

- COME ON, RAVEN, PLEEEEEEASE?? - Begged Starfire, like a kid who wants another cookie.
- For the last time, no. - Answered Raven, annoyed.
- I promise, you won't even know I'm there!
- Ugh, could you guys PLEASE take this someplace else? - Said Beast Boy, slumping his shoulders.
- Oh no, seem like SOMEONE isn't paying attention! - Teased Cyborg, executing a double quarter circle pretzel DP motion with 4 buttons on his videogame controller.
- HEY NO WAIT!

**\*SLEEP ONE HUNDRED NAPS!\***

Several white flashes from the huge TV followed, blinding everyone in the living room for a few seconds, and then huge "K.O." letters appeared on the screen. Beast Boy turned into a gorilla for a second and pounded the floor in frustration.

- See?? See what you did now?!? - He said, turning angrily to the two girls behind him. - I was WINNING!!!
- Sorry, Beast Boy... - Added Starfire with a an embarrassed grin.
- Eh, you were winning THIS round. - Added Cyborg, smugly. Beast Boy gave him a stinky glare of frustration that went promptly ignored by his opponent - So... Wanna go 33 out of 64? or are you too... CHICKEN?
- PLEASE take this someplace else, girls? I'm THIS CLOSE to winning here and I can't get distracted again!
- Sure, we could resume this conversation somewhere else! - Said Starfire, again joyful as always. - Maybe... At Raven's secret gym??
- UGH! - Cried Raven, levitating away. - When's Robin coming back? - She asked to no one in particular.
- We don't know, stuff must be really serious for Batman to have called him for help. - Said Cyborg, casually.
- A-HA! Take thi— Oh, C'MON! - Beast Boy said, trying to capitalize on his opponent's apparent distraction... And failing miserably.
- But you know, Starfire, if you need new gym equipment, I can always just upgrade our gym!
- It's fine, Cyborg friend, thanks!
- Then why are you bothering Raven with this? You know she likes her privacy.
- Well, Robin did say we should try to use this time to better connect as a team and as friends, right?
- Right...?
- So, I just want to bond with my friend Raven over this, right Ra—

But, of course, Raven had left for a good while now.

- Ah! Where is she??
- Probably at her secret gym. - Teased Cyborg.
- Well... Maybe she'll be back, or maybe she just went to her room! Oh! I should go check on her!
- Uh, Starfire? - Cyborg said, turning around. - Maybe she wants to be left alo...

But, of course, Starfire had left in a rush. Cyborg sighed, and pretended like he wasn't about to super parry all 52 hits of Beast Boy's opportunistic super move with his back turned.

- **OH, C'MON!!**

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Starfire flew over to Raven's room, and knocked on the door.

- Friend Raven? Are you there?

Silence. Usually there would be something like a muffled "Go away", but there wasn't any response this time. That made Starfire curious. She knocked again, a bit harder, and to her astonishment, the door opened, like it hadn't been properly closed.

- Oh! Raven, I'm sorry, I...

But Raven was not in her (pretty empty) room. Starfire gently and slowly opened the door a bit more, and there was only Raven's belongings in her room, except... Something was off with her meditation circle. There were candles lit all around it, but they had the same black flame that they showed when Raven was using powers near them.

"What's going on?" Starfire wondered, floating into the room. "Unless I'm very mistaken, Raven can't turn invisible, right?"

The redhead floated in, and the door gently closed behind her, which seemed odd since there was windows - or wind - in the room. Starfire inched closer to the meditation circle.

- Um... Raven? Are you there?

The flames flickered just a bit, and Starfire took that as a sign that maybe Raven was listening.

- Uh... Sorry for entering your room, the door was strangely loose on it's hinges...

No answer.

- Anyway... I hope I'm not crazy and just talking to myself here.

Again, nothing. "Maybe I am crazy." Starfire thought, a bit annoyed with herself.

- Ugh... Why don't you let me in, Raven? - She said, now believing she was all alone. - I mean, I know we don't have much in common, but we could bond over this! I know how physical training works, Tamarind has great instructors and advanced equipment!

Starfire crossed her arms, a bit sad, and floated back towards the door.

- I guess... I just wanted to have something to talk about with you that didn't seem... Annoying to you. And I guess, well... I guess you just wanted to be left alone. I know you can be a bit shy, and working out with someone who's much stronger than you could make you uncomfortable...

The teen superhero came to the door and opened it, unhappy.

The door slammed shut., startling Starfire.

- Woah! What the...

She grabbed the handle and pulled, but it wasn't budging. Confused, she turned around, and saw a dark hole form on the meditation circle, like a well right in the middle of the dark candles.

- Raven? - She asked, nervous. "Oh, she WAS listening... Uh-oh..."

There was no response, but the hole stayed open. Starfire floated closer, and tried in vain to look inside. "Well... I guess she's... Letting me in?" the girl thought, hopeful. "Ok then, let' go!"

She lifted up a bit further, and then dove headfirst into the portal. It closed slowly behind her, leaving the room empty and quiet again.

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As she entered the portal, Starfire flew into a dimension where she felt extremely confused and couldn't really understand it. It was like paint being mixed in a container, and she was inside it, which really messed with her sense of direction and perspective.

A second later, she started falling extremely fast, and hit what felt like the ground, only it was barely visible, like a slightly opaque force field. She fell flat into it, splatting like a fly on a windshield, and the impact dazed her so much she took a second to understand it was a force like gravity that pushed her down. It was still pushing on her. She couldn't move. She could barely breathe.

She could hear something moving behind her head, something like... Steps.

- Really? - She heard Raven's voice behind her head, and then the dark haired girl walked around her so they could look at each other.

Starfire couldn't make heads or tails of what was going on. Raven didn't have her cape on, but otherwise she looked like her regular self... Walking around, looking slightly annoyed and bored as usual. "What... Is this a spell?" She thought. Surely Raven wouldn't hurt her, but seeing as this was her dimension, it made sense that whatever was keeping her flat on the floor was some sort of immobilizing spell. "Maybe what I said made her angry? Oh no... I have to apologize!"

Raven sighed, closed her eyes and extended one hand over Starfire.

- *Azarath Metrion ZINTHOS!* - exclaimed the magician, and Starfire felt the weight lift from her body instantly. She breathed a sigh of relief.
- Oh, thank you, Raven! - She said, standing up. - I don't get what happened, but I assure you I didn't mean anything disrespectful!

Raven sighed.

- Sure, Starfire. But I did hear you. And you were in my room. *Without* my permission. - Raven added, with a hint of anger in her tone. Starfire blushed.
- I'm sorry... I simply got curious as your door was unlocked when I knocked, and I-
- Whatever. - Raven said, cutting her off. - In any case, I was just about to start my warm up routine... And for once I decided I should let you participate.
- OH, REALLY?? - Starfire said, beaming. - OH, THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU, RAVEN!

She tried to fly in to hug Raven, but the girl lifted off the ground and out of her way quickly.

- Sorry, I forgot you don't like hugs! Sorry! - Starfire said, chuckling. - So... You did say PARTICIPATE and not just watch, right? - She added, with a hopeful smirk.
- Yes, I mean you can work out with me. - Raven said, turning around. - Come on. And DON'T wreck my stuff. - She added, walking away.
- I promise I'll do my best! - Said Starfire, floating behind her. - In the workout and in not wrecking stuff! But uh... What stuff?
- Over here. - Raven added, a few feet forward. - This dimension has weird rules. You'll get used to it.

Starfire moved closer to Raven, and her already confused notion of space got even more confused as she felt it expand around her in a weird, unexpected way. Nothing changed, yet she almost felt like she had just walked into an invisible larger room in a giant house.

As if to confirm her suspicion, there were several VERY large dumbbells (that she was sure weren't there before) all around them.

The dumbbells varied in size, with the biggest having big, round metal weights as tall as Starfire herself on each side. They also had strange, purple glowing markings on the sides, which Starfire recognized as runes similar to those Raven used in her more complex magic spells.

- Oh wow! You have a really good set of weights here! - Starfire said, floating near them to inspect them a bit. - What are the runes for?
- They make the weights more resistant, mostly. - Raven said, crossing her arms. - But this is not my full set.
- Oh, that's great! - She said, smiling. "Also, I think these might be a little too heavy for someone like Raven at the moment..." She thought. - I was going to say, you could use a more varied bunch for different exercises. You know, the Tower has great workout machines!
- I know. - Raven answered, simply. There was a moment of silence, which made Starfire slightly uncomfortable. - Anyways, I was gonna start my workout here. Do you want to go first?
- Oh, sure! - Starfire said. - But the weights have no labels on them, how will I know how much they weight?
- I hadn't thought about that. They aren't from Earth, so they don't have regular human measurements. You could just pick one and we go from there, or-
- Ok, that works! - Said the redhead, impatient.

"Ok, so let's go by size." Starfire thought, examining the set. "I could just go for the bigger one, but I don't want to scare or intimidate Raven... Although, she does know I'm stronger than I look, so if I started with the smallest, she could feel offended... Maybe start with a middle one, then?"

Raven just watched, stoic as ever, as Starfire had an internal monologue. The alien girl nodded and then walked towards the 5th set (out of 8), each weight on the barbell was as big as a bus wheel. "These should be ok, they look just like the 1 ton weights back at the Tower.

Starfire bent down, grabbed them and pulled.

The weights didn't move.

Not a bit.

- What... huh? - Starfire said, under her breath. She pulled and pulled, straining, using more and more of her strength. The weights didn't budge.
- Are you ok, Starfire? - Asked Raven behind her.
- Oh, yes! - Starfire responded, chuckling nervously. - I'm just a bit sore from my own workout. Maybe I should start with a smaller weight today!

Starfire, a bit confused and nervous, moved down to the second smallest set. They were as big as frisbee discs, as thick as Starfire's palms, and she was sure they looked mostly like the 300kg weights back at the Tower's gym.

They wouldn't budge. Felt no different than the other, bigger set. No matter how much Starfire tried, she couldn't move them at all.

"Is this real? Maybe the weights are enchanted to not move?" The redhead thought, struggling against the dumbbells. Then she had a realization. "That must be it! She's trying to get back at me for annoying her! Of course!"

Starfire stopped trying to lift the weights, and stood up.

- Are you ok? - Raven asked.
- Yes. I am ok. - Starfire answered. - And Raven, I am really sorry about what I said before.
- Oh?
- Yeah, it wasn't nice. I know just because I'm Tamaranian and don't understand Earth's relationships very well it doesn't give me the right to be annoying and intimidating.

Raven's eyes widened for a second and she smirked.

- Intimidating? - She asked, sounding a bit surprised.
- Well... Not intimidating in my looks! - Starfire explained. - I mean the fact that, in this physical activity, I have a natural advantage due to my physical strength. That could make some people nervous about, you know, working out with me. I know Robin is a bit shy about working out at the same time as me, and even Cyborg, he... Raven?

Raven had walked past Starfire, ignoring her monologue, and stopped near the biggest set of weights. "What is she doing?" Starfire asked, as she saw Raven grab one of the dumbbells.

Her tiny hand crushed the middle of the dumbbell as she lifted it with ease.

Starfire's mouth hung open. Raven lowered and lifted the weight a few times, her expression not showing even a hint of effort or stress. Then, she dropped it, and the opaque floor rumbled as it fell down with a deafening boom, stunning Starfire.

- I don't think I should be nervous. - Raven said, eyeing the shocked redhead.
- Wha... How... - Starfire said, shaking her head. She paused for a second. - Ok, Raven, I get it. I annoyed you and I'm sorry. But you don't need to use your powers to make me look weak!
- What? You think I'm using my powers? - Raven asked, genuinely surprised.
- Well... Yeah. Like... - Starfire mumbled, taken aback.
- You really don't get it, then.

Raven floated away, and disappeared as if in an invisible mist.

- Hey, wait! - Starfire said, flying after Raven.

The space around her shifted again, and she saw Raven standing next to a single set of barbells. Each side of the bar was packed with weights, each over 5m in diameter and at least 3m, and they had markings like the ones on the dumbbells did.

Raven extended her hands and chanted her magic words. The symbols disappeared. She turned back to her colleague, and gestured towards the weights.

- Go on. Try it.

Starfire was suspicious, but stood next to the thick bar. She placed both hands under it and pulled.

Using much of her strength, she was able to lift it. "Ok, now we are talking!" she thought, and felt her strength grow with her boundless confidence. In a few seconds, she was lifting the barbell with relative ease, pumping it up and down at a comfortable pace.

- Okay, that's more like it. - She said to Raven. - I'm guessing this has... what, 100 Tons?
- 200, by my calculations, but like I said, the math isn't perfect. - Raven said, nonchalantly. - How does it feel?
- Not too heavy, I kinda am already used to this weight. - She said, before lifting it above her head once. She usually worked out with 150 on her biceps, but 200 wasn't that much harder for her Tamaranian muscles. Raven smirked.
- Good. Now... AZARATH METRION ZINTHOS.

One of the markings reappeared on each of the weights on the barbell. It instantly grew so heavy it fell to the ground, and Starfire was quick to let it go and move out of the way.

- WOAH! WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!? - She asked, scared. Her battle instinct and super agility saved her, as she was pretty sure the weight could have seriously hurt her. She turned to Raven, angry. - This was dangerous! What did you do?!?

- I don't get why you're so upset. - Raven said, crossing her arms. - You're the one that begged to work out with me. You seemed to be doing fine, so I added a bit more weight to it. Isn't that what workout buddies do? Help the other to push their limits?

Starfire stood there, still startled, for a second.

- I guess so, but... You could have hurt me!
- What do you mean? - Raven asked, her tone confused but also... amused? - I just activated one of the 12 markings on the weights.
- And what do they do, exactly?
- Isn't it obvious? They multiply the force on the weights, making them heavier.

Starfire gulped, her suspicions confirmed. "Yep. That's why they felt so heavy instantly." She thought, and slowly she approached the barbell again. Determined, she started to push up against it, and she struggled but was able to barely lift it with her biceps. It felt far, far heavier now.

- T... This feels much heavier than before. - Starfire noted, struggling.
- It should be. Every one of the 12 Markers of Hol'Gruah multiplies the weights. This first one makes them... 10 times heavier, I think.
- I... s-see... - The redhead said, struggling to do a single rep. Still, she was determined to finish a set.
- I can see you're struggling. - Raven said, levitating again. - Keep going, I'm just going to start my warm up real quick and be right back.
- O-ok. - Starfire said, determined to get at least 10 reps in. Raven disappeared like a mirage again.

For a while, Starfire kept trying to lift the nearly 2.000 Ton barbell. She managed to do 6 reps before her arms couldn't lift it anymore, and she dropped it with a thunderous boom before falling to her knees, panting.

"I... I did it." She said, feeling extremely sweaty and out of breath, but proud of herself. "I don't know how, but I did it... I'm even stronger than I thought I was!"

She caught her breath and tried again. For a second, she thought she couldn't do it, but slowly she lifted it again, groaning and puffing, and managed another rep. "Come on... One... More..." She thought, gritting her teeth.

She felt her arms burn, her whole body tense and struggled to manage another rep. She did another 5, and then fell down again, completely exhausted.

- Wow. Impressive.

Starfire weakly lifted her head and saw Raven back. Only... Were her breasts always bigger than her own? And her butt? And her... abs?

- I... Wha... - She mumbled, still struggling for breath.
- I finished my first exercise and came to see how you were doing. How many reps did you manage?
- I... uh... T... Twelve.
- Wow. That's good. - Raven said, getting closer to Starfire and the bar. - 12 reps with 2000 Tons, pretty respectable for someone like you.
- Someone... What do you... Mean? - She asked, recuperating a bit. "Someone like... Me?"
- Yeah. - Raven said. She put one finger under the barbell.

With extreme ease, Raven lifted and balanced the entire bar on just one finger. It looked weightless on it, and she even did a few reps with it. Starfire just looked, dumbstruck, at Raven. "What... What is this??" She thought, shocked.

Raven extended her other hand, still doing reps.

- Azarath... Metreon... ZINTHOS!

All the markings reappeared on the weights, and the bar bent almost to the floor under the massive force now pushing down on its extremities. And yet... Raven was completely unphased.

- What... - Starfire let out, in a whisper of shock and fear, as she crawled back away from Raven. - H... How are you doing t-this? - She asked, confused and scared.

Raven looked at her, but now she looked at her differently: as Raven looked at her, Starfire felt like a prey staring at her predator, and her instincts started screaming for her to run. Yet, she couldn't move.

- What? This? - She said, lifting the weights higher, above her head, like it was nothing. - This is nothing. Watch.

Raven put both hands on the bar, and easily bent it upwards, ignoring the weights on each side like they weren't even there.

- I'd say, right now... - She said, bending the bar into a pretzel. - This weight has something like 1.4 Billion Tons on it. - She said, casually, as she bent it over and over until it was completely deformed. Then she left it there, a mess of extremely heavy enchanted metal, and turned to face Starfire again. - And yet, it's pretty worthless as a workout weight for me.

Starfire simply stayed on the ground, barely breathing, not moving an inch. "What?? No... Raven isn't strong, this has to be a trick, what- No! No, I'M the strong one of the group, how is she- This makes no sense!" She thought, her mind racing, trying to make sense of what she was seeing. And as much as she tried to explain it, to make sense of it in some way that involved magic or tricks, deep down Starfire understood.

Raven wasn't tricking her. Wasn't using her powers or secret magic spells.

She was just strong.

VERY strong.

Raven smiled at her.

- I see you're starting to get it. - She said, walking towards Starfire. - These were my old weights that you were playing with. I hadn't used them in ages. Let me show you my REAL warm up weights.

Raven floated again, and this time she made a disc of energy under the stunned redhead to bring her with her. Starfire could protest, say she could fly on her own, but her body was still frozen with the shock of her realization.

The magician girl brought her to another part of her secret dimension, and as the invisible mist covered the barbell (or what was left of it) behind them, it revealed something that made Starfire gasp.

Two towers of weights, each tower higher than a skyscraper and as wide as a city block, both covered in the markings Raven used on the other weights as well. Starfire was let down by the energy disc a few meters away from the middle of them, where she noticed Raven was landing, and between the metal towers there were two handles of a dark purple metal on the floor.

Raven landed and grabbed them, chanting her magic words. Tethers of dark energy flew from the handles almost straight upwards, and as they cleared the weights they bent once and then again, flying at them and connecting to them, creating a slight force field around the towers.

Raven looked at Starfire, and saw the fear in her eyes. "No way..." Starfire thought. Raven could not be about to do that.

She did.

With a swift motion, Raven did a hero bicep curl that lifted both towers from the ground, and then she started doing reps with ease, steadily increasing her pace.

- You know... I don't think you quite understand yet. - Raven said, not even slowing down. - I know you know how strong I am, but I want you to know just how much stronger than you I am now.

Starfire was completely paralyzed, so Raven just chuckled and continued talking and lifting the weights.

- You were struggling with those 2000 Tons, right? Well, this here. - Raven stopped for a second with her arms flexed ("were her arms always so buff?" Starfire thought) - Each of these weights is around the same weight as several mountains.

She resumed her exercise, passing 100 reps within a few seconds.

- M... Mountains-s? - Starfire said, shaking. Raven chuckled.
- Yeah. Several.

Starfire tried to assimilate that information. Raven looked at her and chuckled again.

- Before I added my spells, of course.

That was the moment Starfire tried to run. Her body moved by sheer instinct, as she understood how weak she was compared to Raven. But just as she tried to use her super agility and flight to escape, dark bindings enveloped her and kept her in the same spot.

- Oh no, I'm not done here and I'm not done with you. - Raven simply said, curling the weights. - Also, where were you going? You don't know the spell to get out of here.

Starfire struggled against the magic chains for a bit, all in vain.

- Where was I... Right. Mountains. - Raven said, relaxing and letting the weights go as she finished the first set. - They were fine for a while, but everything feels light to me eventually. I mean... - She pulled up her arms into a double biceps flex, and Starfire could clearly see her biceps were the size of oranges on her arms. - My strength keeps growing, so of course mountains are nothing to me now.
- How... Why... HOW?? - Starfire said, angry, confused and scared. Raven laughed at her.
- You're jealous, aren't you, you little weakling? - Raven said, grabbing the handles again and resuming her reps. - It's simple, Starfire. I got stronger.

Raven pulled the weights forcefully once, and they jumped up past her bindings before flying down. Raven stopped them from falling, but Starfire realized Raven did that with ease.

- I got so strong that I needed to find a way to make my workouts better through magic. Hence, the Markers of Hol'Gruah that I found in an ancient spellbook. They usually serve to make projectiles more deadly, but in this case...

Raven pulled again, and Starfire's eyes went wide as she saw Raven's body expand all around a couple of inches. Her muscles were clearly showing now, and she had curves that made Starfire extremely aware that she was very skinny and flat.

- They served to make my weights useful again. So I'd say, right now... I'm repping the same as 3 or 4 Suns. On each side.

Raven let that information sink in as she finished her set. And Starfire could not believe what she was seeing. Raven flew closer to her, hands on her now wider hips, her butt clearly visible from the front, and she pressed her now enlarged breasts against Starfire's chest. She felt like she was going to be crushed as Raven pressed against her. Her breasts looked incredible, but just like every other part of Raven, they were insanely strong. Starfire gasped and tried to breathe, and Raven just stood there, chuckling quietly, making sure Starfire knew that even the softest part of her body was strong enough to destroy the other girl.

After a few seconds, as Starfire's face turned purple, Raven backed away and let her breathe again.

- Now that you have the slightest grasp of the difference in our level... - Raven said to the gasping Starfire. - I think you can understand why I really let you in here. You DARED. - She said, dominating, grabbing Starfire's throat and holding her. - To *insinuate* that you were stronger than me. And you are *NOTHING*...

Raven's body began to swell. Starfire's eyes went wide and she struggled in vain to break free of Raven's grasp.

- **NOTHING**...

Raven grew again, now so muscular, curvy and busty that she could make Cyborg look small next to her.

- Compared to a GODDESS like me.

Raven let go, and Starfire fell to the floor. As she looked up at Raven, with her muscular, sexy body nearly emanating power and dominance, she almost cried in fear and awe.

- I'm sorry, Raven... I'm so sorry...
- I know you are, bitch. - Raven said, casually flexing her biceps, growing them past her wrist, bigger than a beach ball and infinitely harder than steel. - But not sorry enough. Warm up is done. Now I'll show you the weights a true Goddess uses.

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Raven freed Starfire from her magical bindings, now that it was clear there was no point in her running away, and let the redhead follow her on her own. Starfire levitated behind the muscle bound goth girl as they moved through the confusing dimension they were in, passing through several weights and workout machines, each more immense and impressive than the last.

Finally, they stopped. Starfire saw only a dark metal wall, too tall to see the top, with a giant purple mark on it. Then she looked to the sides, and saw that the wall was a bit curved around 200m away. It slowly dawned on her, as Raven approached the "wall". She bent down, exposing her gigantic, luscious, perfect ass to Starfire and making her blush in shame of her own body and uncontrolled arousal at the sight of Raven's humongous ass.

- Here we go... - She said, casually, inserting her hands under the metal wall.

Slowly, it began to rise as Raven stood up. Starfire could hardly understand what she was seeing, but after Raven stood up and started lowering and lifting the metal wall, she understood.

Despite the weird mist, Starfire realized that Raven was lifting a weight that was miles long in diameter, and from what she could tell, was also incredibly tall. Raven, looking back and seeing Starfire's awe and terror stamped on her face, chuckled as she repped the weights with her massive, unbelievably strong arms.

- I see you realized what this is. - She said, steadily increasing the frequency of her reps. - This is one of the main weights I use now, but it's getting obsolete as well. I added as much as I could to it, but then I found another solution I'll show you in a bit. for now... Just watch.
- H...how... - Starfire mumbled, but she could barely form a sentence at this point. Her mind raced and was so overwhelmed by terror, awe and arousal in so many unprecedented levels, Raven was surprised she wasn't crying or fainting. Or both.

- How much is this? - Raven said, now lifting the weights over 50 times every second. She thought for a second. - I don't know the exact numbers, like I said, but... I'm pretty sure this is...

Raven stopped, then let one hand go and lifted the entire thing over her head, looking at it as if measuring the weight with her eyes. Her extremely muscular and pumped arm - the entirety of her perfect, goddess body, actually - exhibiting no signs of stress as she lifted the massive wall of metal.

- I think it weighs about the same as a few hundred galaxies. Give or take.

Raven pumped her other arm, watching her huge, now vein covered biceps grow and glancing over at Starfire. She had a blank stare, and her whole body shivered as if she was freezing. She smiled.

- I know I say these things and you might think I don't care... You'd be right, mostly. - She said, resuming her exercises. - But I gotta say, I don't know why I didn't do this before. Being so powerful... So STRONG!

Her whole body pumped up as she said that last word, growing almost twice as muscular and huge for a split second, as if that teen goddess acknowledging her own power made it grow even more.

- I mean, I'm lifting literally the weight of entire galaxies here. - She said, confidence and lust dripping from every word. - And I have to do it nearly at the speed of light just to get a somewhat decent pump.

At this point, the whole weight was moving so fast it looked like it was in two places at once, and Raven's arms were a blur. She was sure she had just surpassed 50 quadrillion reps, but she knew she needed at least ten times that much before moving to her final equipment.

This wasn't a proper workout - it was mostly just to put Starfire in her place - but she still wanted to get at least a decent arm pump before the lesson was finished.

But a couple of minutes later, as she crossed her rep mark, she still felt like her arms could use more.

- Huh... I guess this really is obsolete now. - She said, balancing the weight on a finger.

Starfire saw it, and nearly soiled herself in terror. "No way... I-is she still getting strong-ger?" She muttered under her short, terror induced breath. Raven shrugged.

- Well... I'm done with you, then. - She said. She pulled back her other arm, and with more might than any other being was even capable of imagining, punched the underside of the weights.

They disappeared into the mist, but then there was a deafening roar and a sound like thunder, or maybe like a supernova inside and atmosphere.

- Oh, one of them was in the way. - Raven simply said, chuckling. - Sucks for him.
- W...Who is t-them? - Starfire asked, feeling an energy disc lift her again as Raven moved. She knew Starfire would be too stunned to do so on her own again.
- The beings that live in this dimension. - Raven said, simply. - They're called Hol'Gruath'Kan, the Sons of Hol'Gruath. They are the ones who had the book I needed.
- W... Where are they? I don't see them!
- They're hiding, obviously.
- H-hiding?
- Yeah. From me. I came here and killed their father, so they hide from me now. They should, their father was all size and no real strength. Here, let me show you.

Raven took a right, and brought Starfire with her. After a few seconds, Starfire felt the area around them was incredibly vast. She looked, though, at only a sort of red boulder. By what she could see, it was the size of a city block, but seemed bigger - much bigger - than that.

- Right, you can't see too well in this dimension yet. Wait... Azarath Metrion ZINTHOS! As Raven chanted, she caused the infinite invisible mist above them to dissipate, and Starfire let out a scream. What she saw was a sort of ogre-like demon, red and black, chained by dark magic bindings. His body was limp, and he had holes all over his body, broken bones and injuries. His head was barely recognizable and he was missing a leg and part of his torso.

But what made Starfire nearly pass out was the scale. As Raven forced the mist - which was already returning - to dissipate, Starfire could clearly see his size thanks to the dimensions' strange physics. The demon could have mistaken Earth for a grain of sand. What Starfire had seen of him first and mistook for a wall was just the lower part of his smallest toe.

- He was a pushover. - Said Raven, turning around. - His bones were like crackers and his body caved in with every weak punch I landed. I was ready to have to use magic against him, but even his spells were so weak, I simply beat him to death in seconds. As Raven moved away into the thick of the mist again, the body of the giant disappeared. Raven let the stunned, nearly foaming Starfire through the dark dimension until they arrived at her newest, most effective weight.

- There. Wait just there, I'm just gonna finish bicep workouts for today. - She said, letting Starfire down a few dozen meters away.

Whatever was left of the redhead's consciousness that was not overwhelmed yet tried to make sense of what she was seeing. Raven was moving to stand right beside what looked like a barbell, but it was attached to... Nothing.

Raven concentrated for a moment, and then cast another incantation. Dark bindings flew downward and entered straight into newly created portals, a few dozen of them. There was a rumbling all around them, as if every atom in Starfire's body and around it shook for a few seconds and nearly split in half, and then everything stabilized as Raven concluded her spell, whatever it was.

- Go on. - Raven said, her tone between a tease and an order. - Look at what's in the portals.

Starfire took careful, shaking steps towards the closest portal on the opaque floor. She inched closer, and looked down into it. It took her a few seconds to understand, because all she saw were galaxies and superclusters, as if she was looking into an image of the observable universe. Then, she notices the faint purple glow around it all, and saw it was connected to the magical tether Raven had cast into that portal.

A shiver went down her spine and she fell back, like a scared animal.

- That's just one universe. - Raven said, grabbing the barbell. - I can't make more than one universe per portal, and this is the largest scale spell I can use at the moment. Still, I get more powerful every day...

She grabbed the bar firmly.

- I'm sure I'll be able to create more in time. For now...

The ground shook, Starfire screamed in fear, and Raven let out a low, short grunt as her arms pumped to twice their already massive size and she lifted the bar once. The tethers pulled what looked like orbs containing all the universes they were connected to up, showing the top of each on every portal, before Raven lowered them again and started counting.

- Oh, yeah... - She said, finally feeling a challenge. - This is what I crave... This feeling of finally having to really use my godly strength... - She lifted the bar again, causing

large veins to show all over her body as it finally had to struggle a bit. - ... and make myself even stronger in the process!

Every time Raven pulled the bar, lifting over 30 universes with it, Starfire felt as if her very being would evaporate. The sheer amount of strength and power emanating from Raven, as she made entire universes move with just the raw strength of her humongous muscles, caused everything in the entire dimension - save for Raven herself - to tremble down to its very atoms. The girl's sheer strength was almost enough to start tearing the entire dimension apart.

Starfire cried a bit, praying to anything and everything that could save her before her very being succumbed. But just as she thought one more wave of Raven's might would destroy her, Raven stopped. Starfire had closed her eyes, waiting for her end, and she opened them again to see Raven, pumped and a bit sweaty, looking straight at her, one hand on her massive hip.

- I think you understand now. - She said, levitating closer to the crying weakling. - You are so weak, I could destroy you by accident. You are so feeble you can't even stand near me as I use a fraction of my strength. You are less than nothing compared to me, do you understand that?
- Y-yes... - Starfire said, beyond terrified.
- Yes...?
- Yes, my Goddess. - Starfire said, bowing at Raven's feet. - Please, please spare me. Please let me live, I promise I'll be good.
- I'll let you live. - Raven said, levitating backwards. - But you'll speak of this to no one, and you'll be my slave for the rest of your entire life.
- Yes, yes I will, thank you! - She said, fervorously.
- Good. Now, I'll let you go, but first...

Raven extended her arms and legs, and in a single motion, flexed her arms.

There was a deafening boom and Starfire would have been sent flying back, had Raven not put a barrier around her preemptively. In an instant, the girl's muscles bulged and grew exponentially, as did her breasts, ass and ESPECIALLY her biceps. From Starfire's point of view, it was as if Raven had twin mountains growing on her arms, covered in veins and emanating raw strength beyond her comprehension. Raven stood there, staring at the redhead, and a smirk appeared on her face.

- You know, if it wasn't for my force field you'd be dust right now. But then again... "I'm not really flexing yet" Starfire heard all around her, as Raven's voice became so powerful she was nearly deafened.

Slowly, Raven's muscles grew even more... And thanks to the way the dimension worked, Starfire could see just how massive Raven got, and her eyes went wide with awe and pure fear of what Raven could do to her - no, to reality itself - if she so wished.

As Raven chuckled and easily grew her peaks to become bigger than entire universes, she saw, delighted, Starfire finally reach her limit and pass out.