

## Werewolf 751

### Chapter 751 A change of quest

Standing by the door, Killer just stared at the man and the woman who was next to him, who were both wearing masks. They weren't wearing any playful masks, but the same medical masks that Gary and Big Mask had been wearing when they first came in.

At this point, it had already become a realisation that all of those that wore this type of mask, probably belonged to the same type of people.

"Look, I really don't want any trouble, I'm just following the order of Big Mask. Please can I stop getting hit, and my life threatened." Killer said.

Of course, the two of them had no clue who Big Mask was, so it made no sense for them, but with Kai taking a peek past the open door, he could see a full werewolf boy in action.

"Olivia, you head inside and help the boss out." Kai said. "But don't transform and don't use your whip."

Kai was still being very cautious about the whole situation. They had an auction to go to, and now really wasn't the time for them to be making enemies. Unfortunately, their group had appeared on a couple of TV broadcasts, and the gangs that had done their research would know what their Altered forms were or what weapons they used.

Listening to the order, she rushed in, and could immediately see Austin's back as well.

"You said someone asked you about these two people right, bring them with me, and put them in the car. Meanwhile, I want you to answer all of my questions otherwise you will receive a beating." Kai said.

Some of the minibus vehicles were already on their way back to Slough, along with the other Howlers members that had arrived with them. Kai had only come with a small group of people, and some of the workers on board.

Honestly, if he could, he wanted to do a drive-by, pick Gary and Austin up and leave this place, but it appeared they were in the middle of everything.

When they had eventually reached the car, Killer had given a quick low down on everything that happened. Who Big Mask was, what they had done at the event, and even a green haired person interrupting the fight, wearing the same mask.

Based on the texts he had received, and information that Kai knew he was quickly painting a picture of the situation.

‘Was it Austin that was the one that caused more trouble this time, but then again Gary had already caused the scene at the factory, so one way or another we would have been put in this pickle.

The back of the minibus door opened up, and they placed Vlad in first, after that they placed Vere in as well.

“Wait, I need to head inside, I need to make sure that Nox is taken care of!” Vere shouted.

“From the sound of things you were already close to death, and for some reason my teammates have been dragged into this whole thing. I’m not blaming you, but the situation has gotten too dangerous, now that they are involved.”

It was hard for Vere to argue back with that. It was clear to those members that her father was making some type of deal with a bigger organisation than that of the Scavengers.

‘What is going to happen to me now though. These people are with Austin right? Just who is Austin, how are they able to pull off something this big?’ Vere thought, looking behind her. ‘If I stay in this town and Nox is still alive though, then I can’t live here, he’ll kill me in a heartbeat. I... I have to leave.’

Just as Killer and Herbert were ready to head back into the establishment before people branded them as traitors, an old man ran to the end of the minibus.

“Kain!” the man shouted.

Turning around, Killer was wondering who the heck would call him by his real name. When he saw who it was, his eyeballs nearly popped out of his head.

“Dad!” Killer shouted out.

“Kain, you were here all along!” The old man jumped from the back of the car and hugged his son, when Killer went to hug him back the man squealed in pain from the wounds he had on his body.

Because the old man in question was Earny from the factory, the man who had been whipped and then saved by Gary.

“What happened to you, dad, is everything all right?” Killer asked.

“It will be.” Earny said. “These people, they're helping us, they're taking us out of this city once and for all, and giving us all a better life. We can finally escape from this place. I was so worried that you didn't get my text. We went and stopped by our house, but you weren't there.”

Earny knew nothing about Killer's life, what he did outside from home. Since his father worked at the factory and lived at the factory, Killer hardly saw his father but on the day's he would return, he would head back and play the good son image for the day.

“Wait, but how can we trust these people!” Killer asked.

“I don't have time for that.” Kai answered for Earny. “You're going to have to make a decision fast, because we're leaving this place.”

Kai ran from his position, his footsteps deep in the grass, and banged the metal door open. He was now in the Phantom Brawl arena and could see everything going on.

For one, it looked like Olivia was completely confused about what to do, without transforming and her whip, she was struggling to get any of the Retrievers. There was someone by Austin's side that looked to be trying something to trap them down, and Gary, well he had pinned down one of the Retrievers and was slashing at them.

Now he could rely on his teammates to keep the others busy. However, there was no good situation that could come out killing those in NIRV and the longer they all spent in here the more trouble Kai could see.

“BOSS, EVERYONE!” Kai shouted. “Let’s get out of here now!”

Gary heard the words, and when he turned his head he wondered why Kai had turned up.

“We have everyone Boss, it’s time to leave!” Kai shouted again.

At that moment, a quest had popped up.

[An optional new quest has been received]

[If you accept this quest, the previous quest will be deleted]

[You will unlock a temporary new skill: Claw swipe]

[Quest details: Escape from the Strike force using the new skill ‘Claw swipe’]

[Quest reward: unlock new skill ‘Claw swipe’]

## Chapter 752 Claw Swipe

A new quest had landed in front of Gary during a difficult time, but not only that but it was the first of its kind he had ever received before. A temporary skill was in his possession, it was somewhat giving him a taste of his powers.

Looking around him, he knew the voice had come from Kai, and he could see Olivia by his side as well. With all of them, it was most likely that they could take down this new strike force, but was it worth it?

'In situations like this, I have to trust that Kai is the one with a much calmer head on his shoulders!' Gary thought.

One of the retrievers was going for Olivia, and she seemed to be struggling a bit, running in close, Gary activated his skill.

[Lethal pounce]

He jumped to the side avoiding one of the other retrievers and then landed, jumping right on one of them before they rushed to attack another.

"All of you!" Gary shouted. "Listen to what he said, get out of here now, and I'll hold the rest of them back."

Olivia had only arrived, and she was quite frustrated she had been toyed with a couple of times by the retriever that was in front of her. Without using her weapon or her transformation, of course they got the upper hand.

"If I ever see them again, I'll rip their head off!" Olivia snarled, and started to run towards the exit.

"They're trying to escape!" Kon shouted. "Don't let them!"

'We're trying to escape!' Olivia thought, looking behind her. 'These guys are idiots. They have no idea that we're the ones letting them live!'

She was in her right mind to just turn around and transform there and then taking at least one of them out, but could see Kai was keeping an eye on them all from the door.

Still, that didn't stop the fact that one of the retrievers had flown right past Gary, not caring about the one that he had pinned down, and was heading straight for Olivia. Wanting to do something, his grip loosened and the retriever had flown out of his grasp.

It seemed like nothing was going right for the Howlers at the moment. The retriever was on her, until from the side, with an explosive power, Austin, fully transformed, bashed into the retriever with his shoulder.

It sent the Altered flying and breaking right through the tables and knocking down some of the gang members on the side with it.

Immediately, Austin's transformation started to end and revert back to normal. He was exhausted, he had already been fighting for a long time, and had received a beating from the entire group. He had used up the last of his energy there and then.

"That's twice that you've tried to help me in a pinch." Olivia said, as she rushed over and allowed for Austin to lean on her shoulder. "Let's follow the boss's orders for now."

Austin accepted the help, but looked back at Gary. He wanted to help him, but now he was trying to do this on his own. This was his mess and once again Gary was the one getting them out of it.

"He's a good boss." Austin stated.

"Why do you think I haven't betrayed you guys yet." Olivia smiled back

Just like all the times before, no matter how many times the retrievers were hit, clawed, or beaten they seemed to get up, ready to fight again.

"You're running after putting up such a strong fight?" Kon said. "What's wrong, you don't want any of your friends to get hurt?"

"That's right." Gary answered. "We got the people we needed, we did what we needed to do, so it's time for us to leave. If you continue to try and stop us, you'll regret it."

Gary was waiting for the right chance to use his new move, because there was a large energy cost in using it.

[- 50 energy]

He wasn't quite sure what it did, but even with the night sky out and how many skills he already had used, he still had to be careful.

While Kon and the other retrievers were floating around Gary waiting for the perfect chance to attack, Elijah was the only person that had stayed close to him, and he had spotted something.

'Is that the infected Altered solution!' Elijah thought.

He could see a suitcase on the floor, opened up. There was only one syringe inside, as the other looked like it had been used, but it must have been dropped at some point in the fight.

Everyone was too focused on what was happening to care.

'If I get my hands on that, maybe we can start building a case from there?'

Elijah decided to make a dash for it while everyone was focused, he ran forward until he could see a hand reaching for it. It was none other than the leader of the Scavenger's, Nox.

"Oh no you don't, that suitcase is mine!" Elijah threw his leg forward, and mid swing it started to transform, encasing itself in grey rock. It hit Nox, straight in the head, and the impact felt like he had been whacked with a metal bat.

His head was flung back and his eyeballs were rolling towards the back of his skull before he fell to the ground.

"Alright, now it's time to get out of here." Elijah picked up the suitcase and was ready to run, that was until he could see another retriever coming towards him.

"You b\*stard's using the same technique over and over!" Gary shouted.

Elijah was too far, though, for him to reach, and Elijah with the case in his hand was going to be too slow to react.

‘Alright new skill, show me what you got!’

[Claw swipe]

Gary activated the skill, swinging his hand in the air, making a swipe, and out from his clawed hand a condensed visible energy was seen going through the air. Markings just like that of his claws went through the air.

It looked like a giant hand had created the marking based on its size, it went out fast and hit the retriever right in the back. The marking sliced through its wings and a deep wound cut into its body. Blood was pouring from the back, and caused the retriever to fall down. It didn’t look like it was getting up from this injury.

#### Chapter 753 Leaving the city

Even though the attack had come out from his own hands, Gary was left staring at it. He couldn't believe what had just happened; the attack he had just used was unlike any of the other attacks he had before.

‘This... What was that? It's almost like one of those powers that the different Altered have.’ Gary thought. In particular, he was thinking of the attack Jayden was able to produce, but his Altered form had given him some type of power of the wind.

This didn’t feel like a wind attack; it felt like the energy that would usually be in his body had come out from his literal fingertips. Not only that, but the radius of the attack was even larger than his whole hand, allowing him to make a larger wound just like he had done on the Altered.

The retriever was on the floor, its wings on its back had been ripped apart, its body was shaking as it was attempting to get up but was unable to do so. Kon and the group had no clue what to do, meanwhile, Elijah himself was stunned.



“Get out of here! There’s a car waiting for us in the back!” Gary shouted.

It snapped Elijah out of his daze.

‘Damn it, now I owe him one as well,’ Elijah thought, as he started to run.

Although he was an Altered and was a bit faster than most, his Altered form didn’t focus on speed, so he would be caught in no time, and he knew that himself as well.

“Don’t worry about them, and don’t look back!” Gary shouted again.

‘What do you mean, don’t look back!’ Elijah thought. ‘You weren’t able to stop them when it was just you on your own; they’ll just target me again.’

However, a second thought started to go through Elijah’s mind. He had just witnessed Gary do something incredible; perhaps this wasn’t the end of the incredible things that he could do.

Just as expected, the retrievers didn’t want Elijah to get away; Nox, with a bloody nose, holding onto it, stopping the blood from dripping over his clothes.

“He’s getting away with the product; you have to stop him!”

Kon’s antennae started to move, giving the others the signal, while he wanted to check on the wounds of his teammate from the Strike force. They were heading straight for Elijah, but in that moment, something had forced them all to turn away.

“AWHOOOO!” Gary howled with his head in the air.

[Magnetic Howl has been activated]

Something inside nearly all of them there made them turn their aggression and their anger straight to Gary. Even Kon found himself going toward him. Each of them was flying directly at him.

With his knees bent down, Gary had his claw ready and a smile on his face showing his razor-sharp teeth by his side.

[Claw swipe]

Gary swung his arm across his body this time, letting out a large claw mark that would hit them all. It landed perfectly, cutting all of them up. Wounds appeared across their whole body.

Some of them had crashed into the ground immediately after feeling the deep wounds they had received, while others had tried to defend from the attack by lifting their arms up but still receiving deep wounds.

‘What was that?’ Elijah thought. ‘Never mind, I guess he really did have a plan.’

Exiting out from the metal door, Elijah was sprinting across the field, and he could see the back of the minibus open, while a blond-haired figure was standing in front of it, waving his hand for them all to get inside.

Elijah didn’t have time to think; it was time for him to get himself out of this town any way he could, and he would figure out if these guys were enemies later on or not.

Jumping up, he looked back to see where Gary was, and could see him running on all fours towards the vehicles.

“Go, go, go!” Gary shouted, his face transforming back to his normal self. Kai listened and quickly jumped in the car; the engine was started, and it was on its way revving up.

Gary had leapt and landed on the roof, using his claws to dig in and stop him from slipping off. The car was on its way out from the area and out from the city.

“F\*ck, F\*ck!” Killer said, staring out the window. “What the heck is going on! And, I think they're still following us!”

The car had to be careful since they weren't in the best area. There were no set roads; they were out in the middle of nowhere, and if the car broke down, then they would have no choice but to fight back.

The Strike Force, having somewhat recovered from the initial hit, had flown out and were heading straight to the vehicle.

Elijah, Vere, Austin, Earny, Killer, Herbert, all of these people were now involved in this and were wondering just what was going to happen next.

“I gave you a warning; if you follow us, then I'll have to kill you!” Gary shouted as he swung his fist out again.

[Claw swipe]

The attack went through the air, but due to the distance, they were able to avoid it this time, but it was quite narrow as well.

‘Damn it, with all the energy I’ve used up, I can only use the claw swipe two more times; otherwise, I’m going to be in trouble unless I eat something,’ Gary thought.

It was right after the attack though that the retrievers had stopped. They stopped following the Howlers and hovered in place as they watched the car.

“Boss, are you sure this is the right thing to do?” One of the female retrievers asked.

“That attack, I was hoping it was a one-time last resort he had, but he just used it a few more times.” Kon answered. “If we get hit with that thing, then it could be the death of us, and I don’t want anyone to die over a useless Tier-4 city like this.

"We have no choice, contact NIRV, and ask for support, ask them to send an S Rank to deal with this."

#### Chapter 754 S Rank Retriever

Kon and his group had finished making the call to NIRV, and he didn't have the best expression on his face. The others could tell based on his whole demeanor that they weren't happy that they were unable to finish the job and that they needed support.

However, Kon didn't care; he cared about his team more than he did NIRV. With the car off in the distance, the group decided that they had to head back inside.

"Is the S-rank retriever coming to this city?" one of them asked.

"Yes, when he arrives, he will be here to support us. NIRV doesn't want any of what happened today getting out, and they want us to find out who was behind the real attack," Kon replied. "While we're waiting, it's best if we do research into just what the goal was for those guys."

It didn't make much sense to the retrievers, apart from one thing they had witnessed: one of them going ahead and collecting the Altered solutions.

The most likely answer at the moment was that they were competitors of NIRV who had hired another gang to do their business. Most likely, they didn't have a clue what they were getting into. Taking out a Tier-4 gang and taking something that belonged to NIRV were two entirely different things.

"They were strong, though, a lot stronger than I thought. There can't be many gangs that have members that are that strong. That limits our numbers down a bit," Kon thought.

Entering back into the Phantom Brawl, the whole place looked a mess. Altered had been killed and left on the ground. Some of them were just badly injured, and Vixen, who was originally a retriever working for NIRV, had been taken care of as well.

"Round up all the Altered, and get Nox to stand with the rest of them," Kon ordered. "And make sure no one leaves this place."

The steel doors were closed behind them with one of the retrievers standing by. It was the retriever who had been injured most by Gary, taking a direct attack on his own. The fact that he was standing strong made none of the gang members want to try and test if they could break free or not.

Doing as Kon ordered, the Scavenger squad leaders had been lined up, and that included Nox, who was following everything he was told. Meanwhile, the sisters, as well as the onlookers, were told to just stay standing by the side.

Kon walked up to the lineup and turned his head to look at the others.

"As you might have guessed, we have been sent here by NIRV!" Kon shouted so everybody could hear. "Nox here was taking care of the city for us, and in turn, we gave him quite a few valuable gifts: the Altered. Yet, today, he failed us."

Swinging out his hand, Kon slammed it right into Nox's face and stopped. The force of the punch was powerful, and since it was just in one area and Nox was a normal human, his skull was smashed, and his head exploded before he fell dead to the ground.

"I hope you know not to speak of what happened today to anyone, and I hope in the future, that we can work together."

Kon clicked his fingers, and the other retrievers immediately went full force into the injured Altered. They swung their fists repeatedly and quickly until they were no longer moving.

"All of you are free to leave now!" Kon smiled, and he looked over at the four sisters who were shaking, swollen-eyed, and their minds a little broken from everything that had happened.

"Between the four of you, one of you decide who's going to be the next one to run the Scavengers; NIRV will be in touch," Kon said.

The place had been cleared out, and reports had been given through phone calls about what had occurred in the city before they had arrived. Still, it was making even less sense to them all as they were finding out information.

Around an hour later, a large knock was heard on the metal door. One of the retrievers slid it open, and in front of them was the S-rank.

"Jayden Clove, reporting in," the man said, as he walked past and entered the room.

Jayden Clove was Jayden's real name, and it was what NIRV had him documented as. So they clearly knew who his family and connections were, unlike the rest of the world.

Due to his skills, not just inside the AFC, but outside, he was considered S-rank, being one of the top 50 AFC fighters. However, S-ranks weren't the highest rank retrievers; there was SS and SSS. However, if these retrievers were to be called, there would be a country-wide issue happening for them to be involved.

"I hear that they left not too long ago, so if we want to track them down, then we need as much information as possible. Did you find anything out?" Jayden asked, as he walked over to the others who were sitting at a table.

They had propped up one of the fallen tables and brought chairs over for them all. The retriever that was by the door flew in and sat down with the rest of them.

"Everything has been strange; we can't find out the reason for their attack," Kon answered. "They started out at the factory, yet they didn't destroy it, nor did they take anything of large significance. Instead, they took the workers, of all things."

"Then joining this underground fighting and Phantom Brawl. It doesn't add up, apart from that some Altered solution was taken. They should have known that Nox was just a figurehead, yet they still went after him."

They sat around the table, and all of them were thinking for a bit until one of the retrievers spoke up.

"I think I know who that Wolf Altered is," they said. "Before he transformed, I knocked off his mask, and I saw his face, the green hair and the transformation. I was looking into it; I think it's Gary Dem!"

Some didn't know the name, while others had reacted, and for Jayden, his heart beat even faster.

"I'm sure of it. I was looking into him, and it appears he's connected with a gang called the Howlers. I'm pretty sure these were the guys who were hired, but I don't understand why they would steal the workers. The Scavengers could always just replace them with more people."

Everyone was waiting for an answer, and that's when Jayden just smiled.

"It's because he's a good guy."

"Sorry, what did you say?" Kon moved closer thinking he might have misheard.

"And you guys aren't." Jayden's eyes had changed and only in that moment had Kon managed to catch it, but it was too late.

Jayden's hand had transformed into a claw and smashed Kon's head right through the table. His claws had dug halfway through Kon's head.

Continuing his transformation, Jayden was getting ready to deal with the rest of them as well.

"Why are you doing this, aren't you with us!"

"Me?" Jayden replied. "No, I hate NIRV."

## Chapter 755 A new life

Inside the minivan, there wasn't much talk among those who were inside. Everything that had happened felt somewhat like a dream. It was unbelievable what they had gone through and what they were going through now. Never could they imagine that today would be the day when everything changed for them.

Looking outside the window, the workers were saying their goodbyes to the city that they had spent most of their lives in, and strangely, Killer, along with Herbert, was still in the car as well, wondering what they were going to do now.

Meanwhile, the rest were resting, resting as the adrenaline was starting to settle down, and they wondered what the outcome of this whole thing would be.

When the group arrived in Slough, the minivan had made a stop at one of the construction sites in a part of Slough called Salt Hill. It was an area that was mostly empty, filled with land and large parks.

The initial idea of the area was for children to hang out, since there were skateparks, tennis courts, and basketball courts, all for young youths to enjoy their time. However, because of this, it had quickly become a hangout spot for the color gangs.

A lot had changed now that the Howlers had taken over. The plan was to integrate the parks, upgrading the facilities while building new housing apartments and developments. The Howlers members had already gotten rid of the color gangs, and the young were starting to use the facilities for what they were actually designed for.

Most of the area was still under construction, but there were three large tall standing apartment blocks that had been finished, and arriving through the front gate that had security on the outside, the minivan drove in, meeting up with the others that had already arrived.

The Howlers members were looking after the residents who were amazed at everything around them. The place was beautiful in their eyes. There was green grass, trees, and freshly made flooring.

Was this really the place they were going to hold up people that they didn't even know in? Moving to a tier higher city, they thought they would still be living in the same conditions as before, but this was night and day.

Kai, getting off the minibus, stretched his arms, and soon the others followed, along with Gary and so on. Vlad was still passed out and laid in the back of the bus, so Austin had stayed with him inside, just in case anything happened.



But, Vere, Killer, Elijah, and Herbert, all of them had exited the bus, wanting to see what this town of Slough was and what they had planned to do with the residents.

"Hello, everyone, and thank you for being patient about our arrival," Kai announced. "I know things must be quite shocking for you all. This sudden change won't be easy on anyone, but we will try our best to make you comfortable while you are here.

"My colleagues will each hand you a key, along with the number attached to the room that you will be staying in. These will be your apartments to live in while you stay here. We can't just outright give you these apartments.

"Since this whole development actually belongs to our own tycoon of Slough, Gary Dem."

There were a few whispers and large smiles on their faces when they heard that name, which made Kai feel strange inside, wondering what he had done to make such an impression on them.

"However, you are now citizens of Slough. Work hard, save up money, and buy a place of your own if you wish, but there is no pressure. For the first week of your stay here, you can settle in, explore what Slough has to offer.

"I have arranged for a minibus to arrive with supplies for food and basic necessities in the morning. As they arrive, they will run some surveys of the skills you currently have, and we will try to help you get jobs according to your respective fields.

"Failing that, Slough also has a good connection with Cardenez Electronics, who are in need of workers, and they are happy to take on more workers. We will work hard to build a relationship between the two of you."

Kai finished his speech there, and they were all dumbfounded. Could this really be true? Were there really people this nice in the world? Who would offer such benefits to people like them? Maybe top students at a university, or the country's most skilled workers, but them, who had a bad education and had only learned to do the basics.

It was only natural that, with this much generosity, tears were starting to flow out of their eyes, and that's when the group started to walk up to the green-haired teenager.

He was still wearing the mask on his face, so Killer and the others still didn't know who he was, but the workers in the factory did.

They all bowed down at the same time. "Thank you so much for your generosity; you don't even know how much this means to us!"

They all started to say several words of praise, and some of them even thanked him by saying his name. Saying thank you to Gary Dem.

"Wait, Gary Dem!" Killer said. "Isn't that the AFC fighter, the one on the program, what the? Who are these guys, and that Big Mask knew him as well."

Things were confusing for them, and it would be for a while. Now that the workers had been dealt with, it was time for them to decide what to do next.

What were they to do with Killer, Herbert, Vere, Elijah, and Vlad, who was still an infected Altered? All of these high-profile people who had come to Slough.

## Chapter 756 Joining the Howlers

The newcomers in Slough had stayed for a couple of days and they were starting to settle down. Killer, along with his father Earny, had pretty much made their decision that they would be staying here.

The place was far better than the last area they were in, and for Killer, the most he would be losing was his friends, with whom he didn't feel very close. Outside of school, he would only hang around with the other gang members, trying to get a position in a lower division gang of the Scavengers. Going back wasn't an option, and he didn't want to go back when staying in a city like this.

As for Herbert, the leader of the small gang that was in charge of recruiting the kids, he too knew that there was no going back. Finding out that the Scavengers were being run by a stronger corporation, they would wring him dry, asking for information about the Howlers, and even if he gave it, he felt like his life was still on the line.

In the current city he felt safe, but unlike the others, because he was a former gang member, they couldn't just allow him in the city. They gave him a choice: either leave or join the Howlers, and he had decided on the latter, joining one of the many squads. It was a far cushier job than he had imagined, so he had next to no complaints.

Then there were the rest. The group had been staying in the same apartment block as the workers. They were currently outside on the patch of green grass, sitting on a bench.

Vere, Elijah, and Vlad were there as well. The three were uncomfortable, just passing awkward smiles at each other. During their stay, they hadn't really talked to each other and were just reflecting on everything that had happened.

As for Vlad, although he and Vere had talked in the past, he hadn't said a word since he had woken up, and Elijah, knowing full well, had been keeping an eye on him. In fact, even now, there were members of the Howlers in the park, in black and gold uniforms, keeping an eye.

Eventually, a large limo went through the front gate and drove along the path to the front of the apartment buildings. There was no parking allowed in this area, but they were a special exception, of course.

Getting out of the car, three men were seen, of different heights but each one of them was wearing the black and gold Howlers uniform, with a mask covering their entire face.

As they walked onto the grass and passed many of the other Howlers members, they bowed down towards the three, and didn't lift their heads until they had fully passed them.

Reaching the bench, the three sat down on opposite sides.

"Austin?" Vere called out. "What's with the mask? I know what you look like and there's no member of the Scavengers here."

"Today we are here to meet you three as members of the Howlers," Kai answered. "And I don't mean the corporation, but the gang that runs Slough, Notsburg, and has alliances throughout the tier three cities."

Although their faces were completely covered, Elijah could tell who the large figure was, Gary, due to his green hair, and the blonde one that had helped them out.

'It seems like Gary might hold quite a high position in this gang after all. No wonder he trusted them so much,' Elijah thought. Not only that, but based on the smiles he could see on the faces of the workers and how much they helped them, it was hard to use the word "gang" for this group because it was completely different from what he had seen other gangs do.

"Although you guys might know who we are, the Howlers' members do not," Kai explained. "Our identity is a secret to the whole organization, and those that wear the mask are the ones that run things behind the scenes."

Vere was thinking back to what the blonde man had said before, how they were a gang that had taken over multiple cities. It was no wonder they had this strength, and seeing Austin here with his mask meant he had to be in a high position as well.

"We wish to talk to you all officially because we believe every single one of you can benefit the Howlers greatly. Someone from the White Rose, a talented woman who still has connections to a gang related to NIRV, and an Altered that can have a fresh look on life.

"We gave you a couple of days to decide what you want to do, and now we are here to listen to your answers."

The group looked at Vlad, thinking that he would be the first to speak. Since he had nothing left, it was a no-brainer, but his eyes, the life in them, was lost. So instead, Elijah cleared his throat, and he was the first to speak.

"I am a member of the White Rose, and I must go back to them," Elijah explained. "I am truly thankful for your group and everything you have done. I would have never been able to get my hands on the Altered solution without your help.

"Because of that, when I return, I want to do my best to help you. I don't know if NIRV knows that you guys were behind the attack or not. If they do, they will be all over you. With the solution, I will try my best to convince White Rose to run an investigation on them.

"Although I don't think there will be any final outcome, they will at least feel some pressure from White Rose, maybe enough for them to delay in finding out about all of this. I can't promise this though."

Kai nodded as he understood, and it was probably the most expected result. That was why he slid a small black card that had a number printed out in gold writing.

"We should stay in contact; there might be a time where you need our help in the future."

Elijah took the card, smiling, and thinking to himself that he never imagined he would be acquainted with a gang leader.

"I have something else I would like to suggest; I think I should take Vlad with me back to White Rose."

## Chapter 757 Ask the boss

The original task that had been set for Elijah was to find out about the infected solution. He needed as much proof as possible regarding what NIRV was doing to put pressure on the large corporation.

The main reason why NIRV used other gangs in the first place was because they could wipe their hands clean of everything. Even now, Elijah was pretty sure there would be no links left behind, or at least no one with knowledge. With Vlad, there would at least be a bit of proof, and they could investigate further into just what the solution did.

Unlike before, it was clear that the infected solutions were getting better and not driving the host mad as they would do before. Everyone had turned to Vlad, expecting him to answer, to speak up about what he thought about the whole thing, but there was silence on his end.

"Are you sure you're able to protect him if we did that?" Kai asked. "I have a feeling that if you did bring him in, then it would be under the guise that he was a criminal, which is not the case at all.

"You said it yourself just now, he is someone that is very important to you. So I doubt you would ever let him step foot out of the White Rose base. For a kid so young, do you think that's the kind of life he should live?"

Elijah was tensing his face because Kai had hit the nail on the head. He wasn't confident in protecting Vlad, and he had thought about his goal in the White Rose rather than Vlad's own situation in all of this.

"I apologize for what I said and what I am about to say," Elijah stated. "Things are difficult, but he is an infected Altered, which shows the same signs as a crazed Altered. He might be okay now, but there is a chance that his situation could get worse. White Rose has the expertise for someone to look after him, can you guys do the same?"

The question was reversed to their group now. Were White Rose able to protect him? Probably not, but they had a chance to help him unlike the Howlers.

"Wait?" Gary said. "Actually, I think we do have someone who could help Vlad out. It will be as good as someone practically having someone at NIRV, and he's a very close friend of mine."

Leaning into Kai's ear, he whispered the name. "Tom."

At the moment, Tom was working for NIRV, and he had already seen some of the things that they had done, and knowing the type of person Tom was, he didn't agree with them at all. His dream job turned out to be a shambles.

At the moment, they didn't have enough funds to ever build a corporation like that of NIRV, but perhaps they could at least get Tom to check on Vlad and find a way to remove the infected solution.

If they needed some money to build a small lab for one Altered, then that would be fine as well. It was good to have Tom in NIRV to know their secrets, but at the same time, it was dangerous. He was Gary's best friend, and if they found out who Gary was and what he had done, he had no doubt that they wouldn't give it a second thought and try to use him.

"Maybe I should try and convince Tom to leave NIRV sooner rather than later," Gary thought.

Kai was smiling as he was thinking the same things as Gary after hearing the name. Tom would indeed be a great addition to the team, but he also liked the idea of having ears and eyes in different places.

With Elijah with White Rose, Tom with NIRV, and even Innu and Blake with the Altered Hunters, they were in a good position to protect themselves from an attack on all sides.

"I see, it seems I underestimated this gang of yours. With that, I think that my presence is no longer needed," Elijah said, standing up. "Good luck to the two of you." Elijah bowed, and then turned to Gary. "It was good meeting you as well, and you managed to show me what it's like to act on your own, to act when you think it's the right thing to do.

"It's quite amazing that you can do that. I'm quite jealous at how free you feel here; now I understand why you like your group so much."

With that said, Elijah gave another bow before he walked off and made his own way, while the other two had remained at the table.

"So I guess it's just you now," Austin said, his voice breaking a little. "Have you decided what you are going to do, Vere?"

"Do I have a choice?" Vere gave a half smile. "I've been keeping in contact with Vivi; she updated me. Nox is dead. A representative from NIRV was sent, and they want to make one of my sisters their next point of contact.

"Although I could probably go back, if I did, it would be in hiding. If Nox was still alive as well, I probably would have made it my goal to head back and get the job done, but now, what can I do? If I go back, it will just be a harder life for me."

"You don't have to join the gang," Austin said. "You can stay here and just work like the others and can live a normal life."

Vere tilted her head back and started to laugh again. "You know, part of the reason why I beat up those school kids back in the city was because I enjoyed it. So don't go counting me out or trying to protect me just because I'm a girl. I can handle myself. Which means I have decided that I'll join the Howlers."

She then straightened herself the way she was sitting and looked straight ahead. "So is this how it works, right? I just have to officially ask the boss if I can join?" Vere asked. "I wish to join the Howlers gang and promise to be loyal and a valuable member to you!"

She said the words strong and loud, while looking right ahead at Kai the whole time.

"I think you've made a bit of a mistake here," Kai said. "I'm not the boss of this group."

Both Austin and Kai's eyes moved toward Gary, who was sitting at the end, and Vere's mouth was left hanging wide open.

"Welcome to the team," Gary smiled.

#### Chapter 758 The next move

Vere continued to stare back and forth between all three who were in front of her: the large Austin, the charismatic Kai, and then there was just Gary. She had seen his display of strength against the other Altered, but she just thought there would be more to the leader.

"Sorry!" Vere apologized immediately and lowered her head. She had been quiet for a while now due to the shock and realized that it could come across as quite rude. "If you please allow me to, I wish to join the Howlers. I promise that I will become a useful and valuable member to you in any way possible."

"No worries; Austin already told me everything you did to him. Maybe you can train some of our restless youngsters as well," Gary replied back.

"I know our idiot may not seem capable," Austin butted in, which seemed out of the blue after the conversation was over. But judging by Vere's reaction, Austin felt like he needed to say something. "But our leader is the most capable person there is."

"I, and the rest of the Howlers members, truly trust him with our lives. You might not see it at first, but as time goes on, I'm sure he will grow on you."



"Hey! Do I really give off that bad of an impression?" Gary complained back.

The group started to laugh; this is what Gary liked. He liked being with his friends, having nothing to worry about, while his family and the rest were able to enjoy their lives.

A few days had passed, and there was no news of what was happening with NIRV. It seemed like they weren't on their backs, and with this, Kai was satisfied that if they were to attend the next auction held by the Dark Guild, they would be able to buy as many Altered solutions as necessary.

However, before that, they needed to decide what to do with something else. In the Wolf's Club underneath where Kai's office would be, three young teenagers, close to being adults now, were looking at a large crate.

"I still can't believe it," Gary said. "You actually managed to get the crate of these things. The whole reason I wanted to get the factory in the first place is because of these."

Gary took one of the crystals from the crate, and when he lifted it up, his system had confirmed that it was a beast crystal. After eating so many of the basic-tier beast crystals, he knew they had no effect on his growth anymore, but he thought that they could use them for something else instead.

"So do you think you can do something with them, smart guy?" Kai smiled, as he patted Tom on the shoulder.

After accepting Vlad into the group, they thought that it might be best that they got Tom on the case as soon as possible. They knew that he might be busy, but even then, he would at least get some days off, and it was always good to have an excuse to see each other again.

"I can't believe it as well. You guys really did manage to get your hands on raw beast crystals," Tom said. "I'll be honest though, this is way above my level of expertise. Even if you did buy some equipment on the black market, I would be worried that I could never turn this stuff into Altered solutions for you guys to use."

"I'll look into it though, and try to get a mentor that can teach me. For now though, I think it might be best if you just sold them through the auction. I'm sure NIRV or some other company will be interested in buying them up. Although crystals gathered from the same area tend to be the same type.

"So that would cause them some suspicion if they did find out."

"We can't exclude certain people from buying these crystals either," Kai mumbled, troubled by what he had in front of him. He had a gold mine, but one that he was unable to use. "I could try to go to the other groups privately, but I'm worried that they would target us trying to find a source as well."

"I did have another idea about what we could do with them," Gary said. "I originally thought the same thing as you, but if we can't use them like that, then how about eating them."

The look on both Tom and Kai's faces were in disbelief. They were thinking that Gary had gone mad.

"I know it sounds crazy, but I've eaten these crystals before. I think it might be something only werewolves can do, but when you eat them, you'll feel your body growing stronger. Elijah could vouch for me, but when he tried to do the same thing, it looked like it had no effect. Which is why I think it might just be a werewolf thing."

Kai picked up one of the crystals; he was thinking how crazy Gary was sounding right now, but would he have believed Gary if he had originally told him he was a werewolf? The whole situation was crazy, so opening his mouth and, transforming his jaw slightly, he bit down on the crystal.

It was a strange, crunchy texture, like putting a pile of rocks in one's mouth, but his powerful jaws made it easy for him to swallow. It didn't take long after for him to feel the energy surging all around him.

Just gripping his hand tightly, Kai could feel the strength in his fist increasing.

"I can't believe it, Gary; this is going to change the whole gang completely. Me, Olivia, and Marie, we can become more stable than before."

Kai was already thinking about everything going their way, and with the Altered solutions, soon they would have an army strong enough to go against 2-tier cities multiple times and would be close to being able to take on a tier-1.

"There is something else I wanted to tell you as well," Gary said. "I think I'm ready. I want to... I want to take on Midwak during the day, and I plan to do it tomorrow."

#### Chapter 759 A Loyal Wolf In The Making

Kai was a bit taken back by Gary's words. He knew he was quite impulsive at times, but so far his impulsiveness led to great results. Even this time, in some way, him heading to a tier-4 city could have been disastrous for the group, but it all ended up working out in the end, but with this, Notsburg was already dealt with, it was already in their hands.

"Do you think that's a good idea?" Kai asked. "I mean, I know you might have gotten stronger from all of this, and eaten these crystals to power yourself up, but you still have some time before you have to fight him, right?"

Kai only knew small details about how the whole pack thing worked. It wasn't a question he asked Gary, about how he knew the final details, since he would just answer with 'a feeling', but he knew that all werewolves were able to challenge the Alpha once a month for their position.

It hadn't been a month yet, so in Kai's mind, it would make sense to try to get as strong as possible until the last moment.

However, Gary had gained more than just a boost in stat points. He had also gained a powerful new skill. Having completed the quest, he now had the Claw swipe at his disposal, perhaps the biggest win he had taken from this journey.

"It's about stopping the need for this happening again." Gary answered. "It might seem a bit strange, but I think I understand how Midwak works in a way. If I was to just beat him using pure power, and strength he won't give up.

"He knows that werewolves have the potential to grow stronger, and he will believe that there is still a chance that he can take me out and take the position away from me one day. But, if I was to beat him

with my skill, while the two of us are at the same level of strength, to prove that even then, I am still stronger than him and he will never catch up, I think it will change his view.”

Gary knew it would be a tough fight, especially since he wanted to battle Midwak during the day, so he didn’t have the advantage of the night like last time. It was risky but he was also hiding that the fight would allow him to grow as well.

Running into NIRV this time, there was a chance in the future that they could run into far more dangerous people.

“But still, why the risk? I understand, but what’s so wrong with just overpowering him, growing to the point where he can’t catch up.”

“Because, I want him to be loyal.” Gary answered.

Of course, Kai thought if Midwak was loyal it would be a giant asset to the group, but he just could never see that happening with his personality.

“Maybe loyal isn’t the right word, but he should at least be submissive.” Gary answered. “If I manage to beat him with skill, and he sees that it’s harder to top me rather than to join me, then he will figure out that the only way he can get his revenge is by working with us. And you have to remember, it’s important for us as well, because regardless, we have to face the other Alpha at some point, due to the deal I made.”

After listening to everything and taking it all in, Kai was nodding his head up and down and a large smile appeared on his face.

“You have grown a lot Gary, and not just in strength but in using your head more and more.” Kai stated. “I knew when I saw you, I had a feeling that you were the right person to be our leader. I like being right, and you are just proving me right by the day.”

After the meeting was over, the crystals were distributed to Olivia, Marie and Kai evenly, allowing nearly all of them to grow in strength significantly. Marie had gotten the biggest boost from this, perhaps because she was the weakest out of the group.

They didn't consume them all, leaving 10 basic tier crystals. There were two reasons for doing this.

One was in case the group ever needed some funds, they would sell the crystals to another organisation. When they were confident enough to deal with the consequences, they could do this. The other reason was because the crystals could be used to be turned into Altered solution.

The quickest way to grow their gang's power was by having more Alteredes and they even had the perfect teacher in Crowley to train them. But they would have to rely on Tom for this, waiting for him to grow in knowledge.

Then finally, the next day, the group was on the move. Austin, Olivia, Marie and Kai. They were a few short compared to the last time they came here, but it was still the core group of the Howlers that were arriving in Notsburg.

When they entered the large hotel, it was just as extravagant as before. They were treated by countless gang members in the casino, but the place was completely empty. There was no one on the slot machines, at the poker tables there were only the workers, and they were lined up leading them to where they needed to be.

"It's nice to be welcomed like this, this time." Marie said. "But it's a bit scary at the same time. If Gary loses, doesn't that mean that Midwak will have control over all of us, we will have to do what he says... anything."

"Don't say things like that, Gary won't lose." Austin replied.

"I'm just being realistic, I don't think Gary will lose either, but it did take all of us to take him down last time."

"Maybe we can all jump him at the end." Olivia said. "If things are looking rough. Although I dislike Gary, I would have to say that being in the control of the other is far worse, and I would rather be dead."

"Don't jump in." Gary answered. "That's an order to all of you, whatever the outcome of this, don't jump in."

After entering an elevator they went to the very top floor and exiting out, they went through the large double doors heading to the main office that Midwak was in.

"I can't believe it." Midwak said, jumping out of his seat and jumping from the table using his foot and landing in the centre of the room. "When you had informed me that you would be arriving, I thought you might have backed out but here you are. Are you ready to lose?"

"You know I haven't just been sitting around doing nothing."

Gary walked forward, and walked out the centre of the room, the others stayed close by the door.

"It's the same for me, didn't you wonder why I would call for a battle so early." Gary replied. "It's because I can take you out. Let's do this."

Gary took off the jacket of the Howlers group, throwing it behind him, which Marie had caught. Although the fabric could be stretched in his Werewolf form, he didn't want it to be cut up by Midwak's attacks.

"Very well, I will soon be the next alpha, and then I will be the only one in this world!" Midwak shouted, his eyes glowing and his body transforming.

## Chapter 760 The fight between the strongest

Listening to Gary's words, the others had made their resolve not to get involved in this fight between the two werewolves. They took a step back and stood by the door, away from everything that was about to happen.

Midwak was by far the hardest opponent that any of them had ever faced, and unlike some Altered or enemies that had reached the peak of their strength, he, being a werewolf, was determined to get stronger. He wouldn't be the same person that they had all fought against, and now Gary was going up against him alone, and the night sky wasn't out. Because of all of this, Gary had received an unexpected quest.

[You have taken the initiative as a leader to face a member of your pack who is close to your level. Due to your bravery, if you complete the task, you will be rewarded.]

[Skill Upgrade: Claw Drain Level 2 >>>> Claw Drain Level 3]

Gary knew full well the importance of skills, and the great thing was that the higher his skills were, it would mean when it was nighttime, they would increase to the next level.

[Full Transformation Activated]

Gary had gone ahead, turning into his full werewolf form just as Midwak did. It wasn't time for him to hold back or test the waters. If he faltered for a moment, there was a high chance for him to lose this fight.

'Without the night sky, my skills don't increase, and my energy doesn't double, but this is something that I have to do!'

Midwak placed his hand out toward the charging Gary. "You're either very brave or very stupid!"

From his fingertips, his fingernails shot out. Immediately, Gary moved to the side, jumping, and the nails followed him. When he got close, he slid across the ground, and with his hand, swiped at Midwak's leg.

However, it didn't hit as Midwak had jumped up in the air, avoiding the expected strike, and with his other hand out, he shot out his nails toward the ground where Gary was at. Lifting his arms up, Gary took the hit, and they pierced his skin.

When Midwak went to land on the ground, though, Gary opened up his guard and threw an overhand right. Midwak had prepared to block the hit, lifting both arms and taking the powerful blow that sent him back.

'This is a lot stronger than last time!' Midwak thought. 'His hits are stronger, and his movements are faster than before. It hasn't been that long. What has this kid done to get so strong so fast? He couldn't

have eaten that many Altered, and he isn't the type to be increasing his pack just to get stronger, so how!'

Midwak was about to take another peek but Gary hadn't stopped there.

[Lethal Pounce]

He leapt toward Midwak and threw another overhand, hitting him in the gut and sending him far back, crashing into the wall.

As quick as he crashed into the wall, he had gotten out, and there was a furious look in his eye as he charged forward.

[Lethal Pounce!]

Gary's body went and leapt to its closest target, but for the first time since using the skill, Midwak had dodged right under it. He didn't retreat as he saw Gary charging at him; he charged forward, and because he didn't hesitate, he could avoid the skill.

As Gary went past, he grabbed the back of Gary's leg right by his ankle and flung him, slamming him right into the ground. The floor tiles cracked, and the others flinched seeing this.

Not stopping there, Midwak went to strike with another fist, until out from the ground, a large visible line of energy had come out.

[Claw Strike]

It hit Midwak, sending him flying back and scratching across his chest, drawing blood. Gary had gotten up off the floor and leapt back, stumbling a bit from the hit.

'Damn this werewolf. He's as strong as ever!' Gary thought, spitting out the blood that had formed in his mouth.



"Hahah!" Midwak laughed. "I see that you have learned some new tricks. "You have gotten better and so much stronger in such a short amount of time. You haven't even been a werewolf for a long time. I truly don't know how you do it."

"Maybe I won't kill you after all, and that way, you can tell me your secrets. I just have to beat you into submission after all, and then everything you have will be mine."

The Claw Strike and the Lethal Pounce moves used up a large amount of energy, and without the night sky, he had to be cautious about their use as well. His body would heal, and in this state, it all was consuming a lot of energy.

"Is Gary winning this thing?" Marie asked.

"Of course, he is," Austin replied. "He will win this thing; he is our boss, and he will forever be... he will win this because he's not just fighting for himself, but fighting for the rest of us as well."

Gary and Midwak looked at each other, huffing and panting, and they both charged together at the same time.

The result of the fight had brought about a change within the Howlers. Everything started to move at a fast pace. After all, the entire group was going against the time limit, and everyone seemed to be making a move.

The Tier-1 gangs, that were known as the Kings. NIRV, the biggest corporation for Altered solutions. White Rose, the Altered division that was created to protect the governments of the world, the Altered Hunters who would do whatever it took to rid the world of the Altered, and finally, the other Werewolf Alpha.

A year had passed, and a big change was coming to the world as they knew it.