try to get up". I slowly got up and the beast backed away from my sudden movement.

" Do not concern yourself with us, you chose to stay with the humans and kill your own kind...therefor any help from you means nothing".

Those where the last words I heard that spoke to me, the beast fell to the ground. There was no voice in my head, and the beast's body laid silent.

It's not like I wanted to-....well I chose to fight along side the agency. I do wish for a better future. Those things out there...are mere trash that was forgotten to be disposed of. Like it told me, I should not concern myself over them. My only purpose here is to kill them...kill them all.

Chapter 14: Dream

The intercom went on again,

" SATSUKI! YOU OK"? I looked back up at the tower and waved. My arms were killing me. The air changed in the area, the scent of Moon phaser blood no longer filled the air. I suppose they finished them off. What a waste of my efforts, what exactly was the reason I changed into this form for. Was there no reason? Or maybe it was a fluke. A sharp pain spread through my body. My arms and legs were twitching, my head was throbbing. During that time I did not know that I had past out.

I had a very odd dream, I was in my old home, my adoptive parents were there, so was my older brother. Now that I thought about it we were very close weren't we. Older brother was an ordinary young man. He went to collage like a normal person should. The whole family sat together during dinner and the food was cooked by mother. I remember the taste of each dish. I was kind of happy during those times.

To eat with a large group of people, to be able to live under a secured roof, to be protected by many people that care for you. And all the while I felt no care or compassion or love for any of them. Even though I was happy. The happy moments only lasted for a while, before I knew it the flash back of the virus that changed our happiness happened in the blink of an eye. I remember each of my family members infected bodies. Cries of my mother who cooked for us, the screams and groans from our strong father, the severe coughing of my grandparents, the banging of my older brother hitting his head against the wall. In a weird way, I felt no pain. I only watched their suffering. Being so young to witness so much, had not so much effect on me.

The dream continued it's spiral of madness. I felt like falling. I was running away from something...but what. I kept running and panting. Running in all directions, it was dark there was no specific background or scenery. Just pitch darkness. I thought this dream would be never ending.

Chapter 15: Worry

I awoke to a sudden noise that sounded like it came from my right ear. A small whisper like voice was coming from my right ear. The warm breath tickled the tip. I slowly opened my eyes and turned my head over touching...the tip of Joshua's nose. I blushed at such a thing...never In my life!

" Morning". He sat on the stool next to the bed I was on. I looked at the small clock that hung from the wall next to me.

" ...You idiot. It's already past 2 in the afternoon".

" Does it really matter, Satsuki". I got up and looked around. I did not recognize the room. This was not the medical building in the normal facility.

" Joshua...were is this, were are we"?

" Oh, were in Facility 5's medical ward, for the time being we will rest here until they rebuild the damage that was done".

"...is that so..."

If I remember correctly "district 5" was located in Osaka. But why here.

" Joshua...are you ok"? He grinned at me but I couldn't tell what his eyes where saying since he hid them away from me with his hair.

" I'm fine, my previous wounds have healed. But you should have been more careful back there. Even though your stronger than all of us, you can still get badly hurt".

His way of speaking hasn't changed at all. He really doesn't have to put in so much concern for me. Even if I got my arms chopped off I could sow them back on and I'll be good as new. Now if I were to say that aloud he would mad at me, though at least his reaction would cheer me up a bit.

"I'm alright. See...". I unwrapped the the cloth that was around my arms and legs.

" Since I am one of them, my wounds heal faster than a normal human so grazes like this have little effect on me, so no need to worry too much".

He looked disappointed. And kinda mad but I really couldn't tell because of the hair. I found a stray hair clip pinned to my hair. Grabbing his hair I pulled it back and clipped his hair showing the only pair of eyes only I could gaze at.

He was staring at me again. I suddenly remembered of what happened at the medical ward before. I felt so embarrassed when he kept staring at me. He placed his hand where my hand pulled back his hair. The rough warm touch of his finger tips shook me. I snatched my hand back to the side. Grabbed the bed sheets and covered myself with the white blankets.

I heard him chuckle beside me. How could this me funny. I felt like I was getting tormented.

" Don't laugh at me"!

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"I'm not laughing at you". His laugh grew louder.

" It's obvious that your laughing at me. Does seeing me in this position humor you"?

His laugh became a small chuckle, then to silence. Making such a tense expression.

" Seeing you like this...Your scary".

My eyes went wide at what he just told me. Exactly what did he mean by scary. Did he see me in the Moon Phaser form?

" ...So I'm scary now...". My heart felt like it was stabbed by a knife. The pain was sudden.

" What I mean is, when we found you lying on the ground I thought that you had...died. You weren't breathing. You had no pulse. By the time we got here the doctors managed to bring you back...so thats what I mean by scary".

" You did not have to worry so much about it...even if I were to die during the rounds, they could always replace-".

Joshua slammed his fists on the table next to him. I seemed to have angered him in some way.

" The only reason why I'm here, is because I'm a Moon Phaser. I may look human but I do not posses human qualities anymore. I rarely show my emotions, when I'm wounded I heal faster than any normal human being, When one inflicts pain to me I do not feel its touch".

He calmed down a little. Taking his hands and clasping it on my open free hand squeezing it.

" You have already told me this fact. I'm not so surprised either. So don't mind". It was like he totally ignored what I had just said. I already knew this was the second time I had told him but to ignore it like that just what...is the matter with him.

" You, are strange...Ever since I met you. I've always thought of you as a strange man".

He chuckled again.

" Your, the one that scared me. And whats worse it that you could actually disappear on me like that. I was so worried-".

" And you said you had no human emotion. You were concerned about me...".

I shifted my body to the other side of the bed. Turing it away from him. What a ignorant bastard he was.

" Your too conceited for a man".

" Your too stubborn for a woman".

" Hmph".

A few minutes past without us talking, finally he departed out the door, with just a chuckle he left.

Chapter 16: District 5: Osaka, Japan

I got tired of lazy in the hospital bed after a couple of days. I walked to the closet and found an over sized t-shirt. Maybe this is Jiro's it's too big for it to be Joshua(Joshua's slimmer and Jiro has a bit more muscle), famished I walked out into the hallway to look for some food. My stomach was growling for my attention. It felt like I haven't eaten for days at yet I've been stuffing myself constantly with bucket loads of food. Maybe it's that time of the month or some feminine trouble. Anyways trying to forget my hunger, I strolled down the wide hallway. The medical ward in the facility was somewhat...unexpected.

I came upon a large room that was centered in the middle of the hallway. The floor was covered in a tacky brown colored rug that looked the same color as....(That brown stuff) the image of the brown stuff came in mind and I felt disgusted just thinking about it. Leaving that aside the room was quiet. Only the sound of a small fountain ran in the silence. I tried looking for Joshua but he was no ware to be found.

Joshua had not visited me since that day. A little worried I just wanted to know where he was and what was he doing during that time. Could he have been messing around with other girls...on second thought that can't be true, first off I've known that there are not women in this facility...except the nurses but that leaves them out because most of them are either middled aged or old hags. And second, he's not the type of man that would go off flirting with other women(besides me)...at least thats what I think he's like.

My chest was throbbing for his attention now, I missed looking at those eyes of his. I've forgotten as to what he looks like...I miss his voice and laughter. My emotions were all tangled up like a ball of wire. Thinking I would never have any emotions this really shook my curiosity. I went to the main office and asked it I could walk around the facility. One nurse disapproved of the idea of me being discharged,but another allowed me to go. Thanking her I walked out of the ward and a cool breeze hit me like a wall. How was it chilly like this out here. It was only the middle of August. Interesting phenomenon. Was all I thought.

Walking slowly into the courtyard I caught a glimpse of some of the fighters in training. They were all bulky looking. Looked like they were taking some sort of steroid to make them stronger. Some of them were looking at me. I suppose none of them have seen any women in a long time. A few whistled at me, some gave me sharp looks, others grinned in satisfaction that I was In their presence.

Slowing my pace one of the men stopped me,

" Whats a little girl like you doing out of the medical ward"?

" What do you mean"?

" Oh...you must be new then, the women in the facility must never leave the medical ward. Its too dangerous for weak ones like you to walk out here. And you women just get in the way of our training".

" So...what your saying is, we women are a hindrance to you"?

" Thats right". The man thats brave enough to stand before me looked at me cocky. His face was covered in sweat and cuts, his blond gave the impression that he was foreign and he looked like a stuck up kind of man.

" To call the ones that heal your wounds a hindrance...how petty".

" Your job is to wrap up our cuts, and we fight. Thats the only thing you bitches do".

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This man...how dare he call us a...a...I wanted to punish right there and then. I guess he hasn't met Hanako or Yoko yet.

" Your obviously underestimating us women. And you even have the guts to say that word to my face...your quite plucky for a block headed old fool".

" You"! He then grabbed me by my shirt collar, lifting me up leaving my feet to dangle. I dropped the shawl on the ground, leaving my lower body exposed to the other mens eyes. I had forgotten I was only wearing an over sized t-shirt(given to her by Joshua who got it from Jiro)and underwear(unfortunately I was wearing no bra...)

" what did you just call me"?! I could have sworn he spat on my face when he yelled. He was pissing me off even more now. Something inside me told me not to lose composure, the other voice screamed to let it all out...I was not sure what to do.

" Did you not hear me, I called you a block headed old fool...or would you like me to call you a gorilla's ass faced old fart instead, which would you prefer"?

I could tell he's about had it. By provoking him like this, I could feel the negative side of mean wanting to come out at any minute now.

" Maybe something better would suit your barbaric personality-". Before I knew it the man had slapped me so hard my body was thrown to the ground. Touching my cheek I grinned in humor.

" Stupid whore...try saying that again and I'll kill ya". I looked up at the man still grinning. He noticed the amusement in my expression, backing up.

" Ya some kinda freak"?! I picked up my shawl and got up. I walked towards the man and I started to giggle at the situation.

" What a mighty strong hand you have there, that slap shocked me a little. Your lucky...if it weren't for that stupid "contract" I would have annihilated your ass, turning you into nothing but a pile of ashes".

" Why should I be threatened by a little kid like you"?! I sighed in disappointment.

" It seems like you still do not understand...are you an idiot or just scatter brained"?

I looked at the other men who I seem to have gotten their full attention. I walked up to the man pulling at his shirt to bend down towards me. I really couldn't hold myself back anymore.

" ...I'm not the type to embarrass a man before his subordinates. However, I'm the type not to be reckoned with. I must warn you...if you ever treat me in such a way ever again..."

I settled my lips next to his ear.

" I will find you and slowly masticate you". In a small whisper this was my threat to him. Releasing him he backed up into the wall shaking.

" Oh, Of course I'm serious...so never take me lightly ok"?

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As I was leaving I heard yelling behind me. He must be in shock and the other men as well. I caressed my right cheek where the man hit me.

" I hope it doesn't leave a scar...it would be unfortunate for a lady to have such a mark on her face". I giggled after I had said those cheesy lines.

" What lady..."? I said to myself out loud. I began to wonder as to how I changed from a Half Moon Phaser back to my human form. It was indeed odd. I didn't want to think about it too much so I left that to wonder inside my head.

Chapter 17: Pervert?!/ A Match

I heard more noise coming from one room. I jerked around the corner. I saw a stack of weapons and crates full of magazines(for guns) and bullets. This must be the weapon hall. Most of the weapons were military guns, some were made to be more advanced some where ordinary looking. I picked up a small hand gun. The outside was polished neatly. The handle was covered in a chrome colored bass. It weighed very lightly. Almost like an cellphone.

I pointed the gun at the wall.

" Bang" I didn't want to waist any bullets so I played around with it like a kid would.

" Bang bang". I said again as I shot from different angles. I blew on the tip as if smoke was emitting from it and placed it back where I had found it. That was kind of fun while it lasted.

" I'm such a child". I said to myself. I looked around some more. I found a scythe similar to mine. Gently grabbing the tough iron handle, thrusting the tip forward. It felt nice to be wielding something like this again. It was not as heavy as mines is. They must make them light for easy movement. I guess the men here aren't as strong as they appear. I chuckled. Putting the scythe back. If there was a weapon hall...there has to be a training room.

I walked around the next corner and there it was. Osaka's facility's training room was huge. Well, considering that they have more fighters here than they have back at Tokyo's facility(Our facility). I peeked in and I saw more intense and bulky looking men. All I heard was shouting and grunting. To be working this hard must be tough. Thats to be expected since they are regular human beings. I don't necessarily have to train that hard. Just a couple of jogs around the track and I'm all set. My strength and flexibility have no need for any unnecessary things.

" BOY O! MAKE SURE YA DON'T TRAIN YER SELF TOO HARD".

That sounded like Nobu. No one could mistake that tough kansei accent. And the "Boy" he was referring to would be...

On the other side of the room I saw Joshua in action. He was training with his sword. And for the first time I was actually entranced by his movements. So intense and he had on such a serious look on his face...wait I could see his face clearly?1 whys that?!

I ran barefoot towards him. I wanted to preserve that face of his. To keep it away from other people. Once I caught him by the back of his shirt. He looked around and smiled at me.

" You idiot"! I yelled at him. Never in my life would I ever act this way.

" Hm? What did I do"? He hugged me. I told him countless times to stop doing this.

" You-stop making more human...stop corrupting me. And let go of me, your drawing others attention".

" What If I don't want to let you go...what would you do If I wanted to hold onto to forever". I stopped moving. I looked up at him. He had on such a serious face. After a couple of seconds his face broke and he started to laugh.

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" T-that was not funny. I thought you were serious".

" You should have seen the look on your face". He lifted me up and spun me around.

" Don't you care about how this looks to the others"?! He stopped.

" ...To be honest I would make out with you right now even if they were watching".

" Ba-". He laughed again and let go of me. And I was the one who said I was going to eat him, am I stupid or something.

Joshua must have noticed the small mark on my face. He lightly placed his hand where the mark was. His teeth gritted together.

" Who did it"? Since I could see his eyes they were slanting. This time he was serious.

" Just some foreigner, he said women were a hindrance and it pissed me off so I gave him a piece of my mind".

" So he did this to you". His eyes became so slanted he kinda looked like a delinquent, I was only a little worried. For the man of course.

" It was nothing".

" He didn't have to slap you...no, he did not have the right to touch you".

" Calm down...I had already solved the matter". Joshua felt a little relieved.

" Well, if your the one to say it...he won't be able to go near you for a while".

" Course...because I'm a monster". I meant this as sarcasm. Joshua smirked.

" A beautiful one that is". I punched his side. I felt embarrassed to hear such words coming out of his mouth. I pouted.

" Shouldn't you be training now...Joshua...or Have your wounds all healed thats what I want to know".

" Yes ma'am. They have all successfully healed". He held up his shirt, showing off his abs and pack. And all that remained where scars.

" Okay, you can pull your shirt down". He was a lot more muscular than I thought. No wonder he was able to defend my attack at that time and he was also able to pick me up with such ease. (Held by those arms...and those hands...those abs...those nipples) I snapped back to reality...nipples, really I'm starting to become a pervert aren't I.

I covered my face with my hand. I felt myself getting red.

He continued to train. I sat down against the wall. Joshua was the only man...ever to make me feel, strange. Before I met him I was always tense. Especially around Jiro and the others. I guess I have to thank him some how.

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I observed his foot work. It almost looked like he was dancing. Each thrust of the sword's blade; you could slightly hear a soft sound of air being cut.

" Joshua, do you know where Hanako and Yoko are"? He stopped mid-cut.

" Oh, they're in the lunch room or whatever they call it here".

" Okay". I just wanted to know where they were. Didn't mean I wanted to leave.

I looked at the other men. Some appeared young in age and some were old enough to pass for old geezers. I wonder if Dean brought my weapon. I wanted to train a bit as well. Coincidentally Dean appeared in the doorway. I got up and waved at him, he spotted me and jogged over. He was holding some sort of sword. It looked nothing like mine.

" Whats under the cloth Dean"? He smirked.

" Madam, this be your new weapon".

" New, whats wrong with the other one"? I looked at him curiously.

" Well, the other one...the handle snapped off and the blades all knocked up. Somethin must a knocked it over".

" Oh...".(MY POOR BABY)!

" So whats this one". Dean grinned and unraveled the cloth.

" This ones "Shark" I made her fit to match your personality (your body actually) the blade has three sharp edged shark "teeth", the handle is pure steel of course to fit your firm grip. Top with standard iron blade. And I put the designs in the center of course to make it pop out. It weighs 98lbs and its 6'2 ft high(standing up of course) I guarantee a clean cut to whoever you plan to "punish" madam". He chuckled.

" OH! Its nice and it's not as heavy". I'm sure I can punish that man who dared to hit me.

I held onto Shark and the handle fits like a glove. Bounced it on my paws.

" Not heavy...indeed". I did a full 180 with the blade.

" So light". Thrusting it forward then towards the wall. I tested the standard blade on the other side. When making a swishing sound it had a slight ringing sound. It was pleasing to my ears.

" The ringing, it sounds like...humming". I pranced around with Shark. Since she was so light every move I made felt lighter. I spotted a dummy target a few feet away from me. Holding onto the handle lightly I threw the sword forward. The humming coming from shark was serene. Making a loud thwack sound when it hit the target. The men stopped and awed in amazement.

" Oh my, I haven't done that in a while my shoulders stiff just throwing it that far".

" Madam...that was 360 feet away, amazing".

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"Well, not really I could throw farther than that. But my shoulders stiff so 360 is fine". I suddenly smelled a familiar scent, a scent which I despised.

I turned to the door and found the same man that slapped me. He was with his subordinates 3 at each side.

" Oh so this is where you went...wench". Joshua jerked in front of me. Looked like he was guarding me.

" You the one that slapped her"? His tone changed to a deep husky sound(it was so sexy).

" Heh, and what if I did"? The man said. He really wants to die doesn't he.

" Who told you to touch her you fucking bastard". (Oh Joshua your too sexy today).

" Women aren't allowed out here s' her fault, so for doing something without permission I punished her".

" You low life"! Joshua was ready to hurl his weapon right for the mans head. But I stopped him mid-way.

" Joshua...do not stain your hands with this mans blood".

" SATSU-". I tip toed and lightly pecked his cheek. I got in front of him facing the man.

" First off, I'm called Satsuki and your name is".?

" Why should someone like you know-".

" Just tell me your fucking name, I told you mine so just do it". I was losing my composure again.

" A lady like me should not be using such words, but that doesn't matter now does it".

" John". The man answered sternly.

" Johnny".

" JO-".

" Johnny, have a match with me".

Chapter 18: Uncontrollable

The room went quiet and then was filled with laughter.

" The hells wrong with you, a women-".

" You scared of me Johnny boy". Laughter turned into mutters. Random men in the crowd started to act up.

" Your crazy lady"!

" He'll crush you"!

" YOU THINK YOUR STRONGER THAN ME JUST BECAUSE YOU LOOK AND ACT TOUGH...! your rather optimistic for your age. Come on I dare you".

" Y-your on! But don't regret fighting me when you wail and cry for mercy". He told the other men behind him to fetch his armor. In all facilities is by the governments degree that all fighters wear armor.

" Madam, this also came from Sai and Mai...I think they made it behind our backs".

Dean handed me new clothing. It was sort of similar to the one at our facility but there were some minor improvements or should I say "adjustments".

I put on the armor. It was sort of tight around "certain" areas. Sai must have done that (darn it). Besides that everything else fitted fine.

When I got back into the training area. A huge crowd surrounded the center of the room.

" I'm guessing that's where the combat area is". I pushed back my bangs. The tension in the room was rising. The throbbing in the chest came back and my head started to pound.

I leaned against the wall for a bit. I grinned.

" This isn't good, I might actually kill him". I came off the wall and walked towards the center. The men noticed me and made a small path way for me. I tried to calm myself but that wasn't working. I eventually gave into my instincts and smiled once I entered the center.

Joshua met me In the center.

" You don't have to do this Satsuki".

" If I don't I won't be able to hold back anymore Joshua".

He opened his mouth to say something but shut it.

"SO YOUR READY FOR YOUR BEATING WENCH"! The man yelled at me from the other side.

" What are you waiting for"? He screamed. Thinking back this was kinda like deja vu. Johnny reminded me of that Moon Phaser that decided it's own death sentence.

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" JOHNNY! I'LL TRY REALLY HARD TO HOLD BACK OKAY? OR ELSE I MIGHT REALLY KILL YOU".

" BY ALL MEANS"! He sprinted towards me. Like the beast. He intended to head butt me first. I dodged it. He fell head first to the ground. The crowd started to cheer.

" DON'T DODGE ME"! He screamed again. I took notice of the weapon he was holding. And it was the same one I saw in the weapon hall. The scythe.

" THATS A PIECE OF JUNK YOU GOT THERE JOHNNY, THE BLADES ALL CHIPPED".

" SHUT YOUR TRAP"! He ran towards me blade in front. He was pretty fast for his size. The impact from our blades when they thrashed together, sparks flew.

" Your a pretty strong fellow...wench".

" I must thank you for the compliment".

He gritted his teeth and released his scythe from mine. Making no effort at all.

Only an hour past and he was sweating like a pig.

" Your sure you don't want to give in yet"? I asked from the other side.

"NOT TILL I SEE YOU YELPIN ON THE GROUND BEGGIN FER HELP"! I guess I'll take that as a no.

catching his breath, he sprinted for me. Attacking me from different sides. Using the bass of the scythes bar. I moved my head dodging the attacks.

" HOW WILL I KNOW YOUR TRUE ABILITIES IF YOU WONT TRY"! He stepped back a few inches made his hand into a fist and charged at me.

" If you think you can land a hit on me think aga-". I felt a small gust of wind scratch the side of my face, blowing a part of my hair in the air.

While I was distracted, he had already hit me. Like the sound of a sonic boom, the punches impact threw my to the other side of the room's wall.

Crowd roared.

" Ow...". My vision was blurry. I saw Joshua standing up to John. The voices where muffled but I could hear them clearly.

" YOU BASTARD"!

" It was her fault for getting distracted. She is a woman after all they all go down with the slightest things".

I managed to get out of the crater that was created when I hit the wall. I stumbled onto my feet. I spat out blood.

" What a punch...". When I looked up John was holding up Joshua by his neck.

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"YOUR JUST A LITTLE BASTARD THAT DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO SHUT UP". He threw Joshua to the ground, hitting his head Joshua was knocked out. The throbbing in my chest became painful.

" h...". Each step I took hurt like hell. I can't feel pain. The only thing hurting was my chest. Seeing Joshua in such a way on the ground. Pissed me off to the limits. I was huffing. I grabbed my weapon. I didn't care if the others saw my true self, I didn't care if they all found out I was a Moon Phaser. As long as...as long as....

" OH I SEE YOUR DOIN FINE". I stared at him grimly. And gave a slight grin.

I could tell my Moon Phaser blood was taking over me. My insanity was failing. I fell to the ground to where Joshua lay silent.

" He he...your rather daring aren't you"? I took my hand and took the clip off of his hair. Gently covering his face with his hair. I got up and walked up to John.

He was startled. He must have seen my eyes. By this time I knew that they would appear this way.

" I was not kidding when I said that I would masticate you".

" Geh".

" Your better bow down now, I won't give you another chance like this. You have hurt someone...dear to me. And I'm as pissed off as every. If I don't punish you thoroughly...I just might go insane thinking about it".

I took my sword and pointed the tip to his neck. Skidding his skin making blood dribble onto the blood. I reached for the blood and licked it. It had salty,sour taste to it. It made me want more of it.

" Apologize me to me him. The one you just beat up. If you don't..".

I turned around to the other men watching.

"TLL TURN THIS ENTIRE ROOM INTO A BLOOD BATH"! What came out was deep toned voice.

" Of course I'll be the one to bath in it". I laughed fanatically at the thought of this room being covered in flesh and blood. I would most certainly enjoy such a feast.

" YOU READY JOHNNY BOY"! He jerked away and ran to the other side of the circle that closed us in.

" Ah- Ah"! He screamed while running towards me. Making another crater in the ground where I stood. I sprinted towards him, aiming for his head. He swung left aiming for my shoulder. I dodged it. Grinning I swung at him several times. Sparks flew. He was getting tired, his movements where slowing down taking this chanced I leaped towards him from above. Motioning my hands and positioning the sword the the middle. Aiming for a clean cut.

Something had pricked my thigh. I crashed to the ground. I coughed from the sudden impact. I grabbed the dart. My vision became blurry again. I looked up and there stood Yoko.

" D-Dammit".

" Man, If I'm not there with you, you'll cause an uproar".

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She was holding one of her scope rifles. That must have been a tranquilizer. But before I could reach for her hand I had blacked out. Only in my thoughts,

" What am I doing..."?

Chapter 19: Osaka, Safe Haven part 1

Once I woke up. My head was throbbing. I looked around and I was in the medical ward again. Only when I tried to get out of the bed I found my hands bound to the sides. I struggled to get free but I noticed the Iron cuffs around my ankles and wrists...

" These are-".

" Thats right. The cuffs are covered in Moon Phaser restraints". Dr. Okinami came in.

" Cut the crap...get me out of these things".

" Don't you talk to me using that tone young lady"!

Oh man, he was mad, I shut up after that. I trusted my gut; to not ever take Dr. Okinami lightly.

" That doesn't mean you have to put me on restraints"! I struggled again to break free of the binds. I started to get weak from the cuffs.

" It's for your own good dear, you need to control that erg you have for blood".

" I-I'm sorry, I can't control myself anymore...especially when it comes to-". I shut my mouth again after that. Just who did I mean?

" Comes to who...Satsuki"? Dr. Okinami was sitting on the stool next to me.

" Comes...to...". I gritted my teeth together. I did not want to tell him I only wanted to protect Joshua. And only him. But I can't say that. He might think little of me with such trivial matters.

" Satsuki..."? Joshua appeared in the door way.

" Are you Okay"?! I shouted. He stood next to Dr. Okinami. There was a gauze laying on top of his temple. And medical wrap around his head. I wanted to touch the wound. He had just healed from his previous battle and he keeps getting hurt because of me. I wanted to blame myself for causing his pain.

" Joshua...I-I'm sorry I got you hurt...That man...He'll-". Joshua went beside the bed on the other side. He leaned in close to me. His head knocked with mine.

" Joshua"?

" You need to...rely on me more. I can't always have you protect me".

" Bu-". He shushed me with his finger.

" I am a man just to let you know, I can care for myself. Been doin it for most of my life. So...".

He took my hand and kissed my finger tips. I was in utter shock.

" Let me protect you next time, okay Satsuki"? He was smiling. I snatched my hand away from his. And nodded in embarrassment. How could he do such a thing, and in front of

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people. And...and...

"Your conceited". I said this to him again. For the second time again this man was able to corrupt my emotions.

I heard Dr. Okinami cough in the background. I turned my head away.

"Changing topic, Satsuki...have you seen the safe haven in this district yet. Actually, I doubt that you've even seen the one at our facility".

"If we have one there...then if everyone's here, who's protecting them"?

"Oh, I actually contacted the U.S government for their assistance".

Has he gone mad. If we use the government's assistance then we won't be able to contact the haven until we get back. The government's strategy for protecting, kind of disturbs me.

"Oh...". Joshua chuckled and looked back at me.

"Satsuki, do you want to see it". Dr. Okinami asked me.

"Is that allowed"? I asked. Usually I wouldn't go out of the facility unless I need to go on rounds. And I've never visited the safe haven at ours. It might sound ridiculous, but I actually want to go.

"I...I want to go...with-". I hesitated. Should I ask Joshua to go with me. If it's not him then...I would not want to go.

"I'm thinking of going to the safe haven, Satsuki come with me". Joshua said while leaving out the door.

"Wait"!

"Dr. Okinami, Get me out of these". He nodded and one of the nurses took out a key and unlocked the cuffs from my wrists.

"Satsuki here". He handed me a metallic colored choker.

"What's this"? I took the choker from his hand and gawked at it.

"That's a stress choker, Dean made it. Just so that you won't...".

"I won't lose control again"? He nodded.

I sighed. I understood why he would make that for me. I put the choker around my neck. It was hard to clip it on the back. I managed to snap it on. And it was loosely secured around. Felt sort of relaxed.

When I got off the bed Joshua was leaning against the door's sides.

"Let's go already". I walked past him.

"Aren't you forgetting something". I looked at him curiously.

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"What"? He pointed down. I looked down and found the hospital gown tied on backwards. Exposing my chest.

"...Who's the idiot that tied this on"? Joshua told me that it was tied on normally before. But Jiro came in and asked the nurse that I had a fetish for wearing my clothes on backwards.

"I'm going to kill that bastard". What fetish.

Everyone in the room laughed at my threat. I guess everyone's gotten used to my actions and how I behave. As me and Joshua walked down the hallway. I kept peeking at the wound around his head. It felt like I was stabbed in the chest by some wooden stake. I clutched at the hospital gown(I fixed it).

"I'm fine you know".

"Yea". He was grinning. All he can do was smile. How could anyone smile in so many different situations, and act as if it never happened.

"The chocker looks nice on you". I punched his side.

"Shut up". He chuckled again. He led me to one room that appeared out of place compared to the other rooms. I was glad that we were finally out of the medical ward. I hated the smell of medicine, In general I hate hospitals.

"They didn't deliver our clothes from the our facility yet, so Sai and Mai made a simple white dress for you to wear".

I looked at the dress. It really was a simple white dress. The dress went down to my ankles.

"How were they able to make this"?

"Apparently that dress used to be a hospital blanket...that's what Sai told me".

"As to be expected. They're so smart". I giggled.

"Um, aren't you going to leave"? Joshua was leaning against the wall.

"Why"?

"I want to change".

"So..."? He walked over and took the dress.

"Let me help...Satsuki". I snatched the dress back.

"Not only are you conceited, but you're also a pervert".

"Okay, I'll go out". He walked out the door. And I quickly changed into the dress. It was loose in some places but better than the uniforms. It felt nice to move about in normal clothes. I slipped on some boots that I found in a locker. And put down my hair.

I walked out the door and Joshua was waiting for me. Holding two cups.

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" Whats that"? I looked into the cups.

" Coffee".

" Oh". I despised coffee more than anything. But when Joshua drank it he looked pleased with it, so I too a small sip. As I thought it was bitter. We walked down the hallway and into a big room. Well, it was a large hall. The ceiling was tall. When I looked up it had a dome like shape to it.

I looked back at Joshua who was sipping at the bitter coffee, he looked so composed. His hair was covering his eyes again. I sometimes wondered how he could see through his bangs. It was strange, he looked more mature from my view. His back was straight and his strides were wide. I thought he was kind of handsome like this. I giggled at the thought.

" What"? He asked me. I looked back at him, he was holding the now empty cup in his mouth.

" Nothing". I looked at the cup I was drinking. It was still full not even half empty.

" If you don't want to finish the coffee give it to me". He got the cup from my hands and took a sip. He sighed in satisfaction.

" You like coffee that much"? He looked down at me.

" I like the flavor...I like bitter things". He took another sip. Some girls would say this as a " untouched kiss" or something along those lines.

I blushed just slightly thinking about it.

" We just shared a kiss".

" What"? I twitched.

" Nothing, I was talking to myself". I smiled at him.

" Okay". He was walking in front of me now. It was hard to keep up with him.(since he's taller).

" Wait here, I'll through these in the trash". I looked around the hallway. It was very quiet. It was sort of peaceful.

" Lets get going"? He grabbed my hand and we jogged to the main gate. One of the security guards asked us as to were we where heading to.

I was going ecstatic, what would I expect coming from this districts haven. Would it be better than ours, more complex or would it be full of rude people like the one here.

We rode in an military truck to the haven.

We soon approached a large wall. It seemed to stretch towards the horizon. Almost completely covering the area inside it. We entered the large gates that sealed away the small town like place inside.

When we went in I saw small homes that were built with wood almost like huts. Some original buildings from before stood but were broke down and rotten from aging and were supported with more brick and wood.

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Compared to the districts building it was far more advanced and built better than the homes here. Some people wore torn clothing some wore clean or dirty. There was a small building that had a sign that read Hospital. When I looked inside, it was almost packed with the sick and ill. It was such a horrible sight I had to walk right back out. Joshua was standing in the middle of the center of town. He looked angered.

" I suppose you too are shocked at such a scene"? I asked him.

" I wouldn't have thought the difference would be this far apart". He gritted his teeth.

" It seems that in this safe haven...these people aren't treated the same as the fighters inside the district facility. The houses aren't well built for an officiant living, and the hospitals pretty much full...I want to take a look at the food area, come with me".

Joshua nodded his head and we both walked to the food area. There was a line. A line a people waiting for their meals. The elderly, children, men,women. When everyone noticed me they stared. And thats all they did. Did I seem strange to them in some way.

It was quiet for a while. Some coughed, babies cried. I walked over to the person that was handing out food.

" Good evening". I said in a tender tone. She was a petite women. Around her 20's. She had jet black hair that was tied in a pony tail. The weather was kind of warm, her forehead sweating showed tough labor. She was shaking. She was nervous I could tell.

" W-What you want"? She asked me. Her hands were shaking. Still silence.

Joshua went up to her too. Standing beside me he was smiling.

" Whats for lunch"? He asked.

" Joshua" I pinched his arm. He winced.

" That hurts you know, since your stronger than me it hurts more when you do it". He chuckled.

" Are you a masochist"? I glared looking back at him.

" I guess...maybe around you, just to see your angry face...makes me all warm an-". I punched his arm. I heard the women giggle in front of me. She looked much prettier with a smile on her face.

"W-well, its just n-normal miso soup". The lined started to move again. I suddenly felt a little tug on my dress. I looked down to find the tiniest child my eyes have every laid upon.

The little girl was holding a bowl filled with miso soup. She held it up so I could see it more clearly.

" That looks yummy, have you tried it already"? I crouched down to asked her.

She looked down back at the bowl and looked back at me, slightly nodding.

It was steaming and the smell was heavenly.

" I see, it looks nice". I said to her. She blushed.

Moon Phasers

She took my finger with her dainty hands and moved me towards an empty table. There were other tables that had other children that looked her age.

" Why wont you sit with the others"? I asked her. She said nothing and sat down beside me. The table was tall which made it hard for her to eat the soup properly.

" Come". I patted my lap. She glanced at me her eyes widened.

She slowly climbed on my lap. I slid the bowl facing her.

" Better"? I asked her.

She nodded. The tips of her ears were red. It was cute for her to get embarrassed.

" A-". she tried to speak.

" yes"? I asked her. She put down her spoon and turned her body facing me. She was beet red now.

" A-". she tried to speak again.

She looked at me. Her expression was intense. It looked like she really wanted to talk to me.

" I..I n-never t-talk to people...normally...so". She looked down again.

" Is it...that you are shy around people"?

She nodded.

" What about other children your age"?

She shook her head.

" Do you like this place"?

She shook her head.

" Do you like the people around here"?

She shook her head again. Then the thought hit me. I looked around. No one seemed to look for her or rather...

" Where are your parents"? I finally asked her.

She shook her head.

" They...both mommy and daddy...Hina is by herself in this place". She started to cry.

" Mommy....daddy, Hina wants to see them but...". I completely understood at that moment.

" Hina...your mommy and daddy are in heaven right"? I asked her.

She nodded shaking. Crying silently. I hugged her.

Moon Phasers

" Its okay...Hina, older sisters mommy and daddy are there too". She looked up at me.

" Older sisters mommy and daddy too"?

" Yes". I said. The very thought of my parents...my real parents shook more lightly but not to the point were I would feel a bit saddened. She rubbed her face against my chest.

" Hina, I know that your mommy and daddy want you to continue to fight through this horrible world. And when every things done...I'm sure it will bring them joy to see you smiling in the future". Her eyes were full of tears. I brushed away her hair away from her face. And wiped her tears with my dress. I didn't care about the dress too much. Her tears continued for a few minutes more. She stopped sniffing and crying and coughed a bit.

" Hina, your foods getting cold its bad manners to leave food behind". I took the spoon and blew on the soup a little making sure it wasn't as hot.

She took small sips from the spoon. It felt nice to feed someone. Kind of nostalgic in a way.

" Its good"? I asked her. She nodded and gently took the spoon from my hand.

" Oh, well look at that...your already a fine young lady feeding yourself now huh". Dipping the spoon filled with soup. She blew on it like I did. She slowly turned her body towards me and raised up the spoon to my lips.

" Take". She said. I did as she told me and took a sip. It was warm and kind of salty. I could taste the miso. It had good flavor.

" Its good". I said smiling at her. She turned to face the bowl, her back facing me. She nodded. I leaned over her and placed my chin on her head.

" I want more...Hina, can you feed me more please". She giggled quietly. She started to blow on the soup giving me each sip after she took one.

" This is fun, isn't it Hina"?

" Yup" she said.

Chapter 20: Osaka, Safe Haven Part 2

" Well I see that your being treated sort of extravagantly huh Satsuki".

Joshua was walking towards us. He was holding a cup of water and a bowl with the same miso soup.

He laughed at my position.

" Is there anything wrong with it"? I asked him. He shook his head.

" Nope...no problem". He sat next to me. Hina was shy again. Was she not used being next to people she hasn't met before.

" Hina"? I looked down.

" Hum"? She asked.

" This big brother is, Joshua". I told her. She looked back up at Joshua.

" It's a pleasure to met you, Hina". He smiled at her. She jerked on my lap and continued to eat the soup. I thought it was cute of her to react this way.

" Did I do something I shouldn't have"? Joshua asked me.

" No". I said.

" She's just...a shy little girl". Hina looked back up at me. She was still blushing.

She tapped my arm that was hugging her. I leaned in close to her face. She whispered something:

" Do you like that big brother...big sister"? My eyes widened. To think such a young girl would know emotion.

" Hina...". I didn't know how to answer her. How should I put it into simple terms for a child to understand.

" Big sister...I think big brother likes big sister". How could she know this. And when she tells me this I could believe it even more. Joshua might not have those kind of feelings for me. He just teases me is all...its just...a joke.

" The first time I saw you and big brother...he looked very happy to be near you". She said to me.

" Hina...do you really think so"? I asked her.

" Yup". She said cheerfully. I hugged her even tighter. She giggled and continued to eat the soup. Joshua was eating the soup right next to me. Did he hear anything. I hope not. I felt embarrassed. For a monster like me to have such feelings. I'm not even supposed to have any feelings. I'm cold hearted, I'm a cruel existence, my new bound birth was not supposed to happen...they should have just killed me the day they found me in that blood showered house.

" Big sister...Hina is done eating". I snapped back to reality and looked into the now empty bowl.

Moon Phasers

" Good, young ones like you need nutrition and protein". I said to her. I combed her hair with my fingers. For some odd reason I love the feeling of hair. The things I could do to the hair my fingers touch. Hina's hair was long and brown colored. She had long bangs almost like Joshua which would cover her eyes when she would look down.

I pulled over her bangs lightly putting them behind her ears.

" Your hair is so pretty Hina". I said.

" Not really...I think, big sisters hair is much prettier". She said.

" You think so"? I asked her. She grabbed the end of my hair and stared at it.

" Its a really pretty color". She said. I never thought that Moon Phaser...colored hair would be such an interesting color.

" Thank you Hina". I said to her. She got down from my lap. I wondered to where could she be heading to.

" Big sister wait there okay"! She shouted from across.

" Alright". I yelled back.

" She's cute isn't she"? I had forgotten that Joshua was sitting next to me. He was a quiet one to begin with but he could have said something.

" Yea". I looked away.

" She has her innocence...at least for now...I could make sure it stays that way". I said.

" I'm sure you'll do a good job at that". He said to me.

I smiled at him. He chuckled. What could this...feeling be. I feel so relaxed whenever I'm around him. I looked back at him. And my face got hot. Just what is the feeling called "like" mean. My chest was swelling up. I wanted to cry. For no reason at all.

" You corrupter". I said in a small voice.

" What, did you say something just now"?

" Uh, no...its nothing".

Its been a few minutes since Hina had gone somewhere. I was worried, something wasn't right. My feet were numb.

" Joshua". I said

" Huh"?

" I'm going to find Hina...you stay here".

" Ah, okay".

Moon Phasers

I walked around looking for her. The town wasn't as big but there were a lot of people. My chest started to hurt even more. I walked into a square which did not have many people around. Some were sitting against the buildings. Some were gambling with torn cards and marbles. I was terribly worried. This part of the town looked different from the rest. I heard whispers. They sounded dangerous.

" I guess this is the thug side of the town". I looked around for Hina. The Pain worsened.

What should I do if I can't find her. I trusted her. I should have told her to be careful. I'm sure she knows this place more than I do, however...

I suddenly heard the sound of glass breaking.

" WHAT THE HELL DO YA THINK YOUR DOIN YOU BRAT"! The sound echoed.

I ran straight to it. It sounded close but I sprinted as if my life depended on it.

And then it was there...the scent of blood.

I skidded to a stop. What was behind me left foot marks and a wall of dust. I was standing in front of an abandoned like building. The windows were shattered. And the door was wooden nailed shut. Almost like...the person that put that there didn't want anyone to go inside.

Chapter 21: Osaka, Safe Haven Part 3

" Ah"!

Another scream came from the building. It sounded familiar...like a child's scream.

My head started to throb. I slumped to the ground. Catching my breath I inhaled and exhaled multiple times.

" GET BACK HERE"! The other voice sounded like a man. Maybe older. From what my ears could hear. It sounded like a fight between them. But why a child.

" No"! The child screamed. I've had enough.

I knocked on the door.

No one answered. There was only silence.

I knocked again.

And still it was quiet.

" Excuse me"! I yelled out.

" Is anyone in there-""?

" WHAT DO YA WANT"!? The voice yelled back. Heh.

" If you don't mind...would you by chance know a young girl named Hina"?

No answer...

" If yes then would you care to tell me where she is"?

No answer...

" Are you hiding in there...is Hina with you"?

No answer...

" If you don't plan to open the door for me like a normal human being then, I shall take action without hesitation".

Still no answer...

" Fine...I would suggest that if anyone is hiding in there and didn't answer my questions be prepared to face punishment"!.

I stepped back and straightened my stance.

" Breath..."

Moon Phasers

I ran towards the door and kicked it with my foot. The door slammed to the ground. I walked into the doorway. I picked up the nails and took a look at them.

" These nails seem to have rusted from aging...I guess that explains why the door didn't even feel strong". I threw the nails on the ground and walked in.

The inside interior looked worse than I had imagined. Looked like an old restaurant. The chairs were stacked in the back of the room and only the tables stood.

The wall paper was curled and torn. A few curtains hung next to the windows.

I heard foot steps upstairs. There was a staircase beside me.

" Hello"? I asked again.

Silence.

"Help"! The child's voice rang out.. I ran up the stairs. There were many doors.

" St-". The child's voice silenced.

I looked into one of the rooms. Beds lay on the wooden floor. Blankets were folded neatly on top of them.

" I guess...the child might be...". The scent of blood and alcohol filled the air.

" What a nauseating stench". I followed the scent. Even though my nose felt as if it were going to fall off. My eyes went teary. To normal human senses the smell would not be as bad but, a Moon Phasers smell is three times as detailed.

The trail ended to a door which was located at the end of the hallway. I knocked on it once. There was no answer. When I turned the knob it was unlocked.

I slowly opened the door and peeked through. I heard crying. Was it the child.

I went into the room and closed the door lightly behind me. The room was dark. The windows were boarded up. Leaving little sunlight to shine through the darkened room. A mattress lay on the floor. Dirty. But no blanket.

The crying sounded from the corner of the room. It was dark.

" You" I said. The crying stopped.

" Are you alright"? I asked. The sound of shuffling moved to the back of the room.

" Are you hurt"? I asked. I walked closer.

" St-...stay away". The voice sounded familiar. It was a child yes. But it was just like...

" Hina"? I asked. The child stumbled. I walked up to the small rays of light.

" Hina...its big sister". I said. I heard a gasp and more foot steps.

Moon Phasers

The child stood and yes it was her.

" B-Big sister"?

" Yes" Hina ran towards me and collided.

" Hina...what are"? She was hugging me tightly. She was shaking. She started to cry once more.

"whats-". There it was again. The scent of blood. It came from Hina. I tugged her away just a little and put her in the sun light. What a horrific sight.

She was covered in bruises. There were cuts on her legs and arms. Her lip was busted and bleeding. Her hair was a mess covered in dirt.

" Hina...who did this..."? I asked her.

She shook her head.

" Who did this to you"? I asked her again.

She shook her head.

" Dammit Hina, who hurt you! What kind of-!"

She was crying. The tears fell on my hands. I might be scaring her even more than now.

I hugged her close to me.

" Hina...who did this"? I asked calmly.

"H-".

" Please tell me...big sister will protect you". I said.

" Yu-" Was this the name of the person that hurt her?

" Who is this Yu"? I asked her.

" He...He is...my daddies...brother". So her fathers brother is taking care of her. And to see her this way...I doubt his caring ways.

The scent of tobacco was in the air now. Besides Hina's blood scent the tobacco was much stronger.

" Hina...you do not like your daddies brother...Yu"? I asked her.

" N-No".

" I...I hate him...he- he hurts me".

" So this isn't the first time"? I asked her.

Moon Phasers

" N-No".

" I see". I should do something. But I need to do it in a clean way. I'll make sure not to show my true nature to Hina or anyone.

" I'll beat up the man called Yu".

"Big sister...Yu is scary and very strong".

" That doesn't matter...because big sister is the strongest of all people".

I'll make sure the bastard can never breath through that stupid mouth of his. But leaving that aside. What did Hina want me to see.

" Hina...you wanted to show something to me"? I asked her.

" Hum". She sat on my lap and unwrapped the object which she was holding.

" look at this big sister". She held it up to the light. It looked familiar. The object was round and wrapped in white paper that had a small fruit label on it. What was it called...

" Hina do you know what this is"? I asked her.

" Big sister...this is called "candy"". Candy?

" Its sweet and very good. Want it"? She asked me.

I took the candy and looked at it. I smelled it. Certainly it smelt sweet. I've heard of this candy but its been years since I've see one in such good condition.

" Can I really have this"?

" Yup". She smiled below me.

" Th-Thank you". I unwrapped it and chewed it. It was the chewy kind. The flavor...was strawberry.

" Its good".

" Yup". While I was chewing the candy the tobacco scent was closer now.

I got up and walked to the door. I leaned my head against it. Hearing the foot steps getting closer. I went to Hina and asked her exactly what happened.

She told me that when she went to get the candy. Her uncle knew about it and told her not to touch it. Since candy or anything like that was unheard of in this world. He sounded like a selfish man. So for not listening to him he hit her several times. The uncle was drunk so when people get like that they are unable to listen and control their urges.

The cuts on her legs and arms were from falling on top of some broken glass bottle shards that were on the floor in the kitchen.

Moon Phasers

The uncle brings his friends over at times and gambles with the little money they have. Even though they have knowledge that money won't really matter that much now. He would make Hina serve his friends the beer they stored in the kitchen fridge.

I hope him and his friends haven't touched her yet...

"Hina...have you been touched strangely"? I asked her.

"strange...".

Yea, a child like her couldn't understand.

"Did your uncle ever look at you...weird".?

"Weird..."? She was dazed for a moment. She flinched. She was shivering.

"He...would...glance at me when I...would bathe...he would". She stopped after saying that much. And it had occurred to me that. This uncle of hers...I should dispose of before this problem progresses.

"Hina...I want you to hid behind that box in the corner...in the darkness so they won't see you..and I want you to count from 10 to 0".

"Okay...".

"I'll make that you won't be able to live this life anymore...this life...is not for such a wonderful girl to experience".

I walked to the door and the foot steps stopped in front. I heard multiple voices...

"3...no 7 of them...huh". To think such an amount.

"Well, this might actually get interesting".

I got the curtain that hung from the boarded window and tore it into strips. Tying them around my wrists and hands. I went back to Hina and kissed her forehead.

"Cover your ears and when I say so...start the count down".

"k".

"Hina"! The door slid open. And here the man in the middle must be her uncle.

"What the hell! Who the hell are you"!?

"Me"?

The men around him scattered and circled around me.

"YEA"!

"WHAT ARE YOU DOIN HERE GET THE HELL OUT YA BRAT"

Moon Phasers

I could only hear the sounds of the wind. The scent of beer and tobacco filled the room.

I could hear Hina starting the count down.

Chapter 22: Osaka, Safe Haven part 4

" Let us begin...your punishment".

10

The men ran towards me. Some of them looked pretty strong...but

9

" Your gonna die"! The men lunged at me. Their fists flying. I dodged them.

8

" Upper cut"! Down went 3. the scent of blood. The over flow of such a drug.

7

I grabbed a board on the floor and swung it at 2 more. One of the men was holding a kitchen knife. He swung it blindly around. It scratched my cheek. And stepped back and sprinted for him. I kicked his hand. Dropping the knife on the floor. I grabbed it and cut his knees. 1 falls to the ground. Taking his head I head butted him. He fell unconscious.

6

The ones I knocked down before have recovered and got back up. One grabbed me from behind securing my arms. disabling me from attacking.

5

" Now I gotcha"! I stomped on his foot. Grabbing his arms I kicked his knees thrusting him forward to the ground. The impact was so strong the wooden floor broke apart that instant and the man fell 2 floors down.

" Two more to go...is that the best you humans can do"!?

4

They ran for me again. Both attacking from each side. One of them seemed more flexible. One went for my arm, grabbing it I took his arm and broke the elbow. Hearing bones crack, the sounds of screams. Brought excitement.

3

I dislocated his left shoulder and broke his ribs. He fell to the ground weeping.

2

All who was left was the uncle. He was shivering. The feeling of being weak. He was not out numbered but he knew that I was the stronger opponent in this fight.

Moon Phasers

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He ran for me. His punches were swift. He was a fast one.

" You shall pay for your sins you bastard..". Slapping his right cheek I distracted him. I went for his jaw shattering it. He went at me again. His movements were slowing down. Next, I broke his collar bone, breaking his knees. Leaving him kneeling on the floor. He was crying.

" If your going to ask for mercy...god will not grant that wish...nor will I".

0

I grabbed his head and twisted it so hard his spine cracked from the sudden dislocation distorting his head. Breaking it. He fell to the ground. His body was twitching.

I huffed. The pain in my chest became lighter. I looked around for any remaining survivors. Putting up my hands. The cloth around my fists were stained with blood. I took off the cloths and threw them in the darkened corner.

" At least I could...My sanity did not drain".

I walked over to Hina. She was still covering her ears.

" Hina...its safe now". I held onto her. She was still covering her ears.

" Big sister..." she was crying.

" I guess, covering your ears didn't really muffle out the sounds huh"?

She nodded.

" Did you see me"?

She nodded. I should have blindfolded her eyes.

" Was I scary"?

She was going to nod...but shook her head instead.

" I'm sure I looked scary to you. Remove your hands away from your ears. You wont hear them anymore, I've...I've silenced them".

She took her hands away and looked back at me.

" Bi-big sister...is not scary...you were really pretty".

" Pretty...in what way"?. How could I look pretty. After doing such thing and for Hina to see it.

" You were...very strong...your eyes were glistening. Almost like...you were an angel".

" An Angel"?. I asked her. I got really confused.

Moon Phasers

" Yup...a divine angel...who punishes sinners...".

" Ha ha...an Divine Angel...huh".

This was the first time...to be called an angel instead of being called a monster...It made me very happy to hear, for once.

Chapter 23: Osaka, Safe Haven last part

After the fight, I told Hina to stay in the corner for a while. I didn't want her to see such a sight. The bodies of corpses lying on the floor would scare any normal human being. After Hina is a child so...seeing them would only worsen the moon she is in now.

Though, being called an angel instead of being called a monster feels nice. She might be the only one...no thats not right.

Her and one more person. I didn't want to think about it too much. Throwing the dead bodies to the side of the room I got Hina a carried her out of the room. I glanced back at her wounds. They were a lot more serious than I thought. Her cuts were deep enough for infection, Her bruises covered her body, and her eyes were red from crying too much.

" Big sister"? She looked back at me. I held onto her...tightly securing my arms around her small body. I wanted to protect this child. She somehow, had this strong impression on me.

The first time I laid eyes on her. All I thought was, " Such innocence". I wanted to protect it...to the point were I would; even if my body was thrown over, even if every bone my body was crushed to pieces bringing been with it...I would do everything within my power to protect this child. Because Hina...she reminds me of myself as a child. Not being able to do anything. Being scared of the world unknown.

" Hina"? I asked her.

" Huh"? She looked up. I brushed her bangs away. There was another bruise that I did not notice on her forehead. I wanted to cry. The way she looks now...I should have not waited, I should have gone with her. But what was the real reason she wanted to go back to that place.

" Why did you go back there"?

" H". she stuttered. I was careful walking down the stairs since they looked as if they were going to collapse at any minute.

" Big sister are you hurting"? She asked me.

" No, I'm fine". She grabbed my hand and stared at my blood covered knuckles.

" Big sister, there is blood"!

I looked at the blood. I guess I need to wash them; the blood from those worthless bastards reeked.

" This is not from me this is from...". I didn't want to tell her.

" The bad men...right big sister"? She told me. I nodded.

" Fum". She let go and hung on to my dress. Looked as if she wanted to cry.

" I...". she wanted to say something. I stopped walking...I wanted to know.

" Hina, went back to...to get big sister a special thing". A special thing.

Moon Phasers

She went into one of her pockets on her shirt. She held out something. I was small but.

" Big sister...this is a special gift for you". I picked up the small object.

I took a closer look at it. The object was really small but had a soft texture to it. The surface was smooth but stone like. It was colored in white paint, the surface paint was chipping off from aging or erosion. There was a small chain connected to it. Somewhat like a key chain.

" Hina...".

" Big sister...its a-". looking at it. The object had wings on it. Parts of the right wing were broken off.

" A milk white dove". I said. I looked at Hina amazed. At first I thought that the candy she gave me was the thing she wanted to let me see the most.

" Were did you get this"? I asked her.

" Its...my mommies". I gasped. I was holding onto Hina with one hand and holding the dove with the other. I was a bit surprised.

" Mommies favorite bird was a dove...so Hina and daddy got this for mommies collection".

" I see, its very pretty Hina". She giggled. Though...

" Why did you want to give it to me, Hina"? I asked her. She settled her head on my chest.

" Doves...are very pretty...they also are peaceful little things". I didn't exactly know where she was going with this so I just listened and nodded.

" Big sister, is very b-beautiful, strong, warm, and kind...Just like mommy was...so I thought that a dove would...match you...". I blushed.

" Big sister". To blush at such comments made by a child...made by someone other than Joshua was just outrageous.

" I-I-I'm not...". I was stuttering. Geh...now I feel stupid.

" Well, thank you Hina for the Dove". I looked away from her. I didn't want her to see my expression. It went on like this for a while.

Me and Hina finally got back to were everyone was. Joshua was just sitting there. I wouldn't have actually thought that he would just sit there and not move. I guess he understood that I could handle simple things by myself.

" Joshua lets head over to the hospital so I can treat Hina's wounds".

" What happened"!? He tried to take Hina away from me, but I held onto her tighter.

" Could I just care for her...only me"? I told him. He looked puzzled.

I didn't want anyone else to touch her. I was just so afraid, I did not understand this feeling.

Moon Phasers

" Alright then". Joshua understood me and so we walked over to the hospital building. The place was full of the sick and elderly. The treatment areas were full of patients and not full of doctors or nurses. How come this haven...are they spending more money on the fighters funds than the havens funds?

Is that what it is. If so then, how can I change that. I set that thought aside and focused on treating Hina's wounds. I placed her on an available bed and closed the curtain. I asked the nurse if I could treat her instead she would focus on the other patients.

" Hina change into this gown okay"?

" Okay". She took her shirt off and changed into the hospital gown. I got a closer look at the marks on her body. Some on her arms...I'll use disinfection on it and wrap it.

" Tell me if it hurts okay"?

" Okay". Joshua was standing next to the curtain. I guess he was looking out for anyone. But why would he. Hes too over protective.

As I started to sprain on the disinfection Hina made no comment about the pain. She's such a strong little one isn't she. After I finished her arms I got a bin with water and wiped off the dry blood from her legs. Then I checked if she had any spare glass in her skin. I found a tweezer and picked out the small portion of left over glass on her left leg. She twitched a couple of times but I told her to hang on tight.

" The pain only lasted a couple of seconds, and Hina's such a good girl because you did not cry right"? I told her while I was putting on the disinfection and wrapping.

She just nodded. When I was done Hina looked rather tired. It must have been a tiring day for her.

" Do you want to take a nap Hina"? I asked her.

She yawned and nodded her head gently. I giggled and sat on the resting chair next to the bed. I placed her on the bed next to me.

I felt a slight tug on my dress and looked back at Hina.

" I...wanna...sleep with big sister". My eyes widened. And Joshua chuckled behind me.

" Here Hina". I spread my arms out. And Hina got off the bed running into them. I giggled from the impact.

" Sleep now okay". I whispered to her. I was cradling her as if she was my own child. I laughed out loud thinking this. Hina, I want to treat her kindly, I want to protect her. After she fell asleep in my arms Joshua knelt down and lightly stroked her cheek.

" Its like...I'm lookin at a figure of a mother and her baby". I looked down at Hina's sleeping face.

" I guess it may seem so". Joshua grabbed the blanket from the bed and put it over us. At least for this one moment I want her to have sweet and happy dreams.

" Good night".

Chapter 24: Thinking/On the way back

I woke the next morning. I looked down and Hina was not in my arms. I panicked, jumping from the chair I looked around the room. Joshua was nowhere in sight.

Running out of the room I looked around the area. I was scared. But thinking about it if Joshua was not there then maybe they both went out somewhere.

I slammed open the hospital doors and ran towards the lunch area. Around this time it wasn't so crowded. Out of breath I stopped in the center of the area. I tried to calm myself. I told myself not worry over it too much.

" Dammit". Why was I so panicked over this. Normally in my case it wouldn't matter. But Hina started to grow on me. I spotted Joshua with Hina on a lunch table. I sighed in relief to see that she wasn't in any trouble.

I walked over and settled down next to them.

" Good morning". Joshua said to me.

" Yea". I said.

" Whats wrong big sister"? Hina asked, with her mouth full. I got a napkin and wiped the soup from the corner of her mouth.

" It's bad manners to talk with your mouth full, okay Hina"? I said to her.

" Okay". She said.

I asked Joshua as to why they did not wake me up. He told me that I looked so peaceful in my sleep that he didn't want to disturb me.

" Even if I looked like I was sleeping well, you have to wake me".

" Yes ma'am". Hina motioned over to my lap again and sat down.

I asked her whats for breakfast. She moved her hands away so I could see better.

" Rice, and fish". I smiled. She seemed like she was enjoying the food.

I looked around and I guess no one was mentioned about what happened to those men. I don't think anyone would even care about those kinds of people.

" wants some"? Hina asked me. I nodded and picked up the full spoon of rice and fish from Hina's hand. It tasted fine. But the rice was undercooked and the fish was overcooked.

I furrowed my eyebrows at the chalky taste of it. Hina didn't mind it.

Joshua was drinking water from a paper cup. He saw me staring at the cup.

" Want some"? He asked me. I pouted.

Moon Phasers

" Are you saying you want me to drink that water from the same cup your-". I stopped.

" To drink from the same cup....".? He leaned in closer to me. I slid to over some more. Hina mimicked my movements and moved her food with her.

" What"? He asked me.

" You-". I was stuttering again. I was getting embarrassed. And by this man.

He leaned in closer, face to face. This effected me so much because. His hair was clipped up showing those eyes of his.

" What are you thinking"? He asked me. Holding out the cup to me. He was pushing the tip of the cup close to my lips.

" No-".

" Oh, is this what kids nowadays call...an indirect kiss"? He finally said it.

I blushed from his comment. When he saw that my face was totally flushed, he began to smirk.

" Your such a child Satsuki". I pushed him away (with his stupid cup) to the other side of the table.

" You...Your so conceited.....pervert"! He started to laugh at me.

" Big sister...whats a i-indirect kiss"? I totally forgot that Hina was right below me. Dumbstruck I didn't know how to answer her. Then, Joshua answered her question from the other side of the table.

" Hina, an indirect kiss for example: I touched this cup with my lips to drink it yea"?

" Yup". He's so...

" And then say that, big sister there was gonna drink from the same place on the same cup yea"?

" Yup". I don't want her to know these kinds of things yet.

" Joshua...shut up". Grabbing the cup and pouring out the water that was in it to the ground. I looked at him sternly.

" She's too young to know these things, until she gets older she will figure those things out by herself".

He pouted at me for acting this way. But I ignored him and watched over Hina. She seemed to have not followed our conversation, thats good. After we ate, I asked Joshua when would we go back to the main building. We have stayed already almost 2 days in this haven. I have come to a decision that I would like to talk to whoever runs the haven about the treatment. It would be better for every living soul that walks that havens grounds to be able to life a better life.

Joshua told me that they have already prepared a departure truck for us. Then, I got worried about Hina. Where could she possibly stay in a place like this. I do not trust everyone in the haven...well I haven't even talked to a single person here besides Hina. Fearing the thought about Hina getting into the kind if trouble she had again, I wanted to ask the head of the main building if she could stay with us.

Moon Phasers

I told Joshua about this, he was a bit hesitant about the idea.

" But Hina is a child..."

" So are Mai and Sei".

" They are children, but they also work for us. They have something to do in the facility, and they fight as well as we do to protect themselves".

I thought about it again. I looked down at Hina who was silent. She did not understand the position she was in right now. But if she stays here, I don't know if I could just let that happen.

Not thinking about it I ignored Joshua's opinion and lifted Hina unto the truck. The ones driving the truck asked me to put her back, that she was not important. Grabbing the driver from the collar of his shirt , yanking him into the air. I stared into his pale white face and gritted my teeth at him.

" She's coming with us, you got a problem with that...huh young man"? I asked him.

His body was shaking, from the blood red cold stare in my eyes; he was frightened of me.

" A-Alright....".

" What was that, young man"? I drew his face closer to mine.

From other peoples point of view, this didn't look normal. Maybe they would think at first I looked like an innocent women, unfortunately the word innocence does not describe my personality.

" Y-Yes ma'am"! He told me. I placed him back in the drivers seat and chuckled at his cowardice. Getting on the truck, I sat right next to Hina, Joshua was on the other side. Covering his mouth...behind it was a grin that wanted to show itself. I crossed my arms and legs and sat silent when the truck started to move. I felt a slight tug on my dress.

" Big sister....".

" Yes"? I asked her.

" You-".

" What"? She started to blush.

" Big sister,you looked really cool earlier". I went quiet, Joshua was laughing now...releasing that voice of his.

" So I did...". I'll let you dream and think of me as a savior, while I hide the monstrous being behind my fabulous facade.

Chapter 25: Release/ asking for permission

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" Permission granted". Excited I leaped in front of Johnny and faced him.

" The doc said I could!...he allowed me to"! Johnny probably thought about how odd I was to be acting so excited for such a small thing.

I tip toed and placed both my hands to the sides of his face. Leaning in closer our noses touched. I heard Jiro trying to calm Joshua down.

" Now listen here". I said in a whisper.

" Since I was granted permission...I'm allowed to attack you". He tried to get away but my hands were pulling at his head straining his neck.

" Uh, uh uh...when I get to attack...your not allowed to run away okay"? By this time he was shivering.

" Do you like it? This is almost exactly how you treated me earlier...but I might be the only one actually having fun in this position". I started to caress my hand against his cheek.

" I really don't find you cute at all. Its a shame though...if you had a better personality I would have...well, that doesn't really matter anymore because I already have someone I'm interested in".

Returning my hands to the same position. I squeezed his head harder. While he sweating and grunting in pain, I was putting on such a carefree expression. Smiling happily.

" I suppose...you would like to receive you punishment now huh"? He gasped.

Moon Phasers

" Well then, it was really fun and all but-". I swung my head back and bashed it into Johnny's forehead as hard as I could. The pain only felt minor for me but, seeing how his body fell to the ground loudly I take it, it hurt more than it did to me.

" Oh my"! Covering my mouth dramatically.

" Satsuki..." Dr. Okinami shook his head and asked the other men that were beside Johnny to carry him off the the infirmary.

" Did I go too far"? I asked everyone.

" Seen worse...that wasn't it". Jiro commented.

I looked back at him and smiled.

" Would you like to receive some punishment as well"?

" Hell ye-". Before finishing his comment Joshua had jabbed Jiro in the stomach.

" Bro...that...was...so harsh man". He was laughing and coughing at the same time.

" Really".

" Would you Joshua"? I asked him. Without hesitation he said,

" If...I get to be touched by you then, I don't care how you pun-". Before any further harassment I punched him.

" Your both...such hopeless, idiotic, and perverted men". I wiped my hands on my dress.

I then asked if Hina was alright, Joshua told me that he left Hina in Hanako's care. I told him that was worst possible idea ever.

" Are you stupid"?!?

" What"? He asked me.

" Do you not know Hanako's personality by now...shes nothin but a big busted old hag...and putting Hina in her care was the worst choice ever"!

" Oh...well". I slapped both my hands hanging on to his shoulders squeezing them.

" Ow...ow! OW OW OW...SATSUKI THAT HURTS"!

" You wanted punishment, you said so yourself". Gripping tighter. He began to smirk. I released my grasp on him and backed up.

" Wha-whats with that expression".?

" Oh"? He leaned in closer. Is this man...really?

Moon Phasers

" That wasn't even punishment it was more...like...enticing for me".

" HUH"?!"

" Your...your..."! He began to creep up on me. Knowing how this would proceed on I ran away to get Hina from Hanako.

" PERVERTED MAN"! I yelled back at him.

While I was running I was thinking about...how I changed from before. I'm happy that I was able to keep my sanity. Though, I was getting more and more worried about Hina I started to sprint down the hallway. Bumping into people on the way.

My chest was throbbing, out of breath I got to Hina on time. Hina was sitting in the lobby with Hanako.

" Yahoo! Satsuki darling". That woman since when can she call out my name like she and I are best friends.

" Hina are you okay". I tugged onto her and hugged her gently. Breathing a sigh of relief.

" Yup". She told me. I smiled.

" Thats good, because if something were to happen to you...and your still healing from your previous wounds".

I glared at Hanako who was sitting on the couch nonchalantly.

" How dare you, did you think I would do anything to that child"?

" Its just my intuition is all". She glared back at me grinning.

" Oh come now! I'm not all that bad". I knew she wasn't all bad I just didn't trust anyone other than Joshua to watch over Hina. I leaned over and hugged Hina.

" Good lord, your acting as if she's your own daughter".

" I want to treat her like she is". She clicked her tongue and walked away.

I stayed right next to Hina as we waited for everyone. Once they arrived Dr. Okinami walked over to us and asked me why I brought such a small child with me. I told him that the Havens here were not suitable for a child like her, that she had no other family, that she was all alone. I wasn't just pitying her but I felt as if she was a younger version of myself. And all I wanted to do is to protect her and always care for her. I didn't want her to fall into despair like I did. I didn't want her to turn into a heartless person like I did.

At first Dr. Okinami refused. I begged him. Ranting on about how he didn't understand as to what I just told him. The pain in my chest started up again. I wanted to cry just talking about such things to someone who has never lived a life like mines and Hina's. The leader of the facility heard the loud commotion coming from us and walked towards us with concern and anger.

He spotted Hina and yelled at me.

" Why did you bring an haven brat over here"?!"

Moon Phasers

" Don't you dare call her that"! I yelled back at him. This seemed to anger him even more. Though feeling the same way this old man was pissing me off as well.

" Bringing in a kid like that into this facility, do you know what your doing"!?

" She has a purpose"!

He told me that Hina was a worthless child, that she has no purpose in this facility.

" What good would a weak child like her do in this place"!? I twitched and thought about that. I looked back at Hina who was hiding behind my back. She stared at me with those honey colored eyes. Then I thought,

" Then if she has no purpose...I'll train her to fight"! The room went quiet.

" Wha-".?

" I'll train her myself. I'll make sure she knows how to fight for herself, I'll make sure she grows strong...just like me"!

The room was still silent.

" If you are against my wishes...if you plan to take her away from me...". My head was pounding. My breath was shaking. Everyone in the room was silent. No one spoke a word.

The next thing that came out of my mouth...I really meant it...I really did mean it.

" If you touch her...If you dare to go near her...I'LL FUCKING KILL YOU ALL"!

Chapter 27: Stop the insults/Her true terror

I don't remember the last time I actually swore so much during my time in the facility. More like, I don't even remember really promising to protect someone other than Joshua. Hina was the other person.

" Big sister, what does "f-". I covered her mouth with my hand.

" No Hina, I do not want that word coming out of your mouth".

" Okay". After declaring her protection and that she had a purpose with us. The leader asked me If I could meet him in his office alone. To discuss about what the plan really is.

" Satsuki" I turned around to face Joshua.

" What"?

" You looked...like a total bad ass you know that".

I giggled and nodded. I wouldn't say that bad ass was the proper word for what I just did but. I said what I meant and that's all that matters.

After I talked to Hina about what I had in store for her. She understood me. Though after I told her that she could stay with us she started to cry. I knew that it made her happy to hear that she had a " family".

I asked Joshua if he could take care of Hina for a while, until I get back.

" Okay, this time Joshua...make sure she doesn't go anywhere near those fat cow glands of a woman".

" Ha ha, your still calling her that"?

" Its the truth". I placed both hands on my hips and walked away.

Once I got to the leader's office, there were two really big men guarding both sides of the door. When they spotted me, they asked to what was my business for being there. I told them I was ordered to speak with the boss. I wasn't in the mood to talk right now. But I knew I had to discuss some things with him.

The two guards stepped to the side and let me in, shutting the heavy door behind me.

" Come in, sit down make yourself comfortable".

I chuckled and sat next to the man's desk.

" Anything you want to drink"? He asked me. Walking over to the heavily filled table of alcohol he handed out a glass and a whiskey bottle.

" I don't drink...anymore". I told him. He nodded and poured himself a drink. Just what does this man do all day. Does he drink all day and do nothing? I sat crossing my legs and arms in the chair. He walked around me. I sensed that he was observing me. I did the same watching his every move.

" Your name was...Satsuki am I right"?

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" Yes". Is what I said. He took a sip from his glass and placed it on his desk.

" I'm the main head of this facility, the names David Flinch".

" You...are an American"? I asked him. The name was so foreign it had to be true.

" Why yes I am. Both my parents were Americans. When I was young I moved here to Japan because of my parents work. Being here so long I had to learn the language and attend an Japanese school. It was fun and all but I really did miss the U.S".

" Interesting, though...I don't exactly care about your past all I came here to discuss about was-".

" Oh, right the brat". My hand flinched at this. Did he not hear my warning before or does he really want me to kill him so badly.

" I would gladly appreciate it if you'd stop calling Hina a brat".

" Why not...she is one after all".

My nails started to grip at the chairs arm rests. Tearing the covering leather.

" Changing the discussions topic...You don't have to worry about that child. I wont have you being overly concerned about her".

" Oh"? He asked me. He sat down and crossed his legs leaning against his chair. His expression changed, as if he was making fun of me.

" What could a young lady like you do for a brat like her"? He asked me.

I tried to answer him back as calmly as I could. My voice started to break. I do not want to go mad. If I wanted to I could break this mans neck and get it over with already but, violence doesn't always solve the problem.

" I could do anything if I were to put effort into it". I tried to put a smile on my face. I wanted to hide the anger and insanity away from his site.

" That brat is weak...all those people in the haven are weak". He took his glass and shook the liquor around with the ice.

" She may look weak to your eyes however, to me she's a strong child. One which has potential...of course someone like you can't see that...you being so stubborn".

He took a sip from his glass, he didn't look the comment I made had effected him.

" I really can't take you seriously young lady, are you saying that my opinions are wrong , that I have to listen to what ever you say or tell me. Coming from a "women" of all things I wont believe in such worthless crap".

This is the second time I've heard such a comment. Why does everyone here criticize women. Why does everyone think that all women are weak. The thought went on and on inside my head. How could I change the way things worked around here.

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"Its funny how...many men around here...are you all sexist against women"?

" Well, I wouldn't say-".

" Are you saying the same things as that man John told me before. Are all women just weak little things compared to you men, if it weren't for us you bastards wouldn't be able to survive in this god damned world. Stop saying such insulting things"!

He sat silent in his chair. His face was expressionless. Placing the glass back down on the desk he leaned in closer to me. And grinned.

" What...are you saying...you don't even fight"

" I am a fighter". I said.

" Liar, women don't-". I slammed both my hands onto his desk making the whole room shake. His body twitched in reaction to the sudden event.

" Do you want proof, that women aren't as weak as we look...would you like to see us in action"? I sat down on the desk and leaned in closer to him. His eyes grew wide. My blood started to boil again, I was more and more excited than usual.

I gazed into his eyes, and in the reflection of them I could easily see my eyes start to glow a bright blood red color. This happened before when I went insane.

" Then lets make a deal...the next time your wanna be fighters go on one of their district rounds, you take me and my group along with them. Only then will I show you proof". I grabbed his jaw and squeezed it..puckering his lips.

" I wanna hear you say " Wow women really are strong"! Out of these wide dry lips". Letting go of his jaw I threw his against his chair. Getting off the desk I began to walk towards the door.

" I'll agree to this deal...but even if you try you'll never get me to say those impossible words"! He laughed. I heard him pick up his glass, as he slowly moved the glass to his lips I took out one of my hair pins and threw it hitting the glass.

" What the hell"! I heard him scream behind me. I giggled. The glass shards shattered falling onto the his desk. Even though my back was facing towards him I could feel the fear emit from his body. Covering my mouth I held back my laugh. If I were to laugh now I think he'll find me out.

" Oops, sorry about that, my hand slipped".

" what"!?

" Thats only a bit of the evidence...Just be patient...On the battlefield...only then will I show you what real terror looks like...bye bye". I waved my hand from side to side and walked out the door. I looked at one of the guards and growled at him. He raised his eye brow at me.

" You should get a clean up bin in there...the boss had a little too much to drink and had a little accident Kay"? I patted the other guards shoulder and walked away.

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"Wow". I said to myself. And thought about Hina, if she were in with me at the time she would definitely think "Big sister...that was really cool". I laughed at myself for thinking out loud.

"I really need to stop doing that, people around me will start to think I'm crazy". Again I said this out loud.

"Ha ha...seriously".

Chapter 28: Regret...Maybe not

When I got back to Hina, I found her asleep on a chair. She looked so peaceful, I moved quietly around the room so I wouldn't wake her.

"What are you doing"? Joshua came into the room.

"Shh"! I placed my finger in front of my lips.

"Huh"? He walked towards me. His shoes started to make squeaking noises.

"Joshua"! I yelled at him in a whisper.

"What"? He asked me again.

When he walked in closer to me I punched his knee, making him collapse to the floor.

"That hurt"!

"Shh"! I said to him again. He started rubbing his knee and sat down on the floor. I sat next to the chair that Hina was on, settling my elbows on the open space where her feet were.

"Wow". Joshua was whispering this time.

"Hm"? I said.

"Heh, never mind...its nothing". He took a sip from the cup he was holding.

"Coffee"? I asked him.

"Yes". He said.

"Black"?

"Nope, I decided to add some cream to it this time...just to try it out".

"Oh"? I sounded sarcastic. This was kinda like a shock to me though, Joshua would usually drink his coffee straight black. So this is the first time that he's ever drank his coffee with cream. I know this sounds like a stupid reason to be surprised about, but for some reason I think its pretty shocking.

I know I'm strange...I know.

As I sat there in the silence. I thought about what I should say to Joshua, how should I explain to what I told that man. I know he would be mad about it, but I couldn't hold back. I wanted to show that man what he thought was wrong. I wanted to show him the real side of me.

(Of course without going insane)

I finally told Joshua about what I told that man, Joshua was hesitant. It seemed like he was having trouble thinking about the problem. I told him I didn't think it was much of a problem. Because, I said that I would be

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the one to solve it. I wouldn't want to involve them in it too much.

" Well, are you sure about this, Satsuki"?

" I'm absolutely positive". Joshua nodded and sighed

" I'm sorry". I said to him.

" About.."? He asked me.

" you have to deal with me. Through all these things...I...I'm just saying that I'm sorry".

He got up chuckling.

" Miss Satsuki Black, is actually apologizing to me"? He said in a high pitched voice.

" We-well, I just...ah...I mean...Ahha"! I fell to the ground and laid on my stomach faced down. I was totally embarrassed. My face felt hot, I didn't want to show my face to him, if I were to then he would surely tease me for it.

" You idiot". I told him, my voice was muffled by the carpet that covered my mouth.

Over the past few days I only knew Joshua so little. Though, it seemed as though I've known him forever. This man that just came into my life out of nowhere. This man who changed me. I didn't know...I regret that... I would sometimes wish that I have never met him in the first place.

Chapter 29: Oddly...colored/A Chance

It's already been 2 months since the our facility has been destroyed. And 2 months since we've stayed in this damned place called Osaka. The place always pisses me off when I look at the building. Not just the building but the people in it. For a while I haven't heard a word from the leader whom I yelled at, proposing that I'd show him that women weren't weak.

Maybe, even after the declaration I made...he still wouldn't believe me. Well, at least that was what I thought at the time.

" Satsuki"! Yoko came running to me from the other end of the hall. Over that past 2 months they issued us each a room. Though they weren't single roomed like ours we had to share. I was with Hina. I wouldn't allow anyone else to room with me. I don't think I would have the patience to do so.

" What"? Hina was on the other bed next to me. She was drawing on a piece of notebook paper and used some crayons to color it.

" Guess what"? She asked me, putting her hands on her hips.

" Huh"? I sighed in frustration. Sitting back on the chair I was on.

" Well, its been 2 months and guess what were gonna do tomorrow"? I was beginning to become impatient.

" What"? I asked her. Hina stopped her drawing and looked at us in curiosity.

" The head man told me to tell you...that, hes lettin us go with one group on their district rounds".

All of a sudden I felt my jaw drop. My eyes widened. After all this time, he finally decided to let us go with them.

" Are you sure"? I asked her. Sitting up I walked over to the bed Hina was on.

" C'mon Satsuki, would I ever lie to you"? She said to me in a child like tone.

I was thinking about that for a moment.

" You really had to think about that one didn't ya"? She sighed and laughed at my reaction.

" If its true then, do the others know of it"? I asked her.

" Well, not yet...I'm the only one besides Jiro that knows of this". She said to me.

" Then its gonna be hard to convince the others right"? She sat down on the floor and relaxed a bit.

" D'ya ever think about our facility"? She asked me.

" I always think about it". I never got the chance to ask about our place back in Tokyo, about the rebuilding of the facility.

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" I would like it if we got to go back. I think its a lot better there than here...right Hina"? I asked her with a smile. She looked at me and smiled back. Hina understood what I was talking about. During our time together I told her about where I came from, that I did not belong to this type of place.

" Yup" she said to me.

" I so wanna go back"! Yoko yawned at the same time she said this. Making it possible to see her big mouth. Kinda like lions mouth. I grinned and looked back at Hina, who continued to draw.

" Whats that Hina"? I asked her. Pointing to the drawing on the paper.

" Hum". She said. I thought about this till now but, I wonder if Hina still needed to be educated. It appears that she needs to widen her vocabulary and social skills.

" Who's that Hina"? I pointed to the two strange looking figures that stood out the most, being colored in bright crayons.

" Hina...and um...Big sister". She giggled and hummed while she drew.

" Hina likes the color pink huh". I said to her.

" Yup". Hina drew herself wearing a bright pink dress, her hair was colored with the yellow crayon.

" Your an artist Hina". I told her.

She blushed at the comment I made. I started to think about what I was going to expect tomorrow. I need to think of a way on how to tell Hina were I was going. And whom to take care of her. Maybe I'll ask Dr. Okinami if I plead to him enough.

Chapter 30: Changing

Late that night, I couldn't sleep well. I stayed up thinking. It wouldn't leave my mind. Hina was sleeping soundly beside me. Her breathing was still. She started to shiver so I covered her shoulders with the blanket. While I laid there with half the blanket covering me. A child's body temperature is warmer than an adults but Hina needs the blanket more than I do.

" Interesting theory". I said this aloud.

I glanced at the clock on the desk next to me.

" 5:40 am". The morning drew nearer and nearer. And before I knew it, the morning sun was shining through the window. I need to get up now, we're supposed to leave around 6:00 in the morning.

" So early". I guess this shows how weak they are, they need the whole damn day to just fight off a bunch of those things. I slowly got up from the bed. Moving my head from side to side. Hina was still sleeping soundly on the bed. I moved around the room to get my stuff together, making sure to to awake her.

" How cute". I said aloud. I took a shower and put my clothes on. I wen to the bed side and gave Hina a gentle kiss to the forehead. She moved a bit to the soft touch and stilled.

" Sleep tight". I whispered to her.

Leaving the room silently closing the door behind me. Little did I know...maybe I shouldn't have just left her like that.

When I got to the prep room. It was filled with the disgusting men from before. I forgot this was an all male prep area. And that there were no women fighters so,

" Morning you lot". I yelled out to them. Each of them glared back at me. Some snickered.

A familiar voice came from behind me.

" Johnny"! I said to him.

" Move women"! He shoved me hard enough to knock me against the wall.

" Your so mean"! I said to him laughing. He sneered back at me. His expression looked disgusted. I rubbed my arm.

" You caught me off guard". I said to myself.

I scratched my head and proceeded through the crowd. I spotted Joshua and the others. Jiro came up to me and patted my head.

" Ya sure are brave". I looked at him perplexed. He kept on patting me.

" Hands off you stupid bastard...your the brave one to be touching me so casually"! I slapped his hand away. He backed off and chuckled.

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" Okay okay". He said.

" Jeez". I sighed with annoyance. I saw everyone else putting on their armor. Thick, metallic armor, covered their bodies from head to toe. I saw that they were wearing oxygen suppliers in their backs. The design was poor. Mei and Sei could do so much better than these amateurs.

Walking over to my area I started to undress. The room went silent.

" Satsuki"! Joshua threw one of his large t-shirts on my body. I could tell he was trying to cover me.

" Joshua...I don't have the time to go to another area and change just because I'm a women....Does it really matter"? The room was still.

" Satsuki". Hanako came up to me. Her body covered in only her under armor suit.

" What"? I asked her.

" Do you....even consider yourself a women"? Leaning into me, her glare was indeed odd.

" Of course I do". I told her, pushing her shoulder.

" Then, come with me and me you and Yoko will go change in another area". Grabbing my arm she pulled me to the door.

" Why"?! I asked her.

" Your such an idiot"! She yelled at halfway out the door Yoko was waiting in the hallway.

" How? Why are you arguing with me over such trivial matters"?

" This is not trivial, you should know about Joshua's feelings"!

I paused.

" F-feelings"? I asked her. My heart throbbed.

" Yes"! She yelled at me again.

" Hanako...this really isn't the time to be scolding her ya know".

" B-but...She's so thickheaded....she'll never understand unless you burn the thought about it into this dense head of hers"! Hanako sounded so frustrated.

" Why do you care, about anything that has anything to do with me"? I asked her.

" I hate you...but...". She let go of my hand. I started to get a head ache.

" We don't have time for-".

" At least a little"! Hanako shouted. She sounded so serious. I never knew that. Hanako of all people would get so serious.

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" Satsuki....Don't always think that, you'll never be "human". Don't always think that you'll always be a monster. I know that ever since you came to the facility you've been through so much...so much hardship".

" Wha-". I was shocked.

" Satsuki...you changed so much since that time. And the one I'm most grateful to for that change is Joshua. Over his influence, You've changed in the blink of an eye".

" Your really....creepin me out boob mon-".

" You've really underestimated me Satsu.(and stop calling me those names), admit it...your more human than you ever were before. You should go thank Joshua for that, for giving you emotions, for feelings, for lo-".

I punched the wall, creating a small crater in it. Lifting my fist from the smashed wall the crumbles fell to the ground.

" Ridiculous". I said in a small voice.

" Human"? I asked her.

" Yes". Her voice was calming. In my eyes it was like Hanako...kind of reminded me of someone that I dearly loved in the past, though I cannot recall such memories.

" Trivial....trivial...feelings?...human like emotions....stupid". I wanted to cry. Hanako was being really sly. She's a sadist, a truly sly one at that.

I sighed and rubbed the crumbs from my knuckles. Trying to relax my self back to reality. I didn't want to lose my self control for such a stupid reason.

Hanako sighed with a smile and tugged on my arm motioning me over to a separate room for to change in.

Chapter 31: "Those" aren't that important!

"Its....rather small isn't it"? I said as I gazed at the small and compacted room, filled with dust and cobwebs. The room smelled of mold and filled to the ceiling were boxes stacked high on one another.

"Better than nothing". Yoko said as she started to undress.

" Oh"! Hanako moved swiftly towards Yoko.

" Getting there". Hanako said as she smirked in amusement.

I did not fully understand Hanako's words. I looked at Yoko, who had on such an angry face.

" You idiot! Why do you have to point that out"?! I poked Hanako and asked her what she meant by that. Hanako cuffed her hand next my ear and whispered.

" You know that Yok-chi has small boobs right, don't tell me you haven't realized that yet".

My eyes widened, I made my hand into a fist and thumped it on top of my other hand making a "ponk" sound.

" Oh"! I said in amazement. I felt Hanako sigh again next to me, and continued to change.

"Don't worry about those kind of things Yoko, thats one of your benefits. And I think big boobs on you would look so...so out of place". I said. I felt as if I just added fuel to the fire.

Yoko's face turned beet red.

" â !.Wha-whatever"!

I giggled and changed into my under armor. I glanced at Hanako's which was colored gray, Yoko's was colored navy blue. Mine was colored a deep dark color.

" I suppose the twins made these huh"? I asked holding up the protection armor. The knee cap guards were made of a heavy metal material which might be heavy for the other two but for me not so much. Shoulder guards were made from a copper material, the boots were sort of heavy thanks to the lead made heels and toe areas, but it was made for comfort. Under neath the chest armor and back cover were covered in a thin mesh for easy movement.

" They did a good job with the suits". Yoko jumped about the small room, testing the ability of the suit.

" Your collar is loose Yoko". I moved over to her and secured the collar in place. The collar we have on is supposed to keep track of our pulse rate. If it gets too high then it has an automatic heart rate suppressor medicine that will inject when necessary. Everyone in our group had to have one. I went over to the bag which carried our stuff and got out 3 headsets.

" Here". I gave them both separate ear headsets. I placed the small speaker into my ear and pressed the button to test the volume.

" Geh". Hearing a high pitch sound during the test means that the ear piece is working perfectly. Although, since my ears are more sensitive then everyone else's the sound echoes throughout my head leaving it ringing

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for a long while.

" EAGLE OKAY". Yoko tested the voice feature on the collar to see if it was working right. When during our regular rounds we are given special code names in English to distinguish who is who. As you can see Yoko is Eagle.

" FOX OKAY". Placing my two fingers to my ear I heard Hanako's code name, Fox.

" DEMON OKAY". This was my current name during the rounds...ironic isn't it.

Since everything is working splendidly, once everyone was done changing we headed out the door and proceeded to meet up with the rest of the group.

Chapter 32: Saying sorry/ Osaka Ground 0...

" Oh well, well"! I recognized that husk like voice.

" Shut up down there, you moronic bastard"! I shouted from where I was to the other end of the hall way were Jiro stood.

" Names hurt people Sat-"! I sprinted up to Jiro face to face and punched him as hard as I could in the stomach, his body landed hard (butt first) to the cold ground.

" Ow"!

" What hurts more are my punches, I don't think you'll like em".

" Jeez, same as always".

" Of course, when did I say I'll ever change"? I paused and thought about that for a moment.

" Huh"? Jiro was still sitting on the ground, he tried to get up.

" Sat...Ya okay there"? He leaned in and waved his hand in front of my face.

" Hello...earth to Sat". I could hear his voice but, my body refused to respond.

" Hold on let me try something Jiro". I was partially blacked out. I had no idea why I was in this state but, all I saw was Joshua in front of me. He moved closer and hugged me.

" Satsuki, you can't black out during such a serious time...you gotta wake up".

Still my body refused to move.

Joshua was still, holding me in his arms.

" Alright then, you asked for it". Leaning his head next to my ear, I felt his breath...then suddenly felt him blow just slightly inside my ear. This triggered my body to move. On reflex I slapped his cheek.

" There ya go". He said smiling. His cheek started to swell and turn red.

" I'm sorry". Unintentionally I laid my hand on his cheek, knowing of how strong I am it must have hurt so much.

" I'm sorry". I said again.

" Its okay, its normal for a girl to act that way...well especially for you since I'm the one who did it". He started to smirk, the swell on his cheek stung when he tried to do so.

" I'm sorry". I said again.

" All right little kiddies, enough chit-chat...its time to go". The annoying American man came up from behind me, bumping into me while he walked to the truck outside.

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" He's might be lucky enough today...I almost wanted to trip him just now".

" You knew he was behind you"? Joshua asked me.

" Of course, I just didn't want to cause anymore trouble than I already have".

" LETS GO ALREADY". Yoko shouted at us from the truck. How did she get there so fast. Being so short, thats a bit creepy.

" ALRIGHT LETS KICK SOME MOON PHASER ASS"!

" Jiro shut up". He looked back at me as he got on the truck, chuckling.

" Here". Joshua held out his hand for me, I thought; (what a proper gentleman) but at the same time...

" You don't need to do that much, I can get on by myself just fine".

" Okay". I got on the truck, some of the other Americans were riding in the same truck. They looked at me, observing me.

" I hope you guys aren't scared". I said to them. Johnny spoke for them.

" Why would we be, This is a piece of cake". He smirked and adjusted his suits air pressure. I looked around the truck the others were doing the same.

" Are you that scared of the chances of getting infected"? I asked him. I tried to relax my sitting position on the hard seat.

" In this facility, we always have to take precautions". He put on his helmet and clicked it in place. Then he placed his finer next to his chin and pressed on it making a beeping noise.

" We don't want to lose...anyone". He said from inside the helmet. I looked at Joshua who was napping next to me. He looked so...like he did not care. I guess Jiro and me were the only ones who were excited about this, I immediately felt embarrassed.

" Whoop, I'm pumped up about this"! Jiro shouted from the seat across me.

" Please just shut up Jiro". My voice was a bit deeper than usual, which at this point managed to shut him up for once.

" Che, your no fun". He leaned back against his seat and sat there quietly for the rest of the ride. The whole time, everyone was silent. No one spoke.

As time passed, something in my chest started to burn.

" WE ARE ALMOST AT THE DISTRCIT". The driver shouted from out the window.

Once I heard that my chest began to throb. I wondered about Sen who was keeping check of my heart rate in the look out tower. If something were out of the ordinary he would contact me or Joshua.

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" Come on calm down". I whispered to myself. Clenching at my chest the pain became even more sever. I could feel from beneath my hand, my heart was thumping out of control. I began to sweat. My body began to twitch and shake without me knowing of it.

" You okay there Sat"? Jiro asked me from across with confused eyes.

" I'm fine". I told him, trying to talk with a straight face. I didn't want any of them to know of the condition I was in. Why hasn't Sen Contacted me yet, I bet I am even more concerned about my condition right now then he is.

" Stupid...calm down...already". Again I tried to calm it down on my own. I tried my best to do this, I didn't want the heart rate suppressor to stop me...even if it did, the medicine only works on normal humans. Of course Whoever made the medicine didn't exactly think about that huh.

" Oh well". I sighed and managed to relax myself in the seat.

After a few more minutes we finally reached the districts " Ground 0".

Chapter 33: Showtime/Slow moving

" Oh, Its huge"! Yoko came out of the truck and examined the large wall that kept the moon phasers inside. I also took a look at it, the walls were indeed thick, from a distance I could hear slight rumbles of the ground being walked on by the monsters that inhabited the area, the screeching noises of their screams and roars in pain. I walked a bit closer to the wall and placed my ear on top of it. I closed my eyes and listened to sounds.

" Watcha doin there Sat"? Jiro looked at me. I didn't answer back.

" Sat"? He asked me again.

" Shh". I said to him with a delicate voice. I listened closer to the sounds.

" Moaning..." I said aloud.

" Oh, they do that a lot"! Johnny replied from the other side. I opened my eyes and directed them to the large steel doors that sealed the place. I got up from the wall and walked over to the doors, placing my hand on it...

" Very, cold". It surely wasn't cold out here, but the door was beyond freezing.

" We keep the door freezing...its sub zero so if the little shits try to touch it their freakin fingers will turn frost bitten ha ha, now lets go"! Johnny led the rest of his group into the door.

" Even if I want to destroy them all...for some reason it feels as if hes saying that to me". I released my hand from the door and got together with my group. Joshua was still half asleep so I pinched his cheek.

" Ouch"!

" Oops". I said in a sarcastic way.

" How cruel, I'm still trying to heal that side of my cheek from when you slapped it earlier". He ran over to the medical aids and asked for bandage. Putting it on, he stuck his tongue out at me.

" Bleh". He said to me.

" Immature, perverted, and conceited...your turning into the perfect young man of every young womens dream". I laughed at my sudden joke and walked towards the door.

" Is everyone ready"? I asked them.

" Absolutely ". Yoko replied getting together her sniper guns.

" Yeas". Hanako replied polishing her barrel shot gun in English.

" Lets go...". Joshua and Jiro replied at the same time.

" Right lets go". I walked forward. I was stopped one of the door officers.

" Ya gonna be okay in there...are you sure...women-". Being quick tempered I punched him as lightly as I could on his arm.

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" During our time inside this stone made structure...we'll see who will be named a " weak women"!

" Amen"! Jiro rooted from behind me.

" I won't be called weak by stupid little bastards like you"!

" Satsuki...are you going to be alright".

" I'll be fine, I just need to take the kids out to play...And maybe I'll have some fun at the same time". I laughed hysterically. I'm not going to hold back any longer. I won't keep them waiting.

" WATCH ME LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...AND WATCH THIS SPECTACULAR SHOW"! Everyone laughed behind me, though it sounded nervous like. Once the doors opened again the scent of the monsters filled the air. And I knew that Even if I wanted to, I knew I wouldn't be able to hold back.

Chapter 34: Osaka, Ground 0/ Entertainment

The inside of the grounds were terrifying. For a normal human this would scare them. Though, for me this made it even more exciting.

" Ah, you finally came in huh". I spotted Johnny with his group next to an crumbled down building.

" You know, this was once a very populated small city, but when the virus hit us it all went down".

" Interesting". I said as I smirked. I walked around and looked at the other buildings. Compared to the air from outside this zone, it reeked of blood and flesh. Every things the same everywhere. I looked up at the sky. It started to blacken overhead.

" Shit, looks like its gonna rain". Jiro was scratching his head.

" Even more lovely". I smelled the rain before it even hit us. It was only for a while that the rain poured down on us. Everyone got inside a small building to cover from it, but I stayed outside and enjoyed the rain all to myself.

" Satsuki".

" Rain is wonderful, even during times like these...its the only thing to wash away all my sins". I spread my arms out and spun around. I circled around and around. Time seemed to slow. The water droplets appeared to slowly splash on my arms as they flung around.

I began to slow down, and finally stilled. Suddenly, the ground began to rumble. I stayed completely still.

" They are here". Everyone inside the building began to prep up. The Americans were ready to go with their equipment.

Then everything went quiet. Only the sounds of the rain emitted.

" Joshua...throw Shark as hard as you can against that building across the road"? He nodded and lifted Shark off the ground. I'm sure it was extremely heavy but it looked as if he didn't even break a sweat from it. Thrusting the Large sword, it hit the building intact. The sword was stuck against the stone wall.

" Now everyone...stay still for just a moment".

" Why should we listen to you"? Johnny was in the doorway holding a large gun.

" Shut up already"! My voice roared and echoed against the buildings walls.

I picked up my right foot and stomped it as hard as I could against the concrete ground. On impact it made a small crater were I stood. With this it managed to shut everyone up, even Johnny was amazed.

" Thank you". I stood there in silence. And listened for them. Calling...calling, each other.

" 7...no 10 of them are heading this way...". I turned around slowly and nodded my head at Yoko. She got up in excitement and ran over to me.

Moon Phasers

" Over there". I pointed to the building next to me.

" Yes ma'am". She saluted me and ran inside the building. I pressed on the voice com in my collar for Jiro.

" Yes"? He asked me.

" Yoko will be in position, inside that building...she'll snipe from the 8th floor window. I want you to go over to the building behind her and be on look out in the alley way".

" Yes, Milady". I cut him off with a soft giggle.

" And Joshua...".

" Yes"? His voice was gentle.

" Stay inside that building, go to the 2nd floor and be on look out, okay"?

" Got it". We cut off. The rain started to pound to the ground heavily.

Then they appeared.

" Sooner than expected". I chuckled. I stayed completely still. I heard their screams.

One fully developed one approached me. Then it stopped. I could see its breath coming from its nose. Huffing.

" Oh, you look beautiful". I love the fully developed ones. Their blood smelled the best.

" you can sense me too right"? I asked it. It huffed.

" Well, come on then"! I shouted at it. My voice deep. It roared at the others behind it.

" 4 against 1, thats not very fair now is it"? I sprinted towards them. They did the same.

" I WANT NO ONE TO HAVE THEM, I'LL DO IT MYSELF...ALL YOU LOT STAY BACK"!

one lunged for my head, I blocked it with my hand. The other one was behind me, it grabbed onto my leg with its teeth the grip was stupendous.

" Oh, impressive"! While I was distracted the large one came at me full speed.

" Satsuki"! I heard Joshua from the building behind me.

" Stay back"! My leg was going numb below me.

" Take your fucking teeth out"! My voice screeched at it. I blocked the large one with my hand throwing him against one of the buildings. The one below me didn't listen to me. Taking my hand I stabbed it right through the monsters eye. It growled loudly.

" Wonderful". I knew I was going out of control, I knew that at this point I was going insane. I felt my grip of its eye ball. It still refused to let go.

Moon Phasers

" Come on"! I gripped on it harder and pulled it right out of its eye socket. Blood splattered to the ground. I looked at the eye and threw it to the ground.

" Oh no". I said sarcastically. My hand was covered in blood. The scent was heavy. Finally, the beast released its grip on my leg. I jumped away from the beast and landed crouched on the ground.

" Woah". Taking a look at the damage I received, my leg was bleeding. I placed my hand to the open wounds.

" Doesn't hurt"? I asked myself a question, which was weird.

" Satsuki are you alright"? I placed my finger to the voice com.

" Yoko I'm just fine, although...it would be lovely of you if you could snipe the one I just jabbed in the eye"?

" Okay"! I looked up at the rain and watched it pour down on my wound. In the distance I heard different gun shots. The scent of blood rose even higher. Not even the rain could hide the screams and gun shots.

" Oh"? I looked down at my wound.

" Just like I thought". The teeth marks still shown but the bleeding had stopped.

I looked around, the others that were behind the large one had fled away. Too scared to deal with me it seems. But the large one stood.

" How kind of you to wait there for me to get up". I was sitting on the ground rubbing my leg.

" You could have attacked me by now, you know that"?

" Don't ignore me, I know you can understand me, after all...we are the same". It twitched at my comment. I guess It hadn't figured it out yet. The one I dealt with before knew I was their kind, it even spoke to me.

" Can you talk"? I asked it. I smiled at it.

" I guess not". I laughed at my stupidity and got up slowly.

" Sorry you had to wait long". I patted myself. And stood my ground.

" Let us begin". I motioned backwards. Once it growled I ran for my weapon. The ground shook behind me. The thudding of the beasts chase after me enticed me.

Chapter 35: Flavor/ Acting Strange

I got closer to my weapon, making a running start I jumped from the ground, over to were Shark was. I spotted Joshua inside the same building.

He cuffed his hands around his mouth and shouted,

" That was amazing"! I turned around and smiled back.

" Why, thank you". I curtsied back at him. I saw him laugh. But I was not out of danger yet. The beast ran towards me. I grabbed Shark from the wall and positioned it pointing forward.

" You'll be the first, for me to try out my new toy". The beast sprinted towards me, I stayed in place watched as the beast headed towards me. His nostrils fuming his breath. Panting hard as the beasts arms and legs boomed against the solid cement.

" Okay, round one"! It tried to lash its heavy arm at my head, I blocked it with my hand. When it did so, I heard the beast growl. It must be thinking,

" I'm like you, can you not tell...my how stupid you are compared to the others". It roared. The breath was terrible, The scent was morbid.

" I'm so lucky my breath doesn't smell that bad, or I would have puked each time I would open it".

It limped from the sudden collision. I relaxed in my stances posture. I was waiting for it to strike me again. Head on, it pounced from its position and leaped above me. I looked up in advance and aimed Shark in the air. When the beast fell I was standing below in a very much, perfect position. The beasts body gnashed into the sword. It wasn't heavy, the blood started to trickle down onto my hand.

" Dark red...You were a fully grown weren't you"? Of course it wouldn't answer me. The spot where Shark hit him was directly between his eyes. Smashing his brain. During the impact I heard a slight cracking noise.

" Your skull cracking sent shivers down my spine".

I jerked Shark out of the beasts head, sending blood spraying on the ground. Shark's blade was covered in blood. For a moment my mind went blank, I let the erg to feel the texture of the blood and moon phaser instincts take over me. I picked up the blood soaked blade and pressed my lips against it. The blood smeared on my lips. The texture was thick, The taste was sweet yet salty at the same time.

" My god". I gripped at the blades handle tighter, and started to lick the blood off the blade. My ear piece started to go off.

" Satsuki...are you okay"? It was Joshua on the other line.

" Yes". My voice was in a whisper. I was being pulled deeper and deeper into the darkness. I only knew half of what I was doing.

" Stop". I tried to tell myself to stop.

Moon Phasers

" I can't act this way, they'll...". I pulled the blade away from my grasp and threw against the wall next to me. I leaned against the stone wall.

" I really need to stop this ridiculous act...They'll grow suspicious of me soon".

Chapter 36: Voices/ Hidden Desires

I walked back to where the team was stationed at in the main building.

" Satsuki...are you okay"? Joshua asked. He was covered in rain water and what looked like sweat covered his face.

" I should be asking you that question". We both chuckled, he grabbed a small hand towel from the supplies box and handed it over to me.

" Thanks". I took the towel from him and patted myself dry.

" Any news on the other team"? I was referring to the foreign bastards.

" Yea, Yoko voiced me in on their position, she said that they're around the south end of the area". I laughed.

" What"? Joshua asked me confused.

" No, Its just that...that area...is all where the weak half grown moon phasers are located".

" Seriously"? He asked me.

" Absolutely". I threw the damp towel to the ground and sat in the corner to wait. Joshua went up to me, his eyes were fixed in the direction of the moon phasers.

" Are you worried about them"? I asked him. I gazed at the darkened area that surrounded the buildings in far distance.

" Why should I be"? Joshua leaned against the stone wall and chuckled.

" I don't know, personally I wouldn't mind if they were slaughtered all at once...". I felt a slight smirk appear on my face.

" I suppose I should be...". He got up and stretched his back.

" Yes, You should be...after all...you are human". I did not turn my body around to know Joshua's reaction to that. Feeling the wind behind me turn as he did, notified me that he was surprised.

" All humans....should be concerned about each other...its only natural. Why don't you radio in Yoko and ask her about their current position again".

" Y-yes I should do that". As I sat there and gazed out as the rain poured to the ground heavily, my body began to emit vapor from my skin. I moved my hand over my arm and touched it gently.

" Hot". My body temperature was warming me up. The nights here were now cold and rainy. Each time I would breath through my mouth I could clearly see my breath.

" Satsuki"! Joshua shouted from behind me.

" What is it-". Joshua suddenly grabbed me by my shoulders and shook me.

Moon Phasers

" Wh-whats wrong"!? He looked at me with fear in his eyes. I did not know what he was thinking. If he wanted to tell me something he should tell it to me now.

" They..."!

" They what"!? He kept shaking me. My body tensed up from the sudden action. I moved my hand over his and grabbed them to let go.

" They"!

" Tell me Joshua"!

" They found a....survivor...". My eyes grew wide, I stopped breathing, it was quiet.

" What do you mean"? Just how was this possible.

" They found a body...it was located near the north end intersection, there are no moon phasers in that area so...it was possible that-". Before he could finish that sentence, a familiar scent started to fill the air. I turned my head in all directions trying to figure the scent out.

" Satsuki"? I released myself from Joshua's grasp, I grabbed Shark and sprinted in the direction of the scent. As I ran towards the north side, the scent became stronger. It was familiar but I could not make it out due to the rain's own scent, and the other scents in the area which confused me.

I turned on my ear piece.

" Eagle...to Demon".

" Yes, Eagle here".

" Yoko...do you know what the body looks like"? I asked her.

" I will scope it...please wait".

"Please hurry, I fear that it might already be too late"! A couple minutes passed and finally,

" Satsuki..."?

" What"!? I was approaching the area. The group of bastards surrounded the body.

" I don't know how but...".

" Can you identify the body Yoko"!? I slowed my pace over to the group.

" Satsuki....its Hi-". Then the scent hit me, My whole body numbed up, my hands were shaking.

" H-".

One of the figures that I could recognize was Johnny's. He turned around when he heard my footsteps behind him.

Moon Phasers

" Ah, wench...look what we found snooping around these infected grounds. Don't she look like-". I was dumbstruck, my body stood frozen in fear.

" Move". My voice was weary from running but,

" Move"! I shouted at them with my all, and ran towards the body. Everything was silent , all that made noise was the pounding rain. I fell to the ground knees first and stared at the body. In the distance I could hear Joshua and Rains foot steps.

" Who....was the one that found her"? I looked up. The rain was sliding down my face, wetting my hair covering it.

" Oh, I did"! I twisted my head at the direction I heard that stupid voice.

" You"? I asked him.

" Yes, yes...Ya know, even though it was just a survivor doesn't mean that we can just take em in and treat them...we always have to take precautions, no matter what".

I looked back down at the body, her arms were bruised, she had deep cuts in her legs. I turned her over and she had a cut on the side of her head. The blood was everywhere.

" H-".

" Isn't this that young one that would always stay right beside you... ha ha I think she went a little too far in following you around right"? The group started to laugh at his joke.

" So, you did this to her"? I motioned my hand over her head where the cut was. The blood spread onto my finger tips.

" Of course, I mean anyone would have took her down if they were to find a brat like that around here".

" Satsuki"! Joshua and Rain were right behind me. Joshua crouched to the ground to pick her body up.

" Oh my god".

" Joshua stable her body just like that okay". I watched as they both checked up on the body.

Everything was quiet. The foreign group still chuckled and grinned at the situation.

" Oh, it doesn't matter she was a brat after all...better to have her die then to have her follow you where every you go". My mind was not there. I was in shock. Seeing Hina in such a way. And here I promised to protect her. My body was growing hotter as time passed. Was I going insane...I didn't know whether or not I was. I gripped at Shark who was still at my side. All that was going through my head...

KILL.

" Johnny, you said that you were the one that found her"? I picked up Shark and looked at the blade. I had an intense desire to...

KILL HIM.

Moon Phasers

" Yep, she was just walking around here, shouting " Big sister, Big sister"!..did she not know that this place was infested with the devils spawn"?

" I see...did you have fun"? I started to lose control of what came out of my mouth.

" Well, if you're gonna ask me then...yes I did...she was screaming and what not...asking us for you...her crying face was especially-".

KILL HIM!

I sprinted towards Johnny and pressed my blood soaked hand against his face. I had a strong grip on Shark, I pressed hard on him and hopped over him.

" You"! All I could hear were the voices going on and on and on inside my head.

YOU WANT TO KILL HIM.

I landed on a stone wall and jumped right back, aiming Shark for Johnny's head. Before I could touch him he blocked my attack. Throwing me against the stone wall behind me.

" That's what you get for messing with me you wench"!

While I was in the crater the voices escalated. Getting even more demanding.

KILL HIM, YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO.

My body started to ache. This pain I knew what it was, was I turning again?

KILL...

My senses picked up a large number of fully developed moon phasers heading for this location. There came a loud static buzzing noise from my ear piece.

" Sa...Satsuki...snap out of it...coming from the west... 20 of tho-those things...are coming...they heard the loud...commotion...so..". The transmission cut off up to that point.

YOU HAVE MORE TO KILL...

" More to kill..." My heart started to beat rapidly. All I thought was...I have to protect Hina...I have to protect her...so all I must do is...

KILL THEM ALL...

" Kill them all..." Of course...since they dared to harm her...I chuckled slightly while I was still compact inside the crater.

FEED YOU'RE INSANITY AND KILL THEM ALL!

Chapter 37: Hunger part 1

Once the voices silenced, I punched my way out of the crater. Falling to the ground my body ached.

" Satsuki"! I heard Joshua's voice. I slowly looked up and around.

" They are coming..." My voice was stilled. In an almost whisper like state.

" Who"? Johnny was standing still next to his other subordinates.

" Who else...do you suppose..." I cocked my head from side to side, trying to get out any strains or cricks from the sudden impact earlier.

" Ha Ha...they are coming for us..." I tipped my head back and stared at the rain that poured on my face.

" Whats wrong with you"? Joshua sounded concerned for me.

" The tables have turned today...we are no longer the hunters..." I gripped onto shark and thought about it for a minute. In the position I am in now, did I really need shark as a weapon. Just to make sure I kept Shark close at hand, next to my side.

" What do you mean"!? Johnny came up to me and grabbed me by the collar.

" What do you mean"!? He asked me again. I could not see his face, because of the helmet he was wearing I did not know what kind of face he had on.

" We are no longer the hunters..." There came no reaction from me when Johnny grabbed me by the collar.

" We are no longer...the hunters...instead...this time we are the ones being hunted".

The group could not believe the words coming out of my mouth. The ground began to shake.

" They are here he he".

" Shit". Johnny released me, I fell to the ground and laid there.

" Satsuki...get up"! Joshua was shouting at me from across. From what my eyes could see, the foreign group went to separate areas and tried to keep the herd from getting across.

" Useless...useless...". I giggled quietly as I tried to get up from the ground. By using Shark as a cane I dragged myself upward. I reminded myself of Hina and walked over to her.

" Hina..." I bent down again and asked Rain if she was okay.

" You should thank the lord this time Satsuki...Hina's still breathing after all the pain she's gone through".

"Hina..." I motioned my hands towards Hina and moved her gently over my lap.

" She is sleeping now...you take care of her I will go see about whats going on". Rain ran over towards the rumbling noises.

Moon Phasers

" I...I am...so sorry". I looked down at Hina's scratched up face.

" Was...unable...to protect you...Sorry I..." I hugged her gently and weeped silently.

The ground began to shake even more. My heart was beating much faster.

" Joshua...can you please take Hina...please retreat to a safe distance...they have come in numbers..which I know might not be safe for Hina..."

" Will you be okay Sat-" I looked him right in the eye. (well his hair..) and smirked.

" I'll be...just fine". He nodded and got up carrying Hina in his arms.

" Take her out of this place...I will be right behind you...give me...10 minutes".

" Okay". Joshua started to run down towards the gates that kept us in.

I got up, and patted my legs to get dirt off them.

" Now then...what shall I do.." Am I able to turn insane if I were to tell myself to.

" For this moment only will I able this shameful blood to take over me..I will allow...just to protect the little one dear to me".

After I said this, the burning sensation began to spread down my legs and over my arms. I clawed at my arms, skin started to peel right off showing a rough texture. My body was changing. My skin was cracking, my nails started to grow out again. I kept clawing at the burning skin until nothing but the rough texture shown. I crouched to the ground and growled in pain.

" D-damn.." My voice came out husky and deep. I huffed and stuck my head up trying to catch my breath. I slowly got up, and walked around trying to get used to my new body. Found an old building which had glass windows that were still intact. I went up to it and gazed at this body of mine. I was taller, my face still in a human like state though, my body was a half moon phasers. My hair was blocking half of my face but very closely I could see two bright blood red eyes peering back at me, reflecting off the glass window.

I moved my hand in many ways trying to get the muscles used to the sudden weight gain. I was interrupted by the grounds shaking which grew, almost like we were in the middle of an earthquake.

" My...prey...they...have come". I picked up Shark whom...was much smaller than I due to my height change. I dragged it beside me and treaded towards the large group of moon phasers. The heavy scent made me drool, I did not wipe it away..since I was a bit hungry.

Chapter 38: Hunger part 2

My ear piece started to make buzzing noises. I pressed as gently as I could making sure not to crush the piece inside my ear.

" Yes"? I asked.

" Satsuki"?

" Yes"? This was Jiro's voice.

" Why is your voice so...deep"? He asked me.

" Oh, is it...don't worry over it...did you need to tell me something"? I asked him.

" Well, are you heading towards the herd"? Is he seriously asking this question.

" Yes". I said to him. For some odd reason, even if I am in this form I feel so calm. I raised Shark in the air and looked at the blade. Still In perfect condition. The type of steel and metal Dean uses to make our weapons aren't cheap like the other facilities in the area. They will never chips easily after battles, nor will they dent or rust as easily. Though I do feel sorry for my armor. If some of the pieces were made out of copper, I'll have to apologize to Sei and Mei about that.

" I'll be right there...please don't do anything reckless Satsu". I giggled.

" I wont promise anything...".

" Wha-". Before he could say anything I cut him off.

" Now, I won't be distracted". I made sure to walk around the darkest areas of the section , so that the those foreign idiots wont notice me.

" Even if they did...they would never live to tell the tale". I laughed fanatically.

" What joy that would be". The heavy scent of the moon phasers filled the air. There were a lot of them. And they grouped together in such an interesting number.

" 20". 20 of them...who decided to group up together like that to attack us out of no where.

" This will be an interesting show...he he". I hid behind the building. I peeked out just enough to take a look at the foreign group who looked like they needed more help than any of my team would need it.

" They...are going to die he he". The herd ran towards the group. The rumbling was getting heavier and heavier.

I sat down on the ground and watched, as I was amused by their efforts in trying to take out the beasts that hunted for them.

" He he...oh my". I was grinning. The cold rain didn't effect me. Even after the change my skin still burned. I was scratching at it, peeling at my old skin like it was dry glue.

Moon Phasers

" Oh my, oh my...when shall I appear...". Bodies flew everywhere. Human blood excited me just a little.

" Oh how wonderful you all sound". The screams echoed against the walls. Maybe they were even loud enough to reach to the outside where the rest of those stupid humans could hear. I laughed at them all, to actually think that only so few of them even though they are protected by those ridiculous suits they wear on their bodies.

" oh, just look at them all, sprawled in different areas on the ground. Covered in blood".

All who was left was 3 men, and I could tell of which and of whom were behind each mask.

" Just call for help...and I may be of assistance". I got even more excited.

" I really want to beat you up for no reason". Suddenly my ear piece picked up a different station.

" What exactly did you do to that brat"? They were talking about Hina.

" Oh, when I was killing the other beasts before this, I noticed a small figure moving back and forth in the corner of my eye, so I went over..."

I gripped at Shark even tighter.

" And when the fog cleared it was that brat that would follow that wench around in the facility. So I said, heck why not just kill her...I just wanted to see that wench's expression when she would cry...that would almost feel too good ha ha".

" Thats-". I sprinted and moved my body towards the men. Moving as swift as I could I punched the one of the men next to Johnny on the back, cracking his spin but making sure not to kill him.

" Hey"! I landed on the ground and coughed.

" This body..is heavy ha ha". I only moved so lightly, below me I created a small crater in the ground. I heard the beasts in the distance growl and roar.

" Oh my, oh my...can't you all wait your turn..your making me.." I stood up firm and drew Shark behind me, throwing the blade straight aiming for an appropriate target.

Thunk.

" Got you". I ran towards the noise. I came upon a full grown beast. I looked around.

" I see, you were just a decoy...". I placed my foot on the beasts head, it growled silently.

I cocked my head from side to side again trying to crack it. I pressed my foot even harder on the beasts head. It whimpered, I thought it was pretty cute..to whimper like that.

" Bow down...stupid fuc-". I slammed on the beasts head with force, breaking its skull on impact left a giant hole. The beast silenced. Blood smeared on my feet, it splattered onto my arms and some made its way onto my face. Taking out my foot I shook it trying to get the brains remains off. A normal human being would be disgusted at the very site of this.

Moon Phasers

" Thank god Joshua took Hina away...I did not want her to see me like this".

I heard light foot steps coming from behind me. The last 2 men ran towards me. Taking advantage of the fog that started to fill the air again I hid in it.

" Who's there"! Johnny shouted.

" A demon". I spoke in English.

" A wha-". I took a piece of broken glass from off the ground and threw it at him, it was fast making a small hole appear in the fog.

" What the"! I could hear the glass shatter to the ground.

" Aw...it didn't hit huh"? I moved my hand around and played with my hands. I started to scratch away my skin again. I pierced at the skin with my claws, it started to bleed.

" ...Hurts..." Even so I continued to claw at it, blood dripped to the ground. I inhaled deeply...then exhaled out heavily, I inhaled again making sure to take in the scents all around me. My eyes opened wide.

" Be on your guard...they are coming from all sides"! I yelled at the two beaten bodies in the fog.

" You don't have to tell us that"! Johnny pointed towards the noises in hidden in the fog.

They are smart...just like that time they attacked our facility in Tokyo, they were hidden in the fog...surrounding us in great numbers.

" Entertain me...entertain this great demon"! All at once the beasts growled from different directions in the fog. One of them leaped out from the fog and tried to attack me. Without even using Shark I managed to block the beast with my hands. It landed to the ground and howled. 2 more leaped out and made their way towards me.

" Oh my"! The two swung their arms at my head. I ducked crouching to the ground.

" How come your fighting me, Don't I look just like you guys"!? The first one that attacked me clawed at my leg, hitting it I fell to the ground.

" Ow..." I laid flat on the ground waiting for them. One stepped forward, when it did this I grabbed its arm, held onto it with force. A piercing pain hit me. I started to hear the ringing in my ears like before.

Why must you fight like those humans...why must you kill us...?

" I made a promise". This voice was a male.

What promise...what would drive you to kill us...?

" I made a promise with a dear child...I promised her that once this mess was all over we would all live happily together". I smiled at the thought.

Do you really believe you will be the one to finish this all...?

Moon Phasers

" Yes, I have made up my mind...I would rid this world of chaos...and return It to its original form".

Even so...you may succeed...however...if you wish to rid this world of our kind....

" You still have more to say"?

You must slay yourself along with us in the process...you are after all...one of us...

" N-". I then thought about it...what the beast said was true. If I was going to protect Hina and Joshua..and everyone else...I would also have to kill myself.

" I do not want to think about that now...I still have things to do...until then..."

My grip on the beasts arm tensed up, I smashed the beasts arms in my grasp. It came collapsing to the ground. It growled at me. The bones were shattered, pieces still showed in the palm of my hand.

" Until then...until this body starts to decay in the process...I'll do what I must"! I got up with force and punched the wounded beast next to me in the chest, sending it flying against one of the buildings.

" Enough chit chat...who's next"?

Chapter 39: Hunger Rising

The left over beasts struggled in their battle to fight me. With each attack I was able to block them without inflicting pain on myself. Almost as if...having this type of body was like a grown in armor.

" Too slow, or should I say too little too weak". Once I finished my "performance" I stood still and let the rain wash off the blood that stained my body. My heart was still racing, I thought that I went a little over board on the transformation thing, these beasts aren't even all strong at all.

I grabbed onto Shark and walked into the shad once more. I breathed in and out trying to relax myself. After a moment breathing in and out didn't help much. It slowed my heart rate but my skin was still the same rough texture. I touched the rough skin. It was hard and tough. My muscles were rock solid.

" This...this does not hurt much". I noticed a stray piece of my remaining human skin stuck to my arm. I gently picked at it and peeled it right off.

" Do it quick...kinda like a band aid". I ripped it right off. My skin turned a bright red and started to bleed just slightly.

I flicked the human skin and tossed it over in the alley ways dark corners.

" Now what should I do"? I peeked over the buildings corner and sat in humor on how hard they are trying to fight those things.

" Johnny boy's doing pretty good out there ain't he". He looked a lot stronger than the others. I guess I have underestimated him a little. Just a bit...

I slapped both my legs and tried to stand up. My knees would pop and my spine would crack each time I would slowly rise up to stand. I pounded on my shoulders and cracked my neck. Grabbing Shark I started to walk down, inside the dense fog I would hear the howling. Screeching noises echoed against the stone walls. The air grew colder as the rain poured to the ground. Denser and denser the fog grew. A few bodies were scattered half eaten on the ground. Craters created left from the impressions of the beasts heavy foot prints. The scene looked as if it just came out of a horror flick. The scent of mixed blood excited me even more than it really should.

I looked at Johnny as my prey. With each swing his armor would creak and bend in certain areas. In this form I did not want to make my appearance. But I could almost feel this faint rage begin to unwind inside me. Being in this beasts form inside my subconscious, it felt like the human part of me was curled up into a small ball, floating in mid air surrounded by nothing but darkness. I could feel the soft of my heart.

Each time I would breath it would feel as if I was submerge in dark waters. Small bubbles would come out of my mouth with each breath, with each gasp for air...I would try to release my grasp from my ball like formation and try to swim up to the surface. But no matter how hard I tried my body just kept on moving upwards. There was no end to the darkness. I would try to claw my way out of the water. I wanted to come up for air but...there was no need.

" Hurts...". I started to scratch at my legs this time. Though there wasn't any human skin to claw at I still kept going. The rain made it even more difficult for me to believe I have reached the surface. Ever since hearing those voices begin to speak in my mind. I would sink lower and lower into the darkness.

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The water was ice cold. But my body was burning hot. The two elements would not mix in situations such as these but...I guess some things could happen. When one would fall into water and drown..how does it feel. To have...the water fill your lungs as you tried to reach to the surface, however with each grasp the waters would pull you in with her forceful hands. Wrapping around your entire body. At times you would break from her grasp but again she would wrap around you. Until finally your body would slowly start to lose in its fight against the waters force.

" I need to stop thinking like this".

Chapter 40: First Attempt

Greatly poetic, is what I think of myself sometimes. Talking like " Shakespeare" Or someone like that.

" Satsuki...are you okay". I heard Joshua's voice in the head piece.

" Yes". I said to him, my voice was shaky but I tried my best to talk normally.

" Are you sure...you don't sound like it".

" I...said I'm fine". I told him. Joshua being so overly concerned.

" Where are you"? He asked me.

I did not say anything. I don't want him to see me like this.

" Where are you, Satsuki"? He asked me again.

I didn't say anything back again.

" Tell me"! He screamed in my ear.

" I'm...in the mist...".

" Wha-". I cut the connection between us and tried to get up again. The scent was still in the air. The rain did not do much, but to wash the blood on the ground. I wondered about when will this round be over. It felt like an eternity, the pain of being a half felt terrible. I wanted to be strong. I wondered around in the fog. It was quiet, way too quiet for an area like this. Corpses of moon phasers laid on the ground. Some were still breathing I left them to die in pain in agony. My body was heavy, I also wondered when will I be able to return to my original form.

" Sleepy". I was tired. Just walking around without anything to kill tired me. I couldn't smell at least one moon phaser. I thought, Did they kill them all...If so then wouldn't the siren for calling the rounds off go off. I tapped the small speaker around my collar, trying to get a signal.

" Joshua...are you there"?

No response.

" Come in...anyone"?

Still no response. The silence was killing me. Getting worried, I tried to run in this heavy body to the groups station. Once I got there, I looked around. No one was there. The equipment still in their normal positions. But Joshua and everyone else. Were no where to be found.

I walked out of the building and looked around the area. Thinking that I should get on top of the higher buildings to get a better look on things below. Without hesitation I grabbed onto Shark and threw it against one of the buildings, I knelt down and took in some deep breaths.

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" Inhale....exhale". I punched the ground with my fist, again and again I repeated this until a deep hole was created. When I released myself from the ground I jumped to the skies. My body felt light as I jumped on top of the building, landing softly against the stone ground. I felt my heart skip a beat from the sudden action. I looked around my surroundings, Sharks blade was stuck onto the stone ground beside me.

" Wow...". I was even amazed by myself. Thinking that this was a 30 story building I could jump and land to such a height in perfect condition. Though this was the power of being a half, at least right now I could take advantage of the chance. But then the thought hit me. Moon phasers...this virus, isn't it contagious, if I am a mutated version then spreading shouldn't be a problem should it, me and Joshua have both switched back and forth, passing on to each other multiple times...I hope that the virus has not been spread to him. And what of Hina, Being in such a dirty place for a long time, getting beaten for reason. I hope there was no contamination between us.

" I'll remind myself to ask Dr. Okinami about my "situation". I need to make certain about my condition. From the beginning I was never...informed about it. They kept it confidential, or told me that any documentation of my past life was classified. I ignored this worry and walked about the roof.

From a distance everything looked clear. I could hear everything, the howling of the wind, The sound of the rain as each drop hits the ground. My senses started to become even clearer. Suddenly, from the right side of my ear I could hear gun shots, the sound of metal clashing against something, and behind those sounds I could easily hear the sound of screams. These shrieks were easily identifiable.

" Those...idiots". I heard the screams coming from the South.

" Jumping from this height to the next building shouldn't be hard right"? I Motioned my legs around trying to stretch them out as much as I can. Again, joints would pop and crack at each movement. I would chuckle at the not-so-painful action. I knelt down and concentrated at the building in front of me...

" Oops, I can't forget about Shark now". Grabbed onto the buildings edge and inched my way towards Shark. Having strong claws could keep me attached to the building and having so much muscle that even this body felt light. Once I got a hold of Shark I climbed on top of the roof, and sighed.

" That was kind of...scary...ha ha". I laughed at myself for being a wuss. Over and done with, I stared at the building over, a couple of feet away, the distance was great indeed but...I wasn't going to let a thing like this pull me down. I took a couple of steps back, tensed my body up and sprinted head on. Once I approached the edge of the building I held on to Shark with my mouth, leaping at full speed I soared through the air. The rain drops would hit against my face. The wind would pull me back, trying to slow me down. I noticed that the jump I made wasn't too strong of a jump, Unsure that I wouldn't make it to the top I swiftly grabbed on to Shark with both hands, hitting against the building I threw the sharp blade, I dropped further and further from the roof. I used my free hand and grabbed on to one of the open windows. It was shattered, stabbing my hand during the clasp.

" Not...gonna"! I was only a few stories away from hitting the ground. I looked down and sighed heavily.

" Wow, that was close". I laughed at myself again and climbed up the building. Once I reached the roof I collapsed to the ground.

" First times...never perfect...next time...I'll...be sure to not mess up".

Chapter 41: Superior Being

I got up and made my way to the edge, making good "measurements". I pounded my fists into the stone again. Stared at the building ahead of me, and jumped as high as I could. I made it to the roof.

" Good". I continued to do this until I reached the crowded area. Both Moon phasers and fighters were lying on the ground, drenched in blood. Since the rain had stopped puddles of blood soaked the whole area. The human blood mixed with another, what a stench it made.

I wanted to plug my nose, but even if I did that the smell would go right through. The air was heavy, foggy still.

" What a mess you've all made". I jumped down from the building with Shark in my mouth. Everyone scattered on the ground. I hid behind one of the buildings and waited.

" Must I clean up the mess you've all made"? I was talking to myself. I took Shark out from my mouth and tried to crack my jaw. There was a slight pain on the side of my face I just wanted to try cracking it for a while, before I make my attack. I cracked both my knuckles as well.

Though thinking about it, during previous transformations I wouldn't usually be able to keep control of my sanity. So the thought hit me that, what if...just this time that I could be able to not lose my self in the madness. Maybe there was a better way to control it, not through pills or heart rate suppressors, but through something that involves my mind to function. I started to get confused about the whole situation. So I bent down and kept silent until the fighting had stopped.

Couple minutes past, then hours. It could have been at least 4 hours since the silence. Should I appear now or should I wait. Knowing that Joshua might look for me. The static from the ear piece started to annoy me, I first thought about taking it out and throwing it on the ground smashing the retched thing. But if I were to do that then, I wouldn't be able to get any news or reports from the others. I was getting both annoyed and tired, this round was taking longer than it should.

" Would someone please, call off the rounds already"?

" Satsuki"? It was Joshua on the other line.

" Yes"? I asked him.

" Where are you"?

" Somewhere...". I told him, my breath was still shaky.

" Please tell me, where you are Satsuki".

" I cant, do that...".

" Please"? He asked again.

" I need to...do something right now, I will tell you later". I mustered up my courage and got up from the ground. I walked out into the open area and looked around. No one was in sight, I then started to think that they must be hiding or something. Looking around more, a familiar scent started to spread throughout the area, my nose itched, it burned at the same time.

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All of a sudden gun shots were aimed right at me. Shooting at my feet they kept coming.

" Oh no". I said to myself. People started to yell at me, from all sides they came straight at me. Surrounding me they pointed their weapons, though they look disheveled and beaten up terribly leaving an moon phaser without it being killed would make them feel weak.

" Do not touch this one, its mine"! Johnny walked out into the open circle from the group and stood before me. His eyes were full of rage, his body was covered in blood. I wasn't sure if it was his or the beasts blood. His armor had chipped off in some places, dented and scratched. He looked tired...the scent of the blood on him excited me. I smirked.

" I shall destroy you beast"! The group yelled in unison.

I was still smiling. His body tensed up, he jumped at me with force and struck his weapon at my arm. Blood splattered to the ground, I felt little pain. Holding onto my arm I chuckled. It was deep and eerie.

" Die demon"! One man shouted from the group.

" Kill the beast"! Another went. Different voices came out from the crowd. But they said the same things.

I roared at Johnny. He stepped back and positioned his weapon to his side. My arm almost healed. The wound wasn't as deep as I thought. Thank god for this body, if I was in my human form I would have been done for. Though of course cuts like this would heal easy enough, but it would take some time. I stared at the wound, it closed completely.

" Super human". I spoke silently. Then chuckled again. Johnny sprinted towards me he aimed to punch me with his right fist, I dodged it. He swung at me again with his left, I grabbed the fist just in time and squeezed it. He began to smirk, being that his body was covered in armor. His fist was covered with a strong metal material, ignoring it I smashed his hand, with force the armor fell the the ground, I heard his bones shatter in my palm. He shrieked in pain. I let go of his hand. Remains of his hand and the metal armor fell the the ground from my hand.

He stepped back wheezing trying to catch his breath. I looked back at my hand and at his in amazement. The scent of his blood excited me even more than before. I could not hold back my laughter anymore, letting out a deep laugh it echoed against the buildings in the distance. My sides began to hurt from the burst.

Trying th catch my breath Johnny and the others stood dumbstruck.

" How can a beast" Johnny was stupefied. Holding onto were once was his hand, blood gushed to the ground, creating a puddle.

" Such...amusement...its so funny".

" It talks"!? Johnny said, everyone gasped.

" Indeed...I do". My back started to hurt. I scratched at my skin again.

" Why must it surprise you"? I asked him.

" Beast...do you...have a name". Just what was he asking me.

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" Indeed...I do". I said to him. Everything went quiet.

" Tell us". He said. He was growing weaker and weaker by the minute.

" Shouldn't you be...more concerned about that hand dear sir".

" Tell us, what is your purpose"?

" My...purpose"? I asked him.

" Yes, why were you created, if you know...please tell us". I sighed.

" Why must I tell you"? I asked him. The urge to devour him started to rise inside me.

" Tell us, beast"! He yelled at me.

I was still smiling. I licked my lips, and moved my head from side to side. Growling just a little...like an animal.

" Tell us"!

" Shut up, human"! I growled back at him, he went silent.

" You will never understand us...however our only purpose here...". I was not sure as to what I was saying, it felt as if another voice was coming out from me, that I was being controlled by another...not myself.

" We will destroy this world, let it rain blood, devour all your blood drenched corpses, and we will make a new generation. We build this world make it our own. You think us...being brainless, unintelligent of your kind...you call us beasts yet what have you done before our arrival!? What have you done for this world"!? Johnny fell to his knees in defeat. It was brilliant, I felt superior. I got on top of one of the cars raising both hands in the air, the sky was dark but the moon shown...a full moon.

" We will be the rulers of this world, we will rule this devilish world...we will be kings, no...we will become gods"!

I heard some of the fighters drop their weapons. Some prayed to god.

" Fear me, worship me, bow down before me".

" Bea-". I jumped down from the car and punched Johnny against one of the buildings, his body slide down from the crater, to the ground. He wasn't breathing.

" Dear god".

" Lord help us all". I chuckled. And walked over to the body. I grabbed him by his neck and held him up, to show.

" HEED MY WORDS...YOUR GOD IS GONE...I AM YOUR GOD NOW"!I took in a deep breath and howled at the moon. I then hear other howls in the distance. Coming from different directions.

What should I do, this time I've gone too far.

Chapter 42: Loneliness / Vexation

I released my grasp from Johnny's neck, he fell to the ground with force. I kept howling at the moon.

" Splendid". In the distance I started to hear gun shots. They were aimed at me. I got down from the car and growled at the rest of the group. I sudden felt a lite pinch on my arm. I moved my hand up and took the thing out.

" Its a...stabilizer". Looking closer at it there were initials engraved on it.

" Y. M". Then I knew that this was Yoko's. The serum she used with these things was highly dosed, especially when it came to hunting down moon phasers. I knelt to the ground and coughed. My breathing slowed down, I started to hear whispers coming from above me and around me. Foot steps stopped in front of me. The scent was familiar, I looked up slowly and it was Yoko standing before me with Jiro behind her trying to keep the crowd of fighters from attacking me while I'm down. My sight became blurry, her face was so far but felt so close.

" Really Satsu, This is the second time already. And this time you've gone too far".

" Y-yes...". I said to her in a low toned voice.

The burning inside my chest rose up again, my body began to burn at the same time. I screamed as loud as I could into the night sky, the pain was horrid. Turning back into a human form pained me. I gasped for air.

" Jiro".

" Right". Cold hands started to help me up, wrapping his arms around me he cradled me, carrying me. I breathed in and out slowly. My chest felt tight. My body began to shiver.

" Here". I saw another pair of arms wrap a warm woolen blanket around me. I felt so helpless, so weak. I tried to turn my neck to look up at the one who was carrying me.

" J-Jiro"? I asked him.

" What is it"? He asked me sternly.

" I'm sorry that you had to do this". I told him. My face felt hot, it moved up to the tips of my ears. I was terribly embarrassed.

" Nothin to it, who do you think was the one that carried you the first time"? He chuckled.

" I'm sorry". I covered my face, trying to hide my embarrassment. But it's not like I didn't like this feeling. It was strange, and here I thought that Joshua was the only one that made me this embarrassed. The warmth was calming.

" Its...cold". I whispered.

" Is it"? I felt the arms around me begin to tighten slowly. His hands moved up to the blanket around me, he pulled it up to cover my head.

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" Better"? He pulled me up, my forehead touched the bottom of his chin.

I sighed in relaxation.

" Yes". I told him. My voice had returned to normal. Lightly toned but sounded distant.

" Don't take advantage of me, while I'm in this position". I told him, as a joke.

" I'll try not to, your pretty cute at the moment". He chuckled again. He squeezed my arm.

" Sure, sure". I giggled lightly. Our conversation came to a close. I only woke up a couple of times to look at the surroundings around me. My vision was still blurry but I was able to make out the things around me. I was placed onto a soft cover. My body matched with the shape of the bed. I sighed again. The room I was in was lightly lit. a very calming atmosphere. I tried to move my body around in the bed. I still felt weak, I looked down at my arms and legs, they were binded by restraints. Two on each leg and arm. I tried to loosen the one on my right arm, once I broke free from it I reached out into the air. I was looking for something to hold onto. I felt terribly lonely, this room felt too large for someone small like me to be in by myself.

The feeling of being alone for the time being, feeling helplessly weak, like a child that was abandoned by its parents. I wanted to cry.

" So...depressing I am aren't I". I sniffled a bit before I cried. I covered my mouth to try to muffle the sound from reaching out of the room. After a while, I heard a knock at the door. I said nothing, without being told so the person came into the room. I could not make out the scent, since my nose was still burning from the inside. I continued to wave my hand in the air, trying to grasp something, anything.

" Satsuki"? The voice said.

" Huh". The voice was deep but sounded kind. Familiar. My hand finally found something to hold onto after searching for so long. The other hand was warm.

" Your hand, its so cold Satsuki". The voice told me.

" Really"? I asked it. I tried to open my eyes again, the being in front of me was blurry, though his face was covered. Now who's...

" Joshua"? I asked.

My cheek suddenly became warm, the thing touching me was soft. My vision started to clear as time passed. I looked above my head. The slight prickling sensation.

" Your hair, it tickles". I told him.

" Really"? He asked me.

" Its cold". I said again.

I felt a soft hand press against my forehead. The warmth of it was soothing. I felt it again, it moved away. It pained me, thinking that he might leave my side leaving me to be in this room again. I grabbed onto his arm tightly.

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" Don't go"! I told him.

Joshua turned around.

" Don't...leave me here by myself". He got a stool from the corner of the room and placed it next to the bed. Still holding onto my hand. I gripped tighter.

" By, yourself"? He asked me. I nodded.

" Its...terribly lonely in this place". I told him.

" Lonely...". He said slowly.

" Its so...lonely here...please stay with me"?

" Satsuki". His hand twitched at my sudden request. My hand moved upward, he pulled on it gently.

" Joshua"? I asked him. He then took my hand and pressed it against his cheek. I started to feel embarrassed again, the air around the room changed.

" Your wish, is my command". He kissed the palm of my hand. His lips were unexpectedly soft for someone like him. I felt myself blush at the sudden action.

" C-". he chuckled.

" Conceited...right"? He told me.

" Uh huh". I smiled back at him. This moment made me feel like a normal human being. If only times like these could exist in a corrupt world like this, the feelings of happiness and love. Love...this feeling I am unsure of. But I'm sure that someday I will be able to understand it well. Though my feelings of being calm in this situation, wont last for long. I do remember as to what I did during the rounds. Horrid, I even scared myself thinking back to what I did and how I acted around the others. Feeling worried, what if they found out it was me. Shamelessness and fear. Just what did Joshua think about? What was his reaction.

I want to know. I had no control over my body during that time, I gave into the insanity. I told myself I would never do it again. What should I do, what happens if I am to be contained again. What if they kill me. That would surly be the end of me.

" Joshua"? I asked him.

" Yes"? Still holding onto my hand.

" Am I...".

" What"? The word just wouldn't come out.

" Am I a monster"? I asked him.

" I believe that you've already asked me this question in the past, when we first met". I do remember that.

" I just...want to be sure. This time, I know I've gone too far. I've caused trouble for everyone...I'm scared".

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" Scared of"? He asked me.

" Being hated. Before I didn't mind the fact that everyone ignored me. But now its just a terrible feeling to be ignored by the people I cherish. The feeling of being forgotten".

He sighed. And scratched his head.

" I'm sure that everyone, does not hate you". He told me in a calm voice.

" Really"? I asked him.

" I'm positive". He squeezed my hand. I did feel better about this but, as to the punishment I will receive from Dr. Okinami, I know he will not go easy on me.

Chapter 43: New facility/ Bright

I woke up a few hours later. People started to circle around the bed I was on. Dr. Okinami walked into the room as well. I gritted my teeth. Though I wondered where Joshua was. I hope he's with Hina, I do hope that she's safe and sound.

" Satsuki". Dr. Okinami sounded angry.

" What"? I was smirking trying to sound calm as possible.

He said nothing back to me. He turned to one of the nurses and nodded at her. She walked over to the bed side. And placed her hands over the restraints, she started to untie them.

" Oh, you sure about this"? I asked him. Was he really just going to let me go without saying a thing.

I got up from the bed and sat at the edge. Rubbing my arms and legs.

" Are you not going to yell at me or something"? I asked him.

He leaned in closer to me with a serious face. After a while his serious face broke into laughter.

" Oh boy, ya sure did it this time girl". He said.

" Uh...". At this point I was totally confused. His reaction is a bit...odd.

" Indeed...". I said to myself.

" Ya feeling any better"? He asked me.

" Uh huh". I said nervously.

He waved the other people to the door and they walked out. He then told me to get dressed up, clothes were folded up on the desk next to the bed. A pair of spandex skinnies and a tank, and sweater. There was also an army tag that had a name engraved in to it, but some of the letters were covered, making it unreadable.

" Whats this"? I asked him.

" You'll find out someday". He smiled and walked out the door. I followed him. While I was walking down the narrow hallway, I looked at my arms. They returned to human arms indeed they did but, perfectly normal they looked to how they were earlier.

My nails returned to how they were. Dainty. I felt recharged is what it was. I reached a large hall. Though it looked strangely familiar. I looked around some more, the area did seem familiar, far too familiar. Then it hit me. Since the scent was calming and yet it didn't reek of those foreigners.

I jogged over to the Dr. and asked him where we were.

" Oh, of course you wouldn't recognize the place. They had it remade and advanced just a bit. Though I do think they over did it".

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" Is this the facility in Tokyo"? I asked him.

" Yes it is, It was fixed up nicely during our stay in Osaka, its already been a couple of months but for you, ya know when we got back you only woke up for a couple of minutes and went right back to sleep".

" For how long"? I asked him.

" About two weeks". I gasped.

" So I suppose your hungry huh, you know were the old kitchen was, its a lot bigger than before I think you'll like it when you see it for yourself".

" Oh, bu-".

" And about the thing that happened in Osaka, just think of it as a bad dream, like it never happened". I wonder if...

" Did they, find out...about me"? I asked him.

" I'm not sure, but once we got back to the facility there, they immediately told us to return back here".

" Bu-".

" Oh but, its not your fault, course I wanted to leave that god forsaken place, damn that man has no appreciation towards us at all, " Get out you damned four-eyed freak". Stupid bastard he was indeed". He grumbled while he walked into his new office.

" Wow". The place was fantastic. Bigger than it was before, everyone looked like they enjoy the new place. The air was clean. Then I thought about Hina. My heart throbbed. I wondered if she got back safely. Did she return back here or did they send her back to that place to suffer once again. While thinking this I walked to the kitchen. I opened the giant steel fridge and low and behold. The thing was stuffed with food, various types of soft drinks were lined up on the door of the fridge.

" They...really went all out on this one huh". I looked around trying to find the drink I was looking for.

" A hah"! Right in the very back of the fridge there were cans and packages of beer. Some of which looked expensive. They were in big cans. Of course next to the fridge was a lifetime supply of fresh water (In gallons). I grabbed a can of beer from one of the packages. It was ice cold, I pressed the cold can against my cheek.

" Good". I sighed in satisfaction. Opening the can I jugged practically half of the beer.

And gasped for air.

" Really....good". I looked at the brand, this must have cost so much money. I either Jiro or Dean saved up money just to get these. Their taste in liquor varies. Whether it be Whiskey or Red wine it has to cost of some fortune. Red wine imported from Italy or Paris, Vodka from Poland or Russia. Beer is an absolute favorite for Jiro. Though I do prefer a simple glass of white wine. Going off topic I spun around the large room and sat myself down on one of the couches in the main living room. The couch was comfortable. It wasn't that leather like cloth from the couch in the past. The walls were painted white. A small fire was lit in the corner of the room in a fireplace. To the side glass windows reflected the light from outside into the room giving it a

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brilliant morning feel.

If I could recall it was nearly winter. The room was warm. It wasn't dingy or closed in like before. It was more open, made to fit us. Once I finished my beer I threw it in the garbage and stood silent. Trying to take in this new feeling. This feeling of peace. I tried to clear my head of the evil which occurred only a few days ago. Just what happened back then, I felt powerful the feeling of superiority took over me. Those words I spoke of, Just what did I mean when I said them. I felt like I as in some kind of trance. Being grateful that when I transformed I wasn't full. The first time I changed was here. In this facility. The first time I made contact with an intelligent moon phaser, with its human conscious in control.

I stretched my legs, my knees popped.

"Ow". Throwing my hands onto my knees my legs went numb from the sudden action. Once the numbing subsided I got up from the couch and walked into the hallway. Rooms filled with different things. I walked up to one and turned the knob. The room was vibrant, glass windows high on each wall. I looked up, a grand open view of the sky. Kind of like a glass dome. The room was filled with brightly colored flowers, some in bloom and some still in buds. I walked into the room and stepped onto a patch of fresh moist grass. I wondered what the grass would feel like, so I took off my shoes and walked barefoot upon the grass. It was cool to the touch.

"How were they able to construct a thing such as this in only 2 months". I asked. On the other side of the dome room I was a control station box. I figured that this room was control automatically. The temperature, the climate, the weather. It might have a timer on, depending on the day it must have showered a few hours ago.

I walked around some more and found a small vegetable garden. Is this were we get some of our food from.

"All natural". I said. I wonder if Hina saw this yet, she would have loved the garden.

Chapter 44: A Promise/Assistance Call

I sat down on the grass and laid on my back. Staring at the sky.

" Just...since when was the sky ever this blue".

" Since, just now Satsuki". I got up quickly and looked towards the room entry way. Joshua was leaning against the wall holding Hina in his arms.

" Joshua". I said quietly.

" Is she...alright"? I asked him.

" Just a few cuts and bruises, thank god it wasn't anymore serious than that".

" Thats...great". I sighed. I felt grateful. Then we both heard a slight grumble sound.

We both looked at Hina who was now wide awake.

" Big sister"! She shouted with excitement.

" Come here". I held out my hands wide. She jumped down from Joshua and ran right into me, hugging me with force she laughed and cried at the same time.

" Whats wrong"? I asked her while I was wiping away her tears.

" Hina...thought that...b-big sister would never...open her eyes...again".

" Well, my eyes are open...and I'm very happy to see your face again Hina".

She giggled. And pinched her nose gently. I sat her in my lap and cradled her in my arms.

" So Hina, do you like this place".

" Yes"! She answered.

" I see". I patted her back and brushed her long hair with my fingers. I suddenly remembered Joshua, who laid on his back next to me.

" Did you keep silent the entire time"? I asked him.

" Yep".

" Why didn't you say anything"?

" I didn't want to ruin the moment". He smirked back at me.

" I'm sorry I ignored you".

" Its fine...after all". He picked up some of my hair and held it to his lips.

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" Hm"?

" Right now, you look incredibly cute". I blushed at his compliment, and pinched his hand.

" Ow"!

" I-its what you get for...touching my hair"! I yelled back at him. He chuckled.

I got up and asked Hina if she had already eaten. She told me that she waited for me to wake up today so that we could eat together.

" What would you like to eat"? I asked her.

" Um, Hina would like...". I giggled and carried her to the fridge. I opened it and scanned the fridge once more (Trying to ignore the fact that theres still beer).

" I can...make you a sandwich, theres yogurt, theres...cereal". I got out the orange juice and placed it on the counter. I took out the yogurt and showed it to her.

" Hina, wants the strawberry flavor".

" Alright". I ripped the her choice of yogurt from the pack and placed it on the counter.

" What else"? I asked her. I wouldn't really say that having orange juice and yogurt was a breakfast.

" Cereal". She pointed to the cheerios on top of the fridge. I got out the milk and grabbed a small bowl from one of the cupboards. And two spoons from the drawers. I sat Hina down on one of the high chairs and took my seat next to her.

" Cheerios~ Cheerios...I love it"! She sang as I poured the milk and cereal into the bowl.

" You've had some before Hina"? I asked her since this brand was from America.

" Yup, Hina had some before...it was a long long long~ time ago though". She picked up the spoon and started to eat the cereal. At first she took small sips then huge chunks of cereal.

" If you eat too fast Hina, you'll get a stomach ache".

" I know". She said. Though she continued to eat at rapid speed. I giggled.

I asked her if she was going to eat the strawberry yogurt. She nodded, I laughed at her for this because she had on a milk mustache.

" I think I'll make myself a sandwich".

" Okay"! Hina replied. I went to the fridge and got some things for the sandwich. Sliced tomatoes, thinly sliced ham, mayo, and some lettuce. Putting the things together I cut off the crust.

" Thats a waist Satsuki". Joshua said blankly.

" Its just crust". I grumbled.

Moon Phasers

" Its a waist though".

" Shut up will you".

" Sure sure...though its a wai-". I jabbed Joshua in the gut.

" Control...your temper...ugh". He grinned and chuckled at the same time. I swear this man is a masochist. I started to chew on the sandwich.

" Not bad". I said to myself.

" What is"? Joshua asked.

" The sandwich". I glared at him.

" Oh"? He leaned on the counter. He held out his hand.

" What"? I asked him.

" Let me take a bite". Whats this...poker face looking.

" I'm hungry".

" Then make your own". I yelled at him annoyed.

" I'm too lazy, let me have just one bite...please".

" Geh". Joshua had put on the puppy dog look. I sighed in frustration and gave up.

" Fine".

" Yay". He clapped his hands and took the half eaten sandwich from my hands. Then took a bite. He chewed it slowly. Then I thought about the time where he did something similar to this situation. I spat out a couple of chunks in my mouth, and choked on a few other pieces still inside. I grabbed the orange juice that was next to Hina and drank it down.

" Ugh". I coughed.

" Whats wrong"? Joshua asked (Still eating the sandwich).

" N-nothing"! I told him. I looked back at Hina who was now done with the cereal and now eating the cup of yogurt. I asked Joshua if he could hand over the sandwich. He held it back out. Only leaving a ration of the sandwich.

" Your only giving me a ration of the sandwich"? Still chewing the other half he nodded.

" Are you serious". I took the crumb like sandwich and ate it. I heard Hina giggle silently in the back of us.

" Funny". She said with a high pitched voice.

It make look that way to her huh. I chuckled. Then an announcement came on the intercom.

Moon Phasers

" To all Fighters Elite groups all parties...please report to the main meeting room...all parties of the Elite group please proceed to the main meeting room".

Me and Joshua looked at each other.

" What do you suppose it is"? Joshua asked.

" I'm not sure...But, I do want to find out lets go". I patted Hina's head and lifted her up to carry her to the room.

I told Joshua to wait for me in the meeting room. And walked carrying Hina.

" Hina, Big sister...might be going somewhere in a few minutes". I told her.

" Okay". She said.

" So, I need you to be a very good girl for me while I' m gone, I'll ask Mai and Sai to take care of you".

" Okay...but". I smiled at her and stopped walking. She looked down and hid her face in my chest.

" Whats wrong".

" Hina...will be a good girl for big sister...but, please come back".

" Right". She gave me a great big smile and we knocked heads (just lightly) I wouldn't want to crack her skull by accident. Once I got to my room I grabbed my ear piece and collar com. Hina waved to from the door and I waved back at her.

" I'll come back...for sure". I walked down the hall way. I felt a slight pinch in my chest, I grabbed to it with my hand and leaned against the wall. My body started to shiver from the pain.

" T-This never...use to hurt...before...ha ha". I laughed gently. The pain only lasted for a few seconds. I sighed in relief.

" Just...what was that". The pains before never did hurt as much as this one did. I pressed my head against the wall.

" Whats...going on now". I can't get sick...I can't, not now. I got off the wall and continued to walk. I worry at times, things like this...they worry me.

Chapter 45: Mysterious/ Chiba, Japan

Once I got to the meeting hall, everyone was there. Nobu, Jiro, Rain, Sen, Dean, Hanako, and Yoko.

" Your here". Joshua waved to me, and moved over to make some space for me. I nodded to thank him.

" Good, now that everyone has assembled, I would like to tell you all that we have received...an emergency assistance from one of the Districts".

" An...emergency assistance"?

" Well, this is a first". Yoko clicked her tongue when she said this.

" Surely you must be joking...". Sen was drinking water. Rain in the corner reading a magazine (From 3 years ago).

" Well, which district"? I asked Dr. Okinami.

" District 2...Chiba". The room went silent.

" Damn bastards, now they ask us for aid". Hanako chuckled.

Joshua leaned to my shoulder and tapped it.

" Whats the deal with Chiba"? He asked me. I leaned over to him.

" Apparently since their location is small they do not have enough funds to hire any fighters. And that their safe Havens have closed down, due to poor conditions and health risks. And their ground 0...is infested with Moon Phasers. Strong ones at that".

" I see". I leaned back against the wall.

" Also...in the past we've asked them if they needed any aid from us but, they kept on refusing our help and the assistance calls they receive from other major districts. It gave us a shock because the main head of the fighters in that facility...is a stubborn man and selfish at that, he would never accept any help from anyone".

Dr. Okinami coughed. Me and Joshua stopped our conversation.

" Continuing on, they request our assistance in fighting the left over Moon Phasers in ground zero. There have been many deaths occurring in the facility".

" So they want us to sub fer the poor bastards". Jiro said out.

" Exactly". Dr. Okinami said with a smile in his face.

He then told us to gear up in the equipment hall. A few of us weren't sure about all this. Especially Yoko. Hanako was biting her nails.

" Satsuki". Joshua jogged up to match my pace.

Moon Phasers

" Hm"?

" You walk too fast". He told me laughing trying to catch his breath.

" Do I"?

" Ya do". Said Jiro behind me.

" My bad, I can't help it". Jiro and Joshua chuckled at the same time.

We went separate ways to suit up.

" Your not going to complain this time huh Satsu".

" Nope".

" That'a girl". Yoko patted me in the back. Once we were done we me with the rest of the group in the weapon hall.

" Hey". Said Joshua.

" Looking suave in that uniform Joshy". Said Hanako. I never really payed close attention to his uniform until now. The pants were stretchy (Black), the under armor made his abs show more. He tied his hair with a thin rubber band which made a baby pony tail behind his head.

" Here". I got some bobby pins from my bag and used them to pin his bangs back.

" Thanks". He said. I then noticed that everyone started to stare at us.

" What"? I asked them.

All of them had on such a creepy expression.

" Its like...your guys aura...its all pink and stuff". Sen said.

" Huh"! I blushed and jumped away from Joshua.

" Lest we not hide this forbidden love". Joshua said to me.

" L-L...L-". I was stuttering.

" Okay, okay lets get this show on the road". Jiro looked a bit annoyed.

" R-right...lets go, we cannot waist this opportunity". I took a glance at Joshua he found me staring at him and smiled back. But, his eyes looked a bit sad.

" Forbidden...love, indeed". I said to myself.

Everyone had on their weapons and we were escorted to the helicopter for transport.

" I'm a bit excited". Said Rain.

Moon Phasers

" Ya don look like it though bro". Jiro was right. Rain was expressionless no matter what he says it never shows on his face. You can never tell what hes thinking.

I looked out the window and gazed at the mountains below us.

" Big...big drop...drop...drop...". I continued to say this. I started to get a headache. I placed both my hands squeezing my head in.

" It doesn't...hurt". Random words started to flow into my head, and I wasn't fully aware that I was saying them allowed.

" Despair, Misery, Sadness, Grief, Gore, Damage, Pain, crack, crack, crack...crack, DEATH". I managed to get back into reality when Joshua who was sitting beside me poked my shoulder.

" You okay"? He asked me.

" Yes".

" Death huh". I said to myself. What do these words mean. Ignoring them the helicopter touched ground. And we arrived at the location.

" What a place". The building was smaller than I thought. And the air...was unsettling.

When we got inside, there was only one security guard on duty. I walked up to him and asked him if there are others.

" Why are you the only one stationed here"? He was a small man, about Yoko's height. Short build, mid- 30's I suppose.

" The others...fell ill". He said, his voice was shaky.

" They fell ill"?

" Yes ma'am".

" I..see". So the infection has spread here or maybe.

" What caused them to fall ill"? I asked him.

" ...Exposure".

" What do you mean"? I asked him.

" What he means is that ya shouldn't butt into too much young lady"! Another voice shot out from the hallway.

" Are you the main head for this facility"?

" Indeed I am...and you must be District...1's people eh"? He was a tall man, larger than Jiro maybe older, he had small specs settled on his nose and a thick beard.

Moon Phasers

" Satsuki Black, and this is my team".

" Rain". Expressionless once more.

" Sup names Jiro".

" Hanako, pleasure to meet you".

" Yoko...desu".

" Nobu".

" Sen".

" Joshua".

The man chuckled. Though I felt as if he were making fun of us.

" Okay then...the names Richard Grey...Ms. Black its an honor to have you here as an assistance to us".

" The pleasures all mine". I bowed to him. Once we were done with the introductions, all of us were escorted to their meeting room. We sat down around the oval like table. The lights above us were dimly lit giving the impression that this place couldn't get any more gloomier that it already was.

" So shall we start"? Mr. Grey cleared his throat and a small screen appeared in the wall in front of us.

" Now then, there have been rumors on sudden disappearances and Illness breaking out in the facility. But I assure you that those rumors are all fake". He told us with a smile.

" How are you so sure"? Hanako asked with crossed arms.

He paused.

" The disappearances...you can blame the rounds at our ground zero. Many of our fighters are not fully trained".

" And of the Illness's"? I asked him.

" We have yet to uncover that mystery...Ms. Black. Though again I assure that nothing will go wrong during your stay here".

" I see". I told him, and sat back in the chair. Joshua tapped my shoulder again and I leaned into him.

" How very interesting this place is". He chuckled.

" Indeed, but make sure to never let your guard down...okay"? I said in a whisper.

" Alright". He told me.

He then told us to look up at the screen. Using a pointer laser he pointed out the fully populated areas in the ground zero.

Moon Phasers

" Around this section, nearing the temple, and all of the streets near it". He said. He wasn't exactly detailed on the report but that's to be expected.

" Since you will be an assistance to us, I will send in one of our best fighters. He's from another location...another district...so you will be able to meet him in a moment".

He continued on giving the report.

" So...your saying that they spawn...in different locations around that area"? I asked him.

" Exactly". He said.

" Whats the count"? I asked him. I want to be sure.

" Around...100 in this area". He pointed to the section near the temple.

" And 20 or 14 in this area". My eyes widened.

" Are they fully developed..."? I asked.

" Yes...a few the rest are half's".

Jiro coughed to get my attention. I looked at him frustrated. I got up from my chair and walked over to him.

" Is there something you need"? I asked him looked down on him.

" Oh, nothing". I clicked my tongue and walked back to my seat.

" So any questions on the matter"? He asked.

" Not at all". I said and looked at the others, they had nothing to say.

" When shall we start"? I asked him .

" We will start in 4 hours...we need to dispose of any Moon Phasers for now". He got up from his chair and walked over to me. I also got up. He moved his hand to his ear and nodded.

" The fighter we have requested has arrived, you can come in". I glanced at the door, a tall slender man walked into the room. His hair was clipped behind his head allowing his hair to rest upon his shoulder. Dark red colored hair. His nose was pointed kind of like a bird, he looked around Joshua's age maybe a bit older. He was wearing a black leather jacket unzipped all the way with a white undershirt. With matching jeans to go with it and combat boots. Behind him was what looked like a long case which might be a sheath for his weapon.

He looked at me and grinned.

" Hello". His voice was deep and sullen, giving off a cool and collected aura.

" Its nice to meet you...um". He held out his hand still grinning.

" Jack....Inoue". So this man is a half huh. American and Japanese.

Moon Phasers

" Satsuki Black". I took his hand and we shook.

" I'm looking forward to working with you...Satsuki". He smiled at me.

" Same". The air around him certainly felt dark, though I didn't want to think about it too much for it may interfere with my own duties.

Chapter 46: Uncertainty/ Regret

we walked over to the weapon hall. I looked around and glanced at some of the equipment. Guns of all kinds hung from separate chambers to keep them on lock down. Several blades and swords hung on the opposite side. I looked closely at them.

" Got a few chipped blades here..." I picked one up. It felt so light that even with the slightest grip the blade would shatter to pieces.

" Its fine...they belonged to the original fighters..." Jack told me.

" I see". I put the sword back on the shelf.

" I'm curious though...I wonder what happened to the original fighters". I said aloud.

" Yea, I wonder as well". Jack said as he reloaded his gun with ammo". The dark air around him began to get thicker. I wasn't sure if it was just my mind playing tricks on me but, then again wouldn't it do that all the time.

" You guys ready to go"? Jack asked us.

" Been ready". I said. I looked at the others and they nodded at me.

Jack walked up to two large steel doors and opened them using a scanner card. We walked outside stepping onto to a dirt like ground. The air outside smelled grotesque. I wasn't sure if the others could smell it as well but I tried to ignore it. Unfortunately my nose being so sensitive to the elements ignoring the smell wasn't an option.

" Smells like...corpses". I said in a whisper. We continued to walk until up ahead a truck was waiting for us. How unusual the truck was, having barbed wire surrounding the entire thing. The windows were guarded by metal bars. And the tires were spiked.

" Your people are unusually strict about the protection".

" We need to be very cautious once we reach the grounds...the beasts there are...how to you say, strong". We got in the truck and we drove off. All the windows were closed. And the air con was spewing out cold air violently.

" Its already chilly out here, why must you have the air con on"? Yoko asked shivering.

" Precautions...the weather somehow changes once we reach ground zero".

" A sudden change in weather"? I asked confused.

" Yes, the air around it...you'll know it when we get there...Satsuki". He said with a grin on his face.

I tensed up a bit. This man is starting to get on my nerves. I felt a hand lay on top of my thigh. I looked up and it was Joshua.

" What"? I asked him in a whisper.

Moon Phasers

" You nervous"? He asked.

" Why would I be"?

" I don't know, I am...a bit". He said with a chuckle.

" Its okay to be a bit nervous...this is your third time at the rounds". I turned away in embarrassment and laid my hand on top of his.

" Its fine". I said.

" Satsuki..."? He flipped his hand and started to entwine his fingers into mine. I kept my face away from his gaze. My hand was hot. The heat started to crawl up to my arm. Was he mad? There are other people inside the vehicle what If they saw this. Then I felt him lean against my shoulder.

" Satsuki...". He whispered into my ear.

Still facing away.

" You...are beautiful". His breath against my ear made me shiver a little.

You mean kind you idiot, beauty has nothing to do with what I just did. I heard him chuckle again and let go of my hand. I felt slightly relieved, but disappointed at the same time.

Whats wrong with me? I thought. Its crazy, but exciting. This new feeling. Must I find out what it is? Asking all these questions inside my head...but unable to find an answer for them all.

I looked up once the heat had past and it looked like everyone had not noticed. Although Yoko was covering her mouth. And I was able to see a small grin appearing on her face. She must have seen it. To be doing something so outrageous in front of people.

I looked out the window and there appeared a large stone wall circled around the section.

" Whoa, its...freakin huge"! Jiro said a bit scared.

" Precautions...my friends". Jack said with a smile. The truck stopped in front of the wall and we all got off. Once my head reached the outside a strong scent of dirt and rotten meat succumbed my senses. I covered my nose and mouth with my hand, Shark strapped to the back of me. It felt like a great weight was pulling me down, like gravity was pushing me down forcefully.

" Ugh". The scent was so strong I actually felt like throwing up.

" Here". I looked up and Jack was holding a miniature sized gas mask. I took it from him and strapped on the mask. I was able to breath in and out normally. Jack pointed to a small button located at the side of the mask that was next to my ear. I did the same and pressed it.

" You can hear me yes"? The voice came from him.

" Yea". I said back.

" Great". He then asked everyone else if they could hear him.

Moon Phasers

" Why must we wear these"? Hanako asked.

" The air inside the grounds...is poisonous...too much exposure will kill you but it will not harm your skin...if it were to fill your lungs you would die of poisoning and suffocation in the next 24 hours prior to exposure".

" So thats why". I said to myself. My mind was not playing tricks on me. But...how come I was the only able to fully notice it, though being highly sensitive the odor was enough to smell from a normal human beings perspective. So why?

I looked at Rain who seemed excited (but it did not show on his face)

" Whats wrong Rain"?

" I...look like a ninja with this on". He said.

We all looked at him with a confused expression. Rain nowadays gives off the impression of a child in elementary. I shook my head and giggled to myself. I looked up at the tall stone wall and closed my eyes to listen to the sounds. Rumble, rumble. The ground shook lightly. The wind was strong. Among other sounds I could hear the shuffling and growls coming from inside the stone cage. My senses were acting up more than they should. My hands were shaking I grabbed onto them still listening to the sounds. Besides those...something was telling me...it might not be such a good idea to enter, course I didn't listen.

Chapter 48: Ground Zero Chiba, Japan

I opened my eyes and the group had already walked to the entrance area. Yoko was tapping her foot with impatience.

" Must you so that every time we go to rounds"? She asked.

" Do what"?

" Meditate". She said.

" Meditate...I do no such thing".

" Then why must you close your eyes and stand still in front of the gates"?

" I...love to listen to the sounds". I said as I walked up to catch up with them.

" Sounds"? She asked.

" Shuffle...Growl...A distinct sound that entices me...yet I cannot hear it this time". What was it.

" You are a weird one". Nobu commented.

" Truth ta that". Jiro added.

" I have yet to discover...this sound, which interests me...I want to hear it...but I do not know what it is".

" Satsuki". I managed to snap back to reality. And looked at them.

" Shall we carry on then". Said Jack.

" Yes". I began to shiver with each step, I began to feel weak. I wasn't what was causing this but I refuse to give into it. I walked into the bar filled room.

" Once we enter...do not let your souls be shattered". Jack said with a smile.

" Are ya bein sarcastic". Jiro asked.

" I'm quite serious". He said again with a smile.

" Dun look like it ta me...with that smile on yer face, I'm not sure If I should take ya seriously".

" Smile"? He asked. My goodness is this man unaware that he has been smiling the entire time. I jabbed Jiro in the stomach, he coughed.

" Let us go through, my people hold strong willed souls...they will never shatter". I said with a straight face. I saw Joshua smile.

" So be it...Satsuki". This uneasiness. I may have said that but I am unsure about my own self. Being in this place since the beginning. It shook me immensely.

Moon Phasers

" Open the doors". A metallic clicking sound came from the small lock box on the side of the doors. The doors began to open slowly.

" From your appearance Satsuki...at first I took you as being a fragile young lady...but the fire in your eyes...". He mouthed the next few words.

"I want to see more of you"

Was what he said. I was wondering if I should take that as a joke but...from his expression past the smile, he was really serious.

" Lets go". We all walked in at once. I looked around the area. The grounds were larger than I thought. Small buildings filled the area. A couple tall ones near the far side of the wall.

" Over hear". A ready made HQ was set up in one of the shops. It was damp and the moisture in the air had vanished. It felt like I was in a whole other dimension.

" Sure is warm here". Sen said. He was fanning himself with his mini notebook.

" I did tell you the temperature changed". Jack said as he was arranging the map of the area.

" Strange". I said.

" Satsuki". He allowed me to look at the map. I scanned each section carefully. Memorizing each and every tiny detail. This only took me five minutes.

" Sen and Rain...set up the control panel on top of one of the towers near the temple, here". They both nodded at me.

" Nobu...can you prepare those for me, Yoko, and Joshua"? He nodded and went to the back to take out a large box. Filled with ammo and other supplies.

" What are those"? Joshua asked.

" You'll see". I rolled up the map and asked Jack if he had already seen it.

" Impressive, you just memorized the entire contents of the map in five minutes".

" Yes". I said. He grinned at me. I grabbed Shark from my back and put away the case for it. I walked outside and looked at the area once more. This place is pretty secure. I could see in the distance, electric shock sticks were mounted to the ground. An automatic machine gun was a top a tower stationed in the middle of the intersection.

I breathed in and out. Holding up Shark in my hands. I swung it around preparing myself. I also asked if Dean could add a little accessory to the sword. I threw it against a stone wall. A tight metal chain secured around the swords handle allowed me to fetch it over long distant throws. I let the chain go, a split second before the chain followed after the blade I grabbed onto it. Without breaking a sweat I pulled on the chain. Pulling Shark from the wall. Shortening the chain I swung Shark around.

" Whistle...whistle". Beautifully hand crafted this blade was. It was like music to my ears.

Moon Phasers

I took a few steps back and pulled Shark back to me. The wind followed after. My hair began to flow gently in the air. I glanced back at the camp and saw Joshua and Jack talking. I turned on my microphone. Without Joshua noticing of course. I continued to warm myself up. My muscle started to tense up. With full thrust I throw Shark up in the air. I jumped in the air with it. I wasn't going to hide my powers anymore. Knowing that no matter how hard I try, people seem to find out otherwise.

Nothing but meaningless crap they were spouting to each other. I dared myself so I crouched to the ground preparing to jump. With force I leaped in the air. Being completely light weight, I threw Shark against another building. I knew I was making noise. But doing this made me excited in many ways. I swung the chain letting me swing to the building. I landed on top of Shark.

" What a view". I looked down and jumped from this height. Creating another crater in the ground. I took a deep breath in and out.

" Fantastic". This was Jack's voice. I stayed in the crater and pulled Shark close to me.

" I know". And this was Joshua's voice.

" Shes...like a monster". Jack said.

" A beauty at that". Joshua added.

" She peaked your interest". Jack asked Joshua. There was a pause.

" She has". Joshua said. I clutched onto Shark even more.

" Same here". Jack said. Another pause. I listened in some more. This conversation was heading into the wrong direction.

" I wont let you have her". Joshua's voice was deep. My heart began to beat faster.

" Ooo". Jack seemed amused.

" Then...its a challenge". Jack said.

" Hmph".

Just what is going on, what was I getting myself into. I came out of the crater and walked back to the camp. The two of them seemed to be back to normal. Though, Joshua was no longer looking at me. He took out his weapon and began to polish it. Jack took out a water bottle from the supply bag and drunk It down.

" Nobu". I walked up to him. He gave me a pair of guard glasses. Once I put them on a large scale appeared in front of me. Giving me a full scanner view of the perimeter. Giving me the temperature on the ground and in the air. The glasses fit for each persons ideal preference. I gave Joshua and Yoko two other pairs.

" Cool". Yoko put them on.

" Those are " Eagle Eye" focus lenses. Enabling you to see in far distance and around you. About 100 ft in view, plus night vision. And can help if ever needed assistance for your sniper rifle".

" Aw, I need ta thank Dean later". She spun around with the glasses on.

Moon Phasers

" And for you Joshua".

" Specially made lenses to help with sight, enables heat signatures to be shown by pressing this...in general...it was based on me". I smiled at him.

" What do you mean"? He asked me.

" What I mean is, what I see...you see".

" Hm"? I shook my head and pointed to a small button on the side of the glasses.

" Focus and see what I see". I walked outside and looked beyond the distance.

" Can you see it, Joshua"? I asked him from inside the camp.

" It...it's dark out here yet...I can see every detail of some of the objects in the distance".

" My line of sight is not that of a humans...so now, you can see what I can see through those glasses".

" Dean made something like this"?

" I asked him to, I feel as if it isn't fair if only I get to see this much. Plus the ones I'm wearing only does so little since I do not need such assistance".

Joshua's jaw had dropped. I giggled at the sight of seeing him in such a way. I got too distracted. Then thought about what Joshua and Jack had been talking about.

" Just ignore it". I said to myself. I do not wish to think about such things during such an important time. It'll distract me.

" S-shall we begin the rounds".

" Course, Satsuki". Jack took off his jacket revealing an (amazing) view of his muscles.

" Your just trying to show off". Joshua said to him.

" Its a bit annoying to have this jacket on during battle, there is no harm in taking it off".

" Do what you want". Joshua began to wrap cloth around his hands to protect them.

" Then, I will go out now. Yoko". She nodded to me with a grin and sprinted out the camp. I saw her go into the near by building. I told her to snipe from that view now that she had the lenses on that Dean had created for us, it gives her an advantage in the battle.

I started to jog down the road getting farther and farther away from the camp. The air around me became more dense with each step. Something inside me was telling me not to walk any further.

" Do not deify me"! I treaded on. I kept Shark close to my side and the chain wrapped around my waist. I looked around.

Moon Phasers

" Its...too quiet". I slowed my pace. I reached the intersection and stopped in the middle. I pressed the inter com.

" Anything from your view Yoko"?

" Not a thing".

" I see".

" Ya think their hiding somewhere"?

" I'm not sure but, keep a close watch".

" Got it"! We ended the transmission. I started to wipe the sweat from my forehead.

" Well then if theres no-". A sharp pain ignited around my chest. I fell to the ground dropping Shark on the ground. I grabbed my chest with my hand. It was like it was being ripped open with a chainsaw.

" I- IT HURTS"! I slid my body to the ground and groaned in pain. I pounded the ground with my free hand. I was unable to penetrate the ground like I normally did. I looked at my hand and my fists began to bleed from the knuckles.

" W-whats...going...on". The pain worsened over time. I rolled my body over, back facing the ground. I was hard to breath, like something was blocking my airways. The pain went over my legs, like they were being stabbed constantly with knives.

" P-please...make...it...stop". I began to cry. The pain was too intense for me to take. My body couldn't move for it had numbed completely from the pain. But that was the least of my worries. A howling came from beyond the darkness. And it sounded rather close. Worried I tried to contact Yoko. But before I could even press the button my hand gave out. Fortunately she had contacted me on time.

" Satsuki"!

" Y-Yoko". My voice was shallow so I tried my best before I lost it.

" Th-there coming"!

" What".

" So man-". The transmission was cut off. My eyes widened. Before me I could feel the ground begin to shake beneath me. My body laid like a corpse In the middle of the intersection. How long would it be before they would reach this area. They can smell me. And I too can sense them. They seem strange, stronger than the ones I've fought before. I tried to move m body but when I did the pain would pull me right back to the ground. It was hopeless.

" J-". if there was one other person I could count on.

" H-he...lp". Tear began to stream down my cheek. If it weren't for this body. I don't want to die, I had already promised Hina that I would return to her side. I do not want to abandon her in a time like this. I took in a deep breath...for it might be my last.

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" JOSHUA"! I roared out his name for the last time knowing that when I did that the beasts would know my location.

" Find me...please". In the blink of an eye I was surrounded by a swarm of fully developed Moon Phasers. My body was shivering in fright. I had never been so scared in my life.

" Jo-". My voice had disappeared and before I knew it though my entire body was numb I could feel my skin being ripped from me by the beasts. I could hear my screams being muffled by the beasts loud growls. The pain was excruciating. But besides the beasts I could hear a faint shout coming from beyond.

" Sat...". It was him.

" SATSUKI"! Ah. So you came to save me huh, Joshua. I wasn't sure of what happened after that for I had blacked out. Though I am sure that I am in heaven and no longer walk among the living. And I've always thought...what do you think of me...Joshua.

Chapter 49: Silence/ Questions

Beep...Beep...Beep. The faint sound of a heart monitor going on in the background. It was loud and it gave me a headache just hearing it.

I tried to open my eyes. I was blinded by a bright light that shown above me. I turned my head to the side to view other things. And noticed that I was on another hospital bed. I got up in a rush and looked at my hands. Remembering of what happened the other day. They were wrapped up tight in bandages and medical cloth. My right arm was being supported with a sling. My head was wrapped with medical cloth as well. I looked at my legs and they were wrap too. It seemed that my entire body had taken damage from the rounds. But why was I hospitalized. Had I gone mad again and I didn't even notice this. I slowly started to rise from the bed. My body aching all over. My free arm felt heavy, being bandaged around all the way to my fingers. There was this sourness in my mouth like I had taken a bite of a lemon. I grabbed onto the blanket that was wrapped securely around me off and threw it to the corner of the bed side. I motioned my hand slowly to cover my stomach.

" Looks like this place to a blow as well...but from what"? It seems as though I had forgotten of what happened during the rounds.

" My body...felt lifeless. And I could no longer move it". I then thought harder.

" Then a piercing noise...all over...a burning sensation". I gripped the bed side bar with my free hand, it pained me of feeling this, I felt so weak like I let down Hina.

" At least I'm alive". I covered my face with my hand. My body began to shake.

" Whats going on...with me lately". I asked myself. But I knew that I couldn't answer my own questions. Not like this.

Then I heard the sound of the door opening. Joshua and Dr. Okinami came in.

" Howdy". Dr. Okinami greeted me.

" Hurts a little...but been worse".

Joshua was silent. I looked up at him, and his bangs were covering his eyes again. He wasn't smiling.

" Joshua"? I asked him.

No answer.

" Then...I'll just step out for a minute, I need to consult with the other doctor". Dr. Okinami closed the door behind him. It was silent. There was no answer from Joshua. He seemed desolate. Like he was hiding something from me.

" Joshu-". He leaped at me swinging his arms around me. His grip was tight. I groaned from the pain.

" It hurts". I said aloud.

" Stop"! I said but he never released his grasp.

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" Joshua....it...". He was shaking.

" I was...scared". He whispered. His voice was shaky.

" Huh"?

" You were...just laying there...I heard your voice from over the com...but once I got to you they had already begun to..". He choked a little and gasped. Then continued on.

" What happened Joshua"? I needed to know.

" Your body was unresponsive after I saved you. Your body was covered in claw marks, bones broken, and you were bleeding excessively...the others weren't sure that you would make it...but I told them, " She'll make it...she'll make it".

So this is what happened.

" Though your body was unresponsive...you were screaming, it was terrible. I was terrified, those beasts! Right in front of my eyes they tore your flesh away...right before me"!

He gripped tighter, but I allowed him to.

" I held onto your hand...even though they needed to prep you...I did not want to leave your side, because if I did then...then". He started to sob. His tears started to soak my hospital gown. He groaned.

" I...I'm sorry".

" S-stop crying...your a grown man ha ha...If you don't then...I'll start to.." I started to cry. My emotions took over me. I gripped his shirt and weeped.

" I'm sorry". This was the first time I've seen Joshua cry so much, it was like I was trying to console a crying child. In my arms he felt so small since he would always smile for me, grin like an idiot when I'd mess with him.

" Joshua"? After a while he had stopped crying. It was silent.

" I'll get up, after hugging you for so long must have been a burden on your injuries". I placed my hand on my stomach.

" Its...okay". I looked down and blushed. I looked back up and Joshua had turned his face around. Not being able to see his eyes.

" Come here for a minute". I told him to kneel down and rest on the bed side. Then I slowly raised my free arm and placed it on his head and patted it. This was going to be hard to do.

" What...are you doing"? He asked me.

" Shh"! I saw him pout. I moved my hand over his bangs and flipped them over his forehead.

" These eyes...how I miss the sight of them". I giggled. These eyes which illuminate underneath a full moon. Reflecting the moon itself in them.

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" Hm"? He stared at me with those eyes. I stared back at them.

" I think their quit plain compared to yours". He grinned.

" Mine"? I felt his hand lay on my cheek.

" Its a beautiful color...when your angry, it turns bright red. Which I personally think I quit sexy". I smiled at him and moved my hand on his cheek.

" How thoughtful of you". I moved my hand away from his cheek and slapped it but not too hard, just hard enough to leave a mark.

" Just when I thought you looked cute when you were crying earlier...you reverted back to your old self". I dropped my hand it stung a little when I slapped him.

" I have my moments, tons of men do...don't call me cute either". He placed his hands in his pockets.

" Well alright then". I giggled at the sight of seeing him this way. Then Dr. Okinami came into the room and coughed.

" Ehm, sorry to ruin your fun but I do need to speak with Satsuki a bit".

" Okay, I'll go get some coffee then". Joshua then walked out the door.

When Dr. Okinami walked into the room he looked a bit strange. He paced back and forth about the room with both his hands folded together behind him. After a while he stopped and walked up to me slowly.

" It pains me to see such a strong young women like you hospitalized like this".

" No kidding, I was a bit shocked as well". He nodded and chuckled lightly, but he did not smile.

" I am concerned however that this seems to be repetitive, over the course of the past couple of months...I do have unfortunate news for you...but-". I was getting a strange feeling from his words. I wasn't sure if I wanted to hear more.

" Tell me...whats really wrong, don't stall it just makes things worse".

" Alright, then". He walked closer to my bedside and frowned. He took his glasses off and cleaned them with his shirt and placed them back. The tension in the room took over.

" I personally looked into your files and tested your blood, though this is not unusual since we do test it every other month. But when I took a look at it your human cells and red blood cells seem to be disappearing. And I am very worried because your human blood cells are being invaded by the Moon Phaser virus". My heart skipped a beat when I heard this.

" Wha-what do you mean"? I asked him.

" Satsuki, what I mean is. The usual advanced virus in you which both you and I took advantage of...has advanced more than I or the others that take care of you can ever imagine".

" Then...when my body stalled earlier during the rounds".

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" Yes, your health has...started to decrease. Over the years it has been eating at you I never wanted to tell you because the matter was so small I had no need to have you concerned in the matter".

" So..."? My body started to shake.

" After many years of being exposed to them, being bitten, getting scratched. Pretty soon the virus will take over your body and you wont be able to-". Anger took over me like a tidal wave. I jerked back and went for his coat. Grabbing it I pulled him down with all my might even though I was in so much pain, it could never compare to the pain I feel mentally. The wound on my stomach reopened.

" How...long do I have before I lose...control"?

He was silent.

" How long"!? He glanced down on me and adjusted his glasses.

" A month". When he spoke the words stabbed me. I suddenly felt cold. I loosened the grip on his coat and set him free. My body was still. For I had no words as to what he just told me. I then thought about Hina, about how she would feel If I were to tell her. No, I would never.

" A....month...". I said aloud.

" I'm sorry". He said.

" You wont...tell them...right"? I asked him with a low voice.

" If you wish, I will never speak to anyone about our conversation".

" Please". I said.

" For now we'll just...continue the watch and...cherish the moment huh". He said.

" Yeah". He patted my shoulder.

He walked towards the door, midway opening Joshua appeared in the door way. Dr. Okinami grinned at him and walked out. Joshua walked in and stopped at the bedside.

" You okay"? He asked. I didn't know how to respond but I knew that I couldn't tell Joshua either.

" I'm fine". I said.

I felt his breath he leaned into me and looked at me.

" What did the doc say"?

I was silent. What was I supposed to say.

" He...". Think.

" Hm"?

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Think!

" Satsuki". I breathed in and out slowly.

" These injuries will heal in due time, I just need some rest and I'll be able to walk in a couple of days. Dr. Okinami will be watching over me since he's the only one that knows..."

" Yea". He grinned at me.

" And..."

" If you are going to ask about what happened to me before in the rounds...I even asked Dr. Okinami himself, though even him cannot answer".

" I see". He looked disappointed.

" He said that he was going to look into it again, just to make sure. So don't worry about it okay"? I told him as a reassurance.

We stopped talking for a moment. I had forgotten that my wound had reopened. The bleeding started to flow through the bandage and Joshua took notice of it.

" Satsuki"!

" Just....don't shout, get a nurse". I held onto my stomach with my hand to stop the bleeding. While Joshua rushed out the door to get a nurse. It took him only a couple of minutes to rush back here with a nurse and a doctor. Things got a little blurry from blood loss. I blacked out after that. It seems that all this time I had no idea that the virus that saved me, that enhanced me, gave me strength. Was eating me alive, and I only have a month left to be in this world. Knowing this, I knew that I couldn't just sit here and do nothing. That I had to keep working with all the strength left in me. To fight with the little sanity I have left in me. To protect Hina. And thats all. I have to keep going no matter what comes at me. With this virus I have to keep going. Going...going.

Soon after I woke up. I felt the new bandage wrapped around my stomach. My vision started to come back after blinking and focusing on a certain area. I found a blood pack hanging next to the I.V bag.

" Seems...I lost too much blood". I looked about the room. It was dark.

" They...turned off the lights...great". It wasn't hard to see though, I just have to refocus a bit and it will be as clear as day.

I gazed into the darkness, and on one of the chairs next to the window Joshua was sleeping. He looked so exhausted I knew that I shouldn't wake him.

" How cute". I said this quietly, even as he was sleeping I wouldn't want him to hear me say that, he might get angry at me again.

He snored silently. He wasn't wearing a clip in his hair which allowed his bangs to fall gently over his face hiding his eyes again.

" You've always been there for me...right. So, if I were to tell you my secret...what would you do"?

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Should I tell him.

" Would you be angry"?

Should I.

" Would you...run away from me"?

Will you...be disgusted by me.

" Would you....leave my side".

Lonliness...I fear this.

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