

Background Character? Nah, I'm Going To Be The Peak Instead

## Chapter 119: Vector Control — Kyouka Suigetsu

“Who... who are you exactly?”

Inside the dimly lit villa, Scorpio and Hydra were kneeling on one knee, cold sweat sliding down their cheeks.

They stared fixedly at the silver-haired young man lounging lazily against the sofa, their pupils contracting in fear.

Just a few minutes ago, they had been brimming with confidence, fully intending to teach this ignorant “fool” a lesson, even activating the Star Remains abilities they were so proud of.

Yet every single one of their attacks had landed as if striking an illusion.

In the end, aside from leaving a few instances of *friendly fire* on each other, the true target, the mysterious man, hadn't even had the corner of his clothes touched.

They weren't particularly high-ranked among the cadres of the Hidden Star Society.

But the fact that they had successfully awakened and become sapient species meant their strength already surpassed over ninety percent of Starbeasts of the same tier.

If compared to Starbearers of the same level, they would roughly be equivalent to third-order high-level Starbearers.

And yet, opponents like them had no ability whatsoever to fight back against Tendou.

How could they possibly remain calm?

After all, their lives and deaths were now entirely dependent on a single thought from him.

Watching Scorpio and Hydra, who had clearly been frightened out of their wits by his “Kyouka Suigetsu,” a playful smile curved up at the corner of Tendou’s mouth.

His long fingers lightly tapped against the armrest of the sofa, deliberately applying even more psychological pressure while also taking the chance to carefully evaluate the actual effectiveness of the Kyouka Suigetsu.

Because even Tendou himself hadn’t expected this ability to be *this* effective.

**【Vector Control · Kyouka Suigetsu】**

**【Effect: By distorting the “information” within a certain range, it creates a perfect illusion capable of deceiving all five senses.】**

**【Evaluation: “What you see as reality is merely the illusion I allow you to perceive.” — Tendou】**

Over the span of six years, Tendou had already developed his Vector Control to its current extreme.

Omnidirectional Concealment and Kyouka Suigetsu were nothing more than the tip of the iceberg among the many techniques he now possessed.

Seeing that Scorpio and Hydra still hadn't made a move, Tendou grew a little impatient.

*Snap*

With the sound of Tendou snapping his fingers, Scorpio and Hydra suddenly felt an immense force descend upon their shoulders.

This pressure was both psychological and physical.

It felt as though the entire weight of the world had come crashing down on them.

Under that crushing force, their bodies moved against their will.

Both knees slammed into the ground, hands bracing against the floor, as if they were kneeling in worship before Tendou.

"Th-this is a joke..."

The proud Scorpio clenched his teeth, repeatedly trying to force himself back to his feet, desperately clinging to the pride of a Hidden Star Society cadre and a sapient Starbeast.

But no matter what he did, he couldn't stand up.

In the end, he could only lie there, crawling on the ground like a stray dog before Tendou, catching a glimpse, from the corner of his eye, of that silver-haired figure seated on the sofa, smiling faintly.

Seeing that the lesson had gone far enough, Tendou suddenly turned his head and looked behind the sofa.

“Hey, Danica. You’ve been looking for ten minutes already, haven’t you found it yet?”

In the direction Tendou was looking, a green-haired little girl could be seen sticking her butt in the air, more than half her body buried inside a box of documents, with only her short little legs left outside, constantly wiggling as she clearly struggled to find something.

Ten whole minutes had passed.

Yet the little one still hadn’t found what Tendou wanted.

Unable to help himself, he said, “Danica... you didn’t exaggerate your literacy to me on purpose, did you?”

“Don’t tell me you actually can’t read at all?”

“Th-that’s not true at all!”

Danica scrambled out of the pile of documents in a panic, her chubby little face flushed bright red.

“Mister Tendou, don’t talk nonsense! Danica really knows su-su-su-su-so many words!”

Afraid that Tendou wouldn’t believe her, she even deliberately spread her arms wide, trying to show just how amazing and smart she supposedly was.

But seeing this not-so-clever display, Tendou raised an eyebrow, clearly unconvinced.

And since little Danica still hadn't managed to find the document after all this time, Tendou decided to stop slacking off. He stood up from the sofa and walked over to the file box beside her.

He casually pulled out a document, pointed at the technical terms written on it, and said to Danica, "Alright, little genius. Tell me, how do you read these words?"

Staring at the text that looked like pure heavenly script to her, Danica completely panicked.

She poked her index fingers together, her eyes darting all over the place, and said in a tiny voice,

"U-um... this... that... Mister Tendou... actually, before, those words would just tell Danica themselves what they meant..."

"Huh?"

Tendou's sunglasses slid down the bridge of his nose as he exclaimed in shock,

"So basically, the words knew *you*—but *you* didn't know the words?"

"Ehehe~"

Danica scratched her head cutely, tacitly admitting that yes, that really had been the case.

After all, that wordless Mechanical Scriptures really *had* just directly told her everything.

She merely repeated it out loud for the other clergy of the church to hear.

Which was why little Danica had always believed she actually knew a lot of words.

Ignoring her “derpy” attempt at acting cute, Tendou directly grabbed her by the collar, lifted the green-haired little dumpling aside, and began rummaging through the file box himself.

Before long, he pulled out a document labeled:

《Hidden Star Society · Steam City Branch Infiltrator Roster》

“Okay, found it.”

Holding the document, Tendou walked up to the two cadres of the Hidden Star Society.

He pointed at a specific name on the page and said,

“You two, go replace this person. I’ll take over his position.”

Hearing this, Scorpio and Hydra exchanged a troubled glance.

Because the identity Tendou had chosen was far too critical.

So critical that it was completely beyond their authority to decide.

Seeing that the two of them still weren’t giving him an answer, Tendou immediately spoke up again:

“What? You don’t want to?”

Although Tendou's tone was extremely relaxed, Scorpio and Hydra could clearly feel the temperature inside the room drop by several degrees.

At the same time, Andromeda—still lying not far away in a pool of blood—silently demonstrated the consequences of refusing Tendou.

And seeing that these two still hadn't responded to Mister Tendou, Danica—who had already appointed herself as Tendou's *number-one underling*—immediately jumped out.

Pointing at the two of them in a bossy manner, she declared:

"You'd better hurry up and agree to Mister Tendou's request! Otherwise... Mister Tendou will get angry!"

"And when Mister Tendou gets angry, the consequences are suuuuper—terrifying!"

As she spoke, Danica even made what she thought was a very frightening gesture, mimicking a little monster eating people.

Tendou: "..."

*Danica, I didn't ask you to add extra lines. Why are you acting on your own?*

Tendou silently averted his gaze and said calmly, "You have three minutes to consider what I said. I hope you don't disappoint me."

With that, Tendou returned to the sofa and waited patiently.

In response, Scorpio remained silent—stubborn to the extreme.

Hydra, who was comparatively more tactful, wiped the cold sweat from his face and asked:

“C-can we request instructions from our superiors?”

Tendou waved his hand indifferently.

“Go ahead. Oh, and you can also tell them my name is Masamune Tendou. I think they’ll agree.”

That tone of absolute certainty made it sound as if Tendou were the true master of this place and the two of them were merely outsiders.

When Hydra finally received the response from above, his narrow eyes widened instantly.

On the data terminal, not only had Tendou’s request been readily approved, it was also specifically emphasized that ‘as long as he wasn’t trying to destroy the Hidden Star Society, any request made by Mister Tendou must be prioritized’.

At this point, even the proud and obstinate Scorpio had no choice but to set aside his inner resistance and fully bow his head to Tendou.

Seeing their reactions, Tendou smiled.

Because he understood that that Doctor had likely already returned to the Hidden Star Society, the organization he had once abandoned.

Otherwise, there was no way the Hidden Star Society would have agreed to his request so quickly.

As for why both the Doctor and Tendou wanted to join the Hidden Star Society, the reason was simple.

The Glimmer rekindled by Embers needed a protective umbrella in its early stages, to survive that extremely dangerous period.

And the Hidden Star Society—also lurking in the shadows—perfectly fit their needs.

After all, if something went wrong, they could simply say it was all done by the Hidden Star Society.

But if there were benefits to be gained, then those would naturally belong to their Glimmer.

As for whether Tendou felt any moral burden about doing this...

To be honest, not even a little.

Because while there were indeed some good people within the Hidden Star Society, the vast majority of its members were the type who would devour others without leaving even bones behind.

So using the Hidden Star Society like this left Tendou completely at ease.

That said, if he wanted Glimmer to eventually replace the Hidden Star Society entirely, Tendou still had many things to do.

For example, pulling in some trustworthy Children of the Stars.

As for the identity Tendou planned to replace, naturally, it was the position of Captain of the Fifth Squad of the Steam City Starbearer Association Branch.

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