

Chapter 44 If Not For Coleen's Help

"Katherine."

She quickly closed the scroll in fear and hoped that the person hasn't read anything from the scroll. Looking up, she saw Coleen.

"Hey Coleen," she said and watched as he sat.

"When did you get here though?" She asked, just to be sure that he had not been standing here for too long.

"Just now, what's that in your hand? You seem serious with it?" Coleen asked.

"Oh this! Just a book..." She didn't know exactly what response to give so she changed the topic and said without thinking, "you look good today, Coleen."

"Really?" Coleen asked with a furrowed brow.

"Sure... So how have you been?" She asked.

"I'm fine. Tomorrow is my birthday though," she said.

"Are you for real? Happy birthday in advance, Coleen." She said with a smile.

"Thank you but I'll be glad if you agree to go on a date with me tomorrow. It's my birthday and because tomorrow is the final day of the General's training, I won't have time to throw a party but if you could go out on a dinner date with me tomorrow, my year would be made."

"That shouldn't be a big deal. Afterall, we are friends now. You can go ahead and choose the restaurant and the time, I'll be there," she promised.

"Thank you so much, Katherine," he said gratefully. They talked on random subjects more before it was eventually time for the second and final training for the day.

After all the generals had all assembled, a Grandwar king stood before them all, he is called Grandwar king Chaney. For the seven days, different Grandwar kings had been coming to train them. Today, it's the turn of Grandwar king Chaney. And tomorrow, which is the final day of the training, the god of war himself would handle the training.

Standing Before everyone, Grandwar king Chaney spoke, "your final training for today is quiet risky.... Right over there, a fire had been set, you are to run through the fire as quick as you can. Here is the logic, if you jump through the fire in less than one second, your body wouldn't react nor catch the fire at all. Have you ever lighted a fire with a lighter and moved your finger through it?"

"Many of you did that when you were young. Your hand doesn't get burnt cause it doesn't stay too long in the fire. Same logic appears here. But do understand that if you are slow in jumping, your body may catch fire. Though there are fire extinguisher men around that would quench the fire in your body at once but then, you already lost the match."

Grandwar king Chaney continued, "once you are out of the fire successfully, you are to run as fast as you can inside the blue pool. It's a very large one, once you jump inside, rubber bullets will be fired right inside the pool, ensure you swim in a zig zag manner and go deep into the pool of you can. Don't let the bullet hit you until you are able to swim out of the pool at the other end."

"Once you are out of the pool, you would meet two strong men waiting for you, you are to fight hard with them until they loose consciousness. If you think you can not beat those men, just shout, 'I give up' and you will be spared but declared to loose. Otherwise, if you refuse to shout 'I give up' those men will beat you till you loose consciousness. These are your tasks, any questions?"

"No, sir." The voice of the one hundred and nine generals sounded like thunder. The generals were supposed to be one hundred and ten but one of them had been arrested for trying to kill Katherine on the first day of the seven days training.

Also, the Grandwar kings used to be ten but are now nine cause one of them was caught trying to kill the arrested General. The Grandwar king and that particular general had been arrested.

"Attention!" Grandwar king Chaney shouted.

"Salute!" The one hundred and nine officers saluted him.

"Turn to the right in threes, right turn!" Grandwar king Chaney shouted.

At once, all the Generals that were lined up in three rows turned to the right and marched their foot to the floor.

"At the count of one to three, you move. One!" He shouted hard. "Two!" "Three!" At the count of three, all the generals took off. Their legs speeding like that of a cheetah.

Katherine was of course amidst the general, her legs were moving very fast that one would have thought she didn't have a leg, once she got to the fire, she jumped through it and the fire didn't catch her anywhere.

"Yaaayyy!" She screamed as she continued running. Behind her was Coleen, he was surprised at her speed and amazed as a matter of fact.

When Katherine got before the pool, she jumped into it, followed by Coleen.

The soldiers stationed around began to fire rubber bullets into the pool. It's not like the bullet can penetrate deep inside the water but the force at which the bullet was coming out of the gun can make it penetrate a little inside the water so unless one is deep inside the water, they would be a victim of bullet.

Katherine alongside others dived deep into the pool, she kept moving in zigzag manner as instructed by Grandwar king Chaney. At the end, she got to the end of the pool and jumped out. She was the third person to jump out.

Coleen was the forth.

The generals that made it out quickly out of the pool ran as fast as their legs could take them to where the men they will fight with are. The men were already holding placards labelling the names of each officers. So every officer just need to find the men with their names.

When Katherine found the men she was to fight with, she furrowed her brow in shock, they were two tall and giant men. They looked like one that can throw her away with one finger.

She set herself in a position to fight and signalled for them to charge at her. The two men rushed towards her and threw series of punches towards her but she carefully guided their punches while looking for their weakness.

She was doing more of guiding but how smart could she be between two skilled fighters, one of them was able to kick her in the back and she was sent forth sprawling on the floor. Her body was immediately covered with dust but she stood at once.

Before she could balance, two kicks were sent to her belly and she rolled mercilessly on the floor. She did a backflit to the back and balanced herself.

"Did you give up?" One of the men asked.

"I don't give up." She said and the two men charged at her again, she jumped and sent two direct kicks to the men's neck. Their neck almost broke. They both winced in pain but cracked their neck well and charged at her with fury. This time, they knocked her down and sent blows repeatedly to her face.

She used her long nails to tear the back of one of them, once he loost his guard, he pushed him off him and kicked the second one with her knees in the nose, he fell and groaned in pain.

She jumped on the man who just fell and sent many kicks directly to his nose until he lost consciousness. Katherine's face was already bloody, when she turned, she saw the second man standing straight.

Katherine charged at him but he guided it and sent her a kick in the belly. She fell and groaned in pain. She slammed her two hands to the floor , did a backflit and stood balanced again.

Then she charged at the man but he defended all her attacks skillfully and sent her a kick in the belly again. Her belly hurts badly and she could barely stand straight this time.

"Did you give up, general?" The man asked.

"I do not give up."

"Fine." The man rushed to her and sent her two hard kicks that sent her flying, Katherine went to crush on a tall tree and she fell to the floor. Her eyes become blurry at once and she became dizzy.

The man ran to her in order to kick her again but a voice shouted, "stop!"

The man turned and saw who shouted, it was Coleen. He was also reeking of bloods. All his face, hands and clothes were covered with blood. He had successfully beaten the two men who were his opponents until they fainted. Only for him to catch sight of Katherine being beaten mercilessly by one of her two opponents.

"Just tell her to give up," Katherine's opponent said.

"I'll help her. Come fight with me," Coleen said and set himself in a position to fight.

"Fine," the man charged at him and they both began to exchange heavy blows, the fight became bloody as Coleen was so skilled when it comes to fighting as well. But he had lost a lot of strength to the two opponents he beat so the man eventually beat him until he lost consciousness. But this time, the man was very tired too and had blood literally drooling out of his eyes. He was only able to see well with one eye.

Katherine took advantage of this and beat the man until he lost consciousness. Katherine turned out to be the fifth winner. The fifth winner was Coleen but since he opted into a fight that isn't his and eventually lost consciousness, he was declared a looser.

Katherine felt bad for Coleen and ran to him, "ambulance please!" She shouted. Of course, many ambulance cars were already made available. Many injured soldiers including Coleen were immediately taken away to the hospital.

If not for Coleen's help, she would never have been a part of the winner of this game. Katherine felt very grateful to Coleen and hoped he heal soon so he would be able to celebrate his birthday tomorrow in good health.

