Hey

How long are we going to have to do this?

Until Yukina comes back, I suppose.

What now?
LIKE THAT COULD HAPPEN! WHAT DO YOU THINK VAMPIRES ARE?

I COULD GET PREGNANT JUST BY BREATHER THE SAME AIR AS YOU!

JUST SO YOU KNOW, I DON'T WANT TO BE NEAR A SHAMEFUL MAN LIKE YOU!

IF YOU CROSS THIS LINE, I'LL ASSASSINATE YOU, OBLITERATE YOU!!

NOOO! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!

EVEN FOR A MOMENT!

DON'T KILL ME MORE THAN ONCE!!

LISTEN HERE...

SHUT UP! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DRANK MY YUKINA'S BLOOD!

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YOU'RE RIGHT THAT IT'S MY FAULT. I'M SORRY FOR EVERYTHING.

JUST SO YOU KNOW, YUKINA IS ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE IT'S HER DUTY.

WHEN YOU'RE HONEST LIKE THAT, IT ALMOST SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE BRAGGING ABOUT IT.

IT'S NOTHING YOU SHOULD CONCERN YOURSELF WITH.

FOR THAT STUFF WITH THE COMBAT DEACON AND NOW THE TERRORISTS.

IT'S MY FAULT THAT HIMERAGI keeps getting involved in all this trouble.

I DON'T THINK MOST PEOPLE BEING OBSERVED WOULD FEEL GRATEFUL TO THEIR OBSERVER.

YOU'RE A STRANGE VAMPIRE.

BUT IT'S TRUE THAT SHE'S ALSO HELPED ME OUT A LOT.
BUT SAYING THAT SHE'S A GOOD PERSON DOESN'T SOUND LIKE MUCH OF A COMPLIMENT.

HUUH...

I THOUGHT YOU WERE A HOPELESS GUY, BUT YOU SEEM TO HAVE SOME PERSPECTIVE.

THEN WHAT SHOULD I SAY?

FOR EXAMPLE, YOU SHOULD COMPLIMENT HER SMOOTH SKIN, THAT GOLDEN HAIR, THOSE SHOULDER BLADES THAT LOOK LIKE ANGEL WINGS.

THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT HIMERAGI'S A GOOD PERSON.
NOT THAT, HER PERSONALITY IS WHAT I LIKE.

HOW EARNEST AND HARDWORKING SHE IS, OR SHY BUT ALSO MEDELESSOME...

WELL... THE SCENT OF YUKINA WHEN I SNUCK INTO

HER BED SHOULD BE PRaised.

EXTEND

N-NOT BAD, AKATSUKI KOJOU...

I NEVER EXPECTED YOU TO COMPLETE SO WELL AGAINST ME.

WE BATHED TOGETHER AND HAVE BEEN TOGETHER LONGER THAN REAL FAMILY.

JUST SO YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN WITH YUKINA SINCE I WAS 7.

I'M NOT TRYING TO COMPETE WITH YOU...
YOU WERE PRETTY, EVEN FROM THAT AGE, HIH?

EVEN FROM THAT AGE, HUH?

I’LL KILL YOU AFTER ALL!

WHY?!

WHAAAT?
It had to be a surface-to-air missile or a similar weapon, but to use that type of weapon in the city...

To take down a helicopter in one shot...

It looked like the helicopter was shot down.

That direction is near where the subfloat expansion construction is being done!

The Black Death Emperor Faction!?

Was it an accident or... no way...
WHAT'S WRONG, AKATSUKI KOJOU?
YOU'RE IN THE WAY...

THIS IS BLOOD!?

BLEATH IN

SMELL?

HEY... WHAT'S WITH THIS SMELL?
GET AHOULD OF YOURSELF!

HEY, ASTARTE!

25 MINUTES AND 13 SECONDS AGO

A MESSAGE... FOR THE FOURTH PROGENITOR

A MAN CALLED CRISTOPH GARDOS APPEARED IN THE SCHOOL.

AND THIS STENCH OF BLOOD... IT'S FROM AN ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORM, A HOMUNCULUS.

THIS WOUND... IT'S A GUNSHOT WOUND!? JUST WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

SFX: SLOW MOVEMENT
HE ABducted AIBA ASAGI, AKATSUKI NAGISA, AND HIMERAGI YUKINA.

STEP ASIDE! THAT GIRL’S NEURAL STRUCTURE SHOULD BE A TYPE 1 HUMAN COMPLIANT MAP.

HE-HEY! ASTARTE!!

THEIR DESTINATION IS UNKNOWN...

I’LL SAVE HER!

MY APOLOGIES... I WASN'T ABLE TO... PROTECT THEM...

SFX: TREMBLE
Damn it! Where are they planning on taking them?

SFX: Woosh

Going after Asagi at a time like this?

That Gardos must be pretty crazy.
A HELIPORT? IS HE PLANNING ON TAKING THEM OFF THE ISLAND?

GEEZE...

I DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO USE THIS, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE, I GUESS...

SFX: FWULISH

SFX: GULP
GET THERE!
YES!
AIR LOG-IN WAS SUCCESSFUL.
SO THAT'S THEIR HIDEOUT.

THAT'S...

WHOA!

!? [SFX: NERVOUS] [SFX: SHudder]
THE YAZE FAMILY. THAT'S QUITE AN UNUSUAL ABILITY... SOUND CONTROL.

AS EXPECTED OF THE SCION OF THE YAZE FAMILY.

NO WAY... WHY ARE YOU HERE?
Sorry, but it'll be problematic if I let you get in the way.

SFX: SLOW MOVEMENT

Probably.

It's okay. You won't die.

SFX: WHOOSH
ストライク・ザ・ブラッド

SFX: SPLASH

WHERE DO YOU THINK WE ARE?

HEY...
WHEN I SAW NAGISA SO SCARED BACK THERE, I THOUGHT THAT I HAD TO GET IT TOGETHER.

I DON'T KNOW. WE'VE BEEN MOVING FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES, SO I DON'T THINK WE'RE TOO FAR AWAY.

WHEN I SAW NAGISA SO SCARED BACK THERE, I THOUGHT THAT I HAD TO GET IT TOGETHER.

NAGISA ALMOST DIED ONCE.

I'M ONLY TELLING YOU BECAUSE KOJOU AND NAGISA SEEM TO TRUST YOU.

DO YOU KNOW WHY KOJOU AND NAGISA MOVED HERE?

WHAT!?
They were told that she'll never regain consciousness.

4 years ago, Nagisa was involved in a demon-related train accident.

Yeah... I don't know very much, but it seems that she got some kind of special treatment.

Because this is a special demon zone, you know.

Nagisa-chan never mentioned that...

I think that's why their mother don't come home as much either.

Their parents divorced.

Is that why Nagisa-chan is afraid of demons?
By the way, there were talking. They seem to have something they want me to do for them.

Also, I'm sorry.

I got us caught up in something troublesome, didn't I?

Huh?

No, it's...

Do you know what's going on?

Ugh! Where are we!! It seems like some kind of warehouse.

Clench.

But it probably has to do something with my job.

Not at all.

I'm the one who should be apologizing...
I use this nifty program I made to do things like invade company networks. And decode passwords. I'm a hacker.

I work part-time as a computer specialist.

Your job?

Apparently, you don't realize just how famous you are, Miss Aiba.

Who knows?

Why would the Black Emperor Faction purposefully ask you to do that kind of work?

I thought that was strange too. Why me?
TRUTHFULLY, NONE OF THEM WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT THE "ELECTRONIC PRINCESS" WOULD BE SUCH A LOVELY LADY.

AT LEAST, ALL OF THE ENGINEERS WE HIRED KNOW OF YOUR NAME.

WE GREATLY VALUE YOUR COMPOSE AND RESOLVE.

PARDON ME.

IT WASN'T MY INTENTION TO FLATTER YOU.

I DON'T DESPISE PEOPLE WHO ARE DISTURBED BY THIS KIND OF SITUATION, BUT

I CAN'T TRUST THEM WITH THIS IMPORTANT WORK.

DID YOU THINK THAT I WOULD COOPERATE WITH SUCH BLATANT FLATTERY?
LET THE OTHER TWO GO NOW AND WE'LL TALK.

THAT DOESN'T MATTER! YOUR BUSINESS IS WITH ME.

BY ALL MEANS, IF YOU WANT ME TO RELEASE THEM, THEN IT'S NO TROUBLE AT ALL, BUT

IF YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT THEIR SAFETY, THEN I CAN'T SUPPORT THAT DECISION.

IF YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT THEIR SAFETY, THEN I CAN'T SUPPORT THAT DECISION.

THERE IS NO ONE HERE WHO WOULD BE CRUELE ENOUGH TO COMMIT SUCH A DISGRACE TO NON-COMBATANTS.

WE ARE A GROUP OF GUIDED WARRIORS.

HUH? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN!? IF YOU LAY EVEN ONE FINGER ON THEM...
She was a combat weapon.

That girl was a homunculus.

What?

She was similar to us.

Yet you shot the girl in the clinic!!

Clench

It'd be helpful if you spoke quickly.

Heh. As expected of Miss Aiba.

Fine. I'll listen to what you have to say for now.

Then...

You know what this is, don't you?
SEE, WITH THIS, YOU WANT ME TO ANALYZE THE CONTROL COMMANDS FOR THE ANCIENT WEAPON NALAKIVERA.

WE HAVE MANY BENEFACTORS WHO ENDORSE OUR IDEOLOGY.

IT'S THE LATEST MODEL OF SUPERCOMPUTER THAT YOU USE AT ITOGAMI ISLAND'S MANAGEMENT COMPANY.

THIS IS A SOUVERAN IX MANUAL?
WHERE DID YOU GET THIS?

IT SEEMS THAT WE NEED TO KEEP RE-EVALUATING YOUR WORTH.

OH?

YOU'RE THE ONES WHO SENT ME THAT STUPID PUZZLE YESTERDAY AREN'T YOU?

I SEE. WITH THIS, YOU WANT ME TO ANALYZE THE CONTROL COMMANDS FOR THE ANCIENT WEAPON NALAKIVERA.
BUT ONLY 8 SOLVED THAT "STUPID PUZZLE"

OUT OF THOSE 8, ONLY YOU SOLVED IT THE FASTEST WITH NO INCONSISTENCIES.

WE SENT THE SAME EMAIL TO OVER 150 HACKERS.

I HAD MY REASONS FOR WANTING TO ESCAPE REALITY...

AS WELL AS THE ELIMINATION OF THE TRAITOR, THE FIRST PROGENITOR. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THAT, WE NEED NALAKUVERA'S POWER.

OUR OBJECTIVE IS THE IMMEDIATE DESTRUCTION OF THAT ANNOYING SANCTUARY TREATY.
SFX: SLOW MOVEMENT TO SHOW PICTURE

THAT IS THE WORLD WE DESIRE.

THOUGH, I'M SOMEONE WHO WOULD DISAGREE WITH YOUR VALUES.

IF THAT'S YOUR PLAN, THEN AT WORST, YOU'RE PLANNING ON INVOLVING THE WHOLE WORLD IN AN ALL-OUT WAR.

EVEN SO, NO—that's why I believe you will cooperate with us.

IT'S ONLY THE FIRST OF 54 STONE TABLETS.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

HUH?

THE STONE YOU SAW BEFORE

THE ONE YOU DECIPHERED WAS THE "BEGINNING WORDS"
It's the stone that has Nalakuvera's activation commands written on it.

Unless...

We can't control whether it goes wild and destroys the city.

Exactly. We can only activate Nalakuvera.

So what about it! Even if you activated it, if you can't control it...
COWARD!

AT THIS MOMENT ANYWAY.

GOT IT!

IF YOU HAVE MORE BANDAGES, BRING THEM HERE!

HEY,

HOW'S ASTARTE DOING?
IF SHE WERE A NORMAL HUMAN SHE WOULDN'T HAVE DIED INSTANTLY.

I RETRIEVED THE BULLET, BUT THE BLEEDING IS BAD.

BUT SOMETHING POWERFUL INSIDE HER IS KEEPING HER BARELY ALIVE.

RHODO-DACTYLOS?

H-HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?!?

IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME NOW.

I HAVE TO STOP THE BLEEDING!
While leaving the minimum necessity for life support, it's going to put her in a state of death. Don't worry, it's like acupuncture.

It should minimize the effects of the bleeding.

It doesn't seem like an ambulance has come to the helicopter crash site yet.

Kirasaka...

I have to give my best to be able to save her.
MASTER IS CURRENTLY...

SUGGESTING FOURTH PROGENITOR

THE ABDUCTED GIRLS WILL PROBABLY BE THERE TOO.

SHE WENT TO SECURE THE PLACE WHERE THE BLACK DEATH EMPEROR FACTION'S SUBFLOAT IS HIDING.

THE GIRLS ARE WHERE NATSUKI-CHAN WENT...

THE TREATMENT SEEMS TO HAVE WORKED. SHE'S CALM AND SLEEPING.

SFX: UNDRESS

AND YOU, KIRASAKI.

THANKS, ASTARTE.

SFX: BREATHING LIGHTLY
HUH?
you TOOK OFF your VEST.
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING OPENLY WATCHING ME CHANGE! DIE!

SHU! WHATEVER QUIT, PERVERT! HUH!? YOU ONLY TOOK OFF YOUR VEST.

ALRIGHT! LET'S GO!!