

FAIRY TAIL: METAL AND THREADS

Chapter 3: We Got Isekai'd

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"Fonzie?/Elicia?"

As the two children spoke in unison, a pair of grey eyes and a pair of dark brown eyes met. Once recognition dawned on the two, the girl, Elicia, jumped from her bed onto the next one over where Alfonzo lay in a daze. Then, she wrapped her arms around him and began to shed tears quietly.

Meanwhile, even with Elicia hugging him tightly, Alfonzo was laying there in complete silence. There were two reasons for that, though. However, he could not believe either of them.

'What's going on?' Alfonzo asked himself. 'Weren't we crushed in that accident? I mean, there's no way Elicia's little Z3 could have protected us from a semi, right?'

The first thing that Alfonzo could not believe was that he was still alive. Just as he thought, Elicia's small car provided absolutely no protection from the collision with the semi that ran the light. So, they both died near instantaneously, with Elicia surviving only a second longer than Alfonzo. Once Alfonzo realized that he was, in fact, alive again, he noticed something else.

"I can see... clearly and from both eyes." Alfonzo muttered while letting his eyes wander around the large room where the orphans slept.

Although he was not very loud, Elicia was able to hear Alfonzo's muttering thanks to the quiet that was present in the room. So, she quickly sat up, straddling Alfonzo, and looked into his eyes.

"Fonzie, did you just say you can see?" Elicia said with even more tears falling from her eyes.

Smiling at the girl who was sitting on his abdomen, Alfonzo raised his hand so that he could wipe the tears from her face. However, when he saw his hand, a much smaller hand than he was used to seeing, he froze. Then, he slowly turned his sight from his hand to the face of his fiancée. When he did, he finally realized that something was wrong.

"Elicia what's going on?" Alfonzo asked in a shaky tone. "My hand... why is it so small? And why do you... look so young?"

Although Elicia had been listening to Alfonzo's questions, when he made it sound as if she looked old, she completely forgot about the first question Alfonzo asked.

"What do you mean, Fonzie?" Elicia asked in a low, menacing tone. "Are you trying to say that I looked old before?"

Hearing Elicia's question and tone, Alfonzo was pulled out of his stupor. Then, he rolled his eyes at the "absolutely terrifying", totally not so cute that he wanted to pinch her cheeks, expression Elicia was wearing while waiting for his response. So, instead of trying to defend himself, he grabbed one of Elicia's hands and held it up in front of her own eyes.

At first, Elicia struggled, trying to move her hand so that she could glare at Alfonzo in the most menacing way she could. However, after a few seconds, she realized that there was something off about her hand. It was... smaller. And her fingers were... shorter.

"What's going on?" Elicia muttered as she finally realized something was wrong.

However, before they could discuss things, both Alfonzo and Elicia experienced a mind-shattering headache. One that was absolutely debilitating. Elicia then fell forward onto Alfonzo and they both passed out.

The next morning, Alfonzo was the first to wake up. When he did, he noticed that Elicia was now clinging to him instead of simply laying on top of him. In his surroundings, he could hear the other orphan children talking.

"Look, Elicia snuck into Alfonzo's bed again." One boy said while laughing.

"I bet they're gonna get married when they get older." Another boy said.

Then, when they noticed that Alfonzo was awake, all the boys began to sing.

"Alfonzo and Elicia sitting in a tree, K-I-S-S-I-N-G. First comes love. Then comes marriage. Then comes a baby in a baby carriage. Hahaha!"

"Why is it so noisy?" Elicia asked in a sleepy tone. Then, she buried her face in Alfonzo's arm and spoke again. "Give me five more minutes."

Meanwhile, Alfonzo glared at the kids. Though, he was not really even paying them any mind. Instead, he was reviewing the new memories that appeared in his head once he woke up again.

'So, right now were in an orphanage in Hargeon Town, a port town in the Kingdom of Fiore on the Ishgar continent.' Alfonzo thought to himself. '*Sigh* No matter how I spin this in my head, we're in the world of Fairy Tail, aren't we?'

Alfonzo then looked down at Elicia and smiled gently.

'I wonder how she'll react when she realizes this.' Alfonzo thought to himself as he stroked Elicia's hair. 'I should probably make sure she doesn't start

screaming about being isekai'd. At least, not where other people can hear her, anyway.'

"Come on Lici, it's time to get up." Alfonzo said in a gentle tone.

"Mmm~, five more minutes." Elicia said, repeating herself in her sleepy state.

"If you don't get up, I'm not gonna make you breakfast." Alfonzo said.

Immediately after that, Elicia opened her eyes and sat up. Then, she grabbed Alfonzo by his shirt and began to shake him violently.

"Fonzie, you can't do that!" Elicia shouted. "That's inhumane. To deprive someone of your amazing cooking is just evil. Especially..."

When Elicia saw Alfonzo's teasing smile, her tirade came to a stop immediately. Instead, she began hammering on his chest with a pout on her face.

"You tricked me again, Fonzie." Elicia said in an aggrieved tone. "Why do you always do that?"

"Because it works." Alfonzo said with a chuckle. "And if it ain't broke, don't fix it, right?"

"Fonzie, you're such a meanie." Elicia said while continuing to hammer Alfonzo's chest.

"Okay, okay, I'm sorry." Alfonzo said, catching Elicia's hands. "But it really is time to get up. We have to eat then do our chores, remember?"

Surprisingly, in both this life and the previous one, Alfonzo used the same trick to wake up Elicia. On top of that, none of the orphans found it strange, since Alfonzo often helped the orphanage staff cook breakfast in the mornings. As a matter of fact, Alfonzo had been cooking for about a year. Well Before they even ended up in the orphanage.

"*Sigh* Fine." Elicia said in a huff. "But you gotta play with me later."

Although Elicia was speaking in a childish tone, Alfonzo could read the message she was sending with her eyes that was screaming: "We need to talk!"

'I guess I worried too much.' Alfonzo thought to himself while smiling. 'I know she's smart, like, really smart. But she doesn't always think before speaking.'

"Of course." Alfonzo replied with a nod and a smile.

Then, while the other children in the room played, Alfonzo and Elicia began to make their beds. Once their beds were made, they left the room to wash their faces and brush their teeth. Then, they went to the orphanage's dining room where they split up. Alfonzo went back into the kitchen so that he could help with breakfast, while Elicia made herself comfortable at one of the tables.

Shortly before breakfast was served, a member of the orphanage's staff led the other children, fifteen boys and girls, ages four to ten, who shared a room with Alfonzo and Elicia, into the dining room. Behind them were some older boys and girls, a total of twelve, whose ages range from eleven to fifteen.

A few minutes later, Alfonzo and the other cooks in the orphanage came out with breakfast. While the cook staff were holding large pans full of eggs, bacon, and pancakes, Alfonzo carried two plates that were already made.

"Fonzie, over here!" Elicia shouted as she waved at Alfonzo.

"*Sigh* Those two are so cute together." The matriarch of the orphanage said. "It's too bad that their village was abducted by a dark guild."

"Yeah, it's a miracle the two of them survived." One of the women on staff said in a sad tone.

"I heard that their parents sacrificed themselves to barricade a cellar to keep their kids safe." Another younger woman said.

"Yeah, so did I." A woman around the same age as the last said.

Unlike what the orphanage staff were saying, Alfonzo and Elicia's family in this life were not abducted along with all the other villagers. During the attack, Elicia's father and Alfonzo's mother, who were both retired wizards, sealed

Alfonzo and Elicia in the cellar under Alfonzo's house using their magic. So, in anger, the abductors killed them after killing their spouses in front of them.

After that, as they were out of time, since a part of the kingdom's army was approaching, the abductors left the village with all the captured villagers. Eventually, the army arrived to find an empty village. However, when they were searching the village for any survivors, they heard banging from the inside of a sealed cellar. When they were able to break the seal, they found Alfonzo and Elicia. Then, after finding out all they could about the incident, they took the children to the nearest town, Hargeon, and entrusted them to an orphanage.

For the next few hours, Alfonzo and Elicia followed the routines they were used to before they regained their memories from their past lives. They ate, did their chores around the orphanage, and learned to read and write. Then, once all that was over, Elicia, as she usually does, dragged Alonzo somewhere so that they could play alone.

"*Sigh* I guess they haven't connected enough with any of the other kids yet." The matriarch said as she watched Elicia drag Alfonzo away.

"They've only been here for a little less than two months." The head cook said. "I wouldn't be surprised if they still feel like they are all they have left."

"You're probably right." The matriarch said before taking a toke from a pipe." I wonder if they will turn out to be wizards like their parents?"

"Well, if they show any signs of magic, we'll do like we always do." The head cook said with a smile. "We'll point them towards the guilds. We're not equipped to raise wizards in this little orphanage."

Meanwhile, Elicia was dragging Alfonzo towards the borders of the orphanage's property. Once she was sure there was no one close enough to over hear them, she let go of Alfonzo's arm, turned around, and hugged him with all the strength she had in her six-year-old body.

"Ahh~~~~~!" Elicia screamed, burying her face in Alfonzo's chest. "We got isekai'd! Fonzie, we got isekai'd! Fairy Tail! We got isekai'd into Fairy Tail! Does that mean we can do magic? Of course, we can do magic. I mean, why would we get isekai'd here if we couldn't? More importantly, are we gonna join Fairy Tail? Oh, what am I saying? Of course, we're gonna join Fairy Tail!"

While Elicia gushed in excitement, Alfonzo knew there was nothing he could do until she calmed down. So, he just smiled and rubbed her back until she got it all out of her system.

"*Sigh* Okay, I'm good now." Elicia said after three minutes of her ranting about how cool this is. "So, what are we gonna do, Fonzie?"

"Haha. Are you sure you're done?" Alfonzo said in a teasing tone. "I'm sure there's more you want to go on about."

"Stop teasing me." Elicia squeaked out with an awkward smile. "Be serious."

"Okay, haha, I got it." Alfonzo snickered. "But I haven't seen you that excited since Mass Effect 3 came out."

"I still say that was the best Mass Effect. It's just too bad the ending sucked." Elicia said with conviction.

"Anyway, like you said, we can use magic." Alfonzo said, taking on a serious tone. "We both used it on that... day."

With that statement, the atmosphere became rather subdued.

"[Thread Magic] for me and some kind of metal magic for you, huh?" Elicia said.

"No, just [Metal Magic]." Alfonzo corrected. "From what I can feel, I can create any metal that I have a good enough understanding of."

"Does that include metal from Earth?" Elicia asked.

"Yeah." Alfonzo replied with a nod.

"So, that makes you kinda OP, right?" Elicia asked.

"Not really." Alfonzo replied. "There are a ton of magic metals in this world. I won't be OP until I can create them all."

"Then, that leaves us with only one course of action." Elicia said with her feet spread shoulder width apart, her left hand resting on her hip, and her right hand raised in the air with her index finger pointing at the sky. "We have to

join a guild. We'll need a backer after all. And what better guild to join than Fairy Tail?"