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The young man walked through the city streets and headed toward the train station. As any other day, he was going to work at Mister Fox's farm in the northern part of the city.

The young man was surrounded by people, going in different directions and minding their own business. They all had jobs they needed to do or things they wanted from life.

There was a man who sold food, and another woman instead stood behind an information stand advertising her services as a masseuse. Another offered advice on where to go if someone wished to find companionship, and another was trying to sell something that looked very much like drugs.

Despite living in a militaristic society, the world wasn't freed by criminals. They became worse with the advent of the brain crystal powers and brought much damage to society.

Erik later arrived at the train station; the place was always full of people and trains leaving and coming.

He spent some time looking at the shops around him; they were full of things the young man had never had the pleasure of using.

One shop sold weapons; knives and swords hung above the entrance. Next door was a small clothing store selling mostly women's wear; at the end of the building, Erik saw a barber pole standing proudly against the shop wall.

In front of it, several men waited patiently while waiting for haircuts. Most of them wore uniforms: soldiers, police officers, firefighters—they came here every month to get their cuts.

It seemed this establishment was popular among those professions because the owner himself happened to be one such person.

The young man bought tickets for both ways, then boarded the first train heading north. After riding along the rails for about some time, Erik noticed that everything around them began to change; houses turned into fields, and buildings were replaced with forests.

Soon enough, they entered the city's edge and reached the area where Mister Fox lived and worked.

The place was beautiful and in stark contrast with the city, where technology reigned supreme. Here, instead, nature took its rightful place.

Trees grew freely everywhere, even up high on the walls surrounding the houses. The sky overhead shone brightly under the sun. Birds flitted across the skies, singing sweet songs.

Mister Fox owned a large portion of land and used most of it for growing plants and vegetables. Some of the crops were grown indoors, but not many people did that anymore since it only resulted in higher prices when buying food.

The place was littered with flowers and grasses, making walking down the path almost surreal. The air itself felt cleaner than anywhere else.

This was the kind of environment where the young man would want to live, and he hoped he would one day be able to do so after retiring from the military.

When the train stopped, the young man went running toward the farm and arrived fifteen minutes later. From a distance, Erik saw Mister Fox tending the field.

His hands moved rapidly across the soil, which appeared somewhat moist despite being dry outside. With every move, dirt flew away in dust clouds, revealing a small mound of the earth below each hand.

The young man arrived at the gate of the farmer's property, and he greeted the old man. "Good evening Mister Fox; I came to work."

The man looked up when he heard the sound of footsteps approaching. Then, he looked at the boy standing in front of him and coldly said to the young man, "C'mon, kid, these plants won't grow alone."

"Yes, sir!" Erik replied. He then went to the barn to change, he still had his school uniform, and he couldn't risk dirtying it. Once he changed, he ran out again, "Go there," Mister Fox ordered, "I already collected all the product and cleared the soil. Now go make yourself useful."

Erik ran there to use his power, as he did every day, and after a while, plants started sprouting from the ground.

He decided to start collecting the plants that he made grow. Some grew taller and bigger than others, which were shorter but thick and tough. All of them provided food and nutrition for the farmer's animals but most of them were sold to the government.

The sun started to set as he worked, but Erik was too focused on his task to notice.

"Ah... Ah... Ah..."

The sound of footsteps echoed inside the forest surrounding New Alexandria. A soldier tried desperately to hold back the tears that threatened to fall down his cheeks. Behind, thaid's were

chasing him. They appeared like rats, but their teeth were razor sharp, and the creatures were as big as house cats.

These creatures were known as Densoph; the soldier recognized them immediately since it was his and his team's task to find out what was happening inside their population.

The militaries, in fact, found out that the creatures had been behaving strangely recently since they were moving outside of their usual territory and were often attacking New Alexandria.

The soldiers who survived the assaults claimed the monsters attacked without reason or provocation. Since there wasn't any apparent reason for those things behaving like that, a team was dispatched to find out.

It took some days before the team managed to enter the deep woods east of the city. Their mission was simple: investigate the situation and report to the military command center.

However, the investigation proved difficult because multiple thaidis were spotted along the way, and they all had the same behavior as the Densoph.

They attacked indiscriminately and were far out of their usual territory. After much difficulty, the team finally arrived at the Densoph territory. The team, though, found it completely empty, not a single one of the weird rats was there, and they searched for days.

Eventually, the team realized that the Densoph must have been driven away by another species of monster, so they headed west, trying to go back toward New Alexandria. After a while, the beasts came out of their hiding place and swarmed the team sent by New Alexandria.

The monsters were too much for the team to escape. It didn't matter if the soldiers fought well against them. Once they surrounded their position, the fight became impossible.

"Martin, Luke, you have to run. Make sure you are able to warn the city about the monsters!" the team leader said. Both men nodded and ran off.

As soon as they disappeared into the trees, the remaining members turned their attention to the monsters closing in. They were outnumbered, and even though they knew how to handle themselves, there weren't enough people left to take care of the group of monsters. They were all killed minutes after, swarmed by the high number of monsters.

At the same time, Luke and Martin fled deeper into the woods, hoping to reach safety somehow. But no sooner did they leave the sight of the monsters than several others of them chased relentlessly. Martin tripped over an obstacle and fell face-first onto the ground.

In less time than it takes to blink, a monster grabbed its throat and ripped it open with little effort, dying during the escape.

Luke, instead, lost the usage of an arm due to a monster surprising him by jumping from behind a tree and biting him. In spite of this, the soldier kept going until he reached the city's border. Still, as he thought he would be safe, the monsters rushed out from the forest and started chasing him.

"Fuck!" He screamed. "Help me! Please help!"

The creatures were on his tail now, he knew he wouldn't survive if they caught him, and he didn't want to die. So he turned left and ran through the forest.

The young man used his power to make illusions to drive away the creatures, but the thaids had a powerful sense of smell and were able to chase the man deep into the forest.

The place was surrealistic, with trees towering above him and strange flowers blooming everywhere. As he got deeper into the woods, the sounds of nature became more intense, birds chirped loudly, and insects buzzed incessantly. It was almost impossible to hear anything except the noise created by the environment.

The soldier kept running, sending illusion after illusion of himself going in different directions. This confused the pursuing monsters and gave the man enough time to run ahead and hide.

The creatures kept following the man each time, separating into different groups to chase the new illusion. This didn't last long since the monsters could differentiate him from his illusions thanks to the smell. Soon, they began to chase him relentlessly again.

Luke made sure to stay as hidden as possible by staying under a giant boulder, hoping the cover might protect him from the pursuit. But even then, the monsters were getting closer to his position.

The scent of sweat and blood was strong on him, alerting the creatures of his position. One of the thaids jumped onto the rock beside him, its claws digging deeply into the stone.

The soldier resumed his running, but he eventually, tripped over a rock and fell onto the ground, landing hard on his chest.

As soon as he hit the dirt floor, he saw the pack of monsters charging at him, ready to kill. He tried to stand up quickly, but the beasts finally arrived upon him and started tearing him apart.

They bit off his leg first, then his arms followed, and eventually his head. His breathing stopped, and he lay still among the grasses.

One of the creatures then looked up, and the image of multiple skyscrapers appeared in its field of vision.

"The last time I had been on the front line was two years ago. It hadn't gone well for us; we lost most of our men to the enemy before they could even reach the shore. The only thing that kept

me from losing all hope of surviving that mess was the memories of my family. Those memories gave me something solid on which to rely when everything else around me seemed to be slipping away into chaos. It was an anchor point," Sergeant Raveena said.

She was tall and slender with a lean body structure similar to athletes. Her skin tone was dark, as if she was used to sunbathing often. Her hairs were dark brown, but her eyes were green like emeralds or jade stones.

She took a sip of coffee while looking out over the forest. A gentle breeze blew across her face and passed through the open window behind her. In the distance there was nothing visible except for the trees growing thickly everywhere in front of her.

She took another sip of her coffee and looked up at Roma as she remembered those sad moments. Roma was the total opposite of the young woman she was talking to; she was pallid like a ghost. Her hair was black, and she wore a pair of glasses.

"But this is different." Her eyes turned cold again as soon as she saw the look on Sergeant Roma's face. "Thaids are a bigger threat than the Hininas," she added.

Both she and Roma were stationed at the city's edge, in a military building made to deploy troops fast in case of attacks. There were several such buildings scattered across the city's perimeter. The two women stood next to each other and talked quietly about the days in which the war started.

Sergeant Raveena had just returned after spending some days off duty in town. And now that she had returned to work, she found out that her old friend Roma had also started working at the border. They spent some time talking about war, and she told her about how Thaids had attacked a nearby village three weeks prior.

There were no casualties among civilians because their defenses managed to hold against the attackers long enough for help to arrive, but five soldiers died defending the place.

The thaid situation was becoming more and more difficult since the number of attacks increased in the last months.

Most recently, a platoon of twenty-five soldiers went missing during an attack by what appeared to have been thousands of these monsters. Their bodies weren't found, leaving the militaries to wonder what had happened to them.

"Do you think we will be able to stop the thaid invasion?" Roma asked.

Her voice sounded distant as if she was thinking deeply.

"I don't know. We need better soldiers and training. But we can try." Raveena shrugged.

They both sat on the room's couch and continued drinking. After half an hour or so, a knock came on the door, followed by the sound of footsteps approaching quickly towards the area where they were sitting.

A soldier wearing full combat gear entered the room without waiting for permission. He stopped right beside his superiors' table and saluted. His helmet covered most of the side of his head, giving him the appearance of being bald.

He spoke clearly: "We got reports of a group of Thaidis heading our way!" he announced.

His voice echoed inside the small quarters. Both officers stared at the man, trying hard not to show any emotion. They knew exactly what would happen if either showed anything less than absolute confidence.

"How many?" Raveena asked calmly.

"A thousand strong, sir!"

In response, she nodded slightly and ordered, "Get your squad ready and inform Colonel Tiwana immediately."

After saying that, she walked toward the door, still holding the cup of hot liquid between her hands. Roma followed suit.

The hallway outside the room was full of soldiers scurrying left and right, carrying weapons and armor. She could see a few men running past them and entering the elevator from the end of the hall.

At the same time, the doors opened, and people exited them. One of the men walking out said something loud enough for everyone around to hear.

"It looks like the Thaidis are headed straight here."

As soon as he finished speaking, the soldiers reacted; they grabbed their guns and headed out of the building, going in position over the building's defensive positions.

Everyone rushed forward and began climbing the stairs. They moved like a well-oiled machine. As far as she could tell, all the troops were fully equipped with protective equipment. Considering how much damage a single thaid could cause, it seemed like a good thing.

The elevators were packed with soldiers rushing to get to the upper floors. Others climbed down the stairwell instead, taking turns until the crowd thinned.

Roma and Raveena went to the bottom floor. When they did, they noticed a couple of soldiers standing guard at the entrance to the corridor.

One of the guards stepped aside and waved them in. Soon afterward, she and Roma arrived at the colonel's office.

Roma knocked twice before receiving permission to enter. The inside of the room was neat and tidy, everything neatly arranged in its own place.

A large desk dominated the center of the space, behind which was seated Colonel Mirko Tiwana. He was tall and blond and was wearing a light gray uniform.

The man rose from his chair when she saw Raveena and Roma walk through the door. The two women made a salute and then bowed politely.

Tiwana smiled broadly and greeted them warmly. He looked at each of them carefully, then addressed the two:

"As you are probably aware, a problem arose," he said.

Both women nodded.

"Our forces reported that a group of a thousand thaidis is approaching this building. I want Roma to lead a squad on the east side of the premises while Raveena the west side."

At the mention of those words, Roma felt herself tensing up. She wasn't new in commanding squads, yet fighting the thaidis was never simple, and having lives depend on her decisions was a great burden. Raveena was in the same situation too.

But there was no other choice, and after hearing about the enemy numbers, the only option available was to fight.

Raveena stood straighter.

"Yes, sir! Understood!" both the women replied in unison.

Tiwana gave explained the plan to the two women. Once he was done, they turned toward the door leading outside the room after showing their respect to their superior and started walking toward the exit.

Colonel Tiwana watched the two leave the room, leaving him alone again. He sighed deeply. Then he placed one hand on the edge of his desk and leaned back into his seat.

The two women then went to the meeting room; eight people were waiting for them inside the room, standing by the walls. All of these individuals had ranks above private and most likely held higher ranks than that.

But even though they were veterans, none of them appeared worried or anxious. Instead, they were looking relaxed, almost bored.

They waited patiently for the two women to arrive, and once they entered the room, silence fell upon the gathering. The soldiers made a military salute at the two officers and waited for her to speak.

"I'm Sergeant Raveena Greene, and this is Sergeant Roma Sinclair," Raveena said. "You have been assigned to be part of our squads," she added. They stared at her silently.

"You, you, you, and you will come with me," then Roma said. "The rest will go with sergeant Greene. Is it clear?"

"Sir, Yes, Sir."

And so, the two squads were formed. Each squad consisted of four members plus an officer. All these men and women were powerful and trained; their specialty was melee fighting.

A small briefing about each other's BCP started, and after they were done, the two women had a general understanding of the soldiers' capabilities.

The teams left the building together and headed toward their respective defensive positions. On the way, Roma took note of the weapons some of the team members carried. Some of them had laser rifles, and others wielded pistols.

In addition, many of them wore armor plates over their bodies. It seemed all the equipment needed to defend themselves against the thaid's attacks was here. It was true that they mostly used their BCP to fight, but not all of them had powers that allowed them to attack from a distance, which was necessary in some situations.

The two groups were tasked to stop the thaid's from approaching the building and had to fight melee, mostly since the soldiers over the roof of the building, and many other defensive positions, were already there with their weapons drawn, waiting for the enemy.

After reaching the designated location, the first thing Roma did was give orders to her squad.

"We're going to form a circle around this area. We'll keep watch on the northeastern corner of the building, where we can see what's happening out front.

It was then that the soldiers started hearing something. They couldn't discern what it was, but logically it could only be one thing. Thaid's footsteps.

A few minutes later, the sound got louder and more distinct. Soon enough, the noise came closer, and soon after that. The two squads found themselves face-to-face with the enemy.

"Stand in position!" Roma said to her soldiers at the east side of the building. Raveena did the same on the opposite side. It was then that the sound of rifles started echoing through the air.

