

Fairy Tail 621

Chapter 621: Rika's Declaration

While most of the ladies were broken up into smaller groups and chatting, the young men of Fairy Tail were at the mansion's indoor basketball court playing a game of five-on-five, with Alfonzo and Laxus leading the teams.

"Alright, this is the last one." Alfonzo said as he received the inbound pass from Alzack. "I wanna go to sleep soon. So, someone can take my place after I get this next bucket."

"You're talking pretty big, aren't you, Alfonzo?" Laxus asked aggressively. "You make it sound so easy to score on us."

"Oh, I can score whenever I want." Alfonzo said nonchalantly. "As long as we're not using magic, no one can stop me."

"Hmph!" Laxus snorted. "Why don't you show me just how great you are, then?"

"If that's what you want." Alfonzo replied with a smile as he started dribbling the ball up court.

Irritated by Alfonzo's attitude, Laxus, who still considered himself Alfonzo's rival, decided he would make him eat his words. So, before Alfonzo even reached half court, Laxus had already come to defend.

Seeing this, Alfonzo shook his head while he continued to smile. Then, once he was close to Laxus, his expression finally turned serious. He then burst into motion, with the ball on his right, Alfonzo faked hard to that side, causing Laxus to shift his feet to his left.

In the next instant, Alfonzo dribbled the ball through his legs to the left, causing Laxus to quickly correct his position. And just at that moment, Alfonzo dribbled behind his back, sending the ball back to his right. Then, he took off at full sprint.

Meanwhile, Laxus, who changed directions one too many times in quick succession, fell to the court when his feet got tangled. In the end, the only thing he could do was stare at Alfonzo's back with disbelief written all over his face.

"What the hell was that?" Laxus muttered to himself before quickly scrambling back to his feet and chasing after Alfonzo.

'Hmph!' Alfonzo snorted internally. 'I might have taught you everything you know about basketball, but that doesn't mean I taught you everything I know.'

After that, and before Laxus could catch up, Alfonzo blew past the 3-point line before Fried and Bickslow, two of Laxus' teammates could react. In the end, the only person between Alfonzo and the basket was Elfman, the only member of the guild taller than Alfonzo.

Even so, Alfonzo had no intention of slowing down or pulling up for a jumper. The only thing on his mind at the moment was taking the ball straight to the hole.

"I'll stop you Alfonzo!" Elfman shouted as he got ready to jump with Alfonzo. "Like a real man!"

"We'll see about that." Alfonzo said with a grin.

In the next instant, both Alfonzo and Elfman jumped. However, despite being taller with longer arms, Elfman's hands never reached the same height as Alfonzo's when they were both at the peak of their jumps.

Bang!

Then, with little in the way of resistance, Alfonzo, with one hand, dunked the ball hard enough to make the whole backboard shake. On top of that, the collision between the two resulted in Elfman falling to the court on his butt with a dumbfounded expression on his face.

Meanwhile, after his dunk, Alfonzo landed, raised his arms, and...

"Ahh~~~~~!"

Roared at the top of his lungs in triumph.

"Tch! Show off." Laxus grumbled.

"Haha... I just had to remind you that I'm still the best at what I do." Alfonzo said smugly. "Anyway, I'm gonna go take a shower. I'm tired after all that driving, cooking, and basketball dominance."

"Just go." Laxus said sharply. "Ugh... Hearing you gloat makes me wanna punch you in the face."

"You can try." Alfonzo said. "But how has that worked out for you in the past?"

"God, you're so irritating." Laxus said.

Laughing once again, Alfonzo high fived his teammates, Alzack, Natsu, Gajeel, and Alphonse, on his way out of the gymnasium.

"Hey, Ed, the team is SHORT a man." Alfonzo said just before leaving the gym. "Why don't you step in?"

"Screw you!" Edward shouted back. "Don't call me short!"

Alfonzo laughed once again as he walked through the doors without turning back. Then, while greeting the few people he came across while on his way to his bedroom, he eventually made his way into his bathroom to wash off all the sweat accumulated during the game.

Not to say that any of the certified superhumans in the guild would normally work up a sweat playing a game like basketball. However, the tension between the members created from the various rivalries was enough to make the difference.

About twenty minutes later, Alfonzo came out of the bathroom with a towel wrapped around his waist and another draped over his head. Meanwhile, his hands were rapidly rubbing the towel on his head in order to dry his hair. A moment later, he sat down on the side of his bed while continuing to dry his hair.

At the same time, Alfonzo looked to his left. Neatly laid out on the bed next to him was a pair of boxers, a tank top, a pair of nylon shorts, and a pair of socks for him to change into after he was done in the shower.

"Miyuki really is attentive." Alfonzo said while smiling and shaking his head. "I didn't even see any of the maids on my way from the gym to my room. But she somehow knew I was taking a shower."

In fact, the reason Alfonzo did not know when Miyuki came in to lay out his clothes was quite simple. Like most of the wizards of Fairy Tail, Alfonzo usually did not deploy [Magic Power Detection] while in Magnolia. On top of that, after he taught Grayfia and the other maids how to use [Magic Power Detection], they all used it constantly, just covering the mansion's premises.

So, as long as they were awake, all the maids were always aware of everyone on the property's location. And after Grayfia realized that [Magic Power Detection] was harder to detect the better the user's magic power control was, she forced the other maids to train diligently as to not disturb their employer while monitoring the mansion grounds.

After a few more moments, when Alfonzo felt that he could not dry his hair any better with the towel, he tossed it aside and reached for the boxers on the bed right next to him.

Bang!

Before he could grab a hold of the underwear, however, Alfonzo was surprised when the door was slammed open. Looking towards the door, he was even more surprised when he saw Shizuka.

Though, seeing Shizuka was not all that surprising. Instead, it was because she was dragging Rika, who wore a resigned expression, behind her with an excited smile on her face.

When Shizuka saw that Alfonzo was sitting on the edge of his bed, her smile widened. Then, with even more force, she pulled Rika towards Alfonzo and flopped down on his lap, while pulling Rika to sit on his other leg.

Naturally, this caused the towel wrapped around Alfonzo's waist to come unwrapped. Luckily, because the two ladies were sitting on his lap and he was sitting down, there was no accidental exposure... for now.

"What's up, Shizuka?" Alfonzo asked with a thoroughly confused expression on his face. "And couldn't this wait until I was dressed?"

Just then, Shizuka's expression finally changed from the excited one she was wearing. Then, she noticed Alfonzo's state of undress... and licked her lips. A moment later, however, she forcefully shook off what she was thinking.

"Go ahead, tell him, Rika!" Shizuka exclaimed.

Curiously, Alfonzo turned his gaze from Shizuka to Rika. Then, he waited for Rika to tell him whatever it was that she wanted to say.

"*Sigh* You're not gonna let me leave unless I say it, are you?" Rika muttered. A moment later, she looked Alfonzo in the eye with her usual confident expression on her face. "Alfonzo... I..."

"Come on, Rika!" Shizuka cheered. "You can do it!"

"You're not making this any easier." Rika muttered once again. Shaking her head, she then looked Alfonzo in the eyes again as she continued. "Alfonzo, you know I said I would never even consider being with someone who couldn't outshoot me, right?"

"Yeah, I remember you saying something like that." Alfonzo replied with a nod while desperately trying to suppress the erection that was forming while Shizuka and Rika sat on his lap.

"Well, I realized that if I held to those words, I would be single forever." Rika said matter of factly.

"You're definitely confident." Alfonzo said with a chuckle. "But I can't really deny that, either."

"So, I decided to alter my criteria." Rika said as she blushed slightly. "Instead of finding someone who can shoot better than me, I decided to find someone who can make me a better shot."

By this point, if Alfonzo did not know what was going on, he would be as dense as the densest harem anime protagonists in history. And he was definitely not that dense.

"And there are only two people on Ishgar that can make me a better shot than I already am." Rika said with a smile. "But I'm not really into old women. So, Master Goldstein is out. So, that leaves... you."

As she spoke the word, "you," Rika raised her hand and poked Alfonzo in the center of his chest.

"So, I've decided that you're going to be my man." Rika said aggressively. "And I won't be taking no for an answer so, get ready for--- Mmph!"

Before Rika could finish, Alfonzo leaned over and closed her mouth with his own, causing Rika to open her eyes wide in surprise. Then, he aggressively invaded her mouth with his tongue.

Inexperienced with this kind of thing, Rika was quickly subdued, closing her eyes and wrapping her arms around Alfonzo's neck to enjoy the feeling of her first kiss to the fullest.

Meanwhile, Shizuka watched the two, her best friend and her husband, with a smile. However, when she felt Alfonzo's hand start to roam on her back, down to her butt, she bit her lips with a seductive expression on her face as she began rubbing her hands up and down his chest and abdomen.

At the same time, watching the scene through the partially closed door, Irene, who had finally been convinced to at least give dating Alfonzo a try, was unsure what she should do. So, she turned to Erza, who had led her here.

"Looks like we came at a bad time." Irene said with a strange smile on her face.

"Not really." Erza replied while shaking her head. "Let's just go inside and you can tell him."

Irene could only look at Erza dumbfoundedly after hearing that. Then, she shook her head in exasperation.

"Even if I'm accustomed to taking what I want..." Irene said, not knowing how to finish that thought.
"But you're something else."

"What's the issue, Mother?" Erza asked while tilting her head in confusion. "You can tell him how you feel and seal the deal in one go. Isn't that efficient?"

"Is efficiency really the issue here?" Irene asked. "Don't you feel bad about interrupting them?"

"No, not really." Erza replied. "Very rarely do things like this happen without at least one or two people coming to join in. And Elicia is the one who comes to join the most often."

As if she were waiting for Erza to say that, another door on the corridor opened, and out walked Elicia, whose Fonzie Sense was telling her that something fun was happening. So, she left Carla, who was lying down with Amar'e, to watch her son, as she quickly left the room to join the fun.

"Speak of the devil." Erza said with a smile when she noticed Elicia approaching.

"Oh, hey, Erza." Elicia said with a smile. "Did you feel something fun was about to happen, too?"

"No, I brought my mother to talk to Alfonzo about becoming one of Alfonzo's girlfriends." Erza replied casually.

Hearing that, Elicia's eyes lit up as she turned to look at Irene excitedly.

"Oyakodon..." Elicia muttered with her eyes shining like torch lights.

"*Sigh* Am I getting old?" Irene asked herself. "Back in my day, women only chose to share a man when they had no other choice. Yet, the crazy women of this generation seem happy to welcome more women into the fold. What's next, making love to sentient weapons?"

After muttering that to herself, Irene felt cold sweat forming on her back.

"Maybe I shouldn't allow Heine and Juliet to spend time with this group of degenerates anymore." Irene mumbled. "Unfortunately, now that both Erza and Elicia have a hold on me, it's probably too late for me to get away. *Sigh*"

Chapter 622: Foreplay, Voyeurism, and a Surprise (R-18)

====R-18====

Outside of Alfonzo's bedroom in the Mansion on the Lake, Elicia, Erza, and Irene were looking through the gap in the slightly opened door. Meanwhile, Alfonzo was sitting on his bed wearing nothing but a towel while Shizuka and Rika sat on his lap.

Currently, Alfonzo was passionately kissing Rika with his right arm wrapped around her waist while his left hand was squeezing and kneading Shizuka's perky, round butt.

"I knew something fun was about to happen." Elicia said with a smile while her eyes were shining. "To think Rika finally made her move."

"Indeed." Erza said with a nod. "She is truly decisive."

"*Sigh* These two are something else."

Even though Irene said that, she could not move her eyes away from the scene in front of her. It had been over four hundred years since she had experienced the pleasures of the flesh, after all. And it did not help that her ex-husband was only doing it to get her pregnant, so that there would be an heir for Dragnof. Meaning, he put absolutely no thought into giving her any pleasure.

The three watched Shizuka, who had been rubbing her hands up and down Alfonzo's chest, reach over and start unbuttoning Rika's shorts. Then, once the shorts were unfastened, she slid off Alfonzo's thigh and started sliding the shorts down Rika's long, toned legs.

At the same time, Alfonzo's hand that was resting on Rika's hip, slid down to the place between her legs.

'No panties, nice.' Alfonzo thought as he did not feel any fabric.

"Mmm~!" Rika moaned once she felt Alfonzo's fingers brush against her pussy.

However, instead of breaking the kiss, Rika pulled herself even closer to Alfonzo and kissed him even more passionately.

"Do it, Shizuka." Elicia cheered quietly. And when she saw Shizuka get Rika's shorts all the way off and shift her hands to Alfonzo's thighs after tossing them to the side, Elicia continued. "Pull it out."

Living up to Elicia's expectations, Shizuka grabbed the towel that was only covering Alfonzo's crotch by this point, and yanked it away quickly.

Smack!

Immediately, Alfonzo's dick, which was fully erect by now, popped up and smacked Shizuka in the face. However, instead of showing an expression of discomfort, Shizuka put on a wide, seductive smile. Then, she gently kissed its head.

"Oh my..." Irene gasped after seeing the size of Alfonzo's dick. "He's a human-horse hybrid, isn't he?"

"Of course not." Erza replied with her eyes focused on the scene in the bedroom. "He's definitely all man."

"Mmm." Elicia moaned while licking her lips. "Yes, he is."

"Nymphomaniacs." Irene muttered after hearing her daughter and Elicia's comments.

A moment later, Irene's eyes opened to a comical degree when she saw Shizuka open her mouth wide before swallowing Alfonzo's dick in one go.

"How is that possible." Irene muttered as her right hand subconsciously slid down to her crotch.

Once Shizuka's nose touched Alfonzo's pelvis, she started bobbing her head back and forth, continuously deepthroating Alfonzo's dick.

"*Gasp*" Alfonzo, despite still kissing Rika, could not help but suck in a breath of air after feeling Shizuka get to work.

At the same time, Rika was curious to know what made Alfonzo react like that. So, she took the initiative to break the kiss. Though, she was still shivering thanks to the fingers Alfonzo was using to tickle her pussy lips and clit. However, even while being flooded with pleasure, Rika managed to look down. And when she saw Shizuka repeatedly deepthroating Alfonzo, she smiled.

"You're putting that no gag reflex to good use, I see."

Pop!

"You did tell me that I would be able to make men happy with it, didn't you?" Shizuka asked after popping Alfonzo's dick out of her mouth with a smile on her face and lines of drool dripping from the corners of her lips.

However, instead of getting right back to sucking off Alfonzo, Shizuka reached down and grabbed the bottom of her tank top before pulling it off in one motion. Then, she stood up, displaying her large, soft, perfectly shaped breasts for everyone to see. After that, she gently pressed her hands on Alfonzo's chest and pushed him backwards, so that he would be lying face up on the bed.

After that, Shizuka pulled Rika off Alfonzo's lap and onto the bed.

"What are you doing, Shizuka?" Rika asked curiously.

Shizuka pointed to Alfonzo's face in response.

"Sit there." Shizuka said with a smile.

Despite being one of the boldest women in Fairy Tail, Rika still blushed after hearing what Shizuka wanted her to do. This was her first sexual experience, after all. Still, she found Shizuka's idea interesting. So, she, like Shizuka had done, reached down and pulled her tank top off, leaving herself stark naked. Then, she crawled over to Alfonzo's head and raised her left leg to straddle Alfonzo's face.

"NO! No! NO!" Shizuka scolded as she grabbed Rika's calf. "The other way. Turn the other way. Look towards his legs."

"Oh, okay." Rika replied, sounding a bit confused.

Still, Rika did what Shizuka instructed her to do, raising her right leg before straddling Alfonzo's face in reverse and resting her hands on his chest.

"Like thi--- Ahn~~~!" Rika began to say before she felt the sensation of something warm, wet, and slippery sliding against her clit and pussy lips.

"Yes, that's good." Shizuka replied with a nod as she climbed off the bed and dropped to her knees between Alfonzo's legs.

After getting in position, with Rika's moans as the background music, Shizuka opened her mouth as wide as she could. Then, she stuck out her tongue and let a large amount of saliva drip from its tip. At the same time, she gripped her breasts from below and pressed them together, catching the saliva between them.

When Shizuka was satisfied with the amount of saliva that had been collected in her cleavage, she retracted her tongue and smiled. Then, she spread her breasts slightly, used them to engulf Alfonzo's dick, and squeezed it with them.

"Ah~!" Alfonzo gasped contentedly before sticking out his tongue and slipping it into Rika's pussy.

"Mmm~~~!" Rika moaned once again as her body shuddered violently.

'It's only been about a minute, and I'm already close to cumming.' Rika thought to herself as she subconsciously clenched her fists, digging her fingernails into Alfonzo's chest. 'Just how is he so good at this?'

"Rika." Shizuka called, pulling Rika's attention towards herself. "Come here."

When Rika looked at Shizuka, Shizuka was bouncing her breasts up and down around Alfonzo's dick. However, no matter what she did, the head of the dick between her breasts was never swallowed by those weapons of mass destruction on her chest. And Rika's attention was drawn directly towards Alfonzo's dick.

Slowly, Rika leaned forward until her face was right in front of the head of Alfonzo's dick. Then, she licked her lips as if she had been intoxicated. In fact, she was so close that every time Shizuka raised her breasts, they smacked into her chin. Yet, she did not even seem to notice.

"Is she going to...?" Irene, who had stuffed her hand into the bikini bottom she was wearing under her normal clothing, asked with her eyes trained on the iron triangle of Shizuka's breasts, the head of Alfonzo's dick, and Rika's lips.

"If this surprises you, you should see how things are when Marin is present." Erza replied softly while she rubbed her thighs together in anticipation.

At that moment, just before Rika's lips made contact with the head of Alfonzo's dick, Rika gasped as her back arched and she threw her head back with her eyes wide open.

"Ahn~~~~~!" Rika moaned as her body started to shudder.

Looking towards Rika's hips, the three voyeurs saw that Alfonzo had raised his right hand and inserted a finger into Rika's pussy while sucking on her clit. And judging from Rika's reaction, it was clear that she had just climaxed because of it.

Despite her ongoing orgasm, Rika forced herself to lower her head. Then, she opened her mouth and wrapped her lips around the head of Alfonzo's dick, and sucked it as if the cure to whatever was ailing her was inside. Meanwhile, Shizuka continued bouncing her breasts up and down while they surrounded the shaft of Alfonzo's dick.

"I can't wait any longer." Elicia muttered as she started taking off her clothes and pushing the door open. "I still haven't gotten the chance to play with those tits yet. And now is the perfect opportunity."

Hearing Elicia's words and seeing her actions, Irene used her free hand to defensively cover her own breasts, which were bigger than Shizuka's. Even so, she did not stop watching what was going on in the bedroom.

"Come, Mother, let us go inside, as well." Erza said as she grabbed Irene by the arm and pulled her into the bedroom.

At the same time, Alfonzo, Shizuka, and Rika all noticed that three people entered the room at that moment. And while Alfonzo's field of view was limited to Rika's butt and pussy and Rika was only able to see the upper part of Shizuka's chest, Shizuka was able to turn her head towards the door. And when she saw Elicia and Erza, she was not surprised. But when she saw Erza dragging Irene along with her, her eyes opened wide in confusion.

Click!

Before anyone could say anything, Erza closed the door behind the three newcomers. Hearing the sound of the door closing, Alfonzo tapped the heel of his right foot on the floor. As a result, the entire room was covered with a thin sheet of metal with silencing sigils engraved into it.

'Should I start [Magic Power Detection]?' Alfonzo thought to himself while continuing to suck on Rika's clit and finger her pussy. 'I know three people came in, but I won't know who until I either see them or they start talking. But that would take the fun out of it, wouldn't it?'

"Finally, I can play with these things." Elicia, whose sights had only been focused on Shizuka, said as she quickly undressed while approaching Shizuka from behind.

"Huh?" Shizuka intoned while continuing to bounce her breasts as she tilted her head in confusion.

"How does she still look so cute and innocent with a man's penis between her breasts?" Irene muttered quietly enough so that only Erza, who was standing next to her, could hear.

"Indeed." Erza replied with a nod. "It's truly one of the mysteries of this world."

'Okay, so Erza is here, too.' Alfonzo thought to himself. 'But I still can't figure out who the third one is.'

A moment later, Elicia, now completely naked, plopped down behind Shizuka and pulled her hands away from her breasts. Then, with an elated smile on her face, Elicia grabbed Shizuka's breasts and started squeezing, rubbing, and fondling them. At the same time, she did not forget to work them up and down Alfonzo's dick.

"O.M.G.!" Elicia exclaimed as she handled Shizuka's breasts. "These things are amazing! They're so soft!"

"Mmm~~! Don't be so rough, Lici." Shizuka said as she tilted her head back and moaned softly.

"Oh, don't pretend." Elicia said with a seductive smile on her face. "You know you like it."

After saying that, Elicia used her head to move Shizuka's hair off her neck. Then, she started kissing and licking sensually.

"Ahn.!" Shizuka moaned from the stimulation. At the same time, she raised her hands and grabbed Rika's breasts before she also started to rub and fondle them.

Meanwhile, Erza and Irene watched the goings on from the foot of the bed. By now, Irene was plunging two fingers in and out of her pussy while watching intently with a blush on her face and desire in her eyes. Erza, on the other hand, was watching calmly. Though, the rate at which she rubbed her thighs together was an indication of how excited she actually was.

"Oh, shit!" Alfonzo groaned after a few minutes. "I'm gonna cum."

Hearing that, Elicia was even more vigorous while handling Shizuka's breasts. Shizuka did the same with Rika's. Meanwhile, Rika started sucking even harder. Erza and Irene, who were watching from the side, opened their eyes wide to not miss the moment Alfonzo reached his limit, as well.

Only a few seconds later, Alfonzo's body jerked. When it did, Rika's cheeks puffed up as they were filled with Alfonzo's semen. Even so, she did not back away at all, taking it all into her mouth and swallowing what would not fit inside.

A moment later, Alfonzo's body relaxed. As he gasped for breath after such an intense orgasm. At the same time, Rika carefully pulled her mouth away from Alfonzo's dick. Then, with her mouth still full, she reached up and grabbed Shizuka's cheeks before pressing her lips against Shizuka's.

Naturally, Shizuka was surprised by this kiss. However, when Rika pried her lips open with her tongue, Shizuka's widened when Alfonzo's cum was pushed into her mouth.

Seeing that, Elicia, Erza, and Irene all widened their eyes in surprise. Yet, they could not tear their eyes away from the sight. Aflonzo, on the other hand, had an idea what was going on based on Shizuka's

stifled moans and the sound of a sloppy kiss. Unfortunately, he was not able to watch since the only thing he was able to see was Rika's ass and pussy.

"That's hot." Elicia muttered while watching the kiss from close up over Shizuka's shoulder.

Erza and Irine nodded to Elicia's words.

Eventually, Rika broke her kiss with Shizuka while smiling slyly and licking her lips to clean up the cum that spilled out during the kiss. Shizuka had a similar reaction. Then, Rika climbed off of Alfonzo and looked around. And when she saw that Irene was in the room, she blanked out for a moment.

With Rika no longer straddling his face, Alfonzo sat up and looked around, as well. And like Rika, when he saw Irene, he was dumbfounded.

"Irene?" Alfonzo asked in a confused tone while he looked Irene up and down.

But when Alfonzo saw Irene using her right hand to fondle her own breasts while her left hand could not be seen because it was under her dress, he had no idea what to say. And when Irene saw his confused expression while he watched her pleasure herself, for the first time in years, maybe even centuries, she blushed in embarrassment.

Chapter 623: What a Headache

Unsurprisingly, the confusion brought with Irene's appearance put a halt to the bedroom activities. Instead, everyone, especially Alfonzo and Rika realized that things were moving a bit faster than they were used to.

So, everyone decided that they would stop there for the evening. Though, Elicia, and Erza, who were looking forward to a night of passion, were the most disappointed by the turn of events.

After that, Irene, who was thoroughly embarrassed by her behavior that night was not seen at the guild for the next week, or so. Meanwhile, Alfonzo and Rika could be seen strolling around Magnolia on several dates in that time period to deepen their relationship and get to know each other better.

Also, during that time, Alfonzo had to make it up to Elicia, Erza, and Shizuka for stopping part way that night.

"*Sigh* Mother still refuses to come out of her house." Erza said in an exasperated tone

"Well, not everyone has no shame like you do, Erza." Cana said after taking a swig from a bottle of liquor. "I'm sure she was completely embarrassed after being dragged along by the current like that."

Currently, the ladies living in the Mansion on the Lake were all seated on the first floor of the guild hall. Alfonzo, on the other hand, was in the kitchen, cooking for those who had accumulated guild points during his extended stay in the Village Hidden in the Leaves.

After hearing Cana's response, Erza tilted her head in confusion.

"What does having no shame have to do with this?" Erza asked in a genuinely confused tone.

"I think you rushed things a little bit, Erza." Marin said. "Remember, your mother was not in that kind of relationship with Fonzie. So, it makes sense that she's embarrassed."

"Is that so?" Erza asked while tilting her head back in the other direction.

"Anyway, I'm sure things will work themselves out." Mirajane said with her usual pleasant smile on her face. Then, she turned to Lisanna, who was quite visibly pregnant, and said. "Lisanna, are you sure you should be out here? Wouldn't it be better if you rested at home?"

"I'm fine, Mira." Lisanna said with a smile. "Miss Porlyusica, Shizuka, and Ren have all told me that it's good to move around whenever I can. It's good for the baby, too."

"I know, but..." Mira said, clear concern for her younger sister in her tone.

"Anyway, what about you?" Lisanna asked. "Any progress yet?"

"*Sigh* No, not really." Mirajane replied. "But I think it's too early to tell. We only stopped using the sigil last month."

"I guess that's true." Lisanna replied with a smile. "Don't worry, I'm sure it will happen soon."

Bang!

At that moment, Natsu, who was participating in a brawl with the rest of the guild, slammed on top of the table where the ladies were sitting. And the worst possible outcome occurred.

Not only did the slam cause Cana's bottle of liquor to fall over and shatter on the floor, but he crushed the piece of strawberry shortcake Erza was eating, as well.

"*Sigh* You really should have gotten married earlier, Lisanna." Marin said while shaking her head sadly. "Because Natsu definitely isn't going to live through today."

"It won't just be Natsu." Ultear, who had been silent the whole time, said. "Everyone involved in that fight will be in big trouble this time."

"Ugh... Damn, that Gray really packed a punch this time." Natsu groaned as he picked himself up from the top of the table. "Huh? What is this?"

After asking that question, Natsu raised the hand he used to support himself into a sitting position. Then, when he saw that it was covered in whipped cream, strawberries, and bits of shortcake, his face paled immediately. On top of that, he could smell the scent of alcohol coming from all around him, as if it had been poured everywhere.

"Oh no..." Natsu muttered with fear swirling in the depths of his eyes.

"Oh no, indeed." Erza said while exuding a dark aura. "Natsu, do you have any idea what you've done?"

"Yeah, you made me waste a 7,500 Jewel bottle of tequila just now." Cana added. "And that's not good."

Natsu was not the only one stricken with terror at that moment. Cana's and Erza's dark and menacing auras had already covered the entire first floor of the guild hall, causing the brawl to come a complete stop. And when the other members of the guild saw who was causing such an uncomfortable feeling, they, like Natsu, paled immediately.

"We're all dead." Macao said while frozen in the position of throwing a punch at Elfman.

"Yeah, those two monsters are going to kill us all." Wakaba added while lying on the floor after being thrown to the ground by Reedus.

'Someone... Save us... Please...' All those involved in the brawl though at the same time.

Meanwhile, at the east gate of the town, an abnormally small magic vehicle sped through the gates before turning sharply and drifting to a stop not long after entering. A moment later, the car broke into parts and stood up like a human.

However, if one were to look closer, they would notice that the parts were all attached to the body of a person... a woman... a beautiful woman with long blonde hair and blue eyes wearing a beautiful lavender-colored dress and a cream-colored sash around her waist.

"I think this is the first time I've ever been to magnolia." The beautiful woman, Jenny Realight of Blue Pegasus said while looking around. "But had no choice. Master Bob said that he heard from Master Makarov that Alfonzo was back. And that he wouldn't be leaving for a while. Now is the best chance I have to get him to make me something I can add to my [Take Over: Machina Soul]."

While looking around, Jenny caught sight of the large metal tower in the north. Knowing that was her first stop to find Alfonzo, she quickly started walking in that direction. At the same time, she dispelled her [Machina Soul: Huracán] [Take Over], as she flashed in white light. After that, her breath taking beauty was on full display, capturing the attention of every townsfolk she passed by.

"Hey, isn't that Jenny Realight from Blue Pegasus?" A man headed out of the town to pick medicinal herbs asked while staring blankly at Jenny.

"I wonder why someone like her is in Magnolia." A woman of considerable beauty said in a jealous tone.

"Do you think she came here to challenge Mirajane Strauss to a duel, or something?" A teenage boy asked with his eyes sparkling.

"That's possible." A girl replied. "She did come in second in the Miss Fiore Pageant two years in a row, after all. I bet she wants revenge."

The townsfolk continued to gossip about Jenny's reason for being in Magnolia the whole way. However, Jenny was so focused on finding Alfonzo that she did not notice.

"Once I get some powerful magic items from Alfonzo, I'll be more than just a poster girl for the guild." Jenny said to herself in a resolute tone. "Then, I'll finally get the chance to participate in the S-Class Promotion Exam and help our guild reach new heights."

While repeating these words to herself over and over, Jenny walked through the streets of Magnolia with steps filled with purpose.

At the same time, at the entrance of a four story tower, Irene, who had isolated herself for the last ten days, or so, finally stepped out of her house. Following behind her were her two sentient swords, Heine and Juliet.

"I've change so much since I regained my humanity." Irene muttered to herself after leaving her house. "To think I would be so embarrassed that I would run away from a problem like that."

Listening to Irene's lamentation, Heine and Juliet exchanged glances. They were not present when Irene was dragged into Alfonzo's room that night. Irene did not tell them about it, either. So, they had no idea why their lady had been acting so strange for the last few days.

"Irene, are we going to the guild hall today?" Juliet asked in a cheerful tone. "Will we be taking a quest? We haven't taken a quest together in along time."

"Juliet, be more respectful when speaking to Lady Irene." Heine scolded.

"Yeah, yeah, I know." Juliet replied nonchalantly.

"You always say that." Heine said sternly. "But you never change."

Listening to her subordinates bicker as they usually do, Irene could not help but smile.

"Yes, we'll be heading to the guild hall." Irene replied. "I suppose taking a quest with the two of you wouldn't be so bad, either."

Upon hearing Irene's words, the bickering duo stopped immediately. Then their eyes lit up in unison. The happy feelings they were experiencing were evident to anyone who was lucky enough to walk by and see their expressions.

"Anyway, let's go." Irene said.

'I probably won't run into him, right?' Irene thought as she led Heine and Juliet through the streets of Magnolia. 'It's past the time for training, so he probably went back to the mansion to spend time with Amar'e, right.'

It did not take long for Irene, Heine, and Juliet to arrive at the Fairy Tail guild hall. When they did, however, they noticed that someone who was not supposed to be there was standing outside and staring up at the tall, metal tower. And when Irene noticed the guild mark on her left shoulder, she was certain that she knew who this person was.

"That's Jenny Realight of Blue Pegasus." Irene asked rhetorically as she, Heine, and Juliet approached the guild hall. "She sure is a long way from home. I wonder what brought her here."

"Maybe she has a message from Master Bob?" Heine asked curiously. "She is the poster girl of Blue Pegasus, after all."

"I doubt it." Juliet said while resting her right index finger on her chin. "With Alfonzo's iPhones, sending messages like that is unnecessary. So, she must be here for something else."

"You're probably right." Heine replied with a nod. "Still, I wonder why she's here."

"Well, let's just ask her." Irene said as she drew nearer to Jenny.

"It's so big..." Jenny muttered just as Irene, Heine, and Juliet approached.

At the moment Jenny muttered her words, Gray came flying towards the door, causing the proximity sensor to open the door. As a result, her words, quiet as they were, drifted into the guild hall.

"That's what she said!" Alfonzo shouted from the kitchen's entrance.

Then, Alfonzo looked towards the door and saw Jenny standing in front of it with Gray lying at her feet. On top of that, Irene, Heine, and Juliet were approaching from behind her.

"*Sigh* I get the feeling a headache is on the way." Alfonzo said as he shook his head. "Not even mentioning how Mira is going to react to Jenny being here, dealing with Irene after that awkward shit last time is going to be a pain in the ass."

Just as Alfonzo muttered those words to himself, Irene also caught sight of him coming out of the kitchen. When she did, her footsteps paused for a moment. However, she still continued to walk forward.

Jenny, on the other hand, heard Alfonzo's crude joke, and her eyes lit up when she looked in the direction of his voice. Then, she quickly walked into the guild hall, making a B-line straight for Alfonzo.

"Damn it... Why is that little..." Mirajane muttered after seeing Jenny walking into the guild hall.

"That's Jenny Realight, right?" Sun asked. "We met her when we went to the Blue Pegasus guild hall with Alfonzo two years ago. In fact, she clung to Alfonzo quite a bit back then, didn't she?"

"Oh, did she?" Elicia asked with her eyes sparkling. "Tell me about it. Do you think we're gonna have a sister from another guild?"

"Seriously, Lici. Not every girl is a potential harem sister, you know?" Marin said while shaking her head.

By now, Mirajane had stood up and started walking towards Alfonzo, as well. On top of that, Irene, Heine, and Juliet were also approaching Alfonzo. And Irene was staring at him with so much intensity that Alfonzo thought she might challenge him to a fight to the death to wash away her humiliation.

"Yeah, I can definitely feel a headache coming." Alfonzo muttered while he raised his hands to rub his temples.

Adding to Alfonzo's oncoming headache, Cana and Erza were still rampaging after their liquor and shortcake were ruined. And the screams of the guild members sounded particularly piercing at the moment.

Chapter 624: The Transformers Are Coming to Ishgar

"Alfonzo, it's been a long time." Jenny said as she walked through the Fairy Tail guild hall's first floor towards Alfonzo, who was standing near the kitchen's entrance while ignoring the bodies of the Fairy Tail wizards strewn about the floor. "It's good to see you again."

"OH, hey, Jenny." Alfonzo said nonchalantly while shaking his head. "What brings you to Magnolia?"

"I came to see you." Jenny replied with a bright smile on her face as she drew nearer to Alfonzo.

As she said that, Jenny opened her arms wide to give Alfonzo a greeting hug.

Bang!

However, before she could close her arms around Alfonzo's waist, Jenny was blown off to the side and slammed into one of the metal walls, face first.

"Oops!" Mirajane exclaimed in a tone of mock surprise. "Sorry about that, Jenny. I was so excited to see you that I accidentally bumped into you."

While Mirajane spoke, Jenny, who was just slammed face first into the wall, slowly slid down the wall before collapsing onto her butt.

"Are you okay?" Mirajane asked in a feigned tone of concern. "That didn't leave a mark on your face, did it?"

With anger swirling in her eyes, Jenny slowly turned her head up to look at Mirajane. A moment later, however, tears started pooling in Jenny's eyes, which greatly surprised Mirajane.

"Wahh~~~~~!" Jenny cried heart-wrenchingly. "Why are you always so mean to me? I've looked up to you as an idol for years. I became a model in Sorcerer Weekly because I wanted to be like you! But all you ever do is make me want to cry! Why? What did I ever do to you?"

When Jenny started crying, not only Mirajane was taken aback, but everyone in the guild hall was completely dumbfounded. Well, those who were still conscious after Cana and Erza went on their rampage were.

Yet, after being surprised for a short while, Mirajane's expression turned sharp.

"Oh, please, even if that's true, why do you think I would be okay with you always throwing yourself at my husband?" Mirajane asked sharply. "Don't think I don't know what you're up to, Jenny. Master Bob has been trying to poach Alfonzo for more than ten years. And he asked you to seduce him into joining Blue Pegasus, right?"

Hearing that, Jenny's tears stopped immediately. She then opened her eyes wide in surprise.

Seeing Jenny's reaction, Mirajane smiled smugly after seeing through Jenny's pretense.

"Is that true?" Jenny asked dumbfoundedly while blinking her big, blue eyes in confusion. She then shook her head before continuing. "No, it can't be. Master Bob would never do something like that."

Jenny's rebuttal and what she perceived to be a fake expression of innocence, caused Mirajane to grow furious.

"Go ahead, keep pretending!" Mirajane shouted while pointing her right index finger at Jenny's nose.
"But even if you do, I'll never let--- Kya!"

Smack!

Before Mirajane could get even more worked up, the sound of a crisp smack sounded out before she quickly covered her butt with her hands. A moment later, a pair of strong, muscular arms wrapped around her waist from behind as she was pulled back into Alfonzo's embrace.

"Alright, Mira, that's' enough." Alfonzo said gently into Mirajane's ear.

"But Alfonzo, she--- Mmph!" Mirajane started to retort before her mouth was blocked.

In order to stop Mirajane from continuing, Alfonzo reached up and turned her head towards him. Then, he kissed her passionately. And he did not stop until she was basically a pile of Mirajane-shaped goo in his arms.

"That's enough, okay?" Alfonzo asked with a smile.

"Uh huh." Mirajane replied with a sloppy smile on her face while she leaned against Alfonzo's chest.

Getting the response he was hoping for, Alfonzo gently combed his fingers through Mirajane's hair. Then, he turned his attention back to Jenny, who was using her hands to cover her blushing face and eyes. However, the wide gap between her fingers made that action completely useless.

"But Mira's telling the truth, Jenny." Alfonzo said with a smile. "I don't know if what she said about you trying to seduce me is true, but Master Bob has been trying to poach me and Lici over to Blue Pegasus for years."

When Alfonzo said that, Jenny's mouth fell open in surprise.

"Is that why he told me to become your girlfriend if I really like you?" Jenny asked. "But he only told me that if I was your girlfriend, I could get magic machines to add to my magic. And because I was your girlfriend, they would be the best quality machines. And since I'm so beautiful, I thought you'd be happy to have me, too."

"*Sigh* I actually believe that." Alfonzo said as he continued combing his fingers through Mirajane's hair. "Despite the fact that he's asked me to join Blue Pegasus more times than I care to remember, he's never done anything underhanded. So, he was probably just hoping to strengthen the guild and find a partner for one of his children."

"I see." Jenny replied with a blushing face while she lowered her head.

"But honestly, a relationship between us would never work." Alfonzo continued.

"Huh? Why?" Jenny asked as she snapped her head up to look Alfonzo in the eyes.

"Because I don't believe in long distance relationships." Alfonzo replied with a shrug as he swept Mirajane up into a princess carry. He then turned around and started walking towards the table where he and his friends usually sat. "But I don't mind making some machines for you, for the right price, of course. You just have to tell me what you're looking for."

Hearing that, Jenny stared blankly for a while. Then, she quickly wiped away the tears on her face before standing up. After that, she reached into her cleavage and pulled out a compact mirror to check her makeup. Then, she pulled out a few small brushes and containers holding makeup to clean up the tear stains before putting them all back. When she was done, she followed Alfonzo towards the table.

'Seriously, women have to have invisible space expansion sigils tattooed on their boobs, right?' Alfonzo asked himself. 'Because there's no way they could keep so much stuff in there.'

Meanwhile, Irene, who had watched the entire interaction between Alfonzo, Mirajane, and Jenny from the guild hall's entrance with Heine and Juliet, shook her head after seeing how easily Alfonzo resolved that situation. However, she did not notice that her cheeks were dusted red when she saw Alfonzo slap Mirajane's butt and kiss her in front of so many people.

Heine and Juliet definitely noticed Irene's change, though. And when they did, they both glared at Alfonzo as if he were their mortal enemy.

"Mother!" Erza shouted.

Irene's gaze was finally drawn away from Alfonzo when she heard Erza's voice. Turning her head in the direction of the voice, Irene saw Erza walking over to her, occasionally stepping on members of the guild who were sprawled out all over the floor as she approached.

"Erza, good afternoon." Irene said calmly. Then, she gestured towards all the knocked down members of the guild. "What exactly happened here?"

"Cana and I had to show them the consequences of their actions." Erza said darkly.

"So, they messed up a slice of strawberry shortcake and a bottle of alcohol, huh?" Irene asked while shaking her head in exasperation.

Upon being reminded of the strawberry shortcake that she lost before its time, Erza's eyes started to water.

'*Sigh* Would she have turned out like this if I had raised her properly?' Irene asked herself in a conflicted tone. 'I've truly failed as a mother.'

Irene then glared at Alfonzo.

'This is partially his fault.' Irene continued thinking to herself. 'I heard about how he served her a strawberry shortcake when Erza first joined the guild, from Erza herself. But if he did not get her so addicted to it, she might have a more normal outlook on life. So what if that helped her open up to her new family? She still acts like this. Hmph! Winning my heart won't be so easy, Boy.'

At that moment, Alfonzo turned around, having felt Irene's glare. Then, he smiled brightly and waved at her.

Unfortunately, over the last week to ten days, Irene spent more time than she would ever admit thinking about Alfonzo. Especially because of Erza's suggestion to try dating him. On top of that, he was the one who gave her humanity back and helped take care of Erza after she escaped from the Tower of Heaven. Plus there was that big thing between his legs that she saw that night.

When her thoughts reached that point, Irene's cheeks reddened. Then, she shook her head vigorously to get those thoughts out of her head. She was supposed to be mad at Alfonzo because of what he helped turn her daughter into, not fantasizing about having him scratch a four hundred year old itch.

"I'm glad you've finally decided to come back to the guild hall, Mother." Erza said with a smile as she grabbed her mother's hand and pulled her into the guild hall. "I hope everything is okay."

"Everything is fine, Erza." Irene said after getting her emotions under control. "I just came by to take a quest with Heine and Juliet. And perhaps have a word with Alfonzo. Though, it seems he'll be busy for a while talking business with the Blue Pegasus girl.'

"I'm sure he would make time for you if you asked." Erza said.

"I'm sure he would, as well." Irene replied with a smile . "But I have no desire to get in the way of his money making."

"Indeed." Erza replied with a nod. "Alfonzo does get a bit fussy whenever someone stops him from making money. Anyway, what kind of quest were you thinking of taking? Surely, there aren't any quests that would be a challenge for you, are there?"

"Perhaps." Irene replied. "That 100 Years Quest that Gildarts supposedly failed a few years ago might pose a challenge. But I have no desire to be away from home for that long."

Hearing Irene refer to Fairy Tail and Magnolia as her home made Erza smile brilliantly. Then, with her mood clearly improved, she pulled Irene towards the quest board.

"Well then, shall we take a quest together?" Erza asked with a smile. "I do believe this would be the first time we've done so, would it not?"

"That sounds nice." Irene said with a smile of her own. "You wouldn't mind if Heine and Juliet came with us, would you?"

"Not at all." Erza replied. "I haven't had the chance to get to know them since they arrived in Magnolia, so this would be the perfect opportunity."

Meanwhile, Alfonzo, Mirajane, and Jenny had taken seats at the group's usual table.

"So, what kind of machinery are you looking for?" Alfonzo asked as he held Mirajane on his lap. "Not to brag, but I can make damn near anything you can think of."

"Yes, and they all go well with my [Take Over: Machina Soul Magic]."

Jenny replied with a nod and a smile. "Especially those magic vehicles. When I use them, they make traveling so much more convenient."

"Oh, what kind of car did you buy?" Marin asked curiously. "Since you're so popular as a model, you probably bought a pretty expensive one, right?"

"I have one of those Huracáns."

Jenny replied. "And when I use it with my [Take Over Magic], I can move really fast."

At that moment, both Alfonzo and Elicia thought of a character from the popular franchise, Transformers, the robots that could transform into different vehicles, from their past life. Then they equated Jenny to a female Transformer named Arcee, who could transform into a pink, futuristic sports car.

"I wanna see that." Elicia muttered in a dreamy tone. "She's just like a Transformer."

[<*Sigh* She said something she shouldn't have again.] Scylla muttered in Elicia's inner world while face palming... hard.

"Transformer, what's that?" Lucy asked curiously.

Immediately, Alfonzo looked at Elicia helplessly. Now, he would have to make up a story to cover up her thoughtless slip of the tongue.

"*Sigh* Lici ruined my surprise." Alfonzo said in a feigned tone of exasperation. "Back when we were kids, I told Lici about an idea I had for a story. It was called Transformers. And it was set in a world on another planet in the universe where robots... Living Magic items lived."

"Like automatons?" Levy asked curiously.

"Exactly." Alfonzo said with a nod. "And these Transformers had the ability to transform into magic vehicles that looked a lot like the ones I came up with. And they were in a state of civil war. The two sides would be called the Autobots and the Decepticons."

"That sounds like it could be pretty interesting." Lucy, the lover of reading and writing said with her eyes shining.

"Unfortunately, I never really found the time to write out the story." Alfonzo said in a regretful tone. "So, nothing ever came of it. But when I get some free time, I intend to finally make it. And with the advancements in my magic item crafting, I should be able to make it into a moving picture feature. Or what I call, a movie."

Hearing that, everyone at the table was interested. And when Alfonzo explained further that a movie would basically be a play recorded with his video lacrima technology and that he would need actors to help make it, everyone was excited to join the production.

Meanwhile, Elicia wore an expression that screamed: "Oops." Yet, this would be another avenue for Alfonzo to make money with Sixth Sense Holdings. So, he was not too upset at her for making him think up an excuse on the spot.

Chapter 625: Jenny's Order

After talking about Alfonzo making a movie, the group finally got down to business, discussing the things Jenny wanted Alfonzo to make for her. By the time the two came to an agreement, the sun was about to set and everyone had gotten hungry.

"Um... Alfonzo, will you be making dinner?" Jenny asked bashfully. "I heard from Master bob that you're one of the best cooks in Ishgar, so I was hoping..."

Jenny's question caused all the Fairy Tail wizards, even those who were not sitting at the same table, to strain their ears

'Look at all these hungry mother fuckers.' Alfonzo muttered internally. 'How did they even hear our conversation over all the noise in the guild? Well, they're going to be thoroughly disappointed.'

"Probably." Alfonzo replied with a shrug. "But I'll be going home to cook. The appliances at my house are much better than the ones here in the guild."

All the wizards let out a collective groan when they heard that.

"Oh, okay." Jenny said while poking her index fingers together. "Then, um.... Do you think I could come over for dinner? I really wanna try your cooking after hearing Master bob rave about it so often."

"Are you trying to--- Kya!" Mirajane, who was still sitting in Alfonzo's lap immediately started to lash out again.

Smack!

Before she could say too much, however, Alfonzo once again slapped her on her butt, causing her tirade to come to an abrupt end. On top of that...

"Mmm~~~!" Mirajane moaned from the stimulation before blushing in embarrassment.

Mirajane then pinched the arm Alfonzo had wrapped around her waist in a sign of her discontentment. Alfonzo, on the other hand, laughed at Mirajane's actions.

"Sure, you can come over for dinner." Elicia said with a smile. "It's not like cooking for one more person will be a problem for Fonzie, right?"

"Sure, I don't mind." Alfonzo replied.

When Elicia allowed Jenny to come to the house, Mirajane glared at her with an expression that screamed: "Traitor." And when Alfonzo gave his affirmation, she pinched him again while pouting as hard as she could.

"Anyway, let's get going." Alfonzo said as he stood up, bringing Mirajane with him in a princess carry.

Just like that, the entire group of people sitting at the table with Alfonzo, namely Alfonzo, eight of his nine wives, Saeko, Rika, Alzack, Bisca, Natsu, Lisanna, Happy, Gray, Juvia, Levy, Jet, Droy, Gajeel, and Jenny, stood up and made their way towards the guild hall's entrance. They also invited Laxus, the Thunder God Tribe, Chico, and Saya along as well.

Eventually, the rather large group made it to the Mansion on the Lake. And when Jenny saw it, she was completely shell shocked. Although she had seen larger houses, or rather castles, this was the first time she saw a residence like this one.

"Master Bob wasn't kidding." Jenny said in a dumbfounded tone. "This place is incredible."

"That's right, Alfonzo built it himself." Mirajane said smugly from her spot in Alfonzo's arms.

"Mira's acting like you, Lici." Cana said as she bumped Elicia with her hip.

"What do you mean?" Elicia asked in a clueless tone.

"She's acting like she was the one who achieved one of Alfonzo's accomplishments." Ultear said, bumping Elicia with her hip from the other side.

"Do I do that?" Elicia asked with wide eyes and an innocent expression on her face.

In response, everyone who heard that rolled their eyes. Then, they all decided to ignore the totally shameless Elicia. Meanwhile, Elicia giggled at everyone's reactions.

Not long afterwards, the group entered the house and were greeted by five of the six maids, namely Ikaruga, Maria, Mey-Rin, Ai, and Miyuki. Grayfia, on the other hand, was in the living room watching over Amar'e while he played.

Since Amar'e was awake, the group decided to head to the living room. And when they arrived, most of them were surprised by what they saw. The only exception being Jenny, who was visiting the mansion for the first time.

"Is Grayfia... smiling?" Sun asked with her eyes wide open in surprise.

That's right, what everyone was surprised by was Grayfia, who was smiling brightly while playing with Amar'e and helping him walk more stably. And Grayfia's smile was absolutely breath taking. What made it even more surprising was the fact that she was smiling while still in her maid uniform.

As the epitome of a professional maid, Grayfia always wore a stoic expression when she was on duty. Yet, when she was playing with Amar'e, that ice-cold expression had melted away.

When Grayfia heard Sun's confused voice, she turned around in shock. Then, her cheeks turned a light shade of pink before her expression returned to her usual stoic one.

"Good evening, Master Alfonzo." Grayfia said after standing up and dusting off her apron dress. "I hope your trip outside went well. Oh, and I see we have a guest."

Now, everyone was dumbfounded for another reason. Grayfia had just acted as if nothing happened after getting her bearings back. In fact, her change was so complete that no one could even see the slight embarrassment and shock she showed only a moment ago.

However, no one could stay focused on Grayfia for long, as Amar'e had also seen the large group of people who entered the living room. More specifically, he had seen his parents. So, with a happy smile on his face, he walked towards them as fast as his little unsteady legs could carry him.

Seeing that, Elicia wanted to rush forward to pick up her son. However, before she could step forward, Alfonzo grabbed her arm without even looking in her direction.

"Fonzie, what's wrong?" Elicia asked with a confused expression on her face.

"Let him come over on his own." Alfonzo said while smiling proudly. "Little Man is trying so hard to come and give us a hug. Don't ruin it for him."

After hearing that Elicia turned back to watch Amar'e toddle over to them. And when she saw the smile on his face and the way his arms were stretched out for a hug, she smiled just as proudly as Alfonzo.

"Oh, my goodness, he's so cute." Jenny said while covering her mouth and watching Amar'e with sparkling eyes. "Is that Alfonzo's and Elicia's son?"

"Yeah, he's really cute, isn't he?" Marin asked with a smile. "Everyone absolutely adores that little boy. And with good reason."

Jenny nodded her head vigorously in understanding. At the same time, Alfonzo, who had been carrying Mirajane since they left the guild hall, put her down next to him. Then, he focused on Amar'e. And he had to fight his desire to rush forward every time Amar'e started to wobble.

"It's only been a little more than a week since he started walking, right?" Chico asked in an amazed tone.

"That's right." Saya replied. "I still remember when Alfonzo called everyone to come celebrate."

"But look how well he's walking already." Chico said. "He's a genius, right?"

"Well, he is Fonzie's and Lici's kid." Cana said as she put away her bottle of liquor. "Did you really expect anything less?"

All those present continued to talk about Amar'e's progress in hushed tones while watching Amar'e slowly approach. And when Amar'e finally arrived and wrapped his little arms around one of Alfonzo's and Elicia's legs each, everyone cheered happily.

At the same time, both Alfonzo and Elicia bent down and picked up Amar'e together with happy smiles on their faces.

"Hey, Little Man, did you miss us?" Alfonzo asked with a great big, doting smile on his face.

"Cause Mommy missed her little Mar'e." Elicia added before planting a big kiss on Amar'e's cheek.

In response, Amar'e laughed happily as he grabbed a handful of Alfonzo's hair.

After cheering on Amar'e for a while, everyone other than Alfonzo and Grayfia sat down to chat and play with Amar'e. Alfonzo, on the other hand, took Grayfia and grabbed Maria along the way to make dinner.

A few hours later, dinner was finished and everyone was allowed to relax in the mansion as they saw fit. They could even spend the night if they wanted to. And most of those present took Alfonzo up on the offer.

On a side note, Mirajane tried to drive Jenny away to stay at a hotel. But she was quickly stopped by the others.

On another note, with Edward's, Alphonse's, and Izumi's [Alchemy], the interior of the mansion was expanded, since with the addition of all the new residents, there was no space left in Alfonzo's original design. And with the aid of Alfonzo's space expansion sigils, the mansion kept its original external appearance. Though the inside was significantly increased in size.

While everyone was playing around and having fun, Alfonzo had returned to his bedroom. More specifically, to the workshop that was built off of his bedroom. And he brought Ai along with him, having her act as his assistant and teaching her about item crafting at the same time, while he worked on completing Jenny's order.

"This time, we'll be making weapons." Alfonzo said as he began producing metal parts with Riot's and Bedlam's released states. "Jenny's already got enough armored suits. She just needs weapon attachments to make her stronger."

"But isn't this a bad idea, Master Alfonzo?" Ai asked in a slightly concerned tone as she watched Alfonzo produce the parts. "If she gets stronger, won't that lead to Blue Pegasus getting stronger? And wouldn't that increase the chances of Fairy Tail losing in the Grand Magic Games?"

"I hope it does." Alfonzo said with a smile. "Keep this to yourself, Ai. But most people don't know that Lici and I aren't allowed to participate in the Battle of Fairy Tail tournament for a spot in the Grand Magic Games until Laxus and his team lose."

Ai's mouth opened into an O-shape when she heard that.

"Ur made us promise that we wouldn't." Alfonzo continued. "And because I've been out on the job at the Village Hidden in the Leaves, no one finds it strange that we're not participating. But when that job is over at the end of the year, it won't make sense for us to not participate after that. So, I'm kinda hoping they lose next year."

Ai did not know how to react to what Alfonzo just said. On one hand, she thought it was wrong for Alfonzo to hope that his guild mates would lose. But on the other, she could completely understand where he was coming from. As one of the publicly recognized top three members of the guild, the fact that he couldn't show off the guild's might on such a large stage must have been torture. Especially since he was required to come and watch every year.

Shaking her head, Ai decided not to think about it any longer.

"So, what kind of weapons will you be making this time, Master Alfonzo?" Ai asked curiously.

"Magic gatling guns, vulcan cannons, and magic power blades." Alfonzo replied.

"I'm not sure what vulcan cannons are." Ai said in a curious, yet concerned, tone. "I do have an idea what a magic power blade is, though. But I'm not sure it will work. But didn't you say that Master Goldstein instructed you to not make gatling guns for others?"

"That's right." Alfonzo replied with a nod. "But these won't be like regular gatling guns that use magic bullets. Those are too dangerous."

"Then, what will be the difference?" Ai asked.

"This one will fire balls of compressed magic power." Alfonzo replied. "It will be like the [bullet Magic] Alzack learned. Jenny will be able to control the output when she fires. That way, unless she wants them to be lethal, they won't be."

"Oh, I get it." Ai replied in an enlightened tone. "But what is a vulcan cannon?"

"It's basically a shoulder mounted gatling gun. But the barrels are much shorter, making their accuracy worse." Alfonzo replied casually. "And because of the way they are mounted, they can't be aimed anywhere but where the wielder is facing. So, they are a lot less versatile. But in close-range, they can be pretty deadly."

"I see." Ai replied with a nod.

'I wonder where Master Alfonzo comes up with all these crazy ideas.' Ai thought to herself.

"Alright, let's get to work." Alfonzo said as he finished producing the necessary parts. "I'll tell you which sigils to inscribe and where to inscribe them. I know I usually let you do some metal working to get you some experience. But I wanna finish this job as fast as I can. Otherwise, Mira might really start a fight with Jenny."

"I understand." Ai replied as she bowed her head politely. "I'll work as fast as I can."

"No, work as stably as you can." Alfonzo said. "We don't want any mistakes, after all. You can worry about picking up the pace when you don't have to worry about making major mistakes."

"Understood." Ai said.

With that, the two started working in hopes that they would finish before Mirajane's patience ran out.

Chapter 626: It Was Only a Matter of Time

Time passed quickly after Jenny arrived in Magnolia. During that time, nothing out of the ordinary took place. Erza and Irene had yet to return from their quest with Heine and Juliet. Though, that was because they stopped to just spend some time bonding after they completed the quest.

As for the other members of Fairy Tail, they all went about their own business, taking quests, getting drunk at the guild hall, and getting into fights.

Elicia spent all her time preparing for Amar'e's birthday party. Though, because Amar'e was only turning one, there really was not much to do. As long as the mansion was prepared to welcome guests, everything would be fine. Though, they did decide to hold the party outside in the yard.

Lastly, Alfonzo spent all his free time, outside of spending time with his wives, girlfriends, and Amar'e, working on Jenny's order. However, since he was training Ai in magic item crafting, the job took longer than it would have if he were working alone.

In the end, Alfonzo and Ai finished the job just the night before.

"Alright, Jenny, it's all done." Alfonzo said as he led Jenny out of the elevator on the basement floor where the training grounds were located. "I made the two ranged weapons you requested and the close ranged weapon, as well."

"Fantastic." Jenny said while clapping her hands happily. "I can't wait to see them."

Instead of just clapping her hands, Jenny actually wanted to hug Alfonzo tightly. However, when she saw Mirajane's piercing glare from the other side of Alfonzo, she held back. Though she made a note to find a chance to hug him in the future.

'Hmph! So what if you don't like long distance relationships.' Jenny said to herself. 'You think you can reject me so cleanly? I'll make you fall in love with me sooner or later. Then, I'll tell you that I'm not into long distance relationships. Hmph! Hmph!'

'That girl is up to something sinister.' Mirajane thought to herself while narrowing her eyes. 'But with me here, I'll make sure that her plans have no chance of coming true.'

Mirajane was not the only one to accompany Alfonzo and Jenny to the training chamber. In fact, Sun and Saeko, who were both free after finishing quests the day before, were accompanying them, as well. They were both curious to see the new weapons Alfonzo had created.

"We're here." Alfonzo said as he opened the door to the training chamber.

When the group of five entered the room, they saw several boxes laying on the ground. Inside each of those boxes were the armaments for Jenny's [Take Over: Machina Soul].

Seeing those boxes, Jenny ran over to them immediately. Then, she opened them with anticipation written all over her face.

"Is this the gun you were talking about?" Jenny asked as she picked up the multi-barreled gatling gun in the box. "It's pretty heavy."

"Yeah, but that shouldn't be a problem, right?" Alfonzo asked as he and the rest of the group approached. "You told me that you don't really feel the weight of the machines you're wearing when you use your magic."

"that's true." Jenny replied with a nod. "But how am I supposed to test it if I can barely hold it? I can't just assimilate it with my magic. Otherwise, if I don't like it, I can't give it back."

"Hmm... I guess that would be bad." Alfonzo said while cupping his chin.

"I don't' get it." Sun said while tilting her head in confusion. "The machines don't' disappear when she uses her magic, right? So why wouldn't she be able to give it back?"

"Because it would become part of her [Take Over]." Mirajane explained. "Even if she doesn't need the magic item to use it, she would still have the ability."

"Oh, I get it now." Sun replied with a nod.

"Then, what are you going to do?" Saeko asked curiously.

"Honestly, I'm not sure." Jenny replied with a troubled expression on her face.

"Let's do it like this." Alfonzo said as he approached Jenny.

In the next instant, Alfonzo wrapped his arms around Jenny from behind and held the magic gatling gun, helping her support it.

"If I support it like this, you should be able to fire it without knocking yourself over with the recoil, right?"

As soon as Alfonzo wrapped his arms around her, Sun and Saeko nodded, agreeing that Alfonzo had a good idea. Meanwhile, Jenny's face had reddened quite quickly. This was the first time she had been held so intimately by a man, after all. Mirajane, on the other hand, was gritting her teeth so hard that they might break at any moment.

'Damn it... That sneaky little vixen must be doing this on purpose.' Mirajane thought to herself. 'If I had thought of it first, I could have stopped this from happening. Any one of my [Satan Souls] would have been enough to support that gun for her. Damn...'

Hearing the grinding of teeth, everyone knew where they were coming from without even having to think about it. While Alfonzo wore a helpless expression, Sun and Saeko did not really react much. Jenny, on the other hand, threw a stealthy sneer in Mirajane's direction.

'That little bitch really is doing it on purpose.' Mirajane said to herself while clenching her fists.

["I think we should show her the [Power of Destruction]."] Bael said from Mirajane's inner world. ["If we let her know her place, she won't have the mind to think about putting the moves on our man anymore."]

'That's not such a bad idea.' Mirajane said as her expression turned contemplative.

'I get the idea that another headache is coming.' Alfonzo muttered internally. 'Mira's definitely up to something devious.'

["Just let them fight it out."] Riot said. ["At the very least, the cat fight should be fun."]

["And if we're lucky, they'll lose a few pieces of their clothes, too."] Bedlam said with a grin. ["I mean, even though you don't intend to touch that Jenny, just looking won't hurt, right?"]

'Bedlam, when did you turn into such a degenerate?' Alfonzo asked.

["If I'm a degenerate, there's only one place where it could have come from."] Bedlam shot back

'Fair enough.' Alfonzo replied while shrugging his shoulders internally.

While everyone was having their own thoughts, Alfonzo flared his magic power for a moment. Then, a few metal targets and training dummies materialized on the other side of the training chamber.

"Alright, you can use those to test the weapons out." Alfonzo said as he gestured at the new constructs.

"Okay." Jenny replied as she aimed the barrels of the gatling gun at a target.

"Whirl!*

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Jenny then pulled the gatling guns trigger. When she did, the barrels started to spin, picking up speed quickly. Then, the sound of rapid gun fire could be heard. However, as Alfonzo explained to Ai, there was no live ammunition in this weapon. So, Jenny's lavender colored magic power was fired in a stream towards the targets.

A few of the magic bullets in the first volley managed to hit the target. However, thanks to the recoil, most of them missed. Yet, she was able to correct her aim over time, eventually coping with the recoil well enough to not miss after about two minutes of continuous fire.

"Phew! That was tiring." Jenny said after she let go of the trigger and stopped flowing her magic power into the gatling gun. "In just two minutes or so, I used up almost half of my magic power."

"Well, the firing rate on this thing is crazy." Alfonzo said as he took the gatling gun out of Jenny's hands and put it back in the box. "So, you'll have to get used to regulating your firing speed and magic power usage before you can use it efficiently."

"Yes, you're right." Jenny replied while nodding her head. "But I like it. So, I'll take it."

"Sure, I'll pack up the weapon for you to take back." Alfonzo replied as he closed the box.

"There's no need for that." Jenny said as she shook her head. "I'll never use it again after I use my magic on it. So, you can keep it. I'm sure you can put it to good use."

"Are you sure?" Alfonzo asked with a slight frown on his face. "You're paying for the whole thing."

"Just think of it as me trying to form a good relationship with you." Jenny said while winking coquettishly. "I may need to request you make me more stuff in the future."

Once again, the sound of teeth grinding could be heard. But this time, everyone, including Alfonzo ignored it.

"Well then, let's try out the other ones." Alfonzo said.

And that's exactly what they did. Alfonzo held the two shoulder mounted vulcan cannons on Jenny's narrow shoulders. Then, she flowed her magic power into them and fired off a few volleys. After that, Alfonzo did not need to help her with the magic power blade, as it was basically a lightsaber. So, Jenny flowed her magic power into it before cutting down a few of the training dummies with little effort.

"Great!" Jenny said as she stopped providing her magic power to the magic power blade. "I'll take them all!"

Then, before anyone could react, Jenny threw herself at Alfonzo, wrapped her arms around his neck, and gave him a kiss on the cheek. Then, she quickly jumped back, avoiding a punch thrown by Mirajane.

"Calm down, Mirajane, I was only showing my gratitude." Jenny said with a smirk playing on her lips.
"There's no reason to get so angry, is there?"

"Oh, you misunderstand." Mirajane replied while flaring her magic power near its limits. "I just wanted to help you test out your new stuff in combat. That punch was just to let you know to get ready."

"Oh, I see." Jenny said as she also flared her magic power. "Well then, I guess I should thank you for your consideration."

"Oh, it looks like she's finally taking off her innocent mask, huh?" Saeko said. "she's still just as enthusiastic, though."

"Yeah, and she's really confident in herself." Sun added. "it's too bad she's never seen Mira fight before. She can't even tell that Mira is only letting out as much magic power as she has in total, too."

While Sun and Saeko spoke quietly about what they were seeing, Alfonzo only sighed in resignation. Then, he walked towards Sun and Saeko to watch what was to come.

"Mira, just don't hurt her too bad." Alfonzo said without looking back. "I'm sure Master Bob would be angry if she came back too banged up."

"Don't worry, I won't." Mirajane said while cracking her knuckles. "I only intend to teach her a lesson about going after another woman's man without getting her permission first."

"Lici doesn't seem to mind, though." Sun said.

"Neither do the rest of us." Saeko added.

Hearing that, Mira turned her glare from jenny to Sun and Saeko. While Saeko replied by smiling with a battle thirsty smile, Sun only stuck out her tongue before hiding behind Alfonzo.

'Those girls, they're only trying to push my buttons.' Mirajane thought as she smiled internally.

Meanwhile, jenny looked at Alfonzo with annoyance.

'Is he looking down on me?' Jenny asked herself. 'No, that shouldn't be it. He's not that kind of person, I know that. He must just be confident in his wife's abilities. That's normal. Still, he's underestimating me.'

"Anyway, why don't we get this test underway?" Jenny said with a smile. "What do you think, Mirajane?"

"OH, I can't wait." Mirajane replied as her smile turned into the pleasant one she usually wears. "I was just waiting for you to say the word."

"[Take Over: Machina Soul: Battle Suit]." Jenny chanted.

"[Take Over: Satan Soul: Gilgamesh]." Mirajane chanted simultaneously.

With both ladies chanting in unison, they were simultaneously covered in the light of their respective [Take Over Magic]. At the same time, Alfonzo, Sun, and Saeko backed off to the edge of the training chamber before Alfonzo activated the defensive shield so that they would not be hit by any stray spells.

Chapter 627: Mirajane Vs. Jenny... Not Even Close

"[Take Over: Machina Soul: Battle Suit]." Jenny chanted as she was covered in the light of her magic.

"[Take Over: Satan Soul: Gilgamesh]." Mirajane chanted simultaneously as she was also covered in the glow of her magic.

"Oh, that's a new one." Sun said while watching Mirajane with a level of interest.

"Yes, I think she got it right before the Grand Magic Games." Saeko replied with a nod.

"*Sigh* I've been spending too much time away from home." Alfonzo said while shaking his head. "I didn't even know Mira had a new [Satan Soul]."

'But Gilgamesh?' Alfonzo thought to himself. 'I don't remember any demons in Fairy Tail by that name.'

["Why are you even surprised?"] Bedlam asked. ["How much shit that shouldn't exist in this world have you already seen?"]

'*Sigh* I know you're right, Bedlam.' Alfonzo replied internally. 'It's just I have no idea where this Gilgamesh came from. Is it the one from the Sumerian myths? From Fate? It could even be from Final Fantasy. There's just too many of them.'

Luckily, Alfonzo did not have to think of the origin of Mirajane's new [Take Over] for too long, as the magical glows on both women faded soon enough.

When the glow around Jenny faded, her figure was revealed wearing a dark magenta bodysuit that showed off a large portion of her cleavage and belly, as well as the upper parts of her inner thighs. There were also black straps that crisscrossed over her belly and connected the top half of the bodysuit with the lower half.

At the same time, Mirajane reappeared with her beautiful blue eyes now glowing red, and wearing revealing golden armor. On top of that, she had six swords sheathed on her hips, three on each side. And each sword had a very distinct design. There was even a revolver chamber on one of the blades while the hilt looked like a pistol grip and trigger.

'So, Fate's gold armor and FF's weapons, huh?' Alfonzo thought to himself. 'Not bad.'

"Swords? What kind of demon did you get those from?" Jenny asked condescendingly as she walked over to the boxes holding the weapons. "And what do you think those things will be able to do to me?"

"Oh, you'll find out soon." Mirajane replied with her eyes narrowed.

Despite the provocative words, Mirajane did not attack before Jenny was able to assimilate the gatling gun, vulcan canon, and magic power blade into her [Machina Soul].

"[Take Over]." Jenny chanted once again as she touched each of the weapons.

A moment later, Jenny flashed once again. However, instead of just wearing a bodysuit, she was now clad in heavy metal armor that most likely came from a tank like magic item. On top of that, the gatling gun was now attached to her left arm, the magic power blade grew from her right forearm, and the two vulcan cannons were mounted on her bulky shoulder armor.

"Now, I'd like to see what those little swords can do to me." Jenny said while smiling confidently.

"*Sigh* I'll let you make the first move." Mirajane said as she placed her hands on two of the hilts at her waist. "That way, you won't go running to Master Bob when you get back to Blue Pegasus' guild hall. I don't need you crying about me bullying you, after all."

Jenny, as confident in herself as she was, naturally could not stand how dismissive Mirajane was of her. So, with her teeth clenched, she raised her left arm, pointed the gatling gun's barrels at Mirajane and fired.

Whirl!

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

A moment later, a stream of [Bullet Magic] was fired at Mirajane. However, Mirajane did not even move to dodge. Instead, she drew one of the swords on her hips with her right hand.

The sword that Mirajane drew had a hilt wrapped in a cream-colored cloth with a white cloth hanging from its pommel. It also had a strangely shaped handguard. Its single-edge blade was sea blue, as if it were made of water, and it hooked at the end.

The name of this sword was Brotherhood.

Mirajane then began swinging the sword at high speed. And with every swing, she deflected three or more of the incoming bullets. On top of that, she was doing so with what appeared to be little effort.

"You'll have to try harder than that, Jenny." Mirajane said in a bored tone. "Otherwise, the money you spent to have those weapons made will be wasted."

"Shut up!" Jenny shouted as she dashed forward while continuing to fire the gatling gun.

Once Jenny was close enough, she leapt into the air with the magic power blade raised high above her head. Then, with all her might, she swung the blade down at Mirajane's left shoulder.

"Well, at least she hasn't completely lost her head." Saeko said. "Even with how mad she seems, she's not aiming for a killing blow."

"Yeah, but if that hit were to land, Mira could lose an arm." Sun said. "Then again, we have a living example of someone who overcame that kind of difficulty standing right next to us."

"Even so." Alfonzo said while shrugging his shoulders. "I don't recommend trying it."

While the three were talking, Mirajane swung Brotherhood up at the magic power blade, knocking it off course. However, it seemed as if Jenny were expecting that. Because, while her balance in midair was disrupted, she swung the long barrels of the gatling gun at the side of Mirajane's head.

Seeing how decisive Jenny was, Mirajane narrowed her eyes. Then, with her left hand, she reached for the hilt of another sword. In the next instant, with a flourish, she cut through the barrels of the gatling gun, sending it flying.

"What?" Jenny shouted in disbelief.

Looking at the blade in Mirajane's left hand, it had a strangely shaped handguard with a golden blade and a black hilt. It also seemed to be giving off a holy aura.

"When I found out this demon, Gilgamesh, had killed the legendary paladin from the past, Cecil Harvey, I was surprised." Mirajane said while glancing down at the sword she just unsheathed. "But to get a hold of this sword, the Mythgraven Blade, after [Taking Over] its soul, I was even more surprised. I can't wait to show it to Red. She'll be so jealous."

Hearing Mirajane's words, Alfonzo, Sun, and Saeko all exchanged glances.

"I actually can't believe that Erza wasn't the first one she showed this [Satan Soul] to." Alfonzo said with a smile on his face while he shook his head.

"Yeah, I bet Erza would be willing to call Mira big sister if she could get her hands on those swords." Sun said with a giggle.

"I know." Saeko added. "I'm not too partial to double-edged swords myself, but even I want them."

"I know what you mean." Alfonzo said while continuing to smile. "I really wanna get my hands on that one with the revolver chamber on it. I wanna know what the mechanism is and how it works."

Hearing the discussion at the edge of the training chamber, Mirajane smiled smugly. Meanwhile, Jenny was still looking at the barrels of her gatling gun that were slowly dissipating into motes of ethernano.

"So, do you want to continue?" Mirajane asked in a provocative tone once her vanity was satisfied. "I think it's obvious that you're not my match. But I'm willing to continue if you are."

To Mirajane's surprise, Jenny shook her head. Then, she dispelled her [Take Over].

"No, you're right, it's obvious that I'm not your match." Jenny said.

It should be noted that Jenny was a bit naïve and overconfident, but she was no fool. And she knew there was no point participating in a fight that she had no way of winning.

"But just wait, I will catch up to you and surpass you, Mirajane Strauss." Jenny said in a determined tone. "And not just as a wizard, but as a model, as well. This I promise."

Seeing such determination on Jenny's face, Mirajane's opinion of the young woman in front of her rose by a considerable amount. Still, if she just smiled and said she was waiting, she would not be Mirajane, the She-Devil.

"Keep dreaming." Mirajane said as she, too, dispelled her [Take Over].

Jenny gritted her teeth at being looked down upon. However, when Mirajane turned around and skipped over to Alfonzo's side and hugged his arm with a big smile on her face, she did not know what was going on.

"You don't have the same level of training partners as I do." Mirajane said with a happy smile on her face. "I have Earth Land's best friends, rivals, and husband to push me forward. And with them helping me improve, I'm afraid you'll never be able to catch up."

Out of all the things Mirajane could have said, Jenny was definitely not expecting that. She saw Mirajane as a proud person. One of the strongest wizards in Fiore's strongest guild. So, she expected her to attribute her strength to her own effort.

Yet, Mirajane gave all the credit to her friends and family. Just those words were enough to make Jenny's opinion of Mirajane rise, as well. However, when Mirajane let go of Alfonzo's arm, stepped forward, and spun once before speaking her next words, Jenny was back to gritting her teeth again.

"As for taking my place in the modeling world." Mirajane said as she raised her hands to the top of her head and gestured down at the rest of her body. "Just look at me. There's really no chance of that ever happening, is there?"

"You know what, I changed my mind." Jenny said as she flared her magic power. "Let's keep fighting."

Smack!

"Mmm~!" Mirajane moaned after she was slapped on the butt. Then, she turned around and glared at Alfonzo. "Would you stop doing that?"

"Stop provoking her." Alfonzo said with a chuckle. "If you had just stopped two sentences earlier, everything would have been fine. But you just had to keep going."

"it's not like I said anything untrue, though." Mirajane said as she placed her hands on her hips. "I dare you to tell me I did."

Alfonzo could only shake his head in response.

"Anyway, did you want to test out your new armaments a little more, Jenny?" Alfonzo asked.

"No, I think I'm fine." Jenny replied, sounding a bit upset. "Besides, I've been here long enough. I miss the rest of my guild mates."

Saying that, Jenny stepped forward until she was standing right in front of Alfonzo. Then, she smiled up at him.

"But you're welcome to come visit any time." Jenny said before winking seductively.

"It looks like she really does want to keep sparring." Mirajane growled as she started cracking her knuckles.

"Alfonzo, save me." Jenny said in a helpless tone as she ran behind Alfonzo and grabbed his left arm. "I don't understand why she always wants to fight me. I'm just being friendly."

"Alfonzo, stand aside." Mirajane said as she took a step forward.

"*Sigh*" Alfonzo said as he raised both his hands. "It never ends with these two, does it?"

Thump! *Thump!*

"Ow!" Mirajane yelped as she covered her forehead.

"Ouch!" Jenny yelped while her actions mirrored Mirajane's

After yelping at the finger flicks they received from Alfonzo, both Mirajane and Jenny both glared at him. Then, they each noticed that the other was doing the same thing.

"Hmph!" x 2

So, they both snorted before turning away simultaneously.

"You two are actually friends, aren't you?" Saeko asked with a smile that was turning sadistic. "I mean, look how in sync the two of you are."

"Friends?" Mirajane and Jenny asked simultaneously in an aghast tone. "Not a chance!"

After speaking in unison once again, the two top models simultaneously glared at each other before turning away with a snort for a second time.

"Wow! They really are in sync." Sun said with a hint of admiration in her tone. Then, she started clapping her hands excitedly. "Do it again! Do it again!"

Immediately, both Mirajane and Jenny slumped their shoulders in defeat. And once again, their actions were taken in unison, causing Sun to giggle happily.

"Alright, if this keeps on going, we'll be here all day." Alfonzo said while shaking his head. "Let's go upstairs. I'll make something for lunch before we send Jenny off."

Sun and Saeko nodded to Alfonzo suggestion. Then, they followed Alfonzo out of the training chamber. Meanwhile, Mirajane and Jenny glared at each other once again before snorting simultaneously and turning their heads away. Then, they, too, followed Alfonzo, Sun, and Saeko to the elevator to head upstairs for lunch.

Chapter 628: Girl Talk

"Tomorrow's your birthday, Amar'e~." Ultear said while holding Amar'e in her arms. "Are you excited?"

In response, Amar'e laughed happily. Though everyone was certain that he had no idea of the concept of birthdays, the fact that he was smiling and laughing so happily made everyone smile.

Currently, All of Alfonzo's wives and girlfriends were seated in the Mansion on the Lake's living room just chatting. On top of that, Ur, Lisanna, Irene, Brandish, Heine, and Juliet were present, as well.

"So, who all did you invite to the party, Lici?" Ur asked curiously.

"Everyone we could think of." Elicia replied with a smile. "Everyone except for Bacchus, that is."

"I saw that coming." Marin said with a smile.

"When you say everyone, do you actually mean everyone?" Ur asked with an eyebrow raised.

"Yup!" Elicia replied with an emphatic nod.

"Does that include... her?" Ur asked as she began to shiver.

"Her?" Elicia asked while tilting her head in confusion.

Seeing the way Ur was shivering, everyone was confused. However, it did not take too long for everyone present to have the same image of an absolutely gorgeous female knight with long blonde hair styled into a braid, beautiful blue eyes, and a figure that was as perfect as one could imagine to appear in everyone's heads. Then, like Ur, they all started to shiver, too.

"Oh no..." Elicia muttered in abject terror. "I sent her one, too. I was just so excited for Mar'e's birthday that I didn't think about it."

"*Sigh* This is going to be one hell of a birthday party, isn't it?" Rika asked. "I served with Lady Dustiness once. And I never wanted to be anywhere near her after that."

"Yeah, I still remember the first time I ever met her." Lucy said while shaking her head. "It was right after we rescued Macao from the Vulcan. When we came down Mt. Hakobe, there were bandits trying to steal the Escalade. And after we took them down, she was one of the knights who showed up to take them into custody."

"Oh, I remember that, too." Elicia said. "I met her again after Lucy got in trouble for stealing that S-Class quest with Natsu and Happy, too."

"Ugh! Do you have to bring that up?" Lucy asked while covering her face with her hands. "I can't believe I was so stupid back then. And the worst part is that the clue on that quest would have led us to Galuna Island, the same place where you, Alfonzo, Erza, and Tear cleared the quest and brought back the Celestial Gate Key."

"Oh, I remember that, too." Marin said with a smile. "That was when you came with me and Lici when we took the quest about the pretty girls in the capital getting kidnapped. Lici even tied Darkness up at one point and hung her from a lamp post."

As soon as Marin's words fell, Elicia began to shudder violently.

"Wow! For some reason, every time Lici ties up a chick, they end up completely infatuated with her, don't they?" Cana asked while looking at Elicia with an amused smile on her face.

"Now that you mention it, didn't the same thing happen to Karen, too?" Lucy asked. "I remember Leo saying something about it."

The ladies continued to chat about their various experiences with Darkness for a while, laughing and giggling at the others' misfortunes all the while. While doing so, they did not forget to keep Amar'e entertained, either.

Earth Land, Ishgar, Kingdom of Fiore, Crocus.

Sneeze!

Sneeze!

Sneeze!

Sneeze!

Sneeze!

At the same time, on the knight's training field at the knights barracks in the capital city, Crocus, Darkness, the beautiful female knight in question, had to stop her, completely ineffective, sword training because she started sneezing over and over. Meanwhile, her two subordinates watched her with concern. But not for the reason one might think...

"Captain, are you okay?" A male knight asked.

"*Sniff* I'm fine." Darkness replied. "Just continue your training."

"But Captain, if you're getting sick, you should take a trip to the medical wing." The second of Darkness' subordinates said in a worried tone.

"Don't worry about it." Darkness replied. "There's probably just someone talking about me. Talking bad about me. *Pant* *Pant* It's probably something demeaning. Like a rumor about how I spread my legs to every noble I met to gain my position. Or maybe it's a vicious rumor that will get me kicked out of the knights all together. And when that happens, I'm sure my family will disown me, leaving me in a state where I'd have to sell my body just for a stale loaf of bread... *Pant* *Pant* But because I have such staunch will power, I'll continue striving to rise again. Yet..."

"And we lost her again." The first male knight said while shaking his head. "*Sigh* And I thought we might be able to avert her attention before it was too late. Oh well, I guess today's training session is over."

"Yeah, I think you're right." The other subordinate said. "So, wanna go get a drink?"

"Sure." The first knight said. "*Sigh* I wanna talk to you about something anyway. My wife feels threatened because I'm around someone as beautiful as Captain Dustiness all day. I really don't know what to do."

"Ooh! That's rough." The second knight said. "And she doesn't believe you when you tell her about how the captain is?"

"Nope." The first knight replied as he and the other knight left the training field. "She only believes in what she sees. On top of that, hearing about a woman that depraved is hard to believe if you've never seen her in person, you know?"

"Actually, do you think we should try and stop the captain?" The second knight asked as he looked over his shoulder. "I mean, didn't she say that she was invited to a birthday party in Magnolia? Won't it be bad if she's late?"

"Don't worry about it." The first knight said while waving dismissively. "Usually, the captain is pretty good about things like that. But even if she does miss it, she'll probably be ecstatic about the looks she'll receive next time she sees those people."

"*Sigh* You're probably right." The second knight said while shaking his head. "Anyway, let's go."

Just like that, the two knights in Darkness' squad left the training ground, leaving Darkness lost in her delusions.

Earth Land, Ishgar, Kingdom of Fiore, Magnolia.

At the same time, everyone present in the Mansion on the Lake's living room, minus Amar'e, shuddered involuntarily. Then they all looked around to see what could have caused that reaction.

"Anyway, where is Alfonzo?" Irene asked curiously. "I actually wanted to talk to him about something."

"Oh, you're finally ready to pick up where you lef--- Mmph!" Elicia said without thinking.

Luckily, Irene reacted quickly enough to stop the rest of Elicia's sentence. However, everyone was now staring at her, curious to know why she was so quick to cover Elicia's mouth.

"If you say another word, I'll start spreading bad rumors about your Taylor Shop." Irene said quietly. "By the time I'm done, no one will look at your clothes the same way, ever again."

Hearing that, Elicia's eyes widened in panic. She had no idea what Irene might say, but she was sure that she would not like the consequences.

So, after a moment of shock, Elicia vigorously nodded her head. Then, she raised her right hand to where her mouth would be and made a gesture of zipping it over Irene's hand, locking it, and throwing away the key.

Seeing that, Irene glared at Elicia for a few moments longer. Then, she slowly removed her hand. At the same time, she turned an intimidating glare in Shizuka's and Rika's directions, as well.

"Why are you looking at me like that, Irene?" Shizuka asked while tilting her head to the side in a cute manner.

"Don't worry, I have no plans to tell everyone about your business." Rika said with a shrug.

Hearing that, Irene nodded her head in satisfaction. Unfortunately, she had forgotten about someone. And when that someone spoke, her satisfied expression changed quite quickly.

"Mother, there's no need to be embarrassed." Erza said in a self-righteous tone. "What you're feeling is completely natural. I'm sure no one will--- Mmph!"

Once again, Irene reacted quickly, lunging across the couch to cover Erza's mouth. Then,

"Erza, although I was not there when you were growing up, do you think you're too old for me to put you over my knee?" Irene asked in the most menacing tone she had used since she regained her humanity.

However, Erza's response was completely outside her expectations.

"Mother, although I'm not sure I'd be into you doing that..." Erza said after prying her mother's hand off her mouth. "But I rather enjoy it when Alfonzo does that. So, I'm willing to try."

After Erza's words fell, everyone fell off the couch and onto the floor in classic anime fashion, causing Amar'e to laugh happily after seeing and being a part of the scene.

"I really don't know why we didn't all expect that from Erza." Cana said after making sure she didn't spill any of her drink when she fell.

"Seriously, Erza, that's definitely not what Irene was talking about." Lucy said exasperatedly. "She was talking about giving you a spanking like parents do with naughty children."

"Really?" Erza asked in a surprised tone. "Do they really do that? I've never seen it."

In response to Erza's reply, almost everyone present looked at each other with awkward expressions. None of them had received spankings for being naughty, outside of the bedroom, either. So, everything they knew about the subject was through hearsay.

"*Cough* Anyway, back to my original question." Irene said in an attempt to change the awkward atmosphere. "What is Alfonzo up to?"

"Oh, he's working on something for the house." Elicia said with a smile. A moment later, however, she pouted in annoyance. "But he wouldn't tell me what it was. He said it was a 'surprise'."

"Wow! He didn't even tell you, Lici?" Sun asked with her eyes wide open. "Then, it must be really big. The last time he kept a secret from everyone was when he built this mansion, right?"

When Sun said, "It must be really big," everyone could have sworn that they heard Alfonzo's voice saying something juvenile. But they decided to tell themselves it was an auditory hallucination, and continue with the conversation.

"Yeah, he even turned down a night with me, Lucy, and Erza instead of telling us about that." Marin said while pouting. Clearly, she had just remembered how badly her seduction attempt failed that night.

"Well, there's no point making a fuss about it." Ur said with a shrug. "Doesn't he always make stuff that you all love whenever he keeps secrets?"

All the ladies could not help but nod their heads when they heard that.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo, along with Ai, was in his workshop putting the finishing touches on his new magic item. A magic item that would have no meaning if it were used almost anywhere else in the world. Though, it might get some use on the continent where Retsu came from.

"Are you sure this will work, Master Alfonzo?" Ai asked while curiously watching Alfonzo work.

"It should." Alfonzo replied. "The only question is will it have any side effects."

'I really hope I got this right.' Alfonzo said to himself as he reached up to wipe a bead of sweat from his brow. 'Otherwise, I'll have to fight Riot and Bedlam immediately, and I'll have to win against them in two days or less.'

["And we both know that will never happen."] Riot said cockily.

["Riot's right, you're not ready to fight us yet."] Bedlam added. ["So, don't make any mistakes, okay?"]

Hearing his [Armament Spirits'] talking trash, Alfonzo really wanted to challenge them at that very moment. However, he had his priorities straight. So, he squashed that impulse almost immediately.

"Alright, that should be it." Alfonzo said with his eyebrows twitching as he looked at the human shaped metallic item standing in the middle of his workshop. "Now, I can only hope that it works the way I intend it to."

"Perhaps you should test it somewhere else then?" Ai asked curiously. "You wouldn't want an accident to affect everyone in the mansion, correct?"

"That's a pretty good idea." Alfonzo said while stroking his chin. "The question is, how do I get it out of the house without anyone noticing I left. Because as soon as I leave the barrier, everyone living here will notice."

After thinking for a while, Alfonzo could not come up with a good idea..

"Well, brute force it is." Alfonzo said with a shrug. "Ai, I'll be back later. Tell the girls I stepped out. Oh, and let them know there's no need to panic after Amar'e disappears, okay?"

"Huh?" Ai exclaimed in confusion. "What do you mean?"

In the next instant, Ai was forced to close her eyes when the entire workshop was lit up by a flash of violet light. And when she opened her eyes, both Alfonzo and the newly built magic item had disappeared.

A moment later, in the living room, Amar'e seemed to disappear out of the blue. Naturally, that caused all the ladies to start panicking. However, when they felt both Alfonzo and Amar'e leave the barrier surrounding the house, their panic vanished. Yet, they were thoroughly upset by Alfonzo's actions.

"Fonzie~~~~~!" Elicia screamed. "Where are you taking my Mar'e?"

A few seconds later, after hearing Elicia and the others getting rowdy, all the maids rushed to the living room, with Ai being the last to arrive. And when Ai arrived, all the eyes in the room zeroed in on her. And despite her calm demeanor, she was thoroughly terrified by all the angry gazes.

"Ai, tell us where Fonzie took Mar'e." Elicia demanded.

"I'm sorry, Madam Elicia, I can't do that." Ai said with cold sweat dripping down her back as she bowed politely. "Master Alfonzo has sworn me to secrecy. And I dare not break my oath."

Although they were upset by Ai's words, they would not force her to break a promise to Alfonzo. On top of that, they all knew that Amar'e was safe with Alfonzo. However, the women were just upset that Alfonzo took Amar'e without saying anything. And what made the whole situation even worse, was the fact that Alfonzo was traveling too fast for any of them to find him when they finally spread out their [Magic Power Detection]. So, the only thing they could do was wait for Alfonzo to come back with Amar'e.

Chapter 629: Alfonzo's New Invention

While the ladies were in an uproar back at the Mansion on the Lake, Alfonzo, with Amar'e in his arms was flying, and had just flown over the sea, past the coast of Hargeon.

At first, Amar'e was confused, looking around frantically. But when he laid his eyes on his father, he smiled. Then, he grabbed two handfuls of Alfonzo's hair while laughing happily.

["You know, it wouldn't have killed you to let them know that you were planning to take Amar'e with you."] Bedlam said from Alfonzo's inner world.

["Seriously, Lici must be so worried."] Riot said in a frantic tone. ["You should have told her first. What are we gonna do if she's angry when we get back?"]

["Simp."] Bedlam muttered disdainfully.

'But if I had told her, she and the others would have pestered me for an explanation of where I was taking Little Man.' Alfonzo replied internally while smiling at Amar'e. "And that would have taken a lot more time than I was willing to take. I probably wouldn't have been able to leave until close to nighttime.'

["Even if that's true, you should have told Lici first!"] Riot shouted. [":How can you be so inconsiderate to her?"]

'Simp.' Alfonzo muttered internally.

["Hahahaha!"] Bedlam started laughing uproariously.

Riot, on the other hand, gritted his teeth in anger before throwing a punch at Bedlam. That naturally led to another fight between the two [Armament Spirits], which Alfonzo ignored as usual while he continued to fly and talk to Amar'e.

Earth Land, Ishgar, Kingdom of Fiore, Galuna Island.

Although he was not flying at his top speed in order to keep Amar'e safe, it did not take Alfonzo long to reach his destination, Galuna Island. More specifically, the temple on the island. And when he did, he landed at its summit.

"Good." Alfonzo said while looking around. "there's no one here. I don't plan on spending too much time here, so I'm glad none of the winged demons are here."

["Yeah, it would have taken a while To explain everything to them."] Bedlam said after finally separating from Riot while straightening out his suit.

["Whatever... "] Riot muttered. ["Just get started so we can get back and you can explain yourself to Lici."]

Alfonzo only rolled his eyes at Riot's worried words. Then, he walked to the center of the temple's roof and took out the human shaped magic item he just finished building from the small storage bag he wore on his hip..

Seeing the large, humanoid item come out of seemingly nowhere, Amar'e's interested gaze was drawn to it immediately because of the way it shined under the sunlight. And he could not help but reach out to it with his little hands.

"Just a minute, Little Man." Alfonzo said with a smile. "I'm gonna show you something pretty cool really soon. There will be two more people to play with you after I'm done."

By now, only a day before his first birthday, Amar'e had a basic understanding of a few words. And play just happened to be one of them. So, he started laughing happily as he watched Alfonzo place his right palm on the item.

"Here we go." Alfonzo said while crossing his fingers internally. "Let's just hope it works."

In the next instant, Alfonzo flared his magic power while sending some of it into the magic item. That caused the magic item to glow in a metallic grey light, Then, after absorbing enough of Alfonzo's magic power, the glow retracted into the magic item. At the same time, Alfonzo took two steps away from the humanoid magic item.

All the while, Amar'e's eyes were focused on the magic item. And after only a few seconds, his eyes opened wide. Then, he reached his hands towards the magic item.

The reason for Amar'e's reaction was because of the two men, one standing at about 6'5" with long purple hair tied in a ponytail, brown skin, and purple eyes glinting with self-confidence, and a shorter young man with long silver hair, also tied in a ponytail, and red eyes glinting with wrath, that just walked out of it. On top of that, they were each wearing a white and black suit, respectively.

"We're actually in the outside world." The purple haired man, Bedlam, said while looking around.

"It feels a lot different from the inside of that jackass's inner world." The silver-haired young man, Riot, Added.

"Hey, watch your mouth!" Alfonzo shouted. "What would you do if Amar'e picked up that language?"

Reaching that point, Alfonzo and Riot both shivered.

"Lici would throw a fit." Bedlam said with atone filled with schadenfreude while approaching Alfonzo.

Then, once he was close enough, Bedlam reached out his arms with an uncharacteristically loving smile on his face.

"Come here, Little Man." Bedlam said in a gentle tone. "I've wanted to do this ever since the day you were born."

Seeing Bedlam's actions, Alfonzo stopped shivering. Then, he smiled as he handed Amar'e to his [Armament Spirit]. At the same time, Amar'e who had just been handed over, smiled as he subconsciously reached up to grab a hold of Bedlam's hair. However, when he realized there were no dreadlocks for him to grab onto, he wore a confused expression. Then, he looked at Bedlam while seemingly examining his face.

"Looks like he recognized us as the same person at first." Bedlam said.

"That makes sense, doesn't it?" Alfonzo asked while watching the two interact. "We're basically the same person, right?"

"That's true." Bedlam said as he turned his head, causing his ponytail to be draped over his left shoulder. "There, you can play with that, alright?"

In response, Amar'e stopped examining Bedlam's face, put on a smile, and started playing with Bedlam's hair. Though it was different from what he was used to, he still seemed to be having fun.

"Hey, I wanna hold him, too." Riot said as he quickly approached Bedlam and Amar'e.

Hearing the new voice, without letting go of Bedlam's hair, Amar'e turned his head. And although Riot looked even more different than his father, he felt as if there was another one of his father right there.

Confused by what he was feeling, Amar'e shifted his gaze between Alfonzo, Riot, and Bedlam repeatedly. However, since he was so young, he could not understand what he was feeling. So, as a child often does, he just enjoyed the moment, thinking it was enough that there were more people to play with him.

Alfonzo spent the next few minutes smiling as Riot and Bedlam played with Amar'e. However, he could not stay like that forever. So, he stepped forward and opened his mouth.

"So, how do you two feel?" Alfonzo asked curiously.

Just then, Riot and Bedlam remembered they were here for a reason. So, they handed Amar'e back to Alfonzo and closed their eyes to feel their current states.

"I don't feel any time restrictions." Bedlam said.

"Neither do I." Riot added. "Meaning, there shouldn't be any issues."

Alfonzo nodded his head in satisfaction.

"On top of that, I can feel that I can't use any of my power while I'm here in this way." Bedlam said. "So, I won't be able to fight at all."

"Which means, you can't face us to fully unseal us while using this thing." Riot said while pointing at the humanoid magic item.

"Then its working the way it's supposed to." Alfonzo said with a smile while bouncing Amar'e in his arms. "Good. Now we can head back. *Sigh* Any longer and those women will be ready to fight me on sight."

"Hahaha! And with Irene there, you might really get you're a--- *Cough* butt kicked." Bedlam said, correcting himself along the way.

Riot also laughed. And he laughed even harder when he saw Alfonzo's expression turn for the worse. Then, the two [Armament Spirits] turned around and walked towards the metallic, humanoid, magic item.

"I'll see you when we get back home, Little Man." Bedlam said with a smile before stepping into the magic item.

"Bye, Mar'e." Riot said while waving at Amar'e. "See you soon."

With that, Riot also disappeared into the magic item. At the same time, Alfonzo could feel both Riot and Bedlam return to his inner world.

"Good, now everything is perfect." Alfonzo said.

Alfonzo then put the magic item back into his storage bag. Then, he and Amar'e disappeared from the top of the temple in a flash of violet light.

Earth Land, Ishgar, Kingdom of Fiore, Magnolia.

"it's been three hours already." Elicia said while pacing back and forth in the living room.

"Calm down, Lici." Mirajane said as she approached Elicia from behind and placed her hands on her shoulders. "You know Amar'e is safe with Alfonzo. There's no need to worry so much."

"Oh, I'm not worried." Elicia said as she turned around to face Mirajane. "I'm furious. How could he just take Mar'e somewhere without telling me?"

"Oh, come on, Lici." Cana said while sprawling on the couch with a bottle of wine. "You act like you've never taken Amar'e somewhere without telling Fonzie first."

"But that's when he's not here." Elicia said. "I've only done it once when he was here."

"And this is the first time Alfonzo's done it, too, right?" Sun asked. "In fact, Alfonzo doesn't usually take Amar'e anywhere but to the front or back yard, right?"

"Now that you mention it." Elicia said, stopping to think about it. "Hmm... I think you're right."

Elicia then shrugged her shoulders.

"Fine, I just wanted to go, too, okay?" Elicia said while pouting.

All the other ladies could not help laughing at Elicia's actions.

"Anyway, since we have some time, why don't you let everyone see the wedding dress you made for me, Lici." Lisanna said with a smile while sitting on the couch.

"Yeah, we haven't seen it yet." Lucy said with a smile. "I bet Lisanna is gonna be so pretty. *Sigh* It's too bad Levy isn't here to see it. But she's out on a quest with Jet and Droy."

"Okay, I'll go get it." Elicia said with a smile before running off to get the dress from her room.

"Wait! I thought Levy, Jet, and Droy decided to take quests solo after the Phantom Lord attack." Marin said in a confused tone. "What happened? Is the quest really tough?"

"NO, not really." Lucy replied. "According to Levy, she should have been able to handle it with no problem. She only brought Jet and Droy along to get them some points for the next S-Class Promotion Exam. You know, since they haven't been eligible even once since they joined the guild."

"Well, whose fault is it that they were so petty that they did not want to train with us in the beginning because they were jealous of Fonzie?" Cana spat out.

"They refused to train with us even more when Gajeel started training with us, too.' Erza added.

"No, that only started when Levy started getting closer to Gajeel, remember?" Sun said.

"Oh, that's right." Erza said while nodding her head in confirmation.

At that moment, the residents of the mansion felt two familiar aura's entered the barrier surrounding the island.

"Fonzie~~~~! Mar'e~~~~!" Elicia screamed loud enough to be heard from everywhere on the above ground floors.

"Well, I guess they're back." Ultear said as she stood up and started walking towards the front door.
"Let's see what Alfonzo was acting so mysterious for."

All the other ladies nodded in agreement. Then, they all followed Ultear out of the living room. Even the maids, who were curious what Alfonzo was doing to cause such an uproar earlier came to the front door under the pretense of greeting the master and young master of the house.

By the time they all arrived at the front door, Alfonzo and Amar'e were already inside. On top of that, Elicia was hugging the both of them while smiling happily.

"Did you have fun with Daddy?" Elicia asked while tickling Amar'e.

Seeing that, all the ladies who were relaxing in the living room felt their eyebrows start twitching.

"Didn't she try to sell us some crap about being furious?" Ur asked.

"You should know by now, you can't believe anything Elicia says about being upset with Fonzie." Marin said with a smile.

"*Sigh* I guess you're right." Ur said while shaking her head.

"I guess we'll have to wait to see Lisanna's wedding dress, won't we?" Mirajane asked.

"Well, we'll see it sooner or later." Rika said with a smile. "The wedding is next week, after all."

"Fonzie! What did you make this time?" Shizuka asked as she skipped towards Alfonzo, Elicia, and Amar'e before snatching Amar'e out of Alfonzo's arms.

Naturally, as soon as Amar'e was in Shizuka's arms, he started patting on her breasts, as always. Meanwhile, Alfonzo only smiled.

"Just wait for me in the living room." Alfonzo said. "I have to install it into the mansion's power source first."

With that said, Alfonzo smile as he walked away from the mansion's entrance and headed towards the elevator.

"He's still acting so mysterious." Irene said as she watched Alfonzo leave.

"Yeah, but it's really got me curious." Brandish said as she, too, watched Alfonzo walk away.

"Anyway, let's just wait for him in the living room." Saeko said. "I'm sure it will be worth it."

All the ladies nodded before they returned to the living room with Amar'e they told the maids, Ikaruga, Grayfia, Maria, Mey-Rin, Ai, and Miyuki to put their work on hold to see what was to come, as well.

A few minutes later, while everyone was seated in the living room, all the ladies with [Soul Armaments] that had their first seals released felt their [Armament Spirits] disappear from their inner worlds. And this naturally led to a panic.

"What's going on?" Irene asked. "Where's Belserion?"

"I can't sense Yuki-Onna, either." Ur added in a frantic tone.

"Zodiac is missing, too." Lucy said.

Meanwhile, all those without [Soul Armaments], namely, Lisanna, Shizuka, Rika, Heine, and Juliet, watched the others with worried expressions.

"Ladies, please calm down." Ai said after understanding the situation. "This is an effect of Master Alfonzo's new invention. Please, just be patient. I'm sure you won't be disappointed."

"Seriously, why does he have to always keep everything a surprise?" Ur grumbled as she calmed herself down. "I wish Bianca were here, she'd teach him a lesson for this."

"You know she wouldn't." Elicia said as she sat down next to Ur. "She'd probably be teasing us about losing our composes, even if she was the one who panicked the most."

"*Sigh* You're probably right." Ur said with a fond, reminiscent smile on her face. "I really miss her and Orlando."

"Me, too." Elicia said as she slung an arm around Ur's shoulders.

Seeing Elicia's and Ur's interaction, everyone was a bit regretful that they never got to meet Alfonzo's and Elicia's parents. However, that mood was broken quickly enough when several figures, led by Alfonzo, who was smiling brightly entered the living room.

"What in the..." Irene blurted out as she stared at one of the figures, a small, dog sized dragon who was flapping its wings and flying behind Alfonzo. Belserion... How?"

Not only Belserion was present, but Riot, Bedlam, Scylla, Astraia, Nova, Kanade, floating with a bubble of water around her tail, Bael, Kinsi, Hoyle, Zodiac, Yuki-Onna, and Brandish's [Armament Spirit], Wasp, a woman with short auburn-colored hair, blue eyes, insect wings growing from her back, and wearing a black and gold bodysuit with stripes like those of a wasps on the thighs.

'She looks like Janet Van Dyke from Marvel comics.' Elicia thought to herself while looking at Wasp.

On a side note, Alfonzo thought the same thing when Wasp emerged from the magic item after he finished installing it.

"So, how do you like it?" Alfonzo asked as he stepped into the living room with a smile on his face.
"Now, everyone can interact with everyone else's [Armament Spirits] as long as they are on the island."

"Oh, Master Unohana is gonna be surprised out of her mind when she sees this tomorrow." Ur said while looking at Yuki-Onna, a beautiful woman with ice blue hair and eyes, snow-white skin, a graceful posture, and wearing a long, elegant, white kimono.

"Yeah, and Levy is probably gonna bombard you with questions as soon as she sees this, too." Lucy said.

"Wendy would love to see this, too." Shizuka said. Then, she started to nibble on her right index finger.
"Now I want a [Soul Armament, too]."

The group continued to discuss Alfonzo's new invention while interacting with their [Armament Spirits] until it was time for everyone to go home and Amar'e got sleepy. After that, they all called it a night to be in their best condition for Amar'e's birthday party, with the [Armament Spirits all returning to their partner's inner worlds before the day came to an end.

Chapter 630: The Guests Arrive for Amar'e's Birthday Party

The following day, everyone woke up early at the Mansion on the Lake and helped the maids make the final preparations for Amar'e's birthday. While Elicia, Cana, and the girls were helping Ikaruga, Mey-Rin, Ai, and Miyuki arrange the decorations around the mansion's yard, Alfonzo was in the kitchen with Grayfia, Maria, and for today only, Erina Nakiri to prepare the food that would be served today.

And the highlight for today's prepared dishes was the six foot tall, multi-layered birthday cake Alfonzo and the ladies put all their heart into baking.

At around noon, the guests started to arrive. First to arrive were the members of Fairy Tail, each carrying a present as they arrived at the mansion's front door. Naturally, they were greeted by at least one of the maids as they did. Then, they would be escorted to the area of the backyard where the party would be held.

And when they arrived at the party venue, most of them were stunned.

For today, Alfonzo had specially built several amusement attractions that could be commonly seen at amusement parks, such as the teacup ride, a merry-go-round, specially made, low-impact bumper cars, etc.

"Damn, did he really make an amusement park in his backyard just for Amar'e?" Macao, who was walking alongside Romeo, who was ten years old by now, asked in an astonished tone as he caught sight of all the attractions that had been set up.

"Dad, can I have one of those, too?" Romeo asked while pointing at the bumper cars. "I bet my friends would really have a lot of fun playing on that."

Hearing Romeo's question, Macao could not help but start to drip cold sweat from his forehead and back.

"Romeo, our house isn't big enough for something like that." Macao said after quickly racking his brains for a response. "But I'm sure if you asked Alfonzo, he would let you and your friends play on it every once in a while."

Macao's response disappointed Romeo a little. But when he thought about it, it was true that the backyard of their house was not big enough for something like that. So, he simply nodded his head while continuing to look at the other attractions.

"Romeo!" A female voice shouted while Romeo was emersed in the attractions.

Turning around, Little Elicia, Maes and Gracia's daughter, was running towards Macao and Romeo while waving her hand and smiling brightly. Meanwhile, her parents were walking leisurely behind her.

Then, when the two children met up, they quickly forgot about their parents as they started running around to see which of the rides they wanted to play on first. Meanwhile, the three parents could only smile wryly while they watched their kids run around. Though, Gracia did have to slap Maes upside the head when he reached for his gun after seeing Elicia grab Romeo's hand in excitement.

Fifteen minutes after the Conbolts and the Hughes family arrived, the first group of non-Fairy Tail guests arrived, and they were the group from Lamia Scale led by Jura Neekis. His group consisted of Lyon, Sherry, Sherria, Yuka, Tobi, Takashi, and Rei.

"Is this really his house?" Takashi asked as he and the rest of the group crossed the bridge leading to the artificial island.

"I know, right?" Rei replied. "It's amazing."

"It can be a lot to take in for first time visitors." Jura said in a peaceful tone. "I can still remember the first time I saw it back when Alfonzo and Elicia got married."

"Yeah, me, too." Lyon said while smiling reminiscently. "The even crazier part was the fact that it wasn't even on the lake the day before the wedding."

When they heard that, Takashi, Rei, and Sherria, who were all visiting for the first time looked at Lyon with dumbfounded expressions on their faces.

"Oh, I remember that, too." Sherry said with a smile. Then she raised her left hand to her chest while spreading her right arm out wide as she continued. "It was a show of true {love}."

"But how is that possible?" Sherria asked.

"Although the outside of the house looks like it's made of stone and bricks, don't let that fool you." Yuka said calmly. "Not only the mansion, but even the entire island is made of metal under the surface. So, at least this is what I heard, Alfonzo had built it on a small island off the coast of Cedar. Then, the night before the wedding, he flew it back to the town and placed it in the center of the lake."

When they heard that, Takashi, Rei, and Sherria opened their eyes so wide that they almost popped out of their sockets.

Like that, the group of eight continued to chat until they were greeted by one of the maids and led to the backyard to gather with the others.

The next to arrive was a group of shinobi from the Village Hidden in the Leaves led by Tsunade and Hiruzen. This group consisted of Kakashi, Guy, Naruto, Sasuke, Sakura, Neji, Rock Lee, and Tenten.

"Wow! Big Bro Alfonzo's house is so big." Naruto said in awe while looking up at the mansion.

"Shikamaru and the others are going to be so jealous when we get back and tell them about this." Sakura said excitedly.

"I doubt Shikamaru will be jealous." Sasuke replied. "Getting jealous takes too much energy, after all. He'll probably only say something like how much of a drag it is."

"There's a really powerful barrier surrounding the island, too." Neji said with his Byakugan active. "My Byakugan can't even see through it."

"Well, that should be expected." Guy said with his trademark smile. "Alfonzo is the continents best magic item crafter. I'm sure he takes his homes' security quite seriously. Especially with his son living there."

"That makes sense." Tenten said while nodding her head.

"I wonder if Wendy is here yet." Rock Lee said excitedly, completely unconcerned with the magnificent mansion standing in front of him.

Meanwhile, Tsunade, Hiruzen, and Kakashi walked at the front of the group. While Tsunade and Hiruzen spoke about their impressions of the mansion, Kakashi walked silently while reading from his favorite book.

"You were right, Tsuna." Hiruzen said with a grandfatherly smile on his face. "This mansion really is impressive."

"Yeah, the kid's got talent for stuff like this." Tsunade replied. A moment later, she turned her attention to Kakashi, who did not even seem to notice where he was. "And Kakashi, I suggest you put that book away right now. There will be children at this party."

"I agree.' A friendly, yet somewhat sadistic sounding female voice said right afterwards.

"Oh, hey, Laki." Kakashi said as he casually closed his book and stuffed into his waist pouch. "Long time, no see."

Just as Kakashi said, that voice belonged to Laki, who had appeared next to the group in a burst of speed after sensing that Kakashi had appeared on the island.

"Yes, it's been a while." Laki said with a smile. "Now, let's go see the attractions Alfonzo set up in the backyard."

With that, Laki took Kakashi by the arm and pulled him away from the group.

"Well, I guess we should have seen that coming." Hiruzen said after receiving a number of reports about Laki pursuing Kakashi.

"To think Kakashi let himself be pulled away like that." Tsunade said in an astonished tone. "Is he really interested in her?"

"I think so." Hiruzen replied. "By the way, Tsuna, it's already August, and most of the village's repairs have been completed, have you not made your decision yet?"

What Hiruzen was referring to was the fact that he asked Tsunade to succeed him and become the Fifth Hokage. However, Tsunade had been putting off giving him an answer. She really did not want to take that responsibility. Though, she had already made her decision. She was just trying to milk as much freedom as she could before taking the post.

Not long after the Leaf Village group arrived, Karen of Blue Pegasus ran across the bridge, ran right past Mey-Rin who was in charge of greeting the next group of guests, and sprinted towards the backyard. On top of that, for some reason, she was carrying a thick rope with her.

"*Sigh* She's such an embarrassment sometimes." Sorano said while shaking her head and approaching the mansion alongside Ichiya, Hibiki, Eve, Ren, and the newest member of Blue Pegasus, Yukino Agria, a slender, well-endowed, teenage girl appearing to be about fifteen years old with fair skin, short light blue hair with bangs that frame her face and brown eyes wearing a light blue, spaghetti strap top with a dark Blue Pegasus emblem over her left breast, a pair of white shorts, and a pair of knee-high, white, high heeled boots.

Aside from being the newest member of Blue Pegasus, this girl also had another identity, and that was Sorano's long lost younger sister. While Sorano had been taken to become a slave at the Tower of Heaven, Yukino was lucky enough to evade capture. And ever since she was old enough, she had been searching for Sorano. And at this year's Grand Magic Games, she finally found her.

"I can't wait to meet Miss Elicia." Yukino said excitedly. "I really want to thank her for helping you come back from the path of a Dark Wizard., Big Sister."

In response, Sorano smiled tenderly as she hooked her arm around Yukino's.

"Yes, if it wasn't for her, I would probably be in prison with the rest of the Oración Seis." Sorano replied.
"Then, it would have taken much longer for us to be reunited."

Yukino nodded her head vigorously with gratitude in her eyes.

"Men!" Ichiya shouted his catch phrase with tears pooling in his eyes. "It's so touching!"

"Ichiya!" Hibiki, Ren, Eve, and Jenny all shouted as they agreed with Ichiya.

"We're all truly happy that you could be reunited, as well.' Hibiki said in a gentlemanly manner.

"Yeah, it's really good to see a family come together like that." Eve added.

"Damn it, something must have gotten in my eyes." Ren said while turning away and wiping the tears from his eyes. "Don't think I'm crying because I'm happy for the two of you."

"*Sigh* But maybe I should have picked another guild." Sorano said in an exasperated tone.

"I'm sure Elicia will be happy to meet you, too." Jenny said energetically. "She'll probably make some clothes for you, too."

"Oh, no, Miss Elicia has already done enough for us." Yukino said while waving her free hand frantically. "I could never ask for more."

"Oh, you won't have to ask." Sorano said with a giggle. "Elicia won't take your opinion into consideration in a case where it comes to making clothes for someone."

"Huh?" Yukino exclaimed in confusion while tilting her head to the side.

While continuing to chat, the group eventually reached Miyuki, who led them to the backyard.

And for the next twenty minutes or so, guests continued to arrive. Then, at around one in the afternoon, the most volatile of the guests, Darkness, arrived wearing a light blue sun dress and white high heeled sandals, looking as beautiful as could be.

"Okay, I have to keep control of myself today." Darkness said after taking a deep breath when she stepped off the bridge. "I was invited by the only two people who did not show me despise after knowing my... preferences. I can't embarrass them on their son's first birthday."

While she was giving herself a pep talk, Darkness arrived in front of the maid who was specially assigned to guide her, Grayfia. With Grayfia almost never changing expression, she was the least likely to set Darkness off, after all.

"Good afternoon, lady Dustiness." Grayfia said while bowing politely. "I trust your trip was pleasant."

"Ah, Grayfia, good afternoon." Darkness said elegantly, letting the etiquette training she received in her childhood come to the forefront. "Thank you for askin., I had a quite pleasant trip from the capital."

If anyone who knew Darkness and the way she acted on a regular basis saw her acting like this, their mouths and eyes would open wide in surprise, which would set off her usual behavior. Luckily, Alfonzo and Elicia made the decision to have Grayfia meet her.

"I'm glad to hear it." Grayfia said. "Then, if you would follow me, I'll lead you to the party venue."

"Please." Darkness replied with a nod. Then, she reached into the bag she carried over her shoulder and pulled out a small box wrapped with colorful wrapping paper. "And this is the gift I brought for the birthday boy."

"Then allow me to thank you on behalf of Master Alfonzo and Madam Elicia." Grayfia said as she took the box from Darkness.

With the pleasantries out of the way, Grayfia led Darkness, who appeared to be the perfect lady, into the backyard. The whole time, Darkness felt quite proud of herself for being able to keep up her act for so long, she had been keeping it up since she left Crocus, after all.

Unfortunately, as soon as she and Grayfia arrived in the backyard, Darkness' determination was tested, immediately, as she was just in time to see Alfonzo snatch up Gray by the scruff of his neck and back hand Natsu hard enough to send him flying into the lake before throwing Gray, who was only wearing his underwear, into the lake as well.

"I don't mind if you morons wanna fight!" Alfonzo shouted after the two he threw into the lake.
"Stopping Fairy Tail wizards from fighting when enough of us gather is impossible, after all. But if your fights waste another morsel of food, you really won't like the consequences. Trust me on that."

Seeing the violence on display and the dangerous gaze Alfonzo was shooting in Gray and Natsu's directions, Darkness' switch was almost immediately flipped. However, she had promised herself that she would not do anything to shame her friends today. So, she held back from starting to pant like a dog in heat. Unfortunately, there was nothing she could do about the blush that appeared on her face.

'Today is going to be a long day.' Darkness thought to herself while trying to calm down. 'My determination will undoubtedly be pushed to its limits. But I shall prevail. I'm a knight with steadfast determination, after all.'