## **Apocalypse? I Prefer the Beast World Real Estate Market Novel Chapter 21 - Chapter 21**

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Chapter 21 The Other Beastman Finished She kept going . " He was covered in blood , looked terrifying too . But he had silver hair and didn't seem like he was from around here . And he was handsome ... " Grace drifted way off course . Rosalie thanked her fast and sent her out . House of Delicacies . So this world actually had a restaurant . Rosalie had honestly thought everyone here lived on nothing but plain boiled meat . Rosalie planned her next trip to the bazaar . She wanted to visit the House of Delicacies and maybe track down that silver haired beastman Grace had mentioned .

The little wolf cub clung to her leg . " Rosalie , I want more of the sweet fruit ." Rosalie smiled at him . " Alright . I'll get some from my room . Stay here and wait . " She pushed open the door . Before she could step inside , a lean arm grabbed her hard and pulled her in . A firm hand caught her wrist and slammed her against the wall . Her heart raced like it was trying to escape her chest . A pair of glowing eyes stared right into hers . It was him . Cameron's lashes flickered . His eyes were filled with pain . " Matriarch , " his voice cracked , " you're really releasing me ?

" His breath brushed against her face , warm and sweet like smoke and honey . Rosalie straightened her shoulders . " It's called a letter of release , " she said coldly . It's not the same thing . " " Can you not do it ? " He gritted his teeth , forcing out every word . " No , " she said , her tone cutting . Cameron's eyes turned red . " Then why Micah ? Why him and not me ? " Rosalie froze . So he already knew . Heat rose in her cheeks . " That's between me and Micah , " she snapped . " It has nothing to do with you ." The big fox let go , defeated .

Tears spilled down his face hitting the floor one by one . His ears appeared , sofi and trembling , folding low against his head . " So you want Micah , " he said bitterly . " You don't want m " You even have a cub now . You never wanted to have on with me , did you ? " Rosalie blinked , stunned . " What are you talking about ? " he had no idea what his mind was doing . Her eyes lingered on his ears , pale and velvet - soft . His cubs would probably be just as adorable . 1/2 18:17 Tue , Dec 30GG . Chapter 21 The Other Beastman She caught herself staring .

Cameron let out a low , broken sound . " Matriarch , say something . " Rosalie searched for words . Cameron's feelings were neser love . They were confusion and habit . " Cammo , " she said softly , " I once cut your fur and made it into a scarf . Do you remember that ? "  $_{\mbox{\tiny $N$}}$  9 %  $_{\mbox{\tiny $N$}}$  Finished Cameron froze in place . Rosalie's voice stayed calm , but her words cut sharp . " You shouldn't let go of hate . What you feel for me isn't real affection . " So don't ever bring it up again . " Cameron stood still , stunned and wordless . From outside came Christopher's voice . " Rosalie !

Where's my fruit? " " I'm coming! " Rosalie called back and stepped out with the bowl of candied fruit. She couldn't bring herself to glance at the fox's sorrowful face. Rosalie dusted flour over the dried soybeans. The flour game from her own stash. She set the beans in a shaded corner of the kitchen where sunlight never reached. In a few days, they would ferment. Then she could pour them into a large ceramic jar to start brewing soy sauce. Yesterday, Elijah and Declan had gone hunting. They returned with several wild boars and baskets filled with different fruits.

Rosalie told Declan to singe off the pigs ' hair and chop the meat into chunks . She cleaned the fruits , removed their cores , and set them to steam . When the red fruits softened , they released a warm , sugary scent that filled the kitchen . Christopher was the only one around today . He clutched one steaming piece and tried to sneak it into his mouth . Rosalie's mind drifted . For a brief second , she saw Cameron smiling at her , a piece of fruit in his hand , saying, " Everything you make tastes divine . " Christopher tugged her sleeve . He wanted another one .

Rosalie blinked and came back to reality . She sprinkled sugar over the hot fruit and carried the tray outside to dry in the sun . Once hardened , they would turn into a humble version of candied fruit . Send Gifts admin

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Chapter 22 Candied Fruit Finished The candied fruit glistened under the sun . Declan had already finished cutting the pork . Rosalie dropped the meat into a pot , measured out the right spices , and covered it with a lid . She walked to the backyard and lifted a plucked pheasant from the table . Her eyes swept across the dirt . An idea flickered in her mind . Declan stood beside her , confused , as she stuffed herbs and spices into the pheasant's belly . She brushed its skin with soy sauce , then wrapped it in wide green leaves and sealed it under a layer of wet clay .

Declan stared at the heavy clay ball she held . His lips parted , but no words came . " Declan , light the fire for me . " Rosalie didn't bother explaining . When the dish was done , he'd see it wasn't a waste of food . She repeated the same motion again and again , crafting fifteen clay - covered chickens . Fifteen fires burned in a perfect line across the yard , their smoke curling into the bright sky . Anyone passing by would think she was performing some strange ritual . Leon arrived soon after . Declan hesitated , then muttered , " I think she's been through too much .

She might've lost it a little . " Leon's voice dropped low . " I believe in her . " Declan's throat locked up . He couldn't get a single word out . He turned away in silence . He almost collided with Cameron . Cameron looked hollow , his lips parting as if to speak , but no sound left him . Elijah walked past at that moment . His flawless face carmed a stormy look , his eyes sharp and cold like he was ready to kill someone . Perfect. Every one of them is mad . Rosalie moved between the fifteen fires , her skin glowing under the heat as she turned each clay - covered chicken before it burned .

The air shimmered around her like molten gold . By noon , she carried out a large bowl of pork stew and lifted one of the heavy clay shells from the pit . The beastmen stared at the thing in the middle of the table , confused . Micah finally spoke . " Matriarch , what is that ? " Rosalie's lips curved . " This , gentlemen , is called erraticoultry . " It looks plain , but trust me , the magic's inside . " They didn't believe her . Rosalie picked up a rock and cracked the hardened clay open . She peeled away the blackened leaves , and the smell hit the air like a wave .

Smoky chicken mixed with roasted vegetables. The scent melted together, rich and sweet, wrapping the whole room in warmth. Christopher couldn't hold back. He grabbed a fork and it in. The little wolf let out a sharp cry of joy, his voice echoing through the room as he yelled that it was amazing. Declan inhaled the scent, startled. He couldn't believe something that looked so odd could smell that divine. He took a forkful. The moment he tasted it, his eyes flashed bright. He didn't even stop before taking 1/2 18:17 Tue, Dec 30 Chapter 22 Candied Fruit another bite.

Rosalie glanced at him . " So ? You like it ? " Declan's mouth twitched into a smile . " It's good . " 9 % Finished He always looked intense . His temper made him seem dangerous , like he could explode at any second . But when he smiled , even faintly , his whole face softened , warm enough to melt glass . Rosalie smiled back . " Glad you like it ." Declan's smile faded . He lowered his head and kept eating in silence . She had made fifteen chickens . Only five were left . She sighed under her breath . She really was feeding a pack of gluttons .

When they finished eating, Rosalie packed up with Declan and Elijah. They were taking the pork stew to sell at the city bazaar. At the doorway, Micah caught up with them. "Matriarch I'm feeling a lot better now. Let me come along to the bazaar." Rosalie hesitated but nodded. A little exercise would do him some good. Once they reached the city, a man spotted her. His eyes widened, his body tensed, and in a flash, he transformed. A massive lion stood before them, roaring so loud the air itself vibrated. The three beastmen moved fast.

They surrounded Rosalie like a living wall . From every direction , figures started to run toward them . Others nearby rushed in too , closing in until she was boxed in on all sides . Something was wrong . She was in trouble again , and this time , it felt big . The lion shimmered back into human form . His tone carried both guilt and enthusiasm as he

met Rosalie's wide - eyed stare . " Didn't mean to scare you , " he said quickly . " We bought your pork stew last time . It was insane . We waited forever for you to come back , but you never did . " So we had to come up with something .

New rule . Whoever spots the woman who sells the pork stew roars . That way , the whole city knows she's here . " Rosalie's temple twitched . She hadn't imagined her stew would get so popular that people were practically using her as a public broadcast signal . The crowd thickened until the street turned into a wall bodies . She raised her voice . " Everyone , please make some room ! I'm heading to my old spot to sell the pork stew ! " Send Gifts 330 admin

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Chapter 23 New Item " Same deal as before , " Rosalie called out once they reached the market . " You bring your own bowl . "  $_{\mbox{\tiny N}}$   $_{\mbox{\tiny Q}}$  9 % - Finished Someone in the back gasped , stomped once , and bolted home like lightning , terrified of missing out . Rosalie set up her stand . Within moments , a line twisted down the street . Her eyes sparkled like polished coins . She could practically see the silver piling into her purse . She had cooked enough meat from several pigs , but it still vanished fast . The stew sold out before noon .

Those who didn't get any looked crushed , especially the woman who had just reached the front when Rosalie said it was gone . The woman sighed in defeat and turned to leave , but her eyes caught a wicker basket by Rosalie's feet . " Hey , ma'am , " she asked , curiosity lacing her tone , " what's in that basket ? " Rosalie blinked . She had nearly forgotten about the erratic poultry . She lifted out five large , clay - coated chickens and set them on the table . The crowd stared at the round , muddy lumps like they were alien artifacts . Declan took a stick and tapped one .

The hard crust cracked open , and steam rolled out , carrying a smell that wasn't like pork stew . It was softer , fresh , and smoky like roasted herbs and summer air . The scent swept through the crowd , stealing their breath . " This is erratic poultry , " Rosalie said proudly . " There are vegetables stuffed inside the chicken . It's roasted right in the fire . The flavor is one of a kind . " Fifty copper coins each . " The woman froze . The price startled her . It was just a pheasant , yet it cost that much . But the smell ... it was irresistible .

If her stew had been that good , this had to be something else entirely . She was still hesitating when Micah picked up a fork and handed it to her . His elegant face caught the light , calm and warm . Her husband at home was rough and loud , not gentle like this man . Micah's smile was soft , almost unreal , like moonlight breaking through a dark window . His voice had the weight of silk . " Here . Try it . No charge ." The woman's brain shut off . She took the bite , and the nder chicken melted on her tongue , smoky and rich , sliding down before she could chew .

She swallowed in a dazed , her eyes glinting like glass . Then she fished some coins from her pocket and slapped them on the table . The metal clattered sharply "I'll take one , " she said , breathless . Elijah passed the woman an erratic poultry with smooth practiced case . His voice was low and rich as velvet . " We hope you stop by again , " he said . The woman froze like she had been struck by lightning She looked completely swept off her feet . 1/2 18:17 Tue , Dec 30 GG . 9 % Chapter 23 New Item Finished After that first taste , the rest of the erratic poultry sold out in a rush .

Only the sample stayed on the table . Rosalie kept that one for herself . Right before she packed up , the beastmen who failed to buy anything called out from every direction . They wanted to know her next visit . Rosalie felt trapped . She gave them a clear date and promised she would return in a few days . Only then did they move aside so she could leave . Her basket chimed with every step . The copper coins tapped against each other like soft , bright chimes . Rosalie decided that sound was the sweetest music ever made .

Since the sun still hung high , she strolled through the bazaar at a comfortable pace . She bought anything that looked useful or rare . She even spotted hawthorns at a nearby stand . The beastman selling them didn't know the fruit at all . He had tossed them in with random produce . Rosalie bargained with him and bought the entire batch After a while , she gathered a surprising number of things . She handed Elijah and Declan some money and told them to explore on their own . Micah chose to stay with her . As they walked past an alley , Rosalie glanced inside . A shadow moved in the dimness .

A thin , unstable breath drifted in the air . She stopped walking . She lifted her eyes toward Micah . Micah understood her signal . He stepped into the alley without hesitation . " Matriarch , " he said , " there is a wounded cat here . " Rosalie moved closer . A small injured cat lay against the wall . Its long fur clung to dried blood . Its eyes were sealed shut , yet she felt its stare fixed on her like a quiet plea . Its tail was the worst . It had been severed halfway , leaving a raw and bleeding edge that looked cruel and harsh . A deep ache filled Rosalie's chest .

She could not imagine who would do something this heartless. She pulled an anti-inflammatory powder from her pocket. She sprinkled it over the wound with gentle care. The cat remained still. It only stared at her. She wiped the blood from its small face.

Then she lifted the cat into her arms with tenderness. It looked so helpless, and she felt taking it home to heal would be the right choice. The moment her mind settled on that thought, the cat visted away. It pushed off her and leapt from her admin

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Chapter 24 Helped Out a Cat 9 % 8 Finished Rosalie gasped . She feared the little creature would fall gain , but it darted down the road and vanished before she could step forward . She moved to chase it , but Micah caught her wrist . " Matriarch , " he said in a soft , warm tone , " the day is ending . We should return now . " Rosalie had already brushed the anti - inflammatory powder over the wounded cat with steady hands , doing all she could to be done . She hoped the little creature fund enough luck to stay alive .

She stepped out of the alley and joined Elijah and Decl , heading home together . Far behind her , a figure lingered in the shadows . No one knew when he had appeared . His silver hair caught the last rays of the sun and shimmered like cold metal . is high nose looked sharp enough to cut light along with golden eyes that glowed like warm fire . His tall frame carried a quiet and dangerous grace , Julien Jesperheight held the same injured cat in his arm . The one that had escaped Rosalie carlier . Amusement flickered in his gaze as he looked in the direction she had walked .

He murmured , " Gael , so she is the Matriarch you chose ." The weak cat in his hold let out a faint meow . It sounded like a gentle reply . When Rosalie arrived home , she gathered everyone at once . She poured all the copper coins she had earned onto the bed until the blanket vanished under a shining layer of metal . The heap of coins looked bold and dazzling . The beastmen counted every single coin as she instructed . There were four thousand nine hundred sixty copper coins . The weight came out to a little more than four ounces of silver , almost five .

Rosalie split the silver into six equal shares . She handed a share to each person . Leon understood her intention . He refused with a straight face . " Matriarch , this money is yours . You don't need to give it to us . " Rosalie held his gaze . " No. I only made this money because you hunt for me . You guard me when I go to the bazaar . This belongs to all of us . " Micah tried to object , but Rosalie cut him off with steady force . " If you

won't take it, then I will go hunt on my own next time." Micah had to give in. Elijah and Declan accepted their shares and left.

Cameron looked drained as he took his portion and turned away without a word . Rosalie knew her words from the other day had hurt him . She didn't know why it bothered her , but seeing that fox upset made her chest twisted in a strange way . After everyone left , Rosalie gathered a few handfuls of the hawthorns she bought earlier and slipped into the kitchen in secret . Someone rapped on the fox's door . The sound hit the wood in a steady rhythm . 1/3 9 % Chapter 24 Helped Out a Cat " Come in . " Cameron spoke with a thin and tired voice . Finished The door opened .

Someone stepped inside without a single word . She walked straight to the bed . A bright splash of red moved into Cameron's sight . Cameron pushed himself upright . It was Rosalie . Cameron smiled before he could stop himself . Then he remembered what she said that day . His mouth fell again like the weight of it dragged him down . Rosalie held out that bright red thing in her hand . " Candied fruit kebab . This is for you ." Cameron lowered his head like he wanted to hide inside himself . " No one else has this . I made it in secret for you . " Cameron raised his head .

His voice turned stiff . " Really ? " Only for me ? " Rosalie brought the candied fruit to Cameron's lips and smiled . " I told you the truth . It's only yours . " Cameron felt his mind warm up . The tips of his ears burned in a bright shade . The soft white fur on top of his head moved with sharp excitement . His lips opened . He bit into the candied fruit that Rosalie held . The hard sugar shell split apart in a sharp crack as if glass broke . The sweet shell matched the sour hawthorn . Cameron narrowed his eyes in pure joy .

Rosalie set the candied fruit in Cameron's hand and said, "Rest early." Cameron had stayed upset for a long time. One candied fruit was enough to sooth him in an instant. Countless twisted zombies climbed over Rosalie and ripped into her flesh. This was the final sight Rosalie had before she died. She shut her eyes. Her lips were bitten until they swelled. Her eyeballs shifted under her lids as if she was trapped in a nightmare she could not escape. Someone pushed the door open and stepped inside. He sat near the bed.

His large hand rested on Rosalie's shoulder and tapped a slow rhythm . His gentle voice tried to calm her . " It is alright , Matriarch . I'm here . You're safe . " Rosalie's shaking body eased . She opened her eyes halfway in a fog . She saw a handsome man looking at her . Then she slipped back into sleep . At dawn , while the sky stayed dark , Rosalie woke up . She had slept the entire night with a sore waist and an ahing back . admin