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I

-Opposite a Mirror-

I lived my life observing another, raised for an unusual purpose of exchanging future species. I saw him since his birth, learnt every move, character, and reaction in his personality. At his age reaching 12, 3 days before puberty an exchange for us was scheduled; that I would pass to his world through an invisible gate.

He's a simple man with a very unusual name chosen for him; he had an extraordinary talent to music and loved to listen to classics.

3 Hours before the exchange.

I was ordered to contact him for the first time using his favorite communication method.

Fortunately lazy humans made things easier not only for them, but for us also.

We formed an undetectable type of connection called as the CPR; CPR referred to "Connection-Protocol" and from then addressed to my kind "Raptors"

And the moment I met socialized with him I felt a deep regret for my upcoming deeds;

Aida, a Japanese boy who long ago migrated with his family to Ukraine, with time he grew up and learnt to speak Russian well, for thou he remained an unfriendly student with remarkably brilliant grades.

Although Ukraine was a poor society, Aida was supported by most of families who hadn't children.

His determined goals and dreams were fancied by many, who made his ambitions become a possibility.

And I decided to contact him tonight.

After his coming from school he used to sit in front of his computer, while his mother prepared the launch.

And I seized that chance.

The screen went black, after the BIOS launching, the OS did not start but instead a command text displayed the small word "Connection-Protocol"

He could type anything and everything.

The word Connection-Protocol written above drove Aida's curiosity.

He was sure it was not a virus; he knew this could lead him to something new, something un-given to all others.

As he came up with typing a sentence ending with "raptor", the connection name changed.

Connection-Protocol_ Raptors (CPR)

The commands and text which he began to type became green, and the blackness of the screen linked him darker to a new dimension of intelligence.

"Hi there, I am Raptor who are you?" The computer wrote on its own.

Aida checked that there was no way for his computer to be on line, neither seemed to be turned

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on at all! Even with his computer unplugged, the green text continued to type. Aida woke out of the shock and decided to write back; although he suspected that a disabled keyboard; would even type the letters.

But against all his expectations, he could type the words, and even figured that his thoughts were written and not the letters he pushed! Aida was good at computers, but even advanced users misspell sometimes, though the words he meant were those which appeared on the screen. Aida went with his first question, as a logical man would do, typing "How did you access my computer?"

V-raptor had no idea about computers neither he understood how does a human world work.

V-raptor

In time I became bound to that human I met, in everyday my desire and excitement grew further towards that world which I was not meant for.

My mission was to deal out with the specie eventually seducing him to merge souls with me. It's not complicated as it sounds. However aware of his death at a result I couldn't compel myself to dare such act.

I became bound to him by heart.

Aida's Next day at the University was great. I used to learn a lot about their world by simply chatting with him when he had the time, sometimes we chatted over the classes, he never got caught!

Aida's mentor was a professor in metaphysics, her name's Flora she is superstitious; and always likes to talk about theories and philosophy.

I wanted to tell Aida the truth, but I feared of the consequences of the founding of a new technology which mankind was yet not able to handle.

Aida was very happy; our bounds of trust grew deeper by day, and later by moments; I always told him about my life among the herd, and how there were geniuses of both dinosaurs and other species which I called only in my language...

Aida became fascinated by dinosaurs, he learned a lot about them in the very first day.

My Confession

The next morning I contacted Aida very early, right before the sunrise.

"This is me V-raptor, wake up... I want to show you something"

I told him to go and wash his face.

Aida was too sleepy; he got up and went to wash his face, as he was almost done. He opened his eyes at the mirror not recognizing himself; it wasn't him at all.

I was surprised too; it was the first time we ever met in person.

The sun appeared in the far horizon as my image faded, and the mirror returned to its normally reflective smooth state.

"Yes, dear Aida it was not a dream, I watched you every day, learning bits more about controlling a human body, yes I wanted to wake up once as a real human.

But I can't afford to be a human, Aida I want to live inside you."

Aida was Terrified he closed his laptop and sat in the chair next to the window staring out up to the sky.

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Quietly he said whispering in anxiety, "I need some time to think."

Against all orders he was given, Velociraptor chose to give Aida the time knowing that Aida's life must be in controlled by him not some others.

A Month later, Aida's education and his new work for a software company kept him busy from dreams and fantasy, he concluded that his passion lead him away from reality.

On the other side, V-raptor's supervisors discovered the truth and his delay; of which threatened to replace him for another raptor; thus V-raptor could no longer wait and recklessly acted alone.

"I dedicated whole my life for this project and I shall not abandon it" Said V-raptor to himself.

At sun down, Aida went to sleep early that day; he used to do his homework early morning before going to school when it came to examinations.

And in his sleep, Aida had a dream that changed his life from this day forth...

In this dream he dreamed roaming a forest, it was full moon, and the damp mists made it cold on him.

The moon glowed enough to make the night as bright as day; and there appeared V-raptor walking among many other raptors of his kind.

V-raptor: Aida, This is a dream, and yet it is as real as any day, today is your last chance Aida. You have run out of the time I have given you, and now the moment to choose is due.

Aida, it's now for either you accept my offer to share your life and body with my soul; or live here to die forever in the world you know, you are fated to die, but I can help you, we both are meant to bond.

Aida had no certainty in his answer for he had questions to be asked,

"V-raptor you are not real, you're just a nightmare waiting to be erased" said Aida trying hardly to open his eyes and awake from that dream, but he failed.

V-raptor then responded, "Forget that this is a dream; answer me a single question..."

Did you ever want to be me?" V-raptor asked touching Aida's heart with his words.

Aida's voice went fading as he confessed to his weakling feelings, "Yes"

And V-raptor said "so Do I"

Aida awoke from the dream that passed as fast as 5 minutes what took reality 5 hours to pass.

And there he ran to wash his face, deeply breathing in stress, he drank a whole glass of water.

Disbelieving the dream with refutation, although it never got of his mind, he could not study and did not pass the exam, and for the first time Aida failed his parents; it hurt him.

He was scolded and disgraced, running of home late after mid night towards a nearby lake he was staring at his own reflection in it; at the village he lived nights were calm there was not a single human walking around not in 10 Kilometers around.

Just sitting there and staring at the water, so confused; he decided to wear it all off by swimming. He took his clothes of and slowly walked in to the quite lake, although the night was chilling, the lake had welcoming warmth, it felt like a warm comforting embrace given by nature.

He swam there as the moon was watching him; and it was his first time sensing the life beyond his own, he swam among the stars reflected around him and his calm moves made waves like a charming music.

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It was a scary feeling, like a journey towards the unknown, and yet it was a journey that made him calm.

And Aida understood that whatever is in this world doesn't really matters, it is this feeling that matters most and most of people live never experiencing it.

Being loved not by someone, but something that doesn't ask anything in return, Aida found at that moment a second mother love.

An hour passes and he didn't get out of water, instead he was swimming and made up a poem for the event...

"What matters most, matters least, the world of man is a never ending trouble, and interfering there is drowning in trouble, it's not of matter to interfere; but more like a smoke you try and addict forever.

Life is not about working and making neither money nor it's about exchange of needs. It's about a feeling we always forget.

And forever our hearts remain confused, we feel that our flow has long dried up, and never know where to retain it.

This is life... to experience the senses of existence, and every person experiences it in his own way, work, sports, writing.

We find a little silent portion of what we want in music, those waves bring something back to life, and those waves I draw in water calm not only me but those who see me" He said referring to the moon and trees, standing as an audience along the shore.

I shall find him in me, that inner soul which indwells my dreams; I shall for once believe

"Closing his eyes facing the wind icing his wet bare body, he feels no cold, for he has found true passion.

And with his confidence he steps gradually towards the path guided by senses.

II -The Raptor Awakes-

For long this treasure was buried, however with time, uncovered sorrow fades away, and hidden happiness floats to our present life.

He morphs, his senses awaken, awareness raises, and he understands; if this is a dream I don't want to wake up from it, if this is a reality I want it to last. He flies within blue space, where freedom can be archived, miracles are experienced beyond witness.

In moonless night watched only by stars, which reflect on the darkened surface of the lake, he finds that buried treasure, a parallel spirit within reality.

memories of past flourish in a glance, sorrow gives out a smile, for we have went through much in life and overcoming our problems gave us success, it takes courage to live life, calm to think clearly, wisdom to archive awareness. But without troubles we would never archive... success.

And within a rush runs through his body, it's maybe coldness; but not to him it's the will to live. To become someone, he faces his fear, it is a natural emotion to what we are not aware of, he understands that fear is how we "feel" ignorance, there's no need to be sad or disappointed; and he doesn't like to be ignorant, and thus he aims to success. To knowledge... and stays humble. Because at some point, ignorance is also part of us, it's the space in our mind where we can fill with knowledge, with experience, with memory.

He spread his body to fly within that space, rising to the surface; surrounded by stars he's no longer alone.

The world is full of friends, full of life other than which talks and walks. And if we see that, our hearts will not be alone.

For now he has opened another spirit, a spirit given from nature, besides the spirit he has as a human.

Echo is no longer bothering him, for he is one.

Aida returned home at early morning, opening the door, his father came from the living room "Where have you been Aida?" Kimura asked in a calm fit; "I was at the lake, needed to think alone, I'm sorry to trouble you dad", Aida's answer was quite of a calm persona, he has grown up in one day, father thought in himself.

Next day, another exciting day at school, he was thinking of yesterday's experience he was curious about finding out more of that hidden self within him.

Aida tried to reverse the memories of what that raptor said the night before, "The time has come, I have to make a choice" it could be indirectly linked to the event at the lake.

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School break starts most students left the class, however Aida's stayed, and he approached Aida with a favor to help in homework after school today.

“You know Hikaru, lately I have a lot of things in my mind, I'm afraid I can't help you these days, however I'll make it up before the finals.” Aida refused to help his friend kindly with a promise to make it up for him later.

Hikaru is Aida's best friend, and knows when Aida is not he, as he felt lately that Aida is not telling something again; last time it was about him foretelling his own future.

"I wonder what it is this time." Hikaru thought to himself.

To Aida, truth has darkened, his room of thoughts contracted; Aida always searches and challenges mysteries, and there was never a mystery that took him much time to relate or solve using his heightened sense of logic.

Still, how can he see a raptor, or a dinosaur when such animals couldn't be out of imagination, to begin with, they all died out at least 65 million years ago.

Aida's conclusion now rests in two theories; 1 is his interest in dinosaurs and constantly practiced imagination somehow developed a new genre of hallucination; the other conclusion rests that spirits of the ancient world are contacting him for some mysterious reason. The 1st conclusion is more likely to present logic, but the second one is more practical from a superstitious point of view. The thing is Aida knows a lot about spirits however never yet faced such experience.

It was nice to finally understand Aida's thoughts now that I'm within him, and yet I fear to misuse this gift pursuing my own goals; nevertheless, Aida wanted to understand how does this union happens, a connection of 2 people together.

And here comes the time where I shall return the favor.

Aida returned from school tired today, he was unable to concentrate on his study, his mind was confused between logic, and disbelief, and he got in to the room, closed the door and sat on the bed looking out the window exploring his mind looking at the red sun before sunset.

“I'm sorry Aida, the answers are coming soon” I whispered in his ear with a smile; “Yes, yes I know be patient everything comes in time” Aida replied with a sigh.

I knew this would affect Aida for a while but I was confident that Aida will get used to his new powers and soon learn to develop them, “Aida, do you know why you were chosen by the spirits?” as I asked, Aida stared back at me wordless, “Because you never relax to the environment you have, even though you do what others do, you always keep a thought on improving it, personally I believe I would choose you because you think in many directions at the same time, however it saddens me that you end up unfocused on any of them.

Aida wasn't in the mood to discuss his thoughts he wanted to clear that clouded image about the issue before discussing it, for sometimes I wish Aida could see what's in my mind as I can see his.

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Aida turned his head suddenly and asked me a strange request, "Please get me a pencil" he asked in a calm voice, "okay" I replied and went to the desk took a pencil from inside the drawer, and handed it to him, Aida halt my hand, took the pencil and threw it on the floor while staring at my hand for some while.

I found it nonsense of what he's doing checking me out like that, he could just ask me for the answers, "So you are a mind image, and your reflection in the mirror appears, still only I can see you?" Aida's question confused me for a moment.

"let me explain" I know humans don't have this technology yet, well if you are wondering am I an illusion, no I'm a physical materia; the reason people can't see me lies in because they always look for you when they open the door to your room; that gives me about 10 milliseconds to hide, that's enough time for me to hide" I was happy to see Aida out of his depression so fast.

"Still, that doesn't solves the mystery behind talking in my mind, is it telepathy?" Aida asked walking in to the shower.

Kind of telepathy, I simply talk, and you simply hear, I don't know everything Aida, I'm not much of a scientist, more of an experiment; but I know there's a reason for us to have met.

"Experiment you say, well then I think I know what to do", Aida calmly said walking out of the shower, I got an idea "Aida-san I was wondering can you control the morphing yet? Why not practice on it at your holiday?", however Aida dressed up and went to sleep ignoring me, that confused me and I was starting to worry about Aida.

I long waited for the morning to talk to Aida, who just kept ignoring me, he woke up ate breakfast and went to school pretending as if I literally didn't exist.

Walking n his way to school Aida took his cell phone and called his old friend who happens to work at some research laboratory, "Raptor, do you agree that I make some tests on you?, I too want to understand some things", I was happy that Aida wasn't upset at me as I thought, and gladly accepted "Sure, I'll be happy to"; Aida hailed a taxi and went to the laboratory skipping school.

Mad Science

"Hay Aida, haven't seen you since long time! How is school? I heard you've been working on your grades well" The old fellow welcomed Aida, "Listen Carl I have a favor to ask, I need to use the laboratory and show you something", Carl understood if Aida didn't answer to his greeting there's something very serious in his mind.

Although Aida's direct personality did seem offending at times, but people got used to his personality since he always talks less and does more.

Aida went inside the laboratory accompanied by Carl, "Carl, I want this to be kept top secret,

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what you're about to see should not get out of this room.

Carl locked the laboratory and dropped down the shutters, "I perfectly understand Aida, I hope it's nothing illegal thou"

Aida stood in front of the bill board and spoke out loud "Raptor, you may appear, and don't be afraid I want the professor to see you" and he added "and... to hear you"

Carl eyes and mouth dropped open from Aida's mumbling he thought Aida went crazy with split personality.

And there; Aida starts fading gradually where at point becomes transparent, and then a shade of a raptor appears next to Aida; "Hello Professor, it's nice to meet you" I bow in front of the professor.

"What on earth is this; this is a violation not to laws of man, but to laws of current physics! And why are you transparent?"

Aida looked at himself and his hands, I have no idea, Aida left a pencil and wrote something in his diary, as I spoke "Not at all, to appear I need to use organic molecules and in my case I used Aida's body to physical form myself, so physically I am here and I apply to the rules of gravity as well".

Carl slowly walked to the raptor and touched his head, and then touched Aida's hand "so at 50 percent Molecular division or whatever you are still physical", The Professor said lifting his eye brows; Aida responded "I need a bowl of water and a heavy object", Carl brought them, Aida placed his hand on the water, nothing really change, he took a glass of water and drank it, suddenly a small portion of particles like shiny dust went out of Aida's chest into the raptor.

"Everything I take in or wear once turns to molecules, is shared with raptor", Carl brought Ray Scanners an advanced spectrometer, making his own calculations "While Aida tried to left the heavy metal lock, and it went through his hand, as he could only move it but not lift it, Aida smiled cheering "Gotcha!" taking Carl's Attention "What is it", Aida said "I think... I can walk through walls", and walking to a wall he tried to walk through but he couldn't, he reversed his idea and thought again.

"Unless the wall is also molecularly disintegrated I can't, raptor use wall molecules", the raptor become fully fledged being while the wall looked all same, Carl knocked on the wall "Hmm nothing happened" Aida replied "not quite" and Aida went through the wall and came back.

Aida took his diary writing stuff again, "Wow a molecular disintegration without a chemical procedure how does this work?" The raptor lifted the metal lock and handed it to Carl, "Simple it's the power of mind", Carl sat down feeling uneasy "What do you mean?" Aida turned around and asked "Isn't our brain a type of a biological computing mechanism?"

"Not as I know, the human brain is a generator that uses nerve pulses to complete certain tasks,

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and manipulating pulses at certain tension generates energy fields that can connect the human beyond his body, to objects, telekinesis, a very strong telekinetic energy can control parts of objects, such is on molecular bases” That is off course the definition of brain and telekinesis in our world.

Aida walked towards me as professor Carl took a video camera, “Raptor! Morph!” I replied, “You’re the boss” and went into his body merging into a mysterious looking creature.

Aida had a body of a raptor, his size rose to 2.5 meters length and 1.3 meters height. And there were no more clothes, only a dinosaur speaking human.

Now V-raptor thought listening to Aida is the best way to work together for now.

“Awesome! This body is big but I feel as light as a feather” he stood on the weight meter and noticed a weight of 45 kg, but where did the rest of mass go?” the raptor spoke within Aida, “Everybody has an aura, the remaining mass created you an aura as well”, “Hmm a molecular aura” Aida Hummed thinking with his thumb tip on his lip.

“Aura, Telekinesis, Telepathy, sounds like an ultimate weapon” he pointed at Carl’s video camera that just floated of Carl’s hands and dissolved to pieces, but Aida tried to get the pieces back together and failed, “What are you doing Aida I needed that for the record,” Carl spoke in anger but Aida replied closing his eyes “Carl, we agreed this doesn't get out of this room; and in return you can further experiment this phenomenon” Aida walked towards the professor as he morphed back into a naked human, then the clothes appeared on him.

Aida asked the professor to sit down and calmed down in a few moments, “So, how did this happen to you Aida?” Aida opened his back pack and poured some juice for himself and Carl replying “I simply had a weird dream for a few days, I woke up, went to the bathroom and looked at the mirror, and I saw that raptor instead of my face; later on I went to the lake and grow myself a tail, it was that simple.”

Carl had no rational explanation nor conclusions he could reach to from this hard-to-believe story, he rubbed his cheeky face with his hands tired from thinking and had a sip from his Juice.

Carl printed the analysis of the experiment and downloaded them to a storage pane* and printed some papers, placing them in a file in a safe place behind the black board.

“So you didn't show anyone about this? Not even your parents?” Carl asked randomly, “No one knows about this you are the first one I talked to about it”

Carl: “good, keep it a secret, if this falls into government hands, I can't tell you the consequences”

Aida: “I'm not going to use what I don't fully understand Carl, you know me well enough”

Carl: “Do you know what possibilities Molecular Manipulating Technology opens before science? You can create a lethal weapon from that, make teleporting possible, or create new creatures from mere computing, and throw genetic development aside. There's really no limits to what Molecule Controlling can accomplish; I have a feeling this ALIEN Technology was given

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to us for a reason, maybe prove their existence, to educate us, or even prove our weaknesses; I can't tell, nor can I tell if that raptor self in you is honestly the figure of Aliens, and not an imagination figure built to help you accept this phenomenon”

Aida Stood up and looked at himself in the windows reflection “you know I believe that god answered my biggest mystery just now, our greatest weapon is our mind, and what we have are the tools; fate is made by our actions, and religions are mere stories made by man “

Carl moved his head disagreeing “Here we go again Aida; you're still too young and keep criticizing others rather than criticize yourself for being such narrow minded”

Aida stared back at Carl “I was talking about what god explained, don't take this as a way of my thinking, it's a mere logical conclusion, I don't care much about people but I also understand people need religion to arrive to a mutual understanding, and also believe in a religion that will once unite humanity together, that is the religion of science.

“Anyways let's not get distracted, so I get to do the tests on you for keeping this a secret, is that all?” Carl said doubtfully, “No, I want you to keep me updated with everything you learn about this phenomenon, and most importantly define my abilities to control them.

Aida and Carl agreed to work together; he left Carl to work with the data collected from the experiments, and went back to school.

Mixing up with the students during the break, Hikaru Noticed Aida's been missing all day and went to talk to him.

Hikaru: Hey Aida, where have you been?

Aida: well I'm just not feeling myself lately; I went to the doctor; thanks for your care Hikaru but sometimes I can take care of myself, Aida expressed his words with a calm smile.

Hikaru looked back at Aida surprised and yet aggravated, Aida has never turned down Hikaru's help before, “Aida, if it's about the time you got dismissed from the exam because of me, I'm really sorry”, Aida halt Hikaru from his shoulders and looked straight into his eyes, “It's not about you Hikaru, It's about me.

Something is wrong about me and I'm so afraid Hikaru, I'm afraid of my future, I'm afraid of becoming someone who's not me.

Hikaru embraced Aida, “Don't worry Aida everything will change to better, it really does if you look clearly at things” after school, Hikaru was holding Aida's hand on the way home, when they were still kids they used to hold hands, I think it helped them relieve from fear or tension, or maybe it was just a way Aida made Hikaru feel safer, since Aida never worried much he accepts life through logic, rather than a matter of gamble.

Hikaru and Aida were on their way up to Aida's Apartment where suddenly Aida left Hikaru in the middle of the way taking the stairs swiftly, Hikaru called out “Aida! Where are you going?!” his voice faded away in Aida's ears, Aida sensed danger, he breaks in and grabs his father “Kimura” who's sleeping on the couch in the living room, Aida's sense of danger sharpens and

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he jumps out of the window of the 12th floor, falling he screams “V-raptor! Help!” and turns into a raptor to land on his feet holding his father safe on his back, he took dad into the backyard, Kimura was not breathing, Aida did first aid, and called the emergency, the moment pauses, time stops and suddenly the building explodes.

by that time Hikaru came in noticing a dinosaur of some sort attacking Kimura, “Well that how it seemed from Hikaru’s side” Hikaru’s eyes went wide as the raptor looked at him, but he had to save Kimura, he took a wooden board and started to swing it around trying to hit the raptor who was times faster, Aida or rather me was screaming “It’s me! Stop!” but Hikaru was in panic and didn’t hear anything, I had to bite off and throw away this wooden board before he would hit me, and Hikaru ran into the basement locking himself in; I stood by the door and heard him say “Police? Yes there’s an animal in the back yard that just attacked a man, yes, yes also an apartment is on fire; I think there was an explosion.

If the police gets here and catches us, Aida would never see his family again, nor be free, “Raptor Hide!” he whispered silently but I couldn’t, Aida’s body was injured landing from the long jump, and his leg was severely hurt, “Aida, I can’t morph back, you are hurt, there’s just not enough particles to restore you” Aida was running out of options, but making a quick decision and swiftly hopped out of the basement, jumped over the fence and started running for his life.

On the line

Injured but not limping, I helped Aida resist the pain by keeping his mind of it, and soon the cars were chasing us, there were no warnings no talking, the police considering this is a rioting animal started shooting at us, I ran as fast as I can, finally hiding in an alley till things calm down, Aida’s body was exhausted he crashed down on the wet floor catching his breath under the rain’s cold; Aida was relieved the rain would put out the flames in his apartment, but to I thought; the rain eased the pain of those bullet wounds on his torso, Aida’s mind drifted away, I knew he was tired and I worked on healing our body gathering water particles.

Suddenly a man came out of a side door in the alley with a rifle, walking slowly towards us aiming. “Help me” I spoke for Aida exhaling, as the man was shocked to hear English on a tongue of a creature that is not human, he stood outside hearing the sirens, putted down the rifle calling out his daughter to help him drag the unknown creature home.

The man noticed the bullet wounds he saw a moment ago were gone, but other wounds where the bullet is still inside remained also the raptor’s leg was swollen, he banged the leg to a flat board straightening out the bones, and covered the raptor with a blanket he found at the attic, by morning Aida opened his eyes finding himself wrapped in a blanket, he looked at his hands to see he was still a reptile, and he thought to himself, “I can lie on my back? I thought a raptor skeleton doesn’t really allow this, this means morphing with raptor this body structure is not entirely becoming raptor, it had some human functions, yet lighter weight, and somewhat scaly surface.”

Aida suddenly regained memory of the last events and followed up to the fact he’s in a stranger's house covered by a blanket; but at this point, anywhere but the police is good.

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Aida saw a dog coming out from the room opposite him that barked calling, a tall man came out, he was wide shouldered, had brown military haircut and big brown eyes.

“My head hurts,.. What happened?”

“You need a hospital, I found you in the ally”

“No!” Aida yelled as fear flooded his heart, please help me, if the government gets its hands on me I will never see the sun again, nor probably live long.

The man sat thinking for a moment “Are you human?” he asked after a while.

Aida: “Yes I am, partly, well... kind of”

Man: “Well how did you become... this... thing?”

Aida: “I have no idea, I wasn’t born with this.

His daughter came and served tea for us, “Thank you” I gratefully accepted

Aida sipped some of the tea and dropped his head on the pillow, admitting defeat to his strengths

“My name is Michael, I work at a zoo, I can arrange for a veterinarian, I have to take you there to check on your leg.”

“Thanks for saving me” Aida Gratefully nodded his head, as Michael replied “I would have shot you if you didn’t speak English you know, the only reason I kept you is, well, you proved me miracles exist” he said smiling.

The night fell, the raptor was exhausted and drifted in deep calm sleep, Michael's daughter sat next to her dad watching over the raptor covering him every time he rolls over and keep the fire on.

The morning sun rises behind the curtains as the raptor wakes up, he notices that both are sleeping, the wound couldn't heal while the bullet was still inside, the raptor notified that going through molecular processing may infuse the bullet and get matters to worse.

As soon as the daughter opened her eyes raptor said “Good morning” She responded “Hi, good morning to you too, so what's your name?” She asked rubbing the sleep of her eyes, “I'm Aida, and you?” The raptor tried to get up on his feet attempting to reach a seat, but she halt him “You should rest, my name is Yuna” Aida looked wondering “Japanese name?” Yuna nodded smiling “That's Right! My mom is Japanese” and she added “would you like some breakfast?” Aida smiled “sure I'm starving!”

By the time Yuna made breakfast Mike woke up.

Raptor spoke for Aida: Good morning Michael, Yuna is making breakfast.

Mike refreshed his memory for a moment proving to himself yesterday and now are not some dream, staring at the raptor now sitting before him.

Michael: so how are you doing?

Aida: well seems my wound won't heal while the bullet is still inside.

Michael: Who was shooting at you?

Aida: it's a long story well, it was the police; I think they wanted to retire me since I present danger to society.

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Yuna was studying nursery, she could do first aid, she bandaged Aida's bullet wounds. As Michael inspected Aida's ankle, "It's only a matter of time before the police knocks the door" Yuna added, "We have to move him to the zoo"

Michael prepared the car and started the engine, as Yuna helped the limping raptor get into the rear seat, and they went to the zoo.

Calling in the emergency crew, they transported the raptor onto the medical tent, where the Veterinarian inspected him.

Aida pretended being animal, well, a very strange animal; he didn't say anything beyond ouching when it hurt.

The doctor took out the bullets, since he did study for surgeon, he later became veterinarian after failing the final passing exam for surgeon over a drunken night with his friends.

Aida was feeling better now, but lonely, "V-raptor Tell me about you, why did you come here?"

"It's a long story, but generally I fell in love with a writer, and I wanted to write, like make a story"

"A Story? I have lots of book you'd love"

"No I liked only one book, and I want to write, I like humans"

Aida looked at v-raptor (within his mind) "you like humans, and just wanted to write how is it to be one?"

"Well,... I didn't imagine being shot at"

"Huh, being human is not a happy ending, every human is a writer of sort, and he writes his own adventure by living it, it's later up to him if he chooses to write it down. Those who write closer to their hearts, tale their story closer to others' , I believe a writer should live his story to write it later on"

"Yeah, I thought if I become human, it will make it easier for me understand their stories."

Aida took a deep breath "not all humans are writers, a writer makes art within everything, including himself, I'm not a writer"

V-raptor started healing Aida's Wounds now that bullets are gone "Aida, you're a human, and like you said you write your adventure, and I will help you write closer to my heart"

Aida didn't clearly understand V-raptor, and remained quite. "Aida, you must stop thinking blank, you have to run through life, Struggle for your mental survival"

And since then I was helping Aida write for me, I couldn't speak his language clearly yet, but I could share him my thoughts, and how he writes, would be up to him.

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“Okay” Aida spoke “But I have one request, don't speak for me again”

V-raptor nodded accepting Aida's request.

Aida woke up the next day as human, he had his clothes already on him.

It was early morning, and his wounds were finally healed, now as human he must not reveal his identity.

Meanwhile, Aida's Father was taken to hospital, his breathing was normal, the doctors said there was nothing to worry, Kimura was exposed to methane gas for a relatively long while... the door knocks, the nurse opens the door “Kimura, you have a visitor” the doctor did not object “let him in” he said leaving.

It was Hikaru, “How are you doing Kimura?”

“I'm better, all I remember is I was sleeping on the couch, and suddenly I wake up from an explosion finding myself laying in the backyard, I lost my home.” He cried out.

“Kimura, it was Aida, he rescued you”

“What about Aida? Is he alright?” he feared something had hurt his son, for he depends on him to inherit the family business “Where is he?”

“I don't know where he is, but he won't be away for long.” Hikaru knew Aida best, it would even seem that he knows Aida better than himself.

Hikaru told the story of Kimura's fall, no doctors were around.

Silence in the room, Kimura had to choose between belief and lie. After all, there is no other explainable plot where he would wake up in the backyard unharmed from an explosion.

Unless Aida himself set it up and took Kimura downstairs.

“Are there others who saw this besides you?”

“Yes the entire neighborhood, including the police, they just don't know much else than it's a wild animal.

“An Animal, My son...”

“Hikaru bowed, I'm sorry I didn't mean to...”

“It's alright, actually this is not the first time Aida turns into raptor”

Hikaru looked at Kimura “we've got to help him”

“We kill him, sooner or later he will become a monster”

“That's a Lie, Aida can't hurt anyone”.

“Oh yes he will, because soon Aida won't be Aida once he loses control.”

Aida sneaked out and left the Zoo once opened mixing among the visitors, he left no suspicion, he headed home walking, he had no money on him.

“V-raptor, what is the best way home?”

“You have to bold your senses Aida, smell the air for the explosion's smoke”

Aida tried “This is useless” talking to himself, he went to the local store and asked the salesman for directions.

V-raptor was disappointed that his interest in Aida wasn't mutual, Aida didn't find himself as a

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raptor.

V-raptor concluded 'Humans can't be other than humans in mind'

Somehow that later explained why most interesting stories are those where the main role is played by a human, in heart humans are proud to be who they are.

But then again, what are they?

V-raptor's line of thoughts was interrupted as someone approached Aida, "it was Yuna, Michael's Daughter"

Yuna. "Hey there, do I know you?"

"No not really, I don't remember" faking a smile.

"Strange I don't forget people's eyes, and I saw yours before"

Aida was shocked, he can't expose his identity to anyone.

"You're mistaken" turning around, he left the store in a fast pace.

"V-raptor, my eyes didn't change when I was a raptor."

"No they didn't you are not all raptor yet, you're height, and some appearances such as eyes and pigments, and habits remain human. Until..."

Aida wasn't listening, although he is a listener and patient in nature, but facing the stress of being something else than human, is enough to make break any points of sanity.

"I'm sorry..."

"Don't mention it V-raptor I have a favor, take me to your world"

"If you go as a human you won't make it, you have to be a raptor in me, just as I am a human in you"

Aikawa Residence, Aida's house, the fire has been put out, the investigation concluded it was a gas leak, but couldn't explain how dad ended up outside.

This is a gap I didn't consider, this might expose me, I have to do something about it.

Saying 'It was me' will bring more questions, like how did I do it and how did I know.

Okay, the best way is to stay silent for now, I need to have data to manipulate.

there was nothing much left, the fire was put out late, it had taken away lots of childhood memories, books, clothes, many deaths, hospital crew were dragging out bodies of badly hurt and dead people from under the wreckage, Aida had no reaction looking at them for he saw enough of that on the TV already.

He went to Kimura's room and opened the drawer, "Thank god my dad's work is safe"

The fire didn't reach them since the whole shelf is built with glass and metal, "god bless the modern style furniture" he laughed.

"Where is Dad?" one of them said, "Oh the survivors, were taken to the local hospital..."

"Thank you" interrupting Aida said leaving in fast pace.

There he is Dad's record, all okay, no broken bones no hits, no external damage at all, methane gas found in lungs, rather suspicious, "Aida replaced rather with nothing"

Seems this wasn't logged by the usual personnel, "Rather Suspicious?" he read.

"Yes, no burns, no traces, just if this man wasn't close to the explosion radius"

Aida went to dad's room ignoring.

But now he can build a plan. He went into the room "Dad are you okay? What happened?"

Hikaru "It's alright Aida, I had to tell him"

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“Hikaru...” Aida was furious but he always controlled himself.

“It's okay Aida, I woke up suffocating and ran out of the house, before I lost consciousness in the backyard, that's what I told the police”

Aida was relieved that dad didn't give the police anything suspecting him, I was silent because Aida never liked me interrupting him while talking to humans.

Kimura asked Hikaru to leave, “Please leave me with my son, we have a family discussion”

Kimura was a direct person, and when serious, he lacks some manners.

“Dear son, what you have, you have carried with you since birth, at one night I saw you have a tail while you were sleeping. To me I knew it was a dream but I was afraid of it, afraid of its meaning that remained a mystery before now.

Your great grandfather, my grandfather once told me a tale.

He said it was true, years later I learned to think that time it was just the way he tells a story.

He said his brother grew with a beast spirit, a heart of an animal being, regardless of the details I remember it ended always with him consumed by that spirit, he couldn't return human, and had died as animal, killed by the very people he over powered.

Grand father said that the person possessing an animal spirit has one choice, either forfeit it or surrender to it, he said his animal spirit was a big cat, half human, he can walk on two legs, speak human, and have paws, tail, and fur covering his body and tigerish face.

In my vision, I had seen an odd tail, regardless of what animal, regardless of what your story is, I insist that you forfeit the animal in you, do not make me suffer my grandfather's fate, and send my own blood into oblivion.

Aida was silent, he was taken into the world of his thoughts.

Kimura was tired and turned to sleep, while Aida remained staring at one point, drifting.

And I too was now thinking, will I really eat on Aida's soul? And why do we make experiments on humans?

Aida couldn't make any conclusions, all we know is that there are 2 worlds, and 2 of us, in one body, mine.

“I shall control the animal in me, dad” Aida said standing up, Kimura taking a deep breath, “then you should know, that you rescued me seeing the future ahead, you have to wield your own future to do that, but I will not leave you out of my sight.

III -Playing Dead-

The Television speaks, Breaking news, a rouge animal, has appeared attacking Kyoto a few days ago, the animal had not been caught, the police urges the citizens to stay on alert, and provide any information that appear even least suspicious.

Aida slapped his forehead in disappointment, "how do I get out of this" he said.

"I'm sorry Aida"

"Hey Raptor, don't apologize we're in this mess together we should work it out together."

"Aida if you don't like me, you can always become human again..."

Aida was surprised "And you told me just now? I had to live through hell, bullets, and shame!"

"There are 2 little problems" Raptor hung his head down.

"HAH! I'm sure all the problems will go once I get rid of you!"

"One, you and your father would be dead, if I was not on your side."

"Oh great! Now I owe the dude my life!"

"No!" Raptor shaking his head. "I didn't mean it that way"

"I meant that I'm willing to serve you as long as I breathe, and I will not eat on your soul even at the cost of my life"

"Oh, let me be the judge of that, now tell me how do I get rid of you?"

"Aida!"

"Either you tell me now, or I will surrender myself to the police!"

I never want to see Aida hurt because of me, I had to tell him

"You ask me to polymorph into material world, and then all you have to do is kill me"

Aida took a moment of silence

"Is there a way I don't get my hands dirty?" he mockingly questioned.

"we it's hard, you should make some ritual to exorcise me, I'll get the book for you once we walk by the library, you do it then go to sleep, the next day you are free."

"Great! Let's go"

Aida went out of the hospital, he passed by Hikaru ignoring him,

"What's on your mind now, Aida" Hikaru thought to himself.

Aida fastening his pace, he walked to the library, I didn't protest or try to talk Aida out of it, I wanted him to know that I'm not compelling him with anything, I don't want to be a burden.

"Aida, I know I made mistakes and changed your life into this, but I did it with the intention of improving it, I only want to do good for you"

"Yeah like being your world's experimental rat! Thank you! But no thank you"

"I have been always honest with you, I didn't hide it, and if there's anything you want to know I'll answer you"

Aida was laughing sarcastically, "You already did that literally."

"Just so you know, it is you who control me and you write your own fate, not me"

"So by doing that, you will think you can avoid responsibility, on the next problem we have"

"Well I am responsible for the problem we are having now, and I'm about to pay it with my life."

Aida stopped walking he was at the library entrance.

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“What are you saying raptor?”

“Do you think once you leave me, my people will leave me alone?

They won't, I will be punished for treason of my race.”

“What is the punishment of that? Death?”

V-raptor was shaking, Aida could share Raptor's fear.

“Worse, I will be tied down to a platform, and offered as feast to large dinosaurs.

Some dinosaurs got different tastes, I'm lucky it will finish me fast biting of my throat.”

“And if you're not lucky?” Aida was surprised, Raptors who seem honest and righteous can be violent and barbarian.

“I saw how a dinosaur was playing with his food before he eats it, he would tie the raptor up the tree, and licks him all over, then leaves him under the sun for a few days,”

“Talk about Roast Dino meat” Aida didn't believe it, but raptor continued.

“A few days, the raptor doesn't die, he's burnt alive by sun, and that dinosaur starts eating him while the food is alive, from its tail up.. So it lives as long as possible. This is made often when dinosaurs share their food, as part of a dessert, rather than a meal, and a raptor my size, well, I don't have much change avoiding that do I? Well it's called, hmm” Raptor trying to put it into words Aida would understand, “well the name means, something like 'roast turkey' in your world”.

“So you simply become someone else's food, big deal!”

“I won't be someone else's food, because I'd rather jump off”

“Jump off?”

“Yes, Jump of a cliff or something higher, head down”

Aida was silent, by the time he reached the library, raptor manipulated Aida's hand and took out a book of the shelf, “The 3 musketeers!?” Aida asked in surprise.

“Yes” Raptor smiled, “It's my favorite read, he opened the book and took out a list and handed it to Aida.”

It was night, Aida had no place to stay, his apartment was burnt, so he used his savings to rent a small room near school, speaking of school “I have missed a lot in school after that you came around” he mumbled.

Raptor was hurt by Aida's sharp words.

At the evening, Aida cooked his own dinner and started eating while reading and watching the illustrations of the ritual.

“Please kill me” raptor interrupted.

“I told you I'm not getting my hands dirty, I'm no murderer”

“I want to die in this world, I'll be calmer, but still I don't want to face the pain and suffer that terror of suicide, you are not a murderer if you kill someone who asks so, right?”

“In this world, a murderer is a killer, regardless of the reason”

“I beg you” Raptor halt Aida tightly”

“Get off me! I'm trying to eat here!”

Raptor remained silent he was watching Aida eating without appetite, so he polymorphed into material being, without Aida's permission, and cooked some fish for Aida, Raptor served a masterpiece on the table for Aida.

Aida never said no to fish! Raptor knew that about him.

“Poisoned?” Aida mocking raptor.

“No Aida, I share your pain, and your fate, I just know you like fish and wanted to express thank

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you for hosting me in your life”

“Are you trying to bribe me of?”

Raptor couldn't take more humiliation. “I'm tired” he walked alone to Aida's Room”

Raptor felt like if he's a man in prison, counting his last breaths waiting for the guard to come and escort him to the rope.

He was silent, he was sad because he knew the sin he made wouldn't be washed away of his heart while it still beats, he denied Aida his freedom, he endangered Aida's life, he almost made Aida to be murderer, if he was in his world, raptor felt shame.

Knock, knock! Aida knocked the door then entered, “How are you feeling”

“I'm better, hope you liked my cooking” Raptor never cooked to Aida before.

“Yeah, I saved some for you as well” Aida said bringing the dish with him into the room.

“Thank you” Raptor smiled, he started eating, out of respect to Aida, he decided to be loyal to Aida in everything he does, it would be the least of what he can do; Raptor was leaving hope maybe Aida reconsiders abandoning him”

After that raptor finished eating, Aida had took a shower and changed into his sleeping robe.

The exorcism ritual required Aida to undress, he started arranging for it.

Raptor was by Aida's side and helped him giving him with tips and correcting some of things.

“Aida, I beg you reconsider” raptor cried out.

Aida said nothing, raptor left Aida to do the ritual by himself.

It was first time the raptor saw what was illustrated on paper now being done in front of him.

He would want to take this into memory, but it was too painful to witness for him, he turned around lying in bed, staying materialized helped the raptor not see or feel from Aida's self.

Aida was done, the ritual was made correctly. And by sunrise Raptor would be apart of Aida.

Aida lay in bed “before you leave I want to ask you some things”

“I'd be glad to help” Raptor said trying not to look into Aida's eyes directly.

“How did my great grandfather’s brother become whole animal”

“Simple, the animal tried to control the weak and useless human, and he materialized and ate him, there's no other way I know of where a human disappears”

“Very logical, I have a favor to ask, could you wash the dishes tonight?”

“Alright” V-raptor went washing dishes, as Aida went to sleep.

Aida couldn't fall asleep, he couldn't be not worried about his raptor, Aida maybe act cold and mean, but still he's not that bad on the inside.

He got up on his tiptoes, he knew Raptor would still be materialized, since he can't feel him.

He found raptor in the living room, Aida was sneaking to the slid through a barely opened door.

Raptor was writing a letter, it seemed like a last letter he would want Aida to read.

He read it out loud but quietly, as he wrote it, “Dear Aida, I have washed the dishes, and polished your shoes for your school today, I also packed some fruits, and your favorite chocolate; and about school Hikaru's sister likes you, maybe this tip would be helpful...” raptor was silent, he sighed and decided not to write about Hikaru's sister, “Study well Aida, and don't forget about me” took out pliers, and started trying to pull out his fang, he read that humans remember better when they associate their memories to something around.

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Aida busted out of the room, and took the pliers of raptor's hands
“Are you crazy?” Aida exclaimed madly, he threw the pliers in the tool box.
Raptor had no answer he was sobbing and crying out loud, Aida was concerned people may hear him and took the raptor by hand to the room closing the door behind.

“Sobbing raptor” Aida didn't expect that,
“Raptor was bleeding”
Aida brought first-aid kit, “Open your mouth”
Aida treated the wound raptor caused with pliers to his gum.
Then Aida hugged the raptor, and went to sleep in his arms.
Morning comes, Raptor awakes thinking to himself “Nearest cliff is due south, I have no time to reach the highest one, I should not hesitate, and jump head down, a mistake would injure me and I would survive. The shortest cliff is about 6 meters high, it would do nothing if I land on feet”
He opened his eyes and he didn't understand, the ritual says he should be in the dinosaur world, the only other conclusion of his survival is in case Aida gave his life for it, raptor panicked!

He saw Aida sleeping still in his arms, “Aida you stupid, you didn't perform the ritual correctly”
Raptor was disappointed.
But then again he was happy.
And decided to play with Aida.
Raptor could not hide into Aida, Aida would feel him.
So raptor hid himself under the bed.
He saw Aida wake up looking around for him.
Aida dressed up for school, read the letter, put on his shoes and shut the door.
Raptor was upset! “That Aida never cared about me, he didn't even feel sad”

Raptor decided to play longer, he fused with Aida, and stayed silent
Aida was on the way to school, “I'm just deluding, now that I have no more trouble I can work better on my marks”

“Aikawa-san!” Hikaru was calling on Aida running, Hikaru stopped in front of Aida panting
“Kimura-san in the hospital, he was asking where did you go”
“It's okay Hikaru, where would I go? I rented a room with my savings”
Hikaru smiled “Oh is that so, great! We can spend some time together now”
“Yeah sure, more studying-with-the-best-in-class right?”
Hikaru thought, what a show of “Yeah, so how's your 'Animal-Spirit'?”
“I ditched it”
“You WHAT?”
“I performed the ritual and exorcised him out of me”
“That doesn't sound hard to believe after all what I saw with you” Hikaru added with humor.
“I do regret it a little, I should have controlled myself yesterday, I wanted to control the animal in me ended up with unable to control myself”
The alarm sounded, announcing the beginning of class.
2 months past, Aida's life was back to normal, he was careless to what had happened to the raptor, raptor was fused within Aida, but he didn't speak or act to not raise Aida's suspicion.

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Being a raptor gives an advantage of self-control, in the wild animals tend to be very patient and never move a muscle when hunting.

Kimura was back living with Aida, working on restoration of the burnt apartment.

Neither Aida, nor Kimura talked much about raptor.

Raptor felt Aida was happy living normally again.

Aida started dating with Yuna, Michael's daughter.

Raptor watched Aida's life from aside, being a guardian angel, who knows when might Aida need a raptor in him.

Everyone who knew about Aida, including Carl the professor in metaphysics, knew that Aida has discarded raptor's spirit, only Aida knew about the ritual list he stored in a safe place to pass it down his family, just in case they ever encounter a spirit from another world.

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