

Fairy Tail 321

Chapter 321: Fighting a Homunculus

Shortly after he was wrapped by the threads and vanished from sight, Maes Hughes found himself being pulled through the city of Crocus at high speed.

'What the hell is going on?' Maes thought to himself as his mind raced to make sense of what was happening. 'What was up with that woman in the HQ? How did that woman change into my wife? What was that thing that saved me? And most importantly, where am I being taken?'

Unfortunately, because he was wrapped up so tightly, Maes was unable to scream or shout to draw attention to himself, not that it would have made a difference.

Instead, all he could do was watch the scenery pass by while letting his mind work.

Eventually, he noticed that he was being pulled towards a rather well-known hotel. However, he was being pulled straight towards the closed front entrance.

'Seriously, is this the way I'm going to die?' Maes thought in a panic. 'Smashing head first into a building was not the way I thought I'd go.'

Before he could smash into the doors, however, Maes rose into the air, quite sharply. Then, he was smoothly pulled through a window that opened just as he reached it, before being closed a moment later.

"Well, that went well." Elicia, the one controlling the threads that bound Maes, said with a smile once the Lt. Colonel was on the floor of her hotel room. "Now, the rest is up to you, Fonzie."

At the same time, the threads binding Maes dispelled, allowing him to move. And just as he regained his mobility, Maes scrambled to his feet with a throwing knife gripped in his uninjured hand.

"Though I'm happy that you saved me, who are you and why did you bring me here?' Maes asked while scanning the room.

A moment later, after regaining his senses, Maes realized who was in the room with him.

"Elicia Taylor, an S-Class wizard from Fairy Tail?" Maes asked without lowering his guard. "Why did you bring me here?"

"To save you." Elicia replied with a smile. "I don't know what those things that were attacking you were, but they had no magic power signature. More precisely, they had no magic power in their bodies."

"Impossible." Maes denied immediately. "Every living thing on the planet has magic power running through it."

'That should be true if not for the homunculus.' Elicia thought without losing her smile. 'But if Black Clover somehow appears in this weird world, there would be one human with no magic power, too.'

"Well, as a regular person, there's no way you'd be able to tell for yourself." Elicia replied nonchalantly. "And you seem like a real pragmatist, so I doubt you'll believe me, either way. Unless you were to see it for yourself, or someone you trust tells you the same thing."

Hearing Elicia's words, Maes deflated a little because he knew what she said was true.

"*Sigh* The worst thing is, I really wanna believe you." Maes said while putting his throwing knife back in his sleeve. Then, he reached for the inner pocket of his uniform. "Especially since you have the same name as my cute daughter."

As he spoke the last part, Maes' expression changed to that of a doting father. Then, he pulled a family photo out of his pocket that showed him standing with his wife and daughter.

"These are my wife and daughter, Gracia and Elicia!" Maes said, gushing over his family. "Isn't my wife beautiful? And isn't my daughter the most precious thing you've ever seen?"

'I was wondering when this was gonna happen.' Elicia said while still maintaining her smile.

Meanwhile, back in the deserted part of the city where Elicia whisked Maes away from, Alfonzo and the woman were having a standoff.

'So, my first fight with a homunculus, and it's Envy.' Alfonzo thought to himself. 'Well, at least it's not Pride, I guess.'

"Who are you?" The woman... or rather, Envy asked with her pistol raised. "And where did you take him?"

"Didn't we already introduce ourselves? Alfonzo replied while tilting his head in confusion. "We are Venom. And who are you? Or rather, what are you? Because you're clearly not human. Otherwise, we would be able to feel your magic power."

Hearing Alfonzo claim with such confidence that she was not human, Envy quickly pulled the trigger several times in succession. Unfortunately for her, Alfonzo deflected all the bullets with little effort.

This time, however, Envy was able to see what happened, since all her focus was on Alfonzo. And what she saw a number of thin tendrils that grew from the surface of the man's body before deflecting the bullets.

"Hmm... That's an interesting magic." Envy said while licking her lips as she was once again covered in red lightning.

A moment later, Envy had transformed into an androgynous young man with a lean, muscular build, long, wispy black hair, and violet eyes wearing a black crop top, black shorts, black, fingerless, elbow-length gloves, and black, stocking-like footwear that exposed his heels and toes, with a matching headgear.

"Ahh~, it feels good to be back in a familiar body.' Envy said while stretching lightly. Then, he put on a sadistic grin as he continued. "Anyway, even though that magic seems quite interesting, how much will it help you against someone like me?"

With that, Envy dropped the pistol before rushing forward at high speed. In fact, he put so much force into his dash that the ground under his left foot cratered.

'He's pretty fast.' Alfonzo thought to himself while tilting his head to the side to dodge a right straight.

Meanwhile, Envy, as soon as his punch was dodged, opened his palm and wrapped his fingers around the back of Alfonzo's head. Then, he began squeezing as if he wanted to crush it in his palm. At the same time, he pulled forward and raised his left knee in an attempt to smash it into Alfonzo's face.

'Pretty strong, too.' Alfonzo thought as he raised his hands to block the knee strike. 'That grip strength would be enough to crush most A-Class wizards' heads even while they're strengthening their bodies with magic power.'

Bang!

The collision between Alfonzo's hands and Envy's knee produced a loud sound that echoed through the area while simultaneously creating a small shockwave. A moment later, however, Envy quickly released Alfonzo's head and pulled his bloody hand away.

Taking advantage of the fact that Envy could no longer use his head as leverage, Alfonzo retracted the spikes he formed on the back of his head. At the same time, he let the Techno Organic Metal on his hands wrap around Envy's leg.

"Now it's our turn." Alfonzo said as the Techno Organic Metal formed spikes that pierced Envy's leg.

At the same time, Alfonzo raised Envy off the ground before smashing him down, back first.

Boom!

Despite Envy's small frame, the street under him and Alfonzo collapsed. As a result, they both fell down into the sewer system.

'Hopefully our fight won't cause so much damage if it's down here.' Alfonzo thought to himself as he spun in place after regaining his footing. 'But damn, this son of a bitch is heavy as a mother fucker.'

"Let go of me you insect!" Envy shouted while being spun around.

As soon as his shout ended, Envy used his free leg to throw a powerful kick at Alfonzo's chest. Alfonzo, on the other hand, simply released his hold on Envy's left leg before the kick could land. But he left the metal that pierced Envy's thigh and knee in the wounds.

Bang!

Splash!

As a result, Envy was sent flying into a nearby wall. However, because of the angle that he made contact with the wall, instead of punching a hole in it, he bounced off before falling into the flowing sewage in the center of the corridor.

"Looks like someone's gonna need a bath." Alfonzo said as he covered the hole, he and Envy fell through, with Techno Organic Metal.

'Although I'm confident I could fight one or two of the homunculus, I'd rather not have Pride's shadows show up.' Alfonzo thought to himself as he also extinguished all the lights in the surrounding area. 'Especially when I'm not sure if [MPD] will pick up the moving shadows like it does when Lust and Envy used their powers.'

Splash!

"I'll kill you!" Envy shouted as he leapt out of the flowing sewage.

"Eww~!" Alfonzo exclaimed while waving his hand in front of his face. "How about you go get cleaned up before we continue?"

"Rah~~~~!" Envy roared angrily as he rushed towards Alfonzo once again.

With that, Alfonzo spent the next ten minutes, or so, dodging Envy's attacks that were devoid of any technique. Though, he was unsure if that was due to the fact that he was so angry. Or because his physical parameters were so far above those of a human that he never trained in martial arts.

However, Alfonzo did much more than just dodge. In fact, whenever the opportunity presented itself, he would land a devastating counterattack. And every time he did so, he would create a spike on his fist, foot, knee, elbow, or even head just before his attack landed.

Then, after pulling away, he would break off a small piece of Techno Organic Metal that he would leave in Envy's body.

'I wonder how the Techno Organic metal will affect the homunculus' regeneration?' Alfonzo thought to himself as he noticed that Envy was beginning to slow down. 'I mean, since it's technically healing their injuries. Oh well... It's too bad I won't be here long enough to find out.'

"What have you done to me, you insect?" Envy roared angrily as he also noticed that his movements were getting stiffer by the second.

"That's for us to know and for you to find out." Alfonzo replied mockingly.

"Rah~~~!" Envy roared in irritation.

At the same time, Alfonzo rushed forward. Then, once he was close enough, he ducked under a swipe of Envy's arm. In the same motion, he landed a left uppercut into Envy's unprotected abdomen, with spikes growing from his knuckles. A moment later, he avoided a swipe from Envy's other arm, before he threw a right uppercut into the homunculus chin, also with spikes extending from his knuckles.

Then, he swung both of his arms, which were still in contact with Envy's body, throwing him away. However, the two remained connected by Techno Organic Metal tentacles. And using these tentacles, Alfonzo whipped Envy around the sewer, smashing him into the walls, floor, and ceiling repeatedly.

'Well, I think it's time to call it a night.' Alfonzo muttered internally. 'I can feel Lust trying to cut through the cover I made over the hole in the street.'

With that thought, Alfonzo smiled deviously under his mask.

'Well, if she really wants to get Envy back so badly, what kind of gentleman would I be if I didn't help her?' Alfonzo thought to himself as she started swinging Envy around with even greater force.

Then, once Alfonzo was satisfied with the speed at which Envy was moving, he released him in the direction where he could feel Lust damaging his metal.

A moment before Envy crashed into the cover, a hole opened up in it. As a result, Envy slammed into Lust before they were both sent flying into the sky.

Then, as the two homunculus flew away, Alfonzo hopped out of the hole in the Techno Organic Metal and landed on an undamaged part of the street. He then looked in the direction where Envy and Lust were flying while pretending to shield his eyes from the sun.

"They're blasting off again~~~~~!" Alfonzo shouted while watching the two homunculus fly past the city limits.

A moment later, Alfonzo sucked all the Techno Organic Metal used to cover the hole in the street into his suit. Then, he simply vanished from where he stood as if he had never been there.

Meanwhile, outside the city...

Boom!

A dust cloud was raised as Lust and Envy crashed into the ground. However, it was quickly blown away by the swing of what appeared to be a tail, revealing a large, green, serpentine creature with multiple pairs of legs, long human-like hair, a dog-like head, and six pupils in its left eye.

"Damn that insect!" The chimeric creature, Envy, shouted angrily. "The next time I see him, I'm going to rip out his intestines and feed them to him."

"I'm sure you will." Lust replied dryly. "But could you get off of me for now?"

Hearing Lust's voice, Envy instinctively looked down at one of his feet, where he saw red lightning constantly sparking. Then, when he lifted his foot, he saw a mostly crushed head and torso that was quickly regenerating.

"Oh..." Envy muttered as he put his foot down somewhere else. "Then, he transformed back into his human form. "We need to get back! We can't let that insect get away."

"It's probably already too late." Lust replied as she finished regenerating. Then, she continued as she picked herself up from the ground. "Instead, we should go and report this to Father."

"Tch!" Envy clicked his tongue. "Fine, but I'm gonna kill that human the next time I see him."

With that, Lust and Envy left the sight of the crater and made their way back to the homunculus base under Crocus. However, their trip was much slower than usual as Envy's body became stiffer and stiffer as time went by.

Chapter 322: Retiring from the Military

"I'm back." Alfonzo said as he walked into his and Elicia's hotel room.

"Welcome back." Elicia said with a smile from atop the bed.

After that, Alfonzo slipped off his shoes before quickly making his way over to the bed and giving Elicia a hug.

"So, when she said 'Fonzie will handle the rest,' she was talking about you, Alfonzo Marcus, huh?" Maes asked from the chair in front of the desk in the room. "I guess that means you were that weird black silhouette that saved me then, right?"

"That's right." Alfonzo replied with a nod. "You're just lucky that we have the habit of scanning our surroundings when we're outside of Magnolia."

"Yeah, otherwise, those two would have killed you." Elicia added.

"Yeah, I kinda figured that." Maes said while scratching the stubble on his face. "But what were those things? I mean, I stabbed one of them in the head and the other in the throat. But they just shrugged it off like they weren't even hurt."

"Since you work with so many alchemists, I'm sure you've heard of them at least once." Alfonzo replied.

Hearing that, Maes started to explore his memories. Before he could come to the correct conclusion, however, Elicia gave the answer.

"Homunculus." Elicia said in a solemn tone.

"That's impossible." Maes replied almost immediately. "No one has ever created a homunculus successfully."

"Well, if you have a better explanation for what those things that tried to kill you were, I'm all ears." Alfonzo replied with a shrug. "Either way, that's not the most important thing to worry about, right now."

"Huh?" Maes exclaimed in confusion.

"Those things, they want you dead." Elicia said. "And I doubt they are above using your family---"

"Gracia! Elicia!" Maes shouted in panic.

"Take it easy, Lt. Colonel." Alfonzo said, stopping Maes before he could get out of control. "I sent those two things flying out of the city. So, we should have some time to secure your family before they can report back and get new orders."

Hearing that, relief washed over Maes. Then, he stood up abruptly and started walking towards the hotel room's door. Seeing that, both Alfonzo and Elicia could only smile wryly.

"I guess I'll go with him." Elicia said, leaning over to give Alfonzo a kiss on the cheek. "But what are we gonna do with the Hughes family after that?"

As she spoke, Elicia extended a thread towards Maes that imbued the effects of [Hiding in Plain Sight]. It would be a waste if Maes was spotted by an informant of the homunculus after all that Alfonzo and Elicia had done, after all.

"Yeah, you should go with Hughes." Alfonzo said with a nod. "Meanwhile, I'll book another room for the family of three. Then, I'll take your car back to Magnolia and switch it out for the Escalade. We'll need a lot more room to bring them all back to Magnolia, right?"

"You wanna bring them back with us?" Elicia asked with curiosity in her tone. "But if we do that, what will they do?"

"Well, other than a change in scenery, not much should happen to Gracia and Elicia." Alfonzo replied.

"Having someone around with the same name as mine is gonna take some getting used to." Elicia said while smiling wryly.

"But I think having Hughes work for the guild as an information analyst would be good for Fairy Tail." Alfonzo continued while smiling at Elicia's remark. "I mean, he is the commanding officer in the Knights investigations office, after all."

"Ooh!" Elicia exclaimed with her eyes opened wide. "If he accepts, you're gonna end up being Ur's favorite person."

After she spoke, Elicia leaned over and pecked Alfonzo on the cheek once again. Then, she stood up and quickly started walking towards the door of the hotel room.

"Well, I guess I should get going." Elicia said as she opened the door. "He's already on the ground floor."

"Okay, I'll see you some time tomorrow." Alfonzo said while waving Elicia goodbye.

After that, Elicia quickly caught up with Maes. Then, while they were both undetectable thanks to her [Camouflage magic], they made their way to Maes' apartment.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo headed down to the hotel's reception desk, and booked a room on the same floor as his and Elicia's for the next few days. Then, he left the hotel, hopped in Elicia's Z3, and started his drive back to Magnolia.

After that, the next few days passed with little issue. Maes was able to convince his wife that they had to get out of the city after he had been attacked for getting too close to the heart of a secret, and how he was saved by Elicia and her fiancée from Fairy Tail. Though, he did have to explain to his wife that he was not cheating on her with a younger woman when Gracia saw him come into the house with Elicia.

Then, Alfonzo returned with the Escalade early the next morning. After that, he and Elicia went out to look at the plots of land that the realtor had prepared for Elicia's new shop.

The Hughes family, on the other hand, stayed in the hotel room that Alfonzo had booked for them while they were all connected to Elicia with her threads. Since Alfonzo and Elicia knew about Gluttony and his ability to sniff out his targets, they were constantly under the effects of [Hiding in Plain Sight], and would remain that way until the group left for Magnolia.

Also, during those few days, Maes' daughter, Elicia, was quite taken by the older Elicia. And whenever she wasn't out surveying possible locations for her store, the two Elicias were pretty much inseparable.

On a side note, Maes tried to pull his gun on Alfonzo when Alfonzo made a toy for Elicia with his [Metal Magic], and the little girl gave him a kiss on the cheek as thanks. But thanks to Alfonzo's [Metal Magic], Maes could not even pull it from its holster.

In any case, after those few days were over, Alfonzo and Elicia were satisfied with the spot they had chosen for Elicia's new store. Though, they did end up paying a little more than they expected because the owner got greedy after realizing who the buyers were. Still, as they were both pretty rich, neither of

them batted an eye. Though, Alfonzo planned to bankrupt his business in the future. Through completely legal means, of course.

Then, once Alfonzo and Elicia had hired a construction company to build the shop with orichalcum lined walls, they went back to the hotel.

The next day, Elicia, concealed by her [Hiding in Plain sight Spell], accompanied Maes to the knights' headquarters where he would tender his resignation from the kingdom's military. Luckily, his resignation was accepted thanks to his years of stellar service. Though, he did have to deal with quite the guilt tripping before they agreed.

Even the commander of the knights, King Bradley made an appearance and tried to convince him otherwise. In fact, he almost succeeded. Until Elicia secretly whispered to Maes that the commander was lacking any hint of magic power in his body, just like the two who attacked him a few nights ago.

Eventually, when Maes' resignation was accepted and made official, and Maes had cleaned out his office, he and Elicia left the HQ.

"Don't panic, but someone is following us." Elicia whispered as she and Maes walked towards a crowded street.

"*Sigh* I knew I figured out something big, but to think they'd go this far to keep me from spreading it." Maes said quietly.

"Well, you did say that a few villages and towns had been massacred in the shape of the transmutation circle used to create a Philosopher's Stone." Elicia replied. "Although not all of the country would be sacrificed, most of the kingdom's population would end up dead if they succeeded."

"*Sigh* I know." Maes replied. "Fortunately, Magnolia won't fall into the range of the giant transmutation circle."

"That's because if they tried to destroy any towns or villages near magnolia, they would probably be found out by the guild." Elicia replied while puffing out her chest in pride. "Although we've been known to cause trouble in the past, we have always been considered the strongest guild in the kingdom."

Hearing that, Maes could only smile wryly. At the same time, he and Elicia finally walked into the crowd of people roaming the capital's streets. Then, Maes simply vanished among the people, with no one seeming to notice.

"Huh? Where did he go?" Asked an extremely fat man with a large, round head, a large nose, and small, round, pupilless eyes wearing a sleeveless black body suit as he tilted his head in confusion from a rooftop overlooking the crowded Crocus street. "Lust told me I could eat him... But he disappeared."

After that, the fat man sniffed the air a few times to try and find his prey. However, the scent completely vanished in the spot where Maes disappeared. A few moments later, the fat man turned around and started heading back to his hideout.

"I hope Lust won't be mad at me." The fat man muttered to himself as he leapt from rooftop to rooftop.

The following day, with everything that needed to be taken care of out of the way, Alfonzo, the two Elicias, Maes, and Gracia piled into the Escalade after checking out of the hotel. Then, they started the drive back to Magnolia.

"So, have you considered my offer?" Alfonzo asked while steering the vehicle.

"You mean about working for Fairy Tail?" Maes asked after glancing back at his giggling daughter, who was sitting in Elici's lap, while the older girl braided her hair. "Yeah, I think I'll accept. I need to be able to provide for my family, after all."

"Good." Alfonzo replied with a smile. "Ur is gonna be over the moon to have someone who can help her sift through the information that comes in every day."

"You mentioned Ur, you mean the Ice Witch, Ur Milkovich, right?" Gracia asked from the back seat.

"That's right." Alfonzo replied. "She became the fourth Fairy Tail guild master after Gramps retired."

"I see." Gracia replied with a nod. "I've heard a lot about her over the years thanks to Sorcerer Weekly. But what's she like?"

"Ur's nice." Elicia replied with a smile.

"Unless you spill her wine or mention her age." Alfonzo added.

"She's really good with children. And she seems to like teaching them." Elicia continued without minding Alfonzo's interruption. "In fact, she's already taught five wizards. Actually, she's still teaching the fifth one..."

"Yeah, and if little Elicia shows any talent as a wizard, she'll probably jump at the opportunity to teach her, too." Alfonzo added.

Hearing her name mentioned, the younger Elicia looked towards Alfonzo from her seat on the older Elicia's lap.

"Could I be a wizard?" The little Elicia asked with her eye's sparkling.

One thing to take note of is that Elicia Hughes is six years old in this world, unlike her canon counterpart from Fullmetal Alchemist. In fact, all the characters from that franchise are older due to things not following Fullmetal's timeline thanks to all the things that have been going on in the world of Fairy Tail. On top of that, magic has made it much harder for Father to enact his plans without being noticed. So, things have been much more slow going.

"You probably could." The older Elicia replied with a smile. "I mean, you and your mom have a decent amount of magic power. Though, from what I can tell, Gracia never trained hers."

"Huh? I have magic power?" Gracia asked in a confused tone. "But no one ever told me about that."

Not only Gracia, but even Maes was completely flabbergasted by the bomb Elicia just dropped.

"Well, if I had to guess, you grew up in a village that didn't have any wizards living there, right?" Alfonzo asked.

"Yes, that's right." Gracia replied with a nod.

"And since you didn't awaken a kind of innate magic as a child, no one in the village would have ever known that you had the potential to be a wizard." Alfonzo continued. "Then, by the time you moved away from your village, everyone who noticed your magic power probably decided that you were too old to train, so they never said anything to you about it."

"Then why hasn't anyone said anything to us about Elicia?" Maes asked in a tone filled with curiosity.

In response, Alfonzo glanced at him out of the corner of his eye with a deadpan expression on his face.

"That's definitely your fault, Hughes." Alfonzo replied. "Between your super-doting daddy aura and your rank of Lt. Colonel in the kingdom's knight order, no one was brave enough to mention it to you."

Hearing that, Maes wore an exaggerated expression of shock on his face. Then, he hung his head, feeling disappointed in himself.

"Are you u saying that I could have hampered the number of choices my daughter had in life?" Maes asked in a downcast tone.

"Pretty much." Alfonzo replied with a neutral expression on his face.

In the next instant, Maes turned back towards the two Elicias. Though his attention was completely focused on his daughter.

"Sweetie, Daddy has always told you that you could be whatever you want." Maes said frantically. "So, if you wanna be a wizard when you grow up, Daddy will do all he can to support you."

After saying all that, Maes expression turned cold.

"But if any boys try to make a team with you, they'll have to talk to Daddy's gun, first." Maes said while cocking a small pistol that fell into his palm from his sleeve.

'*Sigh* Another doting daddy is gonna join Fairy Tail.' Alfonzo thought to himself while he decided to just focus on the road. 'AT least I won't have to worry about this one wanting to kill me because his daughter fell for me, right?'

'I bet he'll get along great with Cana and Sun's dads.' Elicia thought to herself as she continued to braid the little Elicia's hair.

Like that, the rest of the road trip went smoothly with the little Elicia eventually falling asleep. Then, after a couple of hours, the group pulled up outside of the Fairy Tail guild hall.

Chapter 323: Mermaid Heel Visits Fairy Tail

A few weeks have passed since Alfonzo and Elicia brought the Hughes family back to Magnolia. And they have integrated seamlessly into the family that is Fairy Tail. On top of that, Maes was the first non-wizard to join Fairy Tail officially.

The Hughes were also able to find quite an affordable apartment to live in. In fact, it was the same apartment building Lucy used to live in before she was kicked out for destroying a large part of it. They even managed to get the only two bedroom apartment in the building.

The only hiccup in their integration was the fact that Elicia quickly became friends with Macao's son, Romeo. Mostly due to the fact that they were the only children who often hung around the guild. Unfortunately, that triggered Maes' overprotective instincts. Unfortunately for Maes, that is.

Once Maes started getting out of hand, as if she had been practicing magic, Gracia appeared behind him with a frying pan in hand and knocked him unconscious with one blow.

Other than that, everything went well. Maes took to his work as the information analyst of the guild like a fish to water. Even Gracia took a job in the guild's kitchen so that she could keep an eye on Elicia, who spent most of her time at the guild hall, as well.

And just like Alfonzo and the older Elicia said, Ur was taken with the younger Elicia from the moment she met her. She even became Ur's fifth student. Though, they had not done much in the way of training yet, as the little girl did not want to learn [Ice-Make Magic]. Instead, she was the first wizard to start learning one of the Ancient Magics found on Grimoire heart's airship. Specifically, the [arc of Embodiment].

During the time when the Hughes family was getting used to Magnolia, the guild was also preparing for another important event. And today was the day it would take place.

Just as they said in the letter, representatives from Mermaid Heel would arrive in Magnolia today to see Fairy Tail's training facilities. And if they were happy with what they saw, they would then discuss having Alfonzo build some for them, as well.

"So, do we still not know who the guild master of Mermaid Heel is?" Elicia asked from a seat at the bar where she was accompanied by Alfonzo, Makarov, and Ur. "I mean, what's the point of keeping it secret like this?"

"I don't know." Alfonzo replied. "But the suspense is killing me."

"It's not that big of a deal." Ur replied after taking a sip from her glass of wine. Then, she shot a sharp glare at Makarov. "I just hope this old pervert can keep himself together after seeing all the women of Mermaid Heel."

"Hey, what do you take me for?" Makarov asked with a huff. Then, he looked in Alfonzo and Elicia's direction. "I'm a perfect gentleman, right?"

In response, Alfonzo and Elicia did not even look in Makarov's direction. Instead, they were engaged in what appeared to be one of the most interesting conversations either of them had had in either life.

"After all I did to raise the two of you..." Makarov muttered in a depressed tone. "Yet you betray me like this?"

Instead of responding to Makarov's melodrama, Alfonzo and Elicia included Ur in the conversation while the three of them ignored Makarov.

Then, before Makarov could try and gain their sympathy again, the doors to the guild hall slid open, drawing everyone's attention. And when it did, they saw a group of five, seemingly young women, come strolling into the main hall.

While one of them was familiar to both Alfonzo and Elicia, and one was familiar to only Alfonzo, there were two that seemed to be familiar to Makarov, as well. While no one had ever met the fifth of the women.

Naturally, the one Alfonzo and Elicia knew was the lazy, little cat, Yoruichi Shihouin. Alfonzo also knew Kagura Mikazuchi thanks to the joint mission a few months ago.

Then, there were the two that Makarov seemed to know. Though, Alfonzo and Elicia, due to their past lives, recognized all of the new arrivals.

Walking in the center of the group, and appearing to be the leader, was a brown-eyed, fair-skinned, blonde woman with long hair that reached her lower back tied into a pair of ponytails and shoulder-length bangs that framed her gorgeous face. ON top of that, she had the largest breasts anyone had ever seen.

As for her clothing, she wore a grass green hoari with the kanji for gamble on the back in the middle of a red circle, a grey, kimono-style blouse that was closed quite low, revealing a large amount of cleavage, a dark blue-greyish obi, a pair of pants that matched the color of the obi, and a pair of high heeled, black sandals.

Also, she wore red nail polish on both her fingernails and toenails, while she wore soft, pink lips stick on her pretty lips. There was also a violet colored diamond mark in the center of her forehead.

The second of the women, walking to the blonde woman's left with Kagura walking to her left, was a beautiful, youthful-looking woman wearing a kind and gentle smile with blue eyes and long, black hair tied in a thick braid that hung in front of her chest wearing a black kimono with a white obi that camouflaged her large breasts that could rival the blonde woman's in size, a white hoari over top that had the Mermaid Heel guild emblem embroidered in black on its back, and a sheathed katana strapped to her left hip.

The third woman, walking to the right of Yoruichi, who stood to the right of the blonde woman, was quite petite with grey eyes and short, black hair, with the exception of two long braids that hung down her back and were tied with white cloth.

As for her attire, it was similar to what Yoruichi usually wore, being a black, sleeveless and backless kimono-style blouse, a yellow obi, black pants, black Chinese-style martial arts shoes, black detached sleeves that covered everything from her upper arms to her wrists, as well as a sheathed wakizashi strapped to her lower back.

Shortly after entering the guild hall, the five women stopped to take a look around. Then, after spotting Alfonzo and Elicia, Yoruichi raised her hand and began waving vigorously.

"Hey! Alfonzo, Elicia, we're here!" Yoruichi shouted as she started walking towards the group sitting at the bar.

Shortly afterward, the other four women followed Yoruichi over to the bar.

At the same time, the rest of the guild hall fell silent, especially the men, as they watched the new arrivals approach four of the strongest members of Fairy Tail.

"Hey, Yoruichi, long time no see." Elicia said as she stood up. Then, when Yoruichi was close enough, she pulled her into a hug. "How have you been?"

"Oh, you know me." Yoruichi replied with a smile while returning the hug. "Taking quests, kicking ass, and taking naps."

"You're still such a lazy cat." Alfonzo said with a smile. "But it looks like you got a little stronger since the last time we met."

"Yeah, after seeing that purple laser-thingy you shot through the ravine, I thought I should train a little more." Yoruichi replied as she released Elicia and showed off her biceps.

"*Cough* *Cough* Yoruichi, would you mind introducing us?" The blonde woman said, interrupting the conversation, in an irritated tone.

"Oh, sure." Yoruichi replied carefreely. Then, she gestured towards the blond woman. "Allow me to introduce you, this is the guild master of Mermaid Heel, Tsunade Senju."

After introducing the blonde woman, Tsunade, Yoruichi then gestured to the woman to her left.

"And this is the guild master before her, Ritsu Unohana." Yoruichi said with a smile.

"Damn, she's the last guild master?" Ur asked in a shocked tone. "I hope I look as good as she does when I retire and hand this job off to the kid."

"When you say the kid, you're talking about your kid... As in Ultear.... Right?" Alfonzo asked with his eyebrow twitching.

"Sure, keep telling yourself that, Kid." Ur replied with a cheeky smile. "And maybe one day, it might become the truth. Though, I wouldn't hold my breath."

"Then, I guess that would mean you're the fourth master of Fairy Tail, Ur Milkovich." Tsunade said, interrupting the conversation. Then, she reached out for a hand shake. "I've heard a lot about you. And I must say, the rumors were true. You're really quite strong."

Naturally, Ur accepted Tsunade's handshake. However, she became alert a moment later as she felt blood lust wash over her.

"Indeed." Ritsu added with a nod as her smile became slightly blood thirsty. "She might be able to make me fight all out for the first time in decades."

With that, a bit of Ritsu's battle intent leaked, causing some of the weaker members of the guild to shiver involuntarily.

At the same time, Alfonzo and Elicia were thinking the same thing.

'Yachiru is coming out.'

"You should calm down, Master." Kagura said in her usual, monotonous tone. "You're going to make all the wizards under A-Class pass out."

With that, Ritsu took a quick look around the guild hall before exhaling a deep breath and returning to her usual demeanor.

"I see you haven't changed in all these years, Ritsu." Makarov said while putting on what he thought was a charming smile.

"Oh, you were here too, Mr. Dreyar?" Ritsu replied in a tone that made it seem as if she had just now noticed Makarov. "I thought I was just imagining things when I saw you there. I mean, I did say I would cut off that little thing between your legs if I ever saw you again, didn't I?"

Though her words were enough to make every man in the guild hall squeeze their legs together involuntarily. And the fact that she said them with such a kind smile on her face was enough to make some of the weaker willed men pass out directly.

"Oh, wow! Look at the time!" Makarov said, looking down at his left wrist, which was absent of a watch. "I need to go and make sure that... Um... yeah, right.! I need to make sure that Gildarts isn't getting into trouble. Anyway, it was nice to see you again, Ritsu. But I really should be going. Bye!"

Then, Makarov hopped off the top of the bar and ran towards the guild hall's entrance as fast as he could. Meanwhile, the other seven people could only watch in disbelief.

"I'm kinda curious to know how Gramps pissed her off so badly." Alfonzo muttered while he watched Makarov run. "But at the same time, I'm really scared to find out."

"It would seem you have good instincts, young man." Ritsu said. "And I would assume you are Alfonzo Marcus, the Master of Metal. And the one beside you must be Elicia Taylor, the Magic Seamstress, correct?"

"That's right." Alfonzo replied with a nod. "It's a pleasure to meet you."

"Nice to meet you." Elicia replied with a smile and sparkling eyes. "By the way, could I make some clothes for you? All of you are making my creative juices run wild."

Hearing that, four of the five women from Mermaid Heel smiled, even Kagura, who rarely showed any emotion let a small smile slip. The only exception was the petite young woman, who was staring at Alfonzo and Elicia with clear hostility.

'Damn it, Sui-Feng looks like she wants to kill us. Alfonzo thought to himself after feeling the hostile glare. 'I bet Yoruichi told that yandere assassin that she wanted to sleep with the both of us. And now she hates us.'

"Um... Excuse me, why are you staring at us like that?" Elicia asked while already knowing the answer to her question.

"You two should stay away from Lady Yoruichi." The petite young woman, identified as Sui-Feng, replied in a threatening tone.

"Hey, Sui-feng, knock it off." Yoruichi said in a reprimanding tone. "We're here as allies, not to start a fight."

"Yes, Lady Yoruichi." Sui-Feng replied with a nod while continuing to glare at Alfonzo and Elicia.

"Anyway, since you came such a long way..." Ur said, ignoring the hostility Sui-Feng was shooting at Alfonzo and Elicia, as she knew they were fully capable of handling it. "Why don't you join us for a meal. As it turns out, our guild is home to one of the continents best chefs."

"Oh..." Tsunade replied while raising an eyebrow. "Interesting. Now, I'm curious to know who this chef is"

"I wouldn't say no to a meal after such a long journey." Ritsu replied with a smile. "All the better if it is both delicious and filling."

"Well, you heard them, Kid." Ur said while slapping Alfonzo on the back. "Go make the magic happen."

Though he followed her instructions, Alfonzo glared at Ur harshly before he made his way to the kitchen.

"Now, why don't you come with me to my office." Ur said with a smile that cramped slightly after seeing Alfonzo's glare. "We can place our orders and have our meal up there, too. After that, we'll give you a tour of the guild hall. Then, we can discuss business tomorrow."

'Oops, I forgot to discuss this with him beforehand.' Ur thought to herself. 'Oh well, I'll just give him double his normal rates and he should be fine.'

"Sounds good to me." Tsunade replied with a nod. "I just hope you have some good alcohol to go with the food."

With that, Ur and Elicia led the five wizards from Mermaid Heel to the elevator while Alfonzo prepared the kitchen for dinner.

On a side note, while Alfonzo was cooking dinner, the anguished wailing of Fairy Tail wizards could be heard echoing through the guild hall, as Alfonzo refused to take any orders other than for the people currently in Ur's office.

Chapter 324: Dinner and Gambling

While Alfonzo was in the guild's kitchen, the seven ladies of Fairy Tail and Mermaid Heel were sitting together in Ur's office and chatting happily, with the exception of Sui-Feng, of course, who was glaring daggers at Elicia.

"Seriously, Sui-Feng, it's time to stop this." Yoruichi said, sounding a bit annoyed at her protégé's actions.

"But Lady Yoruichi, this woman and that man are not worthy of you." Sui-Feng retorted.

"And what gives you the right to decide who is worthy of my time and affection?" Yoruichi asked in an exasperated tone. "And although I think I already know the answer to this question, but who do you think is worthy of me?"

Instead of replying, Sui-Feng only turned her head away with a deep blush on her cheeks.

'Yup, I saw that coming.' Elicia thought while watching the drama unfold.

"*Sigh* In any case, who I decide to give my time to is my decision, Sui-Feng." Yoruichi said in a much gentler tone after seeing Sui-Feng's expression. "But constantly glaring and barking at the people I show interest in will not gain you any favor from me."

Once again, Sui-Feng was unable to respond in words. Instead, she only lowered her head in shame. However, she still managed to glare at Elicia to show her discontent.

'This is all that man and that woman's fault.' Sui-Feng thought to herself with her head lowered. 'If they were not involved with Lady Yoruichi, she wouldn't have a reason to be angry or disappointed with me.'

Meanwhile, the other four women, namely, Ur, Kagura, Tsunade, and Ritsu only watched in interest. However, after seeing the expression on Sui-Feng's face, Ritsu, being the most experienced person in the room, immediately recognized that she would not be satisfied with Yoruichi's scolding.

"It would seem that this is an issue that cannot be solved with words." Ritsu said after taking a sip from a teacup. "So, might I make a suggestion?"

Hearing that, six pairs of eyes were focused on the former Mermaid Heel guild master. Ritsu, on the other hand, shifted her gaze to Sui-Feng.

'She's not gonna suggest what I think she is, right?' Elicia asked herself while waiting for Ritsu to continue.

"Sui-Feng, you claim that Mr. Marcus and Miss Taylor are unworthy of Yoruichi, correct?" Ritsu asked with a kind smile.

"Yes, Ma'am." Sui-Feng replied with a nod.

"And what makes them unworthy of her in your opinion?" Ritsu asked.

"Whether in terms of strength, status, or even appearance, neither of them is worthy of Lady Yoruichi." Sui-Feng said proudly.

In response, everyone in the room could only look at Sui-Feng blankly.

"Status and appearance aside, what makes you think they can't match Yoruichi in strength?" Tsunade asked curiously.

"Because Lady Yoruichi is the strongest wizard of our generation." Sui-Feng replied as if it were obvious.

"*Sigh* Though that may be true in our guild, Sui-Feng..." Tsunade said while shaking her head. "Who is to say that is true in the entire kingdom, let alone the continent or the world?"

"Besides, I know for a fact that Alfonzo is stronger than I am." Yoruichi added. "And Lici is at least on par with me. Though, neither of them are as fast as I am."

Yoruichi mentioned the last part with her chest puffed out proudly.

"That's impossible." Sui-Feng replied in a tone filled with disbelief. "They don't even feel as strong as Kagura. How could they possibly be stronger than you, Lady Yoruichi."

"So, she is either not very proficient in sensing the power of others, or her pride is too high to admit it, huh?" Ur asked.

"Unfortunately, it is the latter." Tsunade replied. "Although she is quite the capable wizard, her fanaticism over Yoruichi is more than even we can do anything about. But since her loyalty to Mermaid Heel is so strong, we haven't really felt the need to do anything about it, either."

"I see." Ritsu, who had just taken another sip from her teacup, replied in a gentle tone. A moment later, however, her blood lust began to leak slightly. "Then, why not challenge them to a duel? That way, you can ascertain their worthiness for yourself.?"

'Yup, she really did it...' Elicia grumbled internally. 'I guess she really is looking for opponents with whom she can use her full power even in this world, too.'

Sui-Feng, on the other hand, had her eyes light up with anticipation after hearing Ritsu's suggestion. Then, with her whole body exuding battle intent, she turned her attention back to Elicia.

"*Sigh* If I win, will this be enough to make you stop looking at me and Fonzie like that?" Elicia asked in an exasperated tone.

"Yes, but should I win, I want the two of you to keep your distance from Lady Yoruichi." Sui-Feng replied in a solemn tone.

"I guess I don't get a say in this, huh?" Yoruichi asked while smiling wryly.

At that moment, Alfonzo, pushing a trolley filled with everyone's dinner orders, walked into the office from the elevator. However, when he noticed the tension in the air, he stopped and scanned the room.

"I feel like I missed something." Alfonzo muttered as he started moving again.

Then, one by one, he started serving the ordered dishes to the seven women in the room before taking his own plate and sitting next to Elicia.

"After dinner, I'll be having a spar with Sui-Feng while we tour the training facilities." Elicia replied, not sounding too enthused about the whole thing.

"Oh, I see." Alfonzo said as he reached out with his fork and picked up a sautéed shrimp from Elicia's plate. Then, while presenting it in front of her mouth, he continued. "Just don't go overboard. We don't wanna sour relations with Mermaid Heel because you hurt their newest S-Class wizard too badly."

While Sui-Feng frowned angrily at the insinuation that she would lose quite badly, Elicia smiled happily as she opened her mouth and let Alfonzo feed her. Then, after chewing and swallowing, she nodded to Alfonzo's words.

With that, the dinner continued. And while Alfonzo was happy to receive the praise from the members of Mermaid Heel, he was forced to sit with his legs crossed for the majority of the meal after the five women released sensual moans after getting their first taste of his food.

Then, after dinner, the three Fairy Tail wizards showed their guests around the guild hall. More specifically, they introduced them to the training rooms.

"So, you're telling me that the gravity in these little, metal boxes can be increased up to one hundredfold Earth land's normal gravity?" Tsunade asked with clear interest in her tone.

Due to her interest in the gravity chamber, as well as the copious amounts of Alcohol she drank during dinner, Tsunade's cheeks were quite flushed, which added another level of charm to her already gorgeous face.

"That's right." Alfonzo replied with a nod. "And because of the sigils engraved into the walls, ceiling, and floor, the gravity doesn't affect the surfaces of the room. So, you don't have to worry about the room getting crushed by the excessive gravity."

"Would you mind if I tried it out? *Hiccup*" Tsunade asked with an alcohol induced grin.

"Are you sure?" Alfonzo asked, though he directed his gaze at Ritsu. "I mean, training like this after drinking so heavily might make you puke."

"Don't worry, young man. She'll be fine." Ritsu replied with a kind smile. Then, she turned her attention to Tsunade. "If you're gonna test it out, you'll have to sober up first, Tsuna."

"*Sigh* Fine..." Tsunade grumbled as her hands began glowing with soft, green-colored magic power. Then, she began rubbing her head with her right hand while she rubbed her stomach with her left. "But do you have any idea how hard it is to get a good buzz like this? And now, I'm gonna have to start all over again."

Hearing that, both Alfonzo and Ur's eyebrows twitched. Because she was a guest, as well as the master of an allied guild, they had both offered Tsunade alcohol from their private stashes. And she had already drank quite a bit of it. But now, she was talking about starting over to get her buzz back...

Luckily, Ritsu spoke the words of a savior.

"Then, I hope you brought enough alcohol with you to do so." Ritsu replied in a gentle tone that somehow left no room for argument.

"Tch!" Tsunade clicked her tongue. "So stingy."

Meanwhile, Alfonzo and Ur sighed with relief while looking at Ritsu gratefully.

After another minute of Tsunade using her [Healing Jutsu] on herself, she was finally sober, and ready to give the gravity chamber a test run.

"Alright, let's get it started." Tsunade said while standing in the center of the training room while no longer wearing her hoari.

Meanwhile, the rest of the group were standing near the room's perimeter, with Alfonzo at the gravity controls.

"Alright, I'll start you off at five times normal gravity, just so you can get a feel for how higher gravity affects your body." Alfonzo said while adjusting the gravity.

"Whatever, Kid." Tsunade replied grumpily. She was still upset over having to drink her own alcohol, after all. "Just get it started."

And just as she said, Alfonzo activated the increased gravity.

Although Tsunade was familiar with the concept of gravity on an elementary level, she was still surprised by the pressure it put on her body. Even if it was nothing she could not handle with ease.

"I guess I was looking at this too simply." Tsunade said, her expression turning more serious after feeling the effects of increased gravity. "I thought it would just make me feel heavier and make it harder to move."

Reaching that point, Tsunade began stretching. Then, she threw a series of punches.

"And I wasn't wrong about that." Tsunade continued. "But it's more complicated than that. The extra gravity is putting pressure on every part of me. My skin, muscles, bones, internal organs... everything."

"Yeah, and that's why I warned against going in while you were drunk." Alfonzo said with a smile.

"Yeah, I get it now." Tsunade replied with a nod. "Thanks, Kid. I probably really would have puked, if I hadn't listened. Still, that doesn't change the fact that I'm gonna have to start over after this... And with my own booze, too."

After saying that, Tsunade performed a few more basic movements to get accustomed to the higher gravity. While doing so, she caught a glimpse of her hoari. More specifically, the kanji for "gamble" on its back.

"Hey, I just had a great idea." Tsunade said with her eyes lighting up. "Since we're already going to have a wager on the outcome of the spar between the Bumble Bee and the Seamstress, why don't we gamble a little more."

"Don't call me that!" Sui-Feng shouted in protest.

Meanwhile, Yoruichi and Ritsu could only face palm. However, neither of them said anything to dissuade Tsunade from digging her own grave.

At the same time, Alfonzo's eyes lit up as well. And although he was not a huge fan of gambling, though he liked to do it every now and then between friends, he knew that if he accepted a gamble with Tsunade, he would end up quite a bit richer by the end of the night.

"Sure, I'm always down for a friendly gamble." Alfonzo replied with a friendly smile. "But why don't we talk about that after you finish testing the gravity chamber."

"Great!" Tsunade cheered.

'Hahaha! He fell for it.' Tsunade thought to herself as she signaled Alfonzo to raise the gravity. 'Although I don't have the best... track record... when it comes to gambling, there's no way such a young kid who's still wet behind the ears will be able to contend with my years of gambling experience.'

"Hey, Fourth Master." Yoruichi whispered in a concerned tone. "Is this really okay? I mean, we just finished crawling out of the debt that she caused the last time she gambled." {A/N: Because Ritsu Unohana was the captain of the Fourth Division and Tsunade was the Fifth Hokage, that's how their order as guild masters was decided.}

"Don't worry, Yoruichi." Ritsu replied calmly. However, if one were to look closely, they would be able to see quite a dangerous glint in her eyes. "I wasn't around for that incident. But now that I'm here, I will make sure that she doesn't go overboard."

At that moment, just as Alfonzo raised the gravity to fifteen times the normal gravity, Tsunade shivered involuntarily. As a result, she almost lost her balance and fell to the floor.

"Are you okay?" Ur asked in concern after seeing Tsunade stumble. "Alfonzo, maybe we should stop it here."

"No, I'm fine." Tsunade said, easily regaining her composure. "You can keep going."

'Weird...' Tsunade thought to herself. 'Why did I feel cold all of a sudden? OH well, that doesn't matter for now. Instead, I should focus on seeing how far I can push myself.'

From there, Alfonzo continued to steadily increase the gravitational force. Eventually, Tsunade reached her limit at fifty-three times the normal gravity. Then, after Alfonzo lowered the gravity back to normal, Tsunade vacated the center of the room and made space for Elicia and Sui-Feng to have their duel.

Chapter 325: The Duel

Contrary to expectations, the duel between Elicia and Sui-Feng did not begin as soon as Tsunade's test of the gravity chamber was completed. Instead, Elicia made her way to a locker room to change into an outfit that was suitable for battle.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo, Ur, Tsunade, and Ritsu discussed Tsunade's impression of training under increased gravity.

"So, how did it feel?" Ur asked with a smile.

"It was definitely different." Tsunade replied while wiping her face and neck with a towel. "The biggest difficulty was regulating my breathing. There were several times when it felt like my lungs would collapse."

"Yeah, that's one of the hidden dangers of training in increased gravity." Alfonzo replied with a shrug. "It's definitely not for everyone. In fact, only those with enough patience to learn how to regulate their breathing or those who are just bat shit insane use it in our guild."

When he mentioned the last part, Alfonzo could not help but picture the faces of Natsu and Gajeel.

"But why would that happen?" Ritsu asked in a tone filled with genuine curiosity.

"It's because the density of the oxygen in the air is increased as well." Alfonzo explained. "It's kinda like how the air is thicker at ground level than at the top of a mountain. You just have to crank that up to eleven."

"And you didn't think to mention that before I started?" Tsunade asked in a slightly irritated tone.

"There are actually two reasons for that." Alfonzo replied with a sheepish grin. The first is that I had no doubt that you could handle it."

"And what's the second?" Ritsu asked curiously.

"Well... I've explained it so many times since the tower was built that I forgot." Alfonzo replied. "I mean, I'm not used to anyone who hasn't heard that lecture at least ten times trying it for the first time."

In response, Ur and Ritsu only sighed. Meanwhile, Tsunade clenched her fist while magic power gathered on her knuckles.

"You're saying that because you forgot, I could have died a horrible death?" Tsunade asked angrily as she threw a devastating punch at Alfonzo's torso.

Hearing Tsunade's exclamation, Yoruichi, Kagura, and Sui-Feng's attention was drawn to the group of four just in time to see Alfonzo raise his hand in the path of Tsunade's fist.

Smack!

However, instead of being blown away with multiple broken bones as they expected, Alfonzo stood in place as if nothing happened. Though, they were surprised to see the black, metallic liquid that shot backward upon impact.

In fact, as soon as Alfonzo noticed Tsunade was about to throw one of her punches fueled by her [Magic Power Enhanced Strength] technique, he coated his blocking hand with Techno Organic Metal. Then, he positioned his hand in a way that the force of the punch would be dispersed through the metal. As a result, a large amount of the liquid metal was pushed around him, negating the force of the punch.

"Impressive." Ritsu muttered while looking at Alfonzo with the desire to test his strength.

"Okay, let's all calm down." Ur said, also surprised that Alfonzo was able to handle a sudden attack with so much power behind it with such little effort. "I know it sounds bad, but Alfonzo truly meant you no harm."

Instead of responding, however, Tsunade only looked down at her fist in disbelief. That was the first time any one, other than her grandfather was able to catch one of her punches without flinching in the slightest. In fact, Tsunade would even be willing to bet that even her grandfather would not be able to do so with her at her peak strength like now.

Just at that moment, Elicia returned to the training room in a white tank top, a pair of pink yoga pants, a pair of white sneakers with pink accents, and her [Soul Weapon] on her left wrist. Though, these clothes

had been heavily enhanced with the use of her [Thread Magic]. And when she felt the awkward atmosphere in the room, she tilted her head cutely.

"Did I miss something?" Elicia asked in a confused tone.

"Don't worry about it, Lici." Alfonzo said while waving off Elicia's concerns and simultaneously dispelling the Techno Organic Metal.

Deciding to believe in her fiancée's words, Elicia simply shrugged off her concerns and made her way to the center of the training room.

"Alright, I'm ready." Elicia said while facing Sui-Feng with a serious expression on her face. "Let's get this started."

Seeing Elicia's expression, Sui-Feng's eyes sharpened slightly as she strode towards the center of the training room, as well.

'It looks like she's taking this seriously.' Sui-Feng thought to herself as she walked. 'She might be able to give me a little challenge, then.'

Unbeknownst to Sui-Feng, Elicia was not even thinking about the upcoming duel. Instead, she was analyzing Sui-Feng's outfit so that she could make a more functional and cuter version for her later.

"I hope no one minds if I take the role of referee for this duel." Ritsu said, moving to a spot along the wall at the center line of the two combatants.

Naturally, no one disagreed. Then, after receiving nods of approval from all the onlookers, she addressed the two young women in the middle of the training room after taking an extra glance at the wristband on Elicia's wrist.

'That wristband...' Ritsu thought to herself. 'It feels a lot like an asauchi from Soul Society. Yoruichi mentioned that Alfonzo had taken Mayuri's research on Zanpakuto modification after the joint mission. But to think he had created his own version of the asauchi so quickly. I think Kisuke would love to hear about such a talented magic item creator. I guess I'll be sending a message back home after this trip to Magnolia concludes.'

"Since there are no objections, the rules for this duel will be quite simple." Ritsu said, addressing Elicia and Sui-Feng. "There are no rules. You can go all out. All kinds of strikes are allowed. However, if I have to step in to save anyone from death or serious, debilitating injuries, they will be declared the loser. Do you have any questions?"

While Elicia looked at Ritsu with pure astonishment on her face, Sui-Feng had already gotten used to how her former guild master did things. So, she was completely unbothered by Ritsu's declaration.

"Don't worry about it, Lici." Alfonzo said from the side. "Just go all out and let her know why challenging you was a bad idea."

Hearing Alfonzo, Elicia's expression slowly turned back to her normal smile. Meanwhile, Sui-Feng could not help but turn and glare at Alfonzo for looking down on her.

"Both of you, get ready." Ritsu said while raising her righthand above her head.

Immediately, the atmosphere in the training room changed as both fighters focused all their attention on each other. Then, Ritsu swung her hand down.

"Begin!" Ritsu shouted, signaling the beginning of the duel.

As soon as the signal was given, Sui-Feng vanished from her spot in a burst of speed with the [Flash Step] Then, wither hand on the hilt of her wakizashi, she appeared on Elicia's right before drawing it in a reverse grip and slashing at Elicia's torso.

Putting her flexibility to use, Elicia bent backwards at the waist and avoided Sui-Feng's slash. Then, as soon as her hands touched the floor, she spread her threads all over the training room in an instant. At the same time, she pushed off with her hands and threw an upward kick at Sui-Feng's chin.

Once again using the [flash Step], Sui-Feng avoided Elicia's kick with ease. Then, she appeared in front of Elicia, who was now standing on her hands, and stabbed her short sword down at Elicia's face.

Reacting quickly, Elicia pushed off with her left hand, causing her to spin on her right. At the same time, she swung her left leg, aiming a kick at Sui-Feng's extended right arm.

Reacting just as quickly, Sui-Feng moved her left arm in the path of Elicia's kick. However, just before Elicia's kick landed, Elicia twisted her leg and wrapped it around Sui-Feng's blocking arm. Then, she

pushed off the floor with her right hand and swung around Sui-Feng's arm, using it as a fulcrum to launch a knee strike at the back of her opponent's head.

Surprised by the acrobatic fighting style Sui-Feng ducked her head to avoid the knee strike while simultaneously switching the grip on her sword and stabbing it upwards at Elicia, who was now passing over top of her.

Clang!

In response, Elicia used her threads to eject a few of the needles on her wristband into her hand. Then, using those needles, she deflected Sui-Feng's stab to the side. A moment later, she extended her left leg, that was still wrapped around Sui-Feng's left arm and kicked the petite assassin in the side.

Bang!

The force behind Elicia's kick was enough to send herself flying while simultaneously creating distance between herself and Sui-Feng.

"You're better than I thought." Sui-Feng said while rubbing her side after regaining her balance.

"Oh, you ain't seen nothin' yet." Elicia replied while landing gracefully and giving Sui-Feng a wink.

Interpreting Elicia's attitude as looking down on her, Sui-Feng gritted her teeth in anger. Then, she held up her wakizashi in front of her chest.

"I'll teach you the consequences of looking down on me." Sui-Feng said angrily as her sword began to glow. "You'd better pray that the Fourth Master is able to save you in time. [Sting All Enemies to Death, Suzumebachi]."

With Sui-Feng's chant, her magic power sky rocketed by at least five times.

Meanwhile, on the sidelines, Alfonzo narrowed his eyes at Sui-Feng's Shikai release.

'So, that wasn't just something Kurotsuchi invented in this world. Instead, it was something he was working on modifying.' Alfonzo thought to himself as he watched the glow around Sui-Feng's arm and sword take on a different shape. 'I guess I'm just lucky he had notes about creating an asauchi in his research, then.'

At the same time, Elicia was also watching the change in Sui-Feng's Zanpakuto.

'Now, let's see... What do I remember about Suzumebachi?' Elicia asked herself while keeping an eye on Sui-Feng. 'In its Shikai release, it has an ability called... Um... [Nigeki Kessatsu] or [death in Two Steps]... I think... Meaning, if I get stabbed in the same place twice, I'll die... no questions asked. I guess I should avoid that. Not that I wanna get stabbed at all.'

["Then, you should call out my name and put that girl and her hornet in their place."] A raspy female voice said, speaking directly inside of Elicia's head.

Hearing that voice, Elicia's eyes opened wide in surprise.

'Are you my... [Weapon Spirit]?' Elicia asked excitedly.

["Who the hell else would I be?"] Elicia's [Weapon Spirit] asked in a rude tone.

'Awesome, then, what's your name?'] Elicia asked once again.

["You may call me *****."] The [Weapon Spirit] replied with pride.

'*Sigh* I guess it's still too early.' Elicia grumbled internally. 'I couldn't hear your name at all.'

["I guess that makes sense."] The [Weapon Spirit] replied. ["You haven't even entered your inner world yet. Oh well, I guess you're on your own for this one. It's not like that woman will let you die if you lose."]

'Gee, thanks for the vote of confidence...' Elicia replied before shifting her attention back to Sui-Feng, whose Zanpakuto had finished its transformation.

Now, instead of carrying a wakizashi, Sui-Feng was wearing a black and gold gauntlet on her right arm with hornet-like patterns and a chain connected to a stinger-like blade mounted on her right middle finger that was about twice as long as the finger it was attached to.

Then, without a word, Sui-Feng once again vanished from where she stood with a [flash step]. However, when she reappeared, instead of going for a sneak attack, she appeared directly in front of Elicia with her stinger less than an inch away from Elicia's abdomen.

"[Thread Magic: Thread Entanglement]." Elicia chanted quickly while yanking the fingers on her right hand backwards.

At that moment, Sui-Feng's arm came to a complete and utter stop less than an eighth of an inch away from piercing into Elicia's abdomen. At the same time, Elicia, using the needles she was still holding in her hand, stabbed them into several pressure points on Sui-Feng's body, robbing her of her mobility. Then, she used a thread to manipulate another needle before stopping its tip on Sui-Feng's throat.

Meanwhile, Sui-Feng looked at Elicia with utter disbelief.

"I... lost?" Sui-Feng asked in a shaky voice.

"You did." Ritsu replied in a disappointed tone from her spot by the wall. "You under estimated your opponent after releasing your Zanpakuto. And for that, you paid the price for your arrogance."

'*Sigh* If only she had fought her seriously.' Ritsu lamented. 'Sui-Feng may have been able to push her far enough to break her weapon's first seal. Instead, the duel ended prematurely due to her arrogance and carelessness.'

"The winner of the duel is Elicia Taylor of Fairy Tail." Ritsu announced.

While Alfonzo and Ur smiled and started walking towards Elicia to congratulate her on her victory, the wizards from Mermaid Heel decided they would give Sui-Feng some space to process her defeat.

"You look like you knew this would happen." Kagura said while looking at Yoruichi's expression.

"I did." Yoruichi replied with a nod. "I even said as much while we were in Master Ur's office. I told you all that Elicia was at least on par with me, remember?"

"Then, why didn't you try to stop Sui-Feng?" Kagura asked with a slight frown.

"Because she wouldn't have listened." Tsunade said, replying in place of Yoruichi. "For a long time, that girl has been unable to see anyone from outside our guild and her birth place as worthy her notice. But now, after being defeated so easily... and after using her Shikai, at that, she should start to rethink her attitude."

Yoruichi nodded in agreement with Tsunade's assessment.

"Besides that, I will be retraining that girl from the ground up." Ritsu said as she approached with a gentle smile. "Having pride in your abilities is fine. But allowing them to devolve into arrogance will not be tolerated. And that is exactly what she did today. On top of that, she allowed her temper to affect her decisions in battle."

Hearing the words of their previous guild master, Yoruichi, Kagura, and Tsunade could only pray for Sui-Feng's well-being as they watched her slowly make her way over to the rest of the group.

Chapter 326: Was It Really Just a Coincidence...?

After the duel between Elicia and Sui-Feng, Alfonzo, Elicia, Ur, Yoruichi, Kagura, Tsunade, Ritsu, and Sui-Feng made their way down to the first floor of the guild hall where they would spend the evening chatting and having a few drinks.

On top of that, Alfonzo and Tsunade would have their little gamble, as well.

"Hey, where are the girls?" Elicia asked after looking around the main hall after the group exited the elevator.

"Oh, Mira took Elfman and Lisanna out on a quest." Levy replied. "Lu went with the rest of Team Natsu on a quest, too."

"Yeah, and Cana went with Gildarts to buy some exclusive alcohol or something in Hargeon." Jet added.

"Ultear went somewhere with Meredy." Droy continued. "But I'm not really sure where they went, though."

"Meredy probably pestered Tear to take her to see that boy from the military." Ur said with a smile. "Oh, to be young again."

"What about Sun and Marin?" Alfonzo asked curiously.

"Uh... I think Sun left for Akane Beach with her family." Alzack replied with a contemplative expression on his face.

"That's right." Bisca added with a nod. "As for Marin, she got a letter from her father. Apparently, he hasn't been doing too well since the Heartfilia Kanzen went under."

Hearing that last part, Alfonzo and Elicia made eye contact briefly. Then, after a quick, silent conversation, they both nodded their heads before focusing on the moment again.

"Well, I guess it's just us tonight." Alfonzo said with a shrug.

"It feels like it's been forever since we stayed in that big house alone.

"Actually... Now that I think about it, I don't think we've ever been in the house alone." Alfonzo muttered. "I mean, Cana spent the night the day we moved in. Then, she moved in the next day, right?"

"Now that you mention it..." Elicia muttered.

"What are you two talking about?" Yoruichi asked, poking her head out from between Alfonzo and Elicia. "You two won't be alone tonight, either. Since I'm gonna be spending the night at your place."

"But Lady Yoruichi...." Sui-Feng interjected. "We already booked rooms for the night at a nearby hotel."

"Well then, you can go and get a refund." Yoruichi said, casually waving off Sui-Feng's protests. "I've heard a lot about these two's house, and I really wanna see what it's like."

"I don't have a problem with that." Elicia said with a smile. "What about you, Fonzie?"

"I guess, I don't mind either." Alfonzo replied. "I mean, we do still have one room open on the second floor. But I don't know how much longer that will be the case... I really should think about renovating, huh?"

"Yeah, yeah, that sounds really interesting, Kid." Tsunade said, interrupting the conversation. "But we can talk about that later. For now, let's get to our gamble."

Hearing that, Yoruichi, Kagura, Ritsu, and Sui-Feng could only sigh.

"Sure, but what are the stakes?" Alfonzo asked. "And what are we gonna play?"

"Let's keep it simple." Tsunade replied with a big smile on her face. "Let's play dice. We'll put three six sided dice in a bowl or cup, shake it up, and flip it onto a table. Then, we'll both pick a number between three and eighteen. Whoever guesses the closest to the number on the dice is the winner"

"Okay, sounds simple enough." Alfonzo replied with a nod.

"As for the bets... Hmm... How about we use alcohol." Tsunade said with a crafty glint in her eye. "I mean, money matters can spoil friendships, right?"

'So, that was her plan to get into my alcohol stash again, huh?" Alfonzo thought to himself with a smile.

"Okay, but how are we gonna do this exactly?" Alfonzo asked curiously.

"The loser has to pour a drink from their own stash for both players." Tsunade answered. "We'll keep going until one of us is too drunk to continue, or they run out of alcohol."

"Well, at least she won't put our guild into debt again if they bet like this." Yoruichi said while shaking her head.

"Yes, but when she sobers up, she will be quite upset that all her prized alcohol is gone." Ritsu replied.

In response, Yoruichi, Kagura, and Sui-Feng nodded in agreement. Meanwhile, unbeknownst to everyone else, Yoruichi's eyes glinted, as she began planning for after the gamble was completed.

Shudder!

At the same time, Alfonzo shuddered involuntarily.

'It feels like someone's plotting against me.' Alfonzo thought as he looked around cautiously. 'But there shouldn't be anyone here that would want to hurt me. So, what's going on? Did the homunculi already find Hughes and figure out who it was that saved him?'

"Anyway, Kid, let's get started." Tsunade said while puffing out her massive chest with pride.

Three hours later, Tsunade and Alfonzo were sitting across from each other at a small table with bottles of alcohol on the floor next to their chairs. However, there was a glaring difference between the two.

While all the bottles next to Alfonzo were nearly full, with the exception of one that was emptied by half, All the bottles next to Tsunade were empty. The only exception being a bottle that probably only had enough to fill two more glasses.

"How is this *Hiccup* possible/" Tsunade asked with flushed cheeks while looking at the remaining alcohol on her side of the table in disbelief.

"Well, I've always been a pretty lucky guy." Alfonzo replied with an extremely jovial smile, devoid of any sarcasm or mockery. "Either way, would you like to stop now, or do you wanna keep going?"

Bang!

"Keep going! Of course, we'll keep going!" Tsunade shouted after slamming her palms on top of the table. "I still have a chance to turn things around, damn it!"

Meanwhile, the wizards of Mermaid Heel could only shake their heads at their guild master's display.

"But seriously, what is that table made of?" Sui-Feng asked after noticing that the table where Alfonzo and Tsunade were having their gamble was completely undamaged after Tsunade had repeatedly slapped it with her monstrous strength.

"Oh, it's not the table... Well, maybe it is." Elicia replied, earning a glare from Sui-Feng. Still, she continued as if she did not see it. "I mean, it's made out of black iron. But more important than the material are the sigils engraved on it. Though, I wouldn't be surprised if you didn't notice them. Especially because they are so tiny."

After Elicia's explanation, Yoruichi, Kagura, and Sui-Feng, who were seated at a table with Elicia and her friends from the guild, looked at the table carefully. Meanwhile, having overheard Elicia's explanation from a nearby table where she was drinking with Ur, Ritsu turned towards her.

"I guess that means this entire building is one giant magic item then, correct?" Ritsu asked in a gentle tone.

"That's right." Elicia replied with a nod while puffing her chest out in pride. "Fonzie worked really hard to make our guild hall a reality."

"That's an understatement." Ur added. "I remember at one point, the old man had to force him to take a break after he had been working nonstop to complete it for nearly a month straight."

"Damn... That boy is dedicated to his work, isn't he?" Yoruichi said in an impressed tone.

"Well, he would have to be to become the richest person on Ishgar. Ritsu added.

While most of those involved in the conversation nodded in agreement, Sui-Feng looked as if she had just heard something absurd.

"Wait, that man is the richest person on the continent?" Sui-Feng shouted as she stood up abruptly.

"But how is this possible? He's only a little older than me. He's even a little younger than lady Yoruichi!"

"And that's why I told you that you shouldn't look down on him, Bumble Bee." Yoruichi said with a shrug. "You know all those magic items the guild has bought to make life easier? Well, he invented most of them."

Bang!

Before the conversation could continue any further, everyone's attention was drawn back to the table where the gamble was happening. And just as they expected, Tsunade had once again slammed her hands on the table after losing another round.

"Damn it!" Tsunade shouted once again. "How could I have possibly lost to a kid that's still wet behind the ears?"

"Well, it looks like I won." Alfonzo said with a smile. "Still, I had a lot of fun. We should hang out and play again some time."

Hearing that, Tsunade glared at Alfonzo. However, after seeing the genuine friendliness in his eyes, her hostility quickly disappeared as she let out a resigned sigh.

"Sure, why not." Tsunade said as she picked up the last bottle of alcohol on her side of the table that still had anything in it. Then, as she poured a drink for herself and Alfonzo, she continued. "Anyway, let's just drink the last of it."

Then, once the drinks were poured, Alfonzo and Tsunade clinked glasses before they both downed their contents in one go.

"Alfonzo really is different when he's drunk." Yoruichi said with a playful smile on her face.

"Yeah, he turns into quite the hugger when he's had a lot to drink." Levy said with an awkward smile on her face.

"What makes it even worse, is the fact that he's really hard to hate when he's like that." Jet grumbled.

"Yeah, but I still wanna punch him in the face every time he gives Levy a hug." Droy added.

"Oh yeah? And how does that usually turn out for you?" Yoruichi asked in a curious tone.

Instead of replying, Jet and Droy simply turned away and refused to answer.

"Hahaha... They both ended up getting thrown to the floor when they tried." Laki chimed in.

"Apparently, Alfonzo's body goes on auto-pilot when he's had too much to drink. So, when someone attacks him, he acts in the best way to defend himself without even thinking about it."

"Yeah, I like to call it, 'Ultra Instinct'." Elicia added. "**Giggle** But after he defends himself, it's really cute to see how remorseful he gets."

The other Fairy Tail girls at the table could not help but giggle at the memory of Alfonzo's expression during those times, as well.

"Now I really wanna see it." Yoruichi muttered. Then, she glanced at Sui-Feng, thinking she was likely to attack Alfonzo if he were to hug her while intoxicated.

A moment later, she shook her head.

'There's no way the Fourth Master will let that happen.' Yoruichi thought to herself.

Before she could come up with a plan to trigger Alfonzo's "Ultra Instinct," as Elicia put it, she was pulled out of her thoughts by a conversation from the gambling table.

"Well, it was fun." Alfonzo said as he created a platter with his magic and started placing all his bottles of alcohol on it. "Let me just send this back to the house. Then, I'll come back to hang out with everyone."

"Wait!" Tsunade shouted as she stood up explosively.

A moment later, she closed the distance with Alfonzo and grabbed his right hand with both of hers.

"Why don't you just stay here? Then, we could have a few more drinks." Tsunade said while smiling seductively. "If you do, I'll make it worth your while. Although I can't give you my body..."

As she reached that point in her speech, Tsunade raised Alfonzo's hand and started moving it towards her left breast.

"I think copping a few feels would be okay, right?" Tsunade continued.

Although Tsunade was far from what anyone would consider promiscuous, she thought she would be able to take advantage of the intoxicated young man in front of her. And because she was also quite intoxicated, she did not see an issue with a little over the clothes touching.

Bang!

Unfortunately for Tsunade, there was someone who saw an issue with her plan. So, just before she could place Alfonzo's hand on her breast, she was hit in the head by a sheathed katana before falling unconscious.

"I think you've had enough, Tsuna." Ritsu said, catching Tsunade's unconscious body as she did so. Then, she shifted her attention to Alfonzo as she continued. "Please don't take what she just said to heart."

"Hahaha!" Alfonzo laughed uproariously. "Don't worry about it, Captain Unohana. I'm sure she was just joking around."

Hearing Alfonzo's term of address for her, Ritsu raised an eyebrow. However, she shook it off a moment later.

'He probably only said that because he's drunk.' Ritsu thought to herself. 'He shouldn't know anything about my status back home. It's definitely just a coincidence.'

"I'm glad you're so open-minded." Ritsu replied with a kind smile. "Now, if you would excuse me, I'll take Tsuna back to our hotel so she can get some rest."

With that, Ritsu hefted Tsunade over her shoulder. Then, she made her way towards the guild hall's entrance.

"Sure, see you later!" Alfonzo replied while waving energetically at Ritsu's retreating back.

Just as she left through the doors, Ritsu glanced at Alfonzo one more time before the doors slid closed.

Meanwhile, the drinking party continued in the guild hall. However, Elicia made a mental note to herself to not let Alfonzo get so drunk around people from other franchises after seeing the look Ritsu gave him before she left.

Chapter 327: Playing with a Naughty Cat (R-18)

After Ritsu took the unconscious Tsunade away from the Fairy Tail guild hall, the drinking party did not last much longer. Though, in the usual Fairy Tail fashion, it did end with a guild-wide brawl in which Sui-Feng, who wanted to blow off some steam, defeated all the participants.

Meanwhile, before the brawl came to an end, Elicia and Yoruichi supported the heavily intoxicated Alfonzo out of the guild and back to Alfonzo and Elicia's mansion.

"Lady Yoruichi, did you see?" Sui-Feng asked happily after she defeated Alzack, the last standing member of Fairy Tail to participate in the brawl. "I brought honor to our guild and came out victorious."

"Sorry, Girl, but Yoruichi isn't here." Ur said while pouring a glass of wine for herself. "She left with Alfonzo and Elicia a while ago."

"What!?" Sui-Feng exclaimed in a panic. "How can this be?"

"She's telling the truth." Kagura said in a flat tone.

Hearing that, Sui-Feng's attention turned to Kagura.

"How could you let this happen?" Sui-Feng asked angrily.

"Because it's not my place to get in the way." Kagura replied with a shrug.

"Damn it!" Sui-Feng exclaimed once again. "If anything happens to Lady Yoruichi, I'll make you regret this!"

With that, Sui-Feng ran out of the guild hall and made her way towards where she assumed Alfonzo and Elicia lived. Then, after only ten minutes, she found a pair of large mansions situated next to each other and not far from the shore of Lake Sciliora.

Then, as she had done to reach this point, she let her instincts dictate which mansion she would enter to search for Yoruichi. And to her credit, her instincts led her to the proper residence. Unfortunately, she did not know about the barrier surrounding the property.

"Lady Yoruichi, I'm coming!" Sui-Feng shouted as she launched herself over the walls surrounding Alfonzo and Elicia's mansion.

However, as soon as she reached the top of the wall, she came to a complete stop as a translucent green barrier materialized in front of her. Then, after a moment, she was thrown backwards at three times the speed with which she contacted the barrier.

"What the hell~~~~~!" Sui-Feng shouted as she was launched back towards the rest of Magnolia.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo, Elicia, and Yoruichi had already made themselves comfortable in the mansion. Or rather, Elicia was in the mood to put her creative juices to work, despite the fact that it was late in the evening. So, she dragged Yoruichi to her workstation just outside the master bedroom to take measurements and start making her a new outfit.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo was busy relaxing in the bath after drinking a large amount of water in an attempt to sober up. However, due to all the alcohol he had consumed, he ended up falling asleep in the bath. Luckily, he had inscribed sigils on the bathtub that would keep the bathwater at the ideal temperature as long as someone was in the bath.

"Fonzie~~~~~! Are you still in the bath?" Elicia shouted from the master bedroom. "How long are you planning to stay in there?"

"Huh? What? Ugh..." Alfonzo exclaimed with a start as Elicia's shout woke him up. Then, he muttered while shaking his head. "Damn, I fucking fell asleep...."

After that, he slowly picked himself up from the bath water before stepping out of the tub and picking up his towel to dry off. A few moments later, with a towel draped around his neck, he left the bathroom and stumbled into his closet to put on a shirt and a pair of shorts to sleep in.

A few moments later, Alfonzo, now dressed, made his way into the master bedroom to get some sleep. However, when he rounded the corner, he was surprised to see not only Elicia, but Yoruichi as well.

"Good, he's here!" Elicia shouted energetically. Then, she gestured towards Yoruichi, who was sitting on the edge of the bed as if to show off a great accomplishment. "So, what do you think of my new work?"

Drawn in by Elicia's energy, Alfonzo focused on Yoruichi, who was leaning lazily on the bed and supporting herself with her elbows while wearing a sleeveless, orange dress with a black leather belt wrapped around her waist and black, knee high socks.

"Looks great..." Alfonzo muttered while his eyes roamed all over Yoruichi's body.

"Hehe. Glad you like what you see." Yoruichi said before deliberately crossing her legs.

At the same time, Elicia, wearing a simple pink T-shirt and white shorts, walked in front of Alfonzo before pressing herself against his chest.

"Now, I think I deserve a reward for doing such quick, quality work." Elicia said in a seductive tone with a matching smile.

Hearing Elicia's tone and seeing that smile, Alfonzo reacted by wrapping his arms around Elicia's waist and pulling her even closer to himself.

"And what kind of reward were you thinking of?" Alfonzo asked.

"Oh, I think you know what I want." Elicia replied while rubbing Alfonzo's crotch over his shorts.

A moment later, Elicia had pulled Alfonzo to the side of the bed and made him sit next to Yoruichi.

"Alright, we'll see you in the morning, Yoruichi." Alfonzo said, glancing at Yoruichi briefly. "Have a good night."

"No, let her stay." Elicia said as she dropped to her knees on the floor in front of Alfonzo.

"Lici, are you serious?" Alfonzo asked with a slight frown.

"Oh, come on, Fonzie..." Elicia whined while pulling Alfonzo's shorts down his legs.

"But you know how I feel about having casual sex." Alfonzo denied.

Although Alfonzo had been speaking in opposition, due to how much he had drank at the guild hall, his inhibitions were practically non-existent at the moment. So, he did nothing to stop Elicia from taking his shorts off. In fact, he even stepped out of them without hesitation once they were around his ankles.

Hearing Alfonzo's protest, Elicia pouted before standing up and straddling Alfonzo.

"Come on, Fonzie." Elicia whispered into Alfonzo's ear while wrapping her arms around his neck. "Just let her stay. I wanna show her what she's missing by not joining our family."

Then, as soon as her words ended, Elicia wrapped her lips around Alfonzo's earlobe and gently nibbled on it while grinding her crotch on his stiffening dick.

That was the last straw for Alfonzo's reason.

With his hands gripping Elicia's ass, Alfonzo kissed her deeply.

At the same time, Elicia tightened her hug around Alfonzo's neck, pulling herself even closer while squishing her breasts and hardened nipples, that would have been poking through her shirt, against Alfonzo's chest.

Meanwhile, Yoruichi leaned away from the two lovers so she could get a slightly better angle to watch the show. Then, as Alfonzo's hands started moving from Elicia's ass to her hips before slipping under her shirt, with her right hand, Yoruichi began massaging her right breast.

"Mmm~" Elicia moaned slightly as Alfonzo's hands cupped her breasts under her shirt.

Simultaneously, Elicia began grinding her crotch on Alfonzo's erection. Then, after making out for another thirty seconds, Alfonzo raised Elicia's shirt, exposing her breasts and hard nipples to the air. And without hesitation, he leaned forward and sucked her left nipple into his mouth.

"Ahn~!" Elicia moaned once again at the feeling of Alfonzo's tongue rolling around her areola and nipple.

For the next few minutes, Alfonzo switched between licking, sucking and nibbling on Elicia's nipples. Then, when Elicia could no longer stand just foreplay, she separated herself from Alfonzo and stood with her feet on the edge of the bed.

A moment later, Elicia forcefully pulled down her shorts, showing that she was not wearing any underwear, before dropping down and aiming Alfonzo's dick at her dripping wet pussy. Then, in one motion, she took Alfonzo's dick inside of her until its tip was pressed against her cervix.

"Ahn~~~~~!" Elicia moaned loudly as she was penetrated.

However, before Elicia could start moving her hips, Alfonzo once again took hold of her ass and began moving her up and down forcefully.

"Oh, God~~~~~!" Elicia moaned in ecstasy. "More, Fonzie, fuck me more~~~~~!"

And just as Elicia asked, Alfonzo started moving her up and down with more force and speed. Then, when he felt he still was not going fast enough, Alfonzo stood up, with Elicia still impaled on his dick, and began pounding her with everything he had.

"Oh, my God! I'm cumming~~~~!" Elicia screamed as her back arched. "Harder, Fonzie! Fuck me harder!"

Continuing to pound Elicia in a standing position, Alfonzo almost came as well when he felt her pussy tighten on his dick. Yet, he managed to hold back. However, when he looked away from Elicia's face to compose himself, he noticed Yoruichi climbing off the bed. Intrigued by her movements, he watched her move behind Elicia before dropping to her knees to watch his dick move in and out of her.

Once Alfonzo felt like he was in control again, he leaned forward and kissed Elicia while continuing to pound her. Then, he eventually carried her to the small table in the bedroom and laid Elicia down, face up with her head hanging off the other end of the table, while continuing to slam balls deep into her.

Eventually, Alfonzo took Elicia's legs and put them on his shoulders before leaning forward and pinning her underneath him.

"Yes! Give it to me!" Elicia screamed as she dug her fingernails into Alfonzo's back. Then, after her third orgasm, when she felt Alfonzo twitching inside of her, she screamed once again. "Cum inside of me. I want it all!"

That scream was enough to make Alfonzo reach his limit. So, he thrust as deep as he could before releasing his seed deep inside of Elicia.

"Hmph!" Alfonzo grunted as he painted Elicia's insides in his color.

"Ahh~~~~~!" Elicia let out a long scream as she felt her womb being filled.

A few moments later, Alfonzo laid atop Elicia while her arms and legs hung off the table.

"Fonzie, I want more." Elicia whispered in a sultry tone.

That sentence was enough to make Alfonzo's dick twitch back to life. So, he slowly pulled his half erect dick out of Elicia's pussy. Then after realizing he'd need a little help to be battle ready once again, he walked around the table and stood near Elicia's head.

Knowing exactly what Alfonzo wanted to do, Elicia smiled before letting her head hang off the table with her mouth open wide.

Then, Alfonzo slowly pushed his dick into Elicia's open mouth. And once more than half of it disappeared between her lips, he began pumping his hips.

"Mmm~~~~!" Elicia moaned while sucking the rest of Alfonzo's semen out of his urethra as his dick slid in and out of her mouth.

Meanwhile, Yoruichi, who had slipped the straps of her dress off of her shoulders and had her purple thong dangling around her left ankle, watched everything while furiously plunging the middle and ring fingers of her right hand in and out of her pussy.

Then, deciding now was the time to make her move, she slowly crawled to the end of the table opposite Alfonzo, more specifically between Elicia's legs.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo simply watched Yoruichi while face fucking his fiancée. And he was quite surprised when he saw her use a finger to scoop up some of the semen that leaked from Elicia's pussy. He was even more surprised when Yoruichi brought the finger to her lips and licked the semen off of it.

"Hmm... I'm not sure what to think about the taste." Yoruichi muttered to herself. "I'll have to go for another taste."

Expecting Yoruichi to scoop up another finger of semen, Alfonzo's surprise reached the peak when Yoruichi leaned forward and licked the semen leaking out of Elicia's pussy directly.

"Mm~~~~!" Elicia moaned on Alfonzo's dick as her eyes opened wide at the unexpected sensation.

Despite that, Elicia did not move to stop Yoruichi. Instead, she reached down and pulled her deeper into her pussy. At the same time, she started sucking Alfonzo's dick with even more vigor.

"Oh... fuck...." Alfonzo groaned as he leaned over and supported himself by placing his hands on the table.

Meanwhile, Yoruichi was sucking all the semen out of Elicia's pussy. And whenever she needed a break, she would breathe deeply while running her tongue up Elicia's labia to her clit.

"Mmm~~~~~!" Elicia moaned, eventually reaching her fourth orgasm of the night.

A moment later, Elicia reached up with her left hand and patted Alfonzo on the waist, signaling for him to take his dick out of her mouth. At the same time, she kept a tight grip on the back of Yoruichi's head, forcing her to continue licking.

"Fonzie... *Pant* *Pant* Go fuck her." Elicia said with a lustful smile.

Unfortunately... or maybe fortunately for Alfonzo, his lust, in combination with his intoxicated state, had banished his rationality. So, instead of protesting like he usually would at the thought of having sex with someone that he was not in relationship with, he followed Elicia's instructions with a smile on his face.

Then, after moving around the table and kneeling behind Yoruichi, who was eating Elicia out while on all fours, Alfonzo hiked up Yoruichi's dress, placed his left hand on her waist, and used his right hand to line up his dick with her pussy. Then, he slowly pushed his dick inside of her as far as it could go.

"Mmm~~~~~!" Yoruichi moaned into Elicia's pussy as she felt her pussy being stretched.

"Ahn~~~!" Elicia also moaned as the vibrations from Yoruichi's lips stimulated her clit.

A moment later, Alfonzo started moving his hips. At first, he started with slow, deep strokes. However, as time went on, both the speed and force he used increased. And when Yoruichi eventually reached her first orgasm, her back arched so hard that Elicia was unable to hold her face between her legs.

"Oh... My... Fucking... God~~~~~!" Yoruichi screamed at the top of her lungs once her mouth was no longer covered.

At that moment, Yoruichi's eyes rolled back and her toes curled along with the arching of her back. Meanwhile, Alfonzo stopped pumping his hips while Yoruichi convulsed violently. Instead, he leaned forward, hooked his arms under Yoruichi's knees, and laid on his back.

And while Yoruichi was coming down from her orgasm, Alfonzo placed her feet flat on the floor while laying Yoruichi back on his chest. Then, as soon as he felt her coming back to her senses, Alfonzo started drilling up into her with everything he had.

"Ahh~~~~~! Fuck... Me~~~!" Yoruichi moaned as her body jerked from the rough pounding.

Meanwhile, Elicia, who was now sitting on the table watched Alfonzo's dick disappearing inside of Yoruichi's pussy at the same rhythm that her large breasts bounced with every thrust. Then, as if she were hypnotized, Elicia climbed off the table, dropped to her knees, and crawled between Alfonzo and Yoruichi's legs before...

"Oh shit..." Alfonzo groaned after feeling a momentary, slippery sensation on his balls and part of his shaft.

"Ahh~~~~~!" Yoruichi screamed a second later after feeling a slippery sensation brush against her clit.

... licking upward from Alfonzo's balls to Yoruichi's clit. And after noticing Alfonzo and Yoruichi's reactions, she repeated the act over and over.

Eventually, thanks to the double stimulation, Yoruichi came four more times. And just as Alfonzo was about to cum inside of Yoruichi, Elicia pulled his dick out of Yoruichi's pussy and put it in her mouth and started sucking until Alfonzo shot his load in her mouth.

Then, after a few moments, and while making sure not to swallow the load in her mouth, Elicia crawled beside Alfonzo and Yoruichi. Then, she pulled Yoruichi into a kiss and forced her tongue into Yoruichi's mouth to swirl the semen around between them.

The kiss ended after about a minute. Then, after Elicia and Yoruichi separated, Yoruichi rolled to the other side of Alfonzo and both women looked at him lustfully.

"I really hope you're not done yet." Yoruichi said seductively. She then continued while patting her lower abdomen. "I haven't had my fill yet, after all."

"Yeah, come on, Fonzie." Elicia added. "I'm sure the other girls will love it if we all played like this from now on. And I need to practice more."

Hearing that, Alfonzo started to frown. However, before he could say anything, Elicia cut him off.

"I know what you're thinking, Fonzie." Elicia said with a smile. "But none of us would ever want to do this if you weren't around. I mean, think about it, we've had plenty of opportunities when you were off on a quest or doing business, but we never played around without you."

Hearing that, Alfonzo's frown disappeared and was replaced by a lustful smile. Then he hopped up to his feet, picked up the two women in front of him, and threw them onto the bed. Then, he looked at Yoruichi. After that, the sounds of sex could be heard echoing throughout the mansion until just before sunrise.

Chapter 328: Inner Turmoil

The next day at around noon, Elicia slowly opened her eyes. And the first thing she saw was Yoruichi, curled up like a cat on the other side of the bed.

'I guess Fonzie already got up for the day.' Elicia thought to herself. 'I wonder what he made for breakfast... or lunch... or whatever.'

With that thought, Elicia slowly sat up before stretching her arms over her head. Naturally, this motion caused the blankets and sheets covering her body to fall, revealing her breasts and toned stomach as a result.

However, at that moment, Elicia realized something was wrong.

Sniff! *Sniff!* *Sniff!*

"That's weird." Elicia muttered with a slight frown. "I can't smell any food. Did Fonzie leave that long ago?"

With that, Elicia turned her body to climb out of bed. However, when she did, she noticed a note on her night stand.

Realizing that Alfonzo had left it for her before he left, Elicia reached over and picked it up to read it. But when she did, her expression fell. The lethargic expression that is common for people when they just wake up was replaced with one filled with dread.

Immediately afterwards, Elicia turned back to the bed and practically flung herself at the sleeping Yoruichi.

"Yoruichi, wake up!" Elicia shouted as she violently shook Yoruichi. "We've got a problem! I mean, a really big problem.!"

"Ugh... What time is it?" Yoruichi grumbled sleepily. "Why are you making a fuss so early in the morning? I'm sure we can talk about it later..."

With every word, it was clear that Yoruichi was getting closer to falling back to sleep, despite the fact that Elicia was shaking her.

"No!" Elicia shouted. "Fonzie's gone! And he's really, REALLY, mad!"

Hearing that, Yoruichi's eyes popped open.

"What do you mean, what happened?" Yoruichi asked in a much more attentive tone. "He didn't do anything to you, did he?"

"No, of course not." Elicia replied while shaking her head. "But I know he's mad. And I guess I can't really blame him, either. We did take advantage of him while he was drunk last night."

"*Sigh* Why the hell does that guy have to be so principled?" Yoruichi grumbled while running her fingers through her hair in frustration. "Most guys would be thrilled to have some no strings attached fun with a girl like me. Even more so if their girlfriend agreed to have a threesome."

"That's not the point right now!" Elicia shouted. "What are we gonna do? More importantly, what are you gonna do, Yoruichi?"

"*Sigh* Honestly, I hadn't given it much thought." Yoruichi replied. "I thought I'd have at least until the negotiations were over to decide."

"Well, you better start thinking about it right now!" Elicia screamed as she jumped out of bed. Then, she ran towards the master bathroom as she continued. "I only agreed to your plan because you made it sound like you were really close to joining our family. And I believed your story even more because of the way Sui-Feng was so hostile to us. But if that was all just an act to get in our bed..."

At that point, Elicia stopped. However, to Yoruichi's surprise, Elicia came back, tears brimming in her eyes before she continued.

"I promise with every fiber of my being that I'll make you pay for it." Elicia said before turning back towards the bathroom. "Because I did the one thing that I know I never should have by trying to help you... And that's betraying Fonzie's trust."

With that, Elicia walked away again and made her way towards the bathroom.

Bang!

Yoruichi could not help but flinch when she heard the sound of the bathroom door slamming shut.

"Damn it..." Yoruichi muttered as she laid back on the bed. "This turned into a much bigger mess than I thought it would. I thought he would at least sit us down and talk about it. Now even Lici is mad at me, too. *Sigh* I guess I really need to talk to him, huh?"

With that, Yoruichi sat up once again. Then, she swung her legs over the side of the bed. However, when she tried to put the strength needed to stand into her legs, she realized that her legs were not in the mood to listen to her.

"Well, now I can see why he wanted to know if we planned to return today or not." Yoruichi said with a wry smile. "I can barely feel my legs and feet right now."

Then, Yoruichi flopped back on the bed once again. However, this time, she noticed the note that Alfonzo wrote. And when she read its contents, she could not help but smile wryly while understanding how Elicia knew that Alfonzo was angry.

"There's cereal in the cupboard over the fridge. Help yourselves." Yoruichi read. "Yeah, he's really pissed off, isn't he? *Sigh* I guess I better get up and find him."

Meanwhile, at the Fairy Tail guild hall, Alfonzo and Ur were sitting in Ur's office with Tsunade and Ritsu while negotiating the price to install half a dozen training rooms with the ability to increase gravity, one each for Tsunade and Ritsu's personal use while the other four would be public for the rest of the guild to use, at the Mermaid Heel guild hall.

And while Tsunade and Ritsu did not notice a difference in Alfonzo's attitude, Ur could tell that something was wrong. Though, she had no way of knowing exactly what was bothering him.

"Come on, Kid." Tsunade said with a frown. "There's no way you can bring down the price a little more?"

"If you take into account material costs, shipping costs, the cost of travel, and the labor costs, that really is the best I can do." Alfonzo replied while shrugging his shoulders. "Unless you plan on buying the materials and having them shipped to you yourselves, there's nothing I can do about it."

'Yeah right.' Tsunade complained internally. 'I have a few connections to get rare materials, just like any other guild master would have, but I can't get them in these kinds of quantities.'

"Seriously? But aren't you and Yoruichi close?" Tsunade said with a smile. 'Can't we get a friendship discount?'

Hearing that, Alfonzo's expression fell. Then, he stood up from the couch he was sitting on and started walking towards the elevator. Then, he finally replied to Tsunade's question after pressing the elevator's call button.

"Sorry, Master Tsunade." Alfonzo said after the elevator doors opened. Then, he continued without turning back. "I've always made it a point to keep business and my personal life separate. But I can give you some time to consider. Just come talk to me or Master Ur when you've made your decision."

With that, the elevator door closed behind Alfonzo.

Meanwhile, Ur, Tsunade, and Ritsu could only stare blankly at the elevator doors.

"*Sigh* What did that girl do?" Ritsu asked while shaking her head.

"I'm not sure." Ur replied. "But he seemed really pissed off just now."

"That was more than obvious." Tsunade said while crossing her arms under her breasts, making them stand out even more than they already did.

"Damn, what do you have to eat to get a rack like that?" Ur muttered while glancing between Tsunade's chest and her own.

"You'll just have to blame it on genetics." Tsunade replied with a smug smile.

Alfonzo, on the other hand, had just reached the guild hall's first floor. And shortly after he stepped out of the elevator, he was stopped by Sui-Feng.

"Where is Lady Yoruichi?" Sui-Feng asked in an angry tone.

"She should be back at my place with Elicia." Alfonzo replied, not even realizing that he did not use Elicia's nickname.

Although Alfonzo did not realize it, everyone who was close enough to hear him was thoroughly surprised.

"And what did you do to her last night?" Sui-Feng asked even more aggressively.

"You can ask her when you see her." Alfonzo replied in an irritated tone.

"I'm asking you now!" Sui-Feng shouted as she grabbed at Alfonzo's shirt.

Smack!

Before she could take hold of Alfonzo's shirt, however, Sui-Feng's hand was slapped away. Then, she found herself with her feet dangling off the floor and a large hand wrapped around her neck. On top of that, the one holding her up, Alfonzo, was glaring at her with both annoyance and anger in his eyes.

"Listen here, Girl." Alfonzo said in a low, threatening tone. "I'm not in the best mood right now. And I really don't have the time to deal with your bullshit. So, I'd really appreciate it if you left me the fuck alone, got it?"

By now, the entire guild had fallen silent as they watched Alfonzo and Sui-Feng with shock in their eyes. Then, when they saw Alfonzo simply toss Sui-Feng to the side after receiving a small nod, they remained silent as they watched him walk through the guild halls sliding doors.

["I don't know why you didn't just slaughter that pest."] A voice filled with pride rang out in Alfonzo's head just as the guild hall's doors closed behind him. ["Who does she think she is to question her betters in such a way."]

Pausing his steps for a moment, Alfonzo shook his head as he started walking again.

"So, you're my [Weapon Spirit], huh?" Alfonzo muttered in disinterest. "And from what I can tell, you're a reflection of my arrogance. Well, as much as I'd love to get to know you, I'm not really in the mood right now."

["Hahahaha!"] The voice laughed boisterously. ["If you think I'm the only one here, then you're sadly mistaken."]

Once again, Alfonzo paused momentarily. However, instead of starting to walk again, he used his [Electromagnetism Magic] to fly away after clicking his tongue.

At the same time, Alfonzo created a thin layer of Techno Organic Metal underneath his clothing that he etched sigils into that would stop his magic power signature from being broadcast. Simultaneously, he controlled the visible light around him to render himself invisible.

A few moments later, Elicia landed where Alfonzo had just been standing. Then, after looking around for a moment, she hung her head in disappointment.

"Geez, Fonzie..." Elicia muttered with tears running down her face. "At least give me the chance to apologize. Then, you can be mad and punish me all you want..."

["Hmph! Both of you know how that would end."] Elicia's [Weapon Spirit] said disdainfully. ["If he hears you apologize, then he'd forgive you immediately."]

Hearing that, Elicia could only lower her head even further, feeling even worse that she was thinking of taking advantage of Alfonzo's feelings for her in this situation.

Though, she would have never realized she was doing so if her [Weapon Spirit] had not pointed it out.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo had landed on the Fairy Tail guild hall's roof. Then, he wasted no time sitting down cross-legged and starting to meditate with his tonfa laid across his thighs.

["Oh, so you wanted to come and meet us, huh?"] The same voice Alfonzo heard earlier spoke once again. ["Well, you can come on in, but you may not like what you see right now."]

Ignoring the [Weapon Spirit's] warning, Alfonzo continued to dive into his inner world. Then, after a few moments, he found himself standing atop a large, metal platform. There were also a number of metal platforms floating in the air. And if that were all he saw, there would not be a problem.

But the random bolts of lightning, rays of gamma radiation, beams of UV radiation, and platforms that were superheated to dangerous temperatures with microwaves gave him pause.

"Well, I kind of expected something like this." Alfonzo muttered to himself while he looked around. "There's no way my inner world would be calm when my mind is in such a mess."

"Well, I guess having all sorts of meta knowledge from your past life makes all this much easier, doesn't it?" The voice from before said from behind Alfonzo.

Quickly turning to see the source of the voice, Alfonzo found the figures of two males walking towards him.

The first, and the one who spoke, was a tall man with a self-important smile that showed off his sharp teeth, standing around 6'5" tall with brown skin, slicked back violet hair, and matching eyes wearing a white suit with white shoes.

And the second was a comparatively shorter teenager standing at 5'11" with pale white skin, long, silver hair tied into a messy ponytail, and red eyes wearing a black suit that matched the older man's attire, and an expression that told everyone who could see it that he was ready to destroy everything.

"So, pride and rage, huh?" Alfonzo muttered as he looked at the two [Weapon Spirits] walking towards him. "I should have guessed I'd have two of you when the [Embryo] transformed into a pair of tonfa."

"Yeah, that should have been a dead fucking giveaway, Jackass." The teenage boy said in an angry tone. "But more importantly, why did you run away like a little pussy? You should have told them broads exactly how you felt about the shit they pulled."

"He's right, you know." The taller man said. "Although, I would have said it differently."

"Yeah, I know I didn't handle that well." Alfonzo replied, sounding disappointed in himself. "So, I don't need the lecture, Riot, Bedlam."

At that moment, all three froze with shocked expressions.

Chapter 329: No More Running Away

Seated at the top of the Fairy Tail guild hall, Alfonzo was deep in meditation. Unbeknownst to him, however, was that at the moment he spoke the names of his two [Weapon Spirits], the tonfa resting on his lap changed in appearance.

Now, instead of a simple pair of black, metallic tonfa, one was black with a violet lightning pattern while the other was silver with a red sun flare pattern.

Unfortunately, Alfonzo was too engrossed in his conversation with Riot and bedlam to take notice at the moment.

"I guess it shouldn't come as a surprise that you instinctively knew our names." The tall, violet-haired man, Bedlam, said after he regained his senses. "I mean, after you lost your sight in your past life, you spent a lot of time pondering about yourself and why everyone you called a friend abandoned you."

"Hmph!" The teenage boy, Riot, snorted disdainfully. "Even if you are amazingly self-aware, you're still acting like a little bitch."

"Yeah, I know already." Alfonzo replied in an irritated tone. "So, you can stop bringing it up every five fucking seconds."

"Oh, why don't you make me, then?" Riot asked with a sneer.

Then, before Alfonzo could reply, a silver tonfa with a red sun flare pattern appeared in Riot's right hand as he dashed at Alfonzo.

"The fuck?" Alfonzo exclaimed as a similar tonfa appeared in his own right hand.

Clang!

Flipping the tonfa around, Alfonzo let the long end run along his forearm as he raised it to block Riot's strike. Then, he was forced to raise his left arm to swat away a jab aimed at his throat.

Deciding that he would not be on the passive side, Alfonzo threw a low kick at Riot's left calf with his right foot, forcing Riot to step back. At the same time, Alfonzo moved his right arm in a circular motion to shift Riot's tonfa to the outside of his body while throwing off Riot's balance in the process.

Then, after pulling his right leg back, Alfonzo threw a roundhouse kick at the back of Riot's head.

In response, Riot followed the momentum of Alfonzo's deflection and lowered his head to avoid the kick. Then, he flipped his tonfa around and threw a kidney punch with the short end of the tonfa at Alfonzo's unprotected back.

Bang!

"Gah!" Alfonzo grunted as he was knocked to the ground.

"Weak!" Riot shouted angrily. "How can you be this weak?"

"Take it easy, Riot." Bedlam said as he approached Riot and placed a hand on his shoulder. "Give the poor guy a break. I mean, look at the state of his inner world. He's a wreck right now."

"Hmph! That's no excuse." Riot replied while slapping Bedlam's hand away. "Do you think an enemy will care if he's having a bad fucking day? Let me answer that for you... Fuck no, they won't give a shit."

With that, Riot stomped over to Alfonzo. Then, he lifted him off the ground so they could look into each other's eyes.

"Listen here, you little dipshit." Riot said aggressively. "The next time you come in here and act this fucking pathetic, I'm gonna kill you. Got it? I'd rather cease to exist than be wielded by someone this fucking weak."

Having said his peace, Riot casually threw Alfonzo to the side before walking back in the direction he and Bedlam came from. Then, once Riot could no longer be seen, Bedlam approached and squatted next to Alfonzo, who was still trying to catch his breath after that shot to the kidney.

"You really do look pretty pathetic right now." Bedlam said with a smirk on his face.

"Fuck off." Alfonzo muttered between gasps.

"Haha! Just answer a question for me." Bedlam said with a chuckle. "What happened to all that pride you used to have? That pride that wouldn't let you run away from a problem? That pride that made you smash your head into a problem until you solved it?"

Hearing that, Alfonzo fell silent. And when Bedlam did not receive an answer, he just shook his head before he stood up and walked away. But before he was out of earshot, he spoke once more, without turning back.

"Seriously, Cuzz... Seeing you run away from your problems really isn't a good look." Bedlam said as he continued to walk away.

Bang!

"I know that, damn it..." Alfonzo muttered after smashing his fist into the metal platform, causing it to crater under the force.

Meanwhile, back in the real world, Elicia was running around Magnolia trying her best to find Alfonzo so she could talk to him about what happened the night before. Meanwhile, Yoruichi, who was just now able to walk without an issue, made her way to Fairy Tail's guild hall. And as soon as she entered through the sliding doors, all eyes fell on her.

"Hey, everyone." Yoruichi greeted everyone without giving away that anything had happened. "Have you guys seen Alfonzo or Lici?"

"Lady Yoruichi, are you okay?" Sui-feng asked after appearing in front of Yoruichi with a [Flash Step].

"Calm down, Bumble Bee, I'm fine." Yoruichi replied with a smile while waving off Sui-Feng's concerns.

"What a relief." Sui-Feng said while patting her chest with a relieved expression on her face. Then, her expression turned solemn an instant later. "But I was right about that man, Alfonzo Marcus. He really isn't worthy of you, Lady Yoruichi. In fact, he's nothing short of a brute."

Hearing that, Yoruichi's expression dropped. However, she did not believe her little protege. Instead, she was wondering what she did to provoke Alfonzo while his mood was down in the dumps.

"*Sigh* And what makes you say that?" Yoruichi asked in a skeptical tone.

In response, Sui-Feng repeated her conversation with Alfonzo, verbatim. Though, she did change the tone they each spoke in. ON top of that, she left out the part where she tried to grab Alfonzo by the collar.

'Damn... He really must be pissed if he didn't even call Lici, Lici.' Yoruichi thought to herself while listening to Sui-Feng's recount.

"I see..." Yoruichi replied while maintaining the skepticism in her tone. "Well, it's not that I don't trust you, Bumble Bee. But you wouldn't mind if I asked a few more people to get another perspective on the situation, right?"

In response, Sui-Feng shook her head. However, Yoruichi only stared at her skeptically.

After a few seconds of this silence, a bead of sweat finally dripped from Sui-Feng's forehead. Then, when the pressure got to be too much for her, she finally decided to tell the whole story.

"*Sigh* What am I gonna do with you?" Yoruichi asked in an exasperated tone. "Seriously, stop provoking those two. They haven't done anything to deserve it."

"Yes, Ma'am." Sui-feng said while hanging her head in shame.

"Anyway, that means Alfonzo isn't here." Yoruichi said, getting back to the original reason why she came to the guild hall. "Have you seen Elicia?"

"No, she hasn't come by." Sui-Feng replied.

"*Sigh* Alright." Yoruichi replied, sounding a bit dejected as she turned around. "Well, I need to talk to them. So, I'll go and look for them for a while. See ya later."

With that, Yoruichi exited the guild hall once again. Meanwhile, Sui-Feng could only look on with bitterness in her gaze.

'Because of them, Lady Yoruichi scolded me again.' Sui-feng thought to herself with clenched fists.

Still, as she could tell that something was on Yoruichi's mind, she decided not to try and follow her in secret... for now.

Meanwhile, Yoruichi, having just left the guild hall, had stopped to think.

'If I were Alfonzo, where would I go to be alone?' Yoruichi thought to herself while holding her chin with her right hand and supporting her elbow with her left.

While she thought, Yoruichi glanced around at her surroundings. A moment later, her gaze landed on the guild hall. However, instead of focusing on the entrance, her line of sight rose until she was looking at the top of the tower.

"Well, I guess that's as good a place as any to start." Yoruichi said with a shrug. "And even if I don't find him up there, I can still get a bird's eye view of the town."

With that, Yoruichi vanished in a burst of speed with the use of the [Flash Step]. Then, in the next instant, Yoruichi appeared about a quarter of the way up the Fairy Tail tower. And after repeating her [Flash Step] a few more times, she was standing on the tower's roof.

"Found you..." Yoruichi whispered after she noticed that Alfonzo seemed to be in deep meditation.

A moment later, she noticed the two tonfas lying across Alfonzo's lap.

"He really is talented." Yoruichi whispered as she approached Alfonzo as closely as she could. "It's only been, what? Five months and he's already learned his [Weapon's] name?"

If Yoruichi knew that Alfonzo's [Soul Weapons] had to first be converted from an [Embryo] to the form that suits the wielder, first, she would have been even more astonished.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo, who was still within his inner world, had been contemplating how he would deal with the situation between himself, Elicia, and Yoruichi. However, at the moment Yoruichi drew near, Alfonzo was jolted out of his contemplation.

"*Sigh* I thought I would have more time to think." Alfonzo muttered. "Well, I guess I should just dive in and let the chips fall how they may."

"That's what you should have done from the beginning, Jackass!" Riot's voice echoed throughout the inner world.

In response, Alfonzo only smiled wryly as he willed himself back to the real world.

"I honestly didn't expect you to find me so quickly, Yoruichi." Alfonzo said once his consciousness had returned.

"What can I say?" Yoruichi asked with an awkward smile. "I'm pretty good at tracking when I put my mind to it."

"I see." Alfonzo replied.

With that, the conversation stopped abruptly, leaving Yoruichi standing awkwardly in front of the seated Alfonzo.

"Um... do you mind if I sit down?" Yoruichi asked, sounding apprehensive.

"Sure." Alfonzo replied curtly.

Then, Yoruichi sat down next to Alfonzo and the two stared out towards Magnolia in a tense silence.

"*Sigh* Why did the two of you do it?" Alfonzo asked after nearly two minutes of silence. "Especially after you knew how I felt about casual sex and one night stands?"

"Before I explain, please don't be mad at Lici." Yoruichi said while continuing to stare at the town below. "This was my idea, and I dragged her along with it. But I never meant to do anything that might put a wedge in your relationship."

"*Sigh* As much as I'd like to... I don't think I can grant that request. Not this time, at least." Alfonzo replied, sounding quite disappointed. "Just tell me why you did it. And why would Elicia help you with something like that?"

With that, another silence fell over the rooftop. However, this one was broken much quicker than before.

"It's because of what I told her." Yoruichi said while drawing her knees up to her chest. "I told her that this might be enough to get me to join your harem. And after hearing that, she jumped at the opportunity."

"And neither of you considered what I would think after your plan succeeded." Alfonzo said.

"Right." Yoruichi said, burying her head between her raised knees. "But if it's any consolation, I wasn't lying when I told her that. I just wanted to... sample the goods... before I decided."

"What am I? A fucking magic vehicle?" Alfonzo muttered. Then, after hearing a hollow chuckle from Yoruichi, Alfonzo continued after shaking his head. "But seriously, why do you think I'd accept someone who would take advantage of me like that? I mean, that certainly wouldn't start our relationship on a foundation of trust."

"Yeah, I can see that, now." Yoruichi said, burying her head even further between her knees. "In hindsight, I know it was a horrible idea. But I couldn't think of any other way."

"Yeah, because going out on a few dates and getting to know me and the girls better wasn't an option." Alfonzo replied sarcastically.

"*Sigh* I'm really sorry..." Yoruichi murmured. "I'm just not used to... being told no or having to wait. Besides, the way you kept denying my advances kinda hurt my pride."

With that, Yoruichi stood up and struck a pose.

"I mean, look at me... I'm gorgeous." Yoruichi said. "What man would keep denying a threesome with me and his totally willing girlfriend like you did?"

In response, Alfonzo did look at Yoruichi. However, his gaze was completely blank.

"Sorry..." Yoruichi said as she sat back down and buried her head between her knees again. "I was just trying to lighten the mood."

"*Sigh* I really don't know what I should do with you." Alfonzo said in a tired tone. "On the one hand, I feel like I should cut you off from my life for doing what you did."

Hearing that, Yoruichi tensed. She could even feel her eyes welling up with tears.

"But on the other hand... *Sigh*" Alfonzo stopped and just shook his head.

"What about the other hand?" Yoruichi asked while raising her head.

"I wouldn't know what to do if you said you actually wanted to join us." Alfonza replied. "I know I wouldn't be able to answer you right away."

Hearing that, Yoruichi's started to light up. Especially since through this whole ordeal, she was able to see exactly how principled Alfonzo was. In fact, all the uncertainty about her decision had vanished the moment she realized how hurt he was by hers and Elicia's actions.

"But even if you did tell me you wanted to join us, I'd have to see what the other girls had to say after knowing the whole story." Alfonzo continued. "And of course, Elicia wouldn't be part of the decision makers in this case."

"Yeah, I guess that makes sense." Yoruichi replied. Then, she turned to look at Alfonzo as she continued. "You know, to be honest, if you had just let this blow over because you were drunk, I probably would have decided that you weren't the one for me."

Hearing that, Alfonzo also turned to look at Yoruichi.

"But the fact that you stuck to your principles impressed me more than I thought it would." Yoruichi continued. "I mean, I know it sounds vain, but what I said earlier was true. Do you know how many men would jump at the chance to sleep with a girl like me with no strings attached?"

"And I can definitely understand why." Alfonz replied calmly. Then, he continued while shaking his head. "But that's unfair to the girls who give me their trust and love."

"And that mindset is what I'm finding most attractive about you right now." Yoruichi said with a wry smile. "Unfortunately, I messed things up before I had the chance to really see what kind of guy you are."

Then, she turned around in a failed attempt to hide the tears that were starting to spill from her eyes.

"Well, at least last night was something I'll never forget." Yoruichi said as she started walking towards the edge of the roof. "*Sniff* I'm really sorry for causing so much trouble."

After that, Alfonzo just watched as Yoruichi drew nearer to the edge. Then, just before she could leap towards the ground, Alfonzo exhaled a sigh.

'Damn it... I really hate to see a woman's tears.' Alfonzo thought to himself.

"Yoruichi... Wait." Alfonzo said quietly. Though, Yoruichi was able to hear him as if he were speaking into her ear.

Immediately, Yoruichi came to a stop. Though, her toes were hanging over the edge of the roof.

"*Sigh* I'm not going to make any promises." Alfonzo said. "But I'll at least run the idea past the rest of the girls. But how they'll react is anybody's guess. At the very least, with this there will be a chance. But even if they agree, you'll have some real work to do to fully regain my trust. And that will be even harder considering that this will be a long distance relationship."

Once again, the rooftop fell into silence. Then, after about a minute, Yoruichi lifted her right foot to take a step forward.

"Thank you... for giving me a chance..." Yoruichi said in a shaky tone. "I promise, I'll do whatever it takes to make it up to you. I'll make sure to apologize to Lici, too."

With that, Yoruichi vanished from the roof with a [flash Step]. A moment later, Alfonzo flopped backwards with his arms and legs spread.

"I have no idea if I did the right thing, but at least I did something." Alfonzo muttered.

["Yeah, and if you ever run away from a problem like that again, I'm gonna kick your fucking ass!"] Riot shouted in Alfonzo's head.

"Alright, alright, I get it." Alfonzo said after wincing due to the loud voice.

["But you shouldn't get too comfortable, yet."] Bedlam said. ["You've still got an even bigger problem to deal with."]

"*Sigh* Yeah, I gotta figure out what to do with Elicia." Alfonzo muttered.

["You know, you'll break her heart if you start calling her that again."] Bedlam said in a tone that made it obvious that even he was a little apprehensive about the upcoming conversation with Elicia.

Meanwhile, Riot remained silent.

"I know..." Alfonzo muttered as he closed his eyes.

Chapter 330: Staying Mad at Elicia Is Hard

"Lici! Stop!"

Thud!

While Yoruichi was talking with Alfonzo, Elicia had continued her search for him all over Magnolia. Then, after being unable to find him, she returned to the mansion in a panic, hopped in her Z3, and decided to check every town in Fiore one by one.

And if that was not enough to find him, she would check every other nation on Ishgar, too.

However, before she could make it to the town gates, Elicia heard someone shouting her name. Then, there was the sound of something landing on the roof of her Z3.

Looking up through her sun roof, she saw Yoruichi, who looked to be quite relieved for some reason.

"What is it?" Elicia asked in a somewhat hostile tone.

Seeing Elicia's expression, Yoruichi could not help but feel even more guilty about all the problems she caused. Still, there was something she needed to do. More specifically, something she had to tell Elicia. So, she could wallow in her guilt later.

"I found him." Yoruichi said as calmly as she could.

Screech!

Hearing that, Elicia immediately slammed on the brakes, nearly throwing Yoruichi off the vehicle's roof. Luckily, Yoruichi was expecting something like that, so, she hopped off the roof as soon as her words ended.

A moment later, the Z3's driver side door was swung open. Then, Elicia jumped out of the car and rushed over to Yoruichi.

"Where is he?" Elicia questioned loudly while grabbing Yoruichi by the shoulders.

By now, the townsfolk in the area were all focusing on Elicia and Yoruichi. But at this point, Elicia could not care less about what others thought of her.

"Calm down, Lici." Yoruichi said while patting Elicia's hands. "We're causing a scene."

"I don't fucking care!" Elicia shouted, surprising Yoruichi greatly with her use of profanity. "Where is my Fonzie? Please... Just tell me where he is..."

By the end, Elicia had broken down into tears. After realizing she had betrayed Alfonzo's trust and how badly she had hurt him, her emotions were running wild.

"*Sigh* I really am sorry, Lici." Yoruichi said quietly.

"Where is he!?" Elicia shouted once again.

"On the guild hall's roof." Yoruichi replied.

In the next instant, Elicia vanished from sight. And when Yoruichi looked in the direction of the Fairy Tail guild hall, she saw her bounding from rooftop to rooftop with the aid of her threads.

"I'm really gonna have to work hard, I guess." Yoruichi muttered to herself. "Even if Alfonzo's other girls don't accept me, I'll still have to make it up to him. Lici, too. And regaining her trust will probably be even harder than regaining Alfonzo's."

Shaking her head after voicing her thoughts, Yoruichi's gaze fell on Elicia's abandoned Z3.

"*Sigh* I guess I'll take this back to their house." Yoruichi said as she approached the magic vehicle.

Then, she sat in the driver's seat. However, before she could close the door, someone grabbed it, stopping her from completing the action.

Looking up, Yoruichi saw a dark brown-haired woman and an orange-haired man glaring at her from next to the car.

"Who are you? And what are you doing with Lici's car?" The dark brown-haired woman, Cana, asked in a stern, threatening tone.

"Damn... This is awkward." Yoruichi muttered.

While Yoruichi was explaining the situation to Cana and Gildarts, Elicia had reached the Fairy Tail guild hall. However, instead of scaling the tower immediately, she stood at its base and looked upwards nervously.

["Why the hell are you hesitating?"] Elicia's [Weapon Spirit] asked impatiently. ["You've been searching the whole town for him. You were even ready to search the whole damn continent. But now that you found him, you freeze up like a deer in headlights."]

"Because I'm scared." Elicia muttered. "Scared that he ran away again after feeling me coming. Scared that he won't listen to me. Scared that he doesn't love me anymore."

["Oh, for goodness sake."] The [Weapon Spirit] said in exasperation. ["Just climb the tower. If he's not there, then just start looking for him again. And if he is, tell him what you were thinking when you went along with that dumb ass plan. It's not that hard."]

"That's easy for you to say." Elicia muttered. "You don't know how I feel."

["Wow! I guess what they say is true."] The [Weapon Spirit] said. ["When people panic, their IQ is sacrificed. Of course, I know how you feel, dumb ass. I'm a part of you."]

"Oh, now that you mention it..." Elicia muttered.

["Just climb the damn tower."] The [Weapon Spirit] barked. ["When you get up there, you can cross whatever bridge you find."]

"*Sigh* Yeah." Elicia said, her expression turning resolute.

Then, just as she raised her hand to fire her threads at the top of the guild hall, she opened her eyes wide when she felt Alfonzo's magic power signature at the top of the tower.

["I guess he got tired of waiting."] The [Weapon Spirit] said.

Elicia, on the other hand, did not speak a word. Instead, she shot her threads at the top of the guild hall. Then, when they were secure, she retracted them at high-speed, catapulting herself towards the top of the tower.

Eventually, Elicia soared above the top of the tower. And when she looked down at the roof, she finally saw him.

Currently, Alfonzo was still laying on the roof with his arms and legs spread out. And as soon as Elicia saw him, she fired her threads at the roof, on either side of Alfonzo, before retracting them quickly.

Seeing Elicia diving towards him from the air, Alfonzo only had one thought.

'This is gonna hurt.'

Thump!

"Urgh!" Alfonzo groaned as Elicia slammed into his torso.

"Fonzie! Fonzie! Fonzie! Fonzie! Fonzie!" Elicia cried as she wrapped her arms around Alfonzo's neck and buried her face in his chest.

At this point, Elicia's instinct was to tell Alfonzo how sorry she was. However, her [Weapon Spirit] was shouting in her mind to remind her that she would only be taking advantage of Alfonzo's nature if she did that. So, Elicia just cried while repeating Alfonzo's name over and over.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo just laid on the guild halls roof while staring up at the sky. Then, after a few minutes, he placed his right hand on Elicia's head and began combing his fingers through her hair.

"Elicia, we really need to talk." Alfonzo said calmly.

Hearing Alfonzo call her by her full name for the first time since they were six years old in this life, Elicia's cries stopped while her breathing hitched. Then, she cautiously looked up to see the expression on Alfonzo's face. And her heart broke when she saw the expressionless mask he was wearing. Though, the pain he was feeling could still be seen in his eyes.

"You know." Alfonzo said without looking at Elicia's face. "I'm really disappointed in you."

That statement was even worse than if Alfonzo had started yelling at her. However, Elicia did not lower her head. Instead, she continued to look Alfonzo in the face while waiting for the rest of what he had to say.

"Although what you did doesn't change the fact that I love you. Nor does it change how much I love you." Alfonzo continued. "But you... I..."

At that point, even Alfonzo started to cry. Something Elicia hadn't seen since the day he found out that his career as an athlete was over in their past life.

"I know what I did was wrong, Fonzie." Elicia said, her tears beginning to flow once again. "I know I hurt you... Betrayed your trust... But I swear... I never meant to hurt you. I just wanted to make everyone happy."

"I know." Alfonzo replied while wiping the tears from his eyes with the back of his left hand. "But that doesn't change what you did."

"You're right." Elicia replied before hanging her head in shame. "I really messed up this time."

With that, the two fell silent for a while. And the whole time, Elicia remained on Alfonzo's chest while Alfonzo continued to comb his fingers through her hair.

"What can I do... to make it up to you?" Elicia muttered. "Just tell me what you want me to do... and I'll do it. I'd do anything for you, Fonzie."

Once again, the roof fell into silence.

"Honestly, I don't know." Alfonzo replied after a brief pause. "I mean, we've never really been like this before, have we. It was always me doing something in the past. Something that I needed to make it up to you for."

"I know, I'll go punish Yoruichi." Elicia said with a hint of anger flashing in her eyes. "This is all her fault, after all."

Smack!

"Kya!" Elicia yelped as Alfonzo swatted her on the butt.

"You're just as much to blame for this as she is." Alfonzo said sternly.

"But she tricked me.!" Elicia retorted.

"Did she?" Alfonzo asked. "Actually, before you showed up, she found me up here. And we talked about all this."

With that, Alfonzo told Elicia about the conversation he had with Yoruichi. And Elicia listened attentively.

"So, when the other girls get back in town, I'm going to tell them about what happened." Alfonzo said, concluding his story. "And I'll let them decide if Yoruichi can join us or not."

Then, for the first time since she arrived on the rooftop, Alfonzo looked Elicia in the eyes.

"And you won't have a say in this, at all." Alfonzo continued.

"I understand." Elicia replied with her head lowered.

"I think I'll let them decide how you should be punished, too." Alfonzo said, once again looking up into the sky. "Because It's no secret that I'll go easy on you if I'm the one to decide."

["Wow! He really knows himself well."] Elicia's [Weapon Spirit] exclaimed.

'Yeah... Fonzie really is the best.' Elicia replied mentally.

["*Sigh* I can't even find a way to deny it."] The [Weapon Spirit] replied. ["Though he definitely has his flaws. But for some reason, I feel like it's okay to ignore them. And I have no doubt that feeling is influenced by the fact that I'm made from a part of your soul."]

'Hehe.' Elicia giggled internally.

["Stop that."] The [Weapon Spirit] ordered. ["Anyway, look at his [Soul Weapons], they've changed. I think he's released their first seal."]

Hearing that, Elicia raised herself off of Alfonzo's chest. Now, she was straddling his waist while glancing at the transformed Tonfa lying next to Alfonzo on the roof.

"Um... Fonzie... Did you?" Elicia asked hesitantly.

Though he did not look at her when she sat up, Alfonzo let his gaze fall on Elicia when she started speaking.

"Did you... learn your [Soul Weapon's] name?" Elicia continued with excitement in her eyes as her gaze shifted between the differently colored tonfa.

"Yeah, I learned their names." Alfonzo replied casually.

"Names?" Elicia asked, her excitement growing. "Does that mean you have two spirits?"

"Yeah." Alfonzo replied.

"Awesome!" Elicia shouted as she flopped back down on Alfonzo's chest. Then, she wrapped her arms around his neck as she continued. "Congratulations, Fonzie!"

For the first time since he woke up, Alfonzo let a smile find its way on to his face at Elicia's congratulations.

"Thanks." Alfonzo said while combing his fingers through Elicia's hair again.

Then, after a few more moments, Elicia sat up once again.

"So, what's the release command? Have you tried it out yet? What can your Shikai do?" Elicia asked, bombarding Alfonzo with questions.

"Calm down, I can only answer one question at a time." Alfonzo replied while getting flash backs of the first time he and Elicia talked about how they would live in this world.

["Now I see why you decided to let the other girls punish her."] Bedlam said in what sounded like a surprised tone. ["Despite what she did last night, Even I'm finding it hard to stay mad at her."]

["Hmph!"] Riot cut in. ["Why should you be mad at her at all? She put up with so much shit for your ass. And you got so fucking angry over one mistake?"]

["Meanwhile, Riot looks like a love struck fool."] Bedlam added in a teasing tone.

["Shut the fuck up, Bedlam!"] Riot shouted in rage. ["Don't make me kill you!"]

'Yeah, and I'd venture a guess that he represents more than just my rage.' Alfonzo replied. 'He probably embodies my love for Elicia, too.'

Immediately, Riot stopped raging at Bedlam and fell silent.

'And I can feel that you're more than just my arrogance, Bedlam.' Alfonzo continued. 'No, I guess it should be called self-confidence. Though, if you had been created when I was still a kid in my past life, it would be arrogance.'

["Good assessment."] Bedlam replied. ["But we should talk about this later. She's still waiting for a response."]

'Right.' Alfonzo replied.

"Were you just talking to your [Spirits]? What are their names? What are they like?" Elicia asked as soon as she noticed Alfonzo was back to his senses.

"Like I said, one question at a time. And yeah, I was talking to them." Alfonzo replied with a wry smile. Then, he gestured to the tonfa with a sun flare pattern and the one with the violet lightning pattern, in that order. "And their names are Riot and Bedlam. As for their personalities... Well, they're a lot like me with certain emotions being much more dominant."

Hearing that, Elicia was about to start asking more questions excitedly. However, Alfonzo placed his index finger on her lips.

"We can talk more about this later." Alfonzo said. "For now, we should get down to the ground. Cana and Gildarts are back. And they're coming to the guild hall with Yoruichi."

"Oh, I need to go take my car back home, too." Elicia said.

"No, you don't need to worry about that." Alfonzo replied. "Yoruichi took it back after you left it on the street."

Elicia immediately blushed in embarrassment.

"I guess I need to thank her for that." Elicia said quietly.

"You should talk to her, too." Alfonzo said as he stood up.

"Yeah, I know." Elicia said as she stood up as well.

Then, Alfonzo wrapped his arm around Elicia's waist and flew them both down to the ground, landing in front of Cana, Gildarts, and Yoruichi.