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Chapter 710 Zeus Meeting The Family

Duke's words carried a calm conviction, silencing even Keith and Grandpa Aldens, who had been scowling at him just moments ago. Initially, they had their doubts about him, assuming he relied more on charm than genuine capability to bring Kisha peace of mind. But hearing him speak with such thoughtfulness and sincerity made them reconsider their assumptions.

The first to agree to Kisha and Duke's proposition was Grandma Aldens. Though she sat comfortably, her words carried an undeniable authority. Keith and Grandpa Aldens didn't have much to argue against it because, deep down, they both knew Kisha and Duke were right. So, they simply nodded in agreement.

A satisfied smile spread across Kisha's face as she sipped the tea Duke had prepared for her, finishing it in one gulp. Understanding her unspoken cue, Duke swiftly stored the tea set back into his Space Ring. Moments later, a portal materialized near the door—one that Keith recognized all too well.

Kisha wasted no time, taking her little brother and grandfather by the hand and leading them toward the portal. Meanwhile, Duke gently assisted Grandma Aldens, ever mindful of whose favor he needed to win within Kisha's family to ensure he wouldn't be rejected by the Aldens.

As for the Evans, Duke chose not to interfere. Though they were Kisha's biological family, she had yet to acknowledge them, and he respected that. This was about her emotions and acceptance, and he had no intention of overstepping his boundaries where the Evans were concerned.

As Kisha and Duke guided the three into the portal, Keith, Grandma Aldens, and Grandpa Aldens followed with curiosity. The moment they stepped inside, they instinctively closed their eyes for a brief second.

A gentle breeze caressed their faces, and as they reopened their eyes, an entirely different scenery unfolded before them.

What lay before them was a vast land brimming with an abundance of food and a comforting, almost ethereal energy that seemed to flow through the air. Their eyes widened in shock, and their mouths fell open in sheer disbelief—so wide that one might think they could fit a duck's egg in without effort.

Awestruck, they took in their surroundings, unable to hide their amazement.

"W-What's going on, dear?" Grandma Aldens was the first to break the silence, her voice tinged with both awe and confusion as she looked at Kisha, who stood in front of her.

Kisha turned to face her family, a warm smile spreading across her lips. "Everyone, welcome to my territory space," she announced before gently pulling Keith and Grandpa Aldens forward. Duke followed closely behind, supporting Grandma Aldens by the arm as they walked at a steady pace.

As they moved, Kisha continued explaining, her voice carrying a sense of pride and authority. "This territory exists in a stand-alone dimension, completely separate from Earth. It's an independent world of its own, and the only way to enter is through me. I control the portal, which makes me the sole owner of this territory."

Her words hung in the air as her family took in the breathtaking surroundings, their expressions shifting between astonishment and wonder.

"The time here moves ten times faster than outside," Kisha explained. "That's why the rest of us usually train here. The spiritual energy in this place is abundant and can greatly enhance growth."

The real reason she had brought them here was to make use of the two hours they had allotted for preparations. In that short time outside, she intended to train the Aldens intensively—teaching them how to properly cultivate their spiritual energy, refine their combat skills, and master the effective use of their awakened abilities.

Although she had been guiding them through the system's chat interface before, that method had its limits. Hands-on training would allow them to absorb the knowledge more efficiently.

This was especially true for Grandma and Grandpa Aldens, who had struggled with grasping certain concepts on their own. Even Keith, despite his better progress, still had flaws in his techniques.

He needed her guidance to sharpen his understanding of his awakened ability and refine his combat prowess.

Kisha and Duke led the Aldens to their usual training ground near the flower garden. Along the way, they passed by Marcus, who was busy tending to the farmland. Grandpa Aldens was startled to see another human in this strange dimension, his eyes widening in surprise.

Before he could voice his thoughts, an energetic blur came bolting toward them—Zeus, a bundle of boundless energy, came charging in, followed closely by Bell, who was desperately trying to stop him. Despite Bell's efforts, Zeus managed to leap onto Kisha with pure excitement.

Since Kisha hadn't allowed Zeus and Bell to leave the territory and join the activities outside, Zeus had been eagerly waiting for her return. Although it had only been one night and a few hours for Kisha, the time difference meant Zeus had already spent several days inside.

Feeling lonely without his owner, the moment he sensed Kisha nearby, he had rushed toward her without hesitation.

"Arf!!!" Zeus' earth-shattering bark echoed in everyone's ears as he pounced on Kisha, towering over her. Though she managed to stay on her feet, she was effectively trapped as Zeus' large front paws rested firmly on her shoulders. He whined in her left ear, refusing to let go.

"Zeus, let go! I can't breathe with all this fluff smothering me," Kisha said helplessly, struggling to push him away. But Zeus stubbornly clung to her, afraid she would disappear again.

"Zeus, go down. I need to show my family around," she added with difficulty.

Duke was about to step in and help, but the moment Zeus heard the word 'family,' his ears perked up, and his eyes lit up with excitement. Without hesitation, he finally released Kisha and began bouncing up and down, his tongue lolling out in pure joy.

"Oh?! You want to meet my family too?" Kisha asked with a bright smile as she looked at Zeus. "What a good boy!" She patted his head affectionately.

Meanwhile, her family stood frozen, looking as if they had just been struck by lightning. Their wide eyes were locked onto Bell, who loomed before them something massive, scarlet, and terrifying.

Bell's exoskeleton gleamed under the light, its needle-like hairs thick and sharp as sewing needles. Its enormous forelegs and large, unblinking eyes sent chills down their spines. Even those without a fear of insects felt a deep, primal unease at the sight of the colossal bee.

And then there was Zeus—a bear-sized dog, larger than a full-grown man. When he had pounced on Kisha moments ago, their hearts nearly stopped, convinced she was about to be swallowed whole.

It wasn't until they heard the deep, earth-shaking bark that they realized Zeus was, in fact, just a very affectionate—but still terrifyingly large—companion. Even so, the sheer volume of his bark felt like it could rupture their eardrums.

The three members of the Aldens stood frozen in shock.

"S-Sis... is this the dog you said is your battle pet?" Keith stammered, his eyes locked onto Zeus.

He recalled teasing Kisha before, asking her to get him a divine tiger as a pet after she mentioned acquiring a battle companion.

Back then, he had imagined something simple and reasonable in size—certainly, not this behemoth standing before him.