

Fairy Tail 631

Chapter 631: The Last Guests Arrive

The last of the guests to arrive at Amar'e's birthday party were the ladies from Mermaid Heel, which included Millianna, Kagura, Retsu, Anko, Araña, Risley, and Beth. While crossing the bridge most of the girls chatted happily with Retsu smiling happily at the front of the group and Kagura with her usual expressionless look.

However, as soon as the group stepped onto the island, Retsu and Kagura tensed. They both felt something that had been with them for a long time was just taken away. However, before they could react, Alfonzo appeared in front of them in a flash of violet lightning with Amar'e in his arms.

"Please, before you lose it, let me explain." Alfonzo said while smiling wryly. "I really don't want you to get yourself hurt if you go on a rampage after feeling them go missing."

At the moment, Kagura's usual expressionless glare was filled with an almost tangible amount of killing intent. And Retsu was in a similar state. Though, she was wearing her trademark gentle smile, instead. In fact, if it weren't for Amar'e both of them might have attacked already.

'*Sigh* Bringing Little Man with me was a good idea.' Alfonzo thought to himself.

The reason for Kagura's and Retsu's changes in atmosphere were because of Alfonzo's new invention. Because they had just felt Archenemy and Minazuki disappear from their inner worlds. And to those who wielded Zanpakuto, that was a cause for concern.

"Why don't you two come with me so I can explain?" Alfonzo asked with a friendly smile on his face.

"For your sake, I hope your explanation can satisfy me, Young Man." Retsu replied in a gentle tone with a similarly gentle expression on her face.

Despite the fact that Retsu's smile was so gentle, the pressure it exuded was unimaginable. In fact, if Retsu had smiled at Alfonzo like this back when the two of them defeated Irene, he might have been close to kneeling in front of her. But after almost two years of training, Alfonzo did not fear Retsu's power in the slightest. Though he would not be able to defeat her with his current power, even if she used her [Bankai], Alfonzo was confident that he would be able to survive the encounter.

Seeing how relaxed Alfonzo was when facing her pressure, Retsu's eyes lit up and her smile widened, losing quite a bit of its gentle quality. And that was the moment when Alfonzo knew...

'Shit! I done fucked up!' Alfonzo thought to himself. 'Why the fuck am I letting her see how strong I've gotten? She'll definitely want to fight me for real sometime in the near future. And if things get too intense, it won't just be a high-stakes spar. It will be a real life and death battle.'

Alfonzo was not the only one who noticed Retsu's change in atmosphere. All the girls from Mermaid Heel noticed, as well. Because of that, they all, even Kagura, who was still waiting for an explanation for Archenemy's disappearance, took a step back in unison as they gazed at Alfonzo with pity.

Luckily, Alfonzo's secret weapon for situations like this made its presence known just at that moment.

"Ah!" Amar'e exclaimed with a smile while reaching his arms out to Retsu.

Seeing Amar'e wanting her to hold him, Retsu's expression turned complicated for a moment. However, it eventually changed back to her usual gentle expression as she reached out to take Amar'e from Alfonzo.

"Hahaha!" Amar'e laughed happily as he wrapped his little hands around Retsu's braid.

"*Sigh* I suppose it would not be good to lose my composure in front of a child so young, would it?" Retsu asked herself softly while smiling at Amar'e.

Meanwhile, all the ladies from Mermaid Heel breathed a sigh of relief.

'Little Man strikes again.' Alfonzo thought to himself while wiping off a bead of sweat internally. 'If she really lost it, I don't know how many people on the island would have made it out unscathed. But it would have definitely been tragic. My house probably wouldn't exist anymore, at the very least.'

With that, the volatile atmosphere was subdued. Then, Alfonzo led the ladies from Mermaid Heel to the backyard where the rest of the guests were. Then, after getting Millianna, Arana, Risley, and Beth settled, Alfonzo led Kagura and Retsu inside the mansion.

When the trio entered the mansion's back door, they ran into the ones Alfonzo wanted to introduce Kagura and Retsu to. The two figures who were coming towards them had female frames. However, their faces could not be seen at all.

The first of the two figures was slim and wrapped completely in bandages. They also wore a green hood that hung down all the way to the floor. And the face under the hood could not be seen at all. Instead, there was only a pitch-darkness under the hood.

The other figure was a tall female figure wearing a full suit of black samurai armor with purple trim and an oni mask that completely obscured her face. The only facial feature that was visible were the completely white eyes that could be seen through the mask's eye holes. She also wore a sheathed katana on her hip.

"Archenemy?" Kagura muttered with a dumbfounded expression on her face.

"Yes, it's me." the armored female, Archenemy, said with a nod in an emotionless tone. "And I'm just as surprised as you are, Kagura. I never expected to find a door to the outside world when we stepped onto this artificial island. But when I did, I could not help but explore."

On a side note, this was the biggest fluctuation Alfonzo had ever seen in Kagura's expression since he first met her in November of x784. But he really could not blame her. Seeing her Zanpakuto Spirit standing in front of her must have been something totally outside her expectations.

"So, this is what happened." Retsu said while still holding Amar'e. "And I trust this won't have any negative side effects, correct."

"That's right." Alfonzo replied. "I tested it on myself and my [Armament Spirits] before I implemented this magic item into my house."

"I suppose I should have expected as much." Retsu said with a nod. Then, she shifted her eyes to the bandaged figure. "Minazuki, I would have expected you to tell me what was going on before simply leaving as you did."

"There were actually two reasons for that." Minazuki replied.

"Oh, I'd like to hear those reasons, then." Retsu replied while smiling gently as she began bouncing Amar'e in her arms.

"First, I was hoping to find someone strong to fight when I came out." the bandaged figure, Minazuki, replied calmly.

"Understandable." Retsu replied with a nod.

"Second, I thought the expression on your face when we met up again would be quite the sight." Minazuki continued, a hint of playfulness held in her calm tone. "And although your expression was not as exaggerated as your disciple's, the way your facial muscles twitched was quite amusing."

"I see." Retsu replied, her smile getting even more gentle as she did so. Then, Retsu handed Amar'e back to Alfonzo as she rested her left palm on her Zanpakuto's pommel. "Well, it's been quite a while since the last time we fought. Perhaps it is time we checked each other's progress."

Though Minazuki's face was not visible, Alfonzo, Kagura, and Archenemy would have sworn that she just rolled her eyes.

"As much fun as that sounds, it's not possible." Minazuki replied while shaking her head. "Though I have manifested in the physical world, all of my power is still sealed within you."

"Oh, that's quite a pity." Retsu said in a disappointed tone.

Thinking that was where this issue would end, everyone was surprised when Retsu drew her Zanpakuto with a forlorn expression on her face.

"Retsu, what are you doing?" Minazuki asked as she took a step backwards.

"It's truly a pity." Retsu repeated while taking her fighting stance. "This fight is going to be much more one-sided than I expected."

"Huh?" Minazuki exclaimed in confusion. "Wait!"

Unfortunately, Retsu had no intention of stopping. So, since she was unable to get through to Retsu, Minazuki turned her attention to Alfonzo.

"Young man, stop her." Minazuki said. "If you don't, she'll definitely end up damaging your home."

After hearing that, there was no way Alfonzo would be able to stay out of this. So, after sighing, he handed Amar'e to Kagura, who was thoroughly confused by having the little boy in her arms, and stepped forward, blocking Retsu's path to Minazuki.

At the same time, Kagura and Amar'e locked eyes, just staring blankly into each other's eyes. However, after only a few seconds, Kagura was the first to break eye contact while a slight blush appeared on her face.

"So cute." Kagura mumbled to herself while Amar'e began laughing happily.

"Are you taking her side, Alfonzo?" Retsu asked after Alfonzo stepped between her and Minazuki.
"That's fine, I'd much rather fight with you than a powerless Zanpakuto Spirit, anyway."

"No, I was just going to offer a solution to this." Alfonzo replied. "I don't want you destroying my house, after all."

"And what would that solution be?" Retsu asked as she inched forward looking for the best angle to strike from.

"I'll set up a ring on the lake." Alfonzo said with a smile. "That way you can have your skills challenge with your Zanpakuto Spirit without messing up my house."

"Oh, that's not a bad idea." Retsu said as her smile widened.

"When I told you to stop her, this is not what I had in mind." Minazuki said, sounding a bit angry.

"What do you mean?" Alfonzo asked in the most innocent tone he could muster. "You were worried about the well-being of my house, weren't you? You're really kind, Miss Minazuki."

'Gimme a fucking break.' Alfonzo thought to himself. 'There's no way in hell I'd take your side over hers. The only way you'd ever be able to face me in the real world is if you're here. And you can't even show your power when you're here. But if I piss off Master Unohana, I'll have real hell to pay in the real world. It's not even worth considering whose side I should take.'

Not long after that, Alfonzo led Kagura, Retsu, Archenemy, and Minazuki out to where the rest of the guests were enjoying themselves. And just as he said, he created a ring that floated on the lake's surface. However, Minazuki refused to go up to fight with Retsu.

"Even though I enjoy a good battle to the death, I have no interest in being beaten one-sidedly."

Those were the words Minazuki said when she refused Retsu's challenge.

Even so, the ring got quite some use, regardless. Even if all the attempts did not end well. For example, when Natsu, who was excited to fight someone after Alfonzo created the floating metal ring, jumped onto the ring, his motion sickness kicked in, immediately.

Yet, after getting Natsu off the ring, there were more than a few rounds of friendly spars that brought the party's atmosphere up to a new peak. And just when the party's momentum started to wind down, Grayfia and Maria brought the birthday cake out. Unfortunately, Amar'e was too young to understand the concept of blowing out the candles and making a wish.

Even so, everyone had a piece of cake. Shortly after that, the party came to an end. Not because the sun was going down, which it was. Rather, the party ended because the birthday boy, who was maintaining an excited state for so long, finally got sleepy.

So, everyone who planned to spend the night in Magnolia before heading back home returned to their lodging. Meanwhile, Irene, who had been wanting to talk to Alfonzo for a couple of days, grabbed Erza and made her way up to Alfonzo's room after inquiring about his whereabouts.

However, when she got to the door, she could only look on dumbfoundedly.

"Seriously, this is happening again?" Irene asked as she looked through the cracked door, only to see Shizuka and Rika getting intimate with Alfonzo.

"Shall we go inside and join them, Mother?" Erza asked as she, too, looked through the cracked bedroom door.

"Oh, you two are back again?" Elicia asked as she skipped up from behind the mother-daughter pair. She then peaked into the room before continuing. "I guess we'll be picking up where we left off last time, huh?"

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"Why are you here?" Irene asked as she quickly turned her head to see Elicia approaching from behind.

"I felt like something fun was happening." Elicia said with a smile. "And I couldn't miss it."

"As expected," Erza said with a nod. "You somehow always know when things like this happen."

"Don't act as if this is normal." Irene said in an exasperated tone.

"Don't sweat the details." Elicia said as she grabbed Erza and Irene by the arm. "Let's just go inside. We can talk about everything else later."

With that, Elicia pushed the door open with no hesitation. Then, while dragging the other two behind her, she entered the room.

When the trio entered the room, Alfonzo was sitting against the headboard of his bed. Shizuka was leaning with her back against Alfonzo's chest while Alfonzo fondled her left breast and rubbed her clit with his other hand. Rika, on the other hand, was sucking on Shizuka's other nipple while rubbing her own clit over her panties.

"This is becoming a recurring thing, isn't it?" Alfonzo asked as he raised his head to look at the door while continuing to feel up Shizuka.

"Mmm~~!" Shizuka moaned while she turned her blurry eyes towards the door, as well. "More people makes it more fun."

As she finished speaking, Shizuka licked her lips seductively.

"Exactly, Shizuka gets it." Elicia said as she turned around to close the door. "Fonzie, put up the barrier. We don't wanna wake up Mar'e."

"Ah~! Do whatever you want." Rika said in a sultry tone. "Just don't try to cut the line."

Smiling at Rika's comment, Alfonzo pulled his hand away from Shizuka's pussy, causing her to whine, and grabbed Rika by the base of her ponytail. Then, he fiercely pulled her up and kissed her passionately.

While kissing Alfonzo and hearing Shizuka whine, Rika reached down with her free hand. Then, she took up the roll that Alfonzo was filling, and began rubbing Shizuka's pussy.

"Ahn~~!" Shizuka moaned as she leaned her head back in pleasure.

Meanwhile, Irene, who was not expecting to be in this situation again, only looked on in disbelief.

"Are you going to run away again, Irene?" Elicia asked while stripping out of her clothes. "If you do, that's fine. But I think coming back a third time will be even harder. But if you stay, know that it's the same as becoming Fonzie's woman. Because he doesn't do casual sex... I found that out the hard way a few years ago..."

After saying her piece, Elicia finished undressing. Then, she hopped onto the bed and crawled to Shizuka's front.

"I've been waiting for this for a long time." Elicia said as she reached her hands out to grab Shizuka's breasts. "Oh, and their everything I dreamed they'd be."

"Mmm~! Lici, don't be so rough." Shizuka moaned. "They're sensitive."

"Even better." Elicia said with a lascivious smile on her face.

In the next instant, Elicia lowered her head and buried her face between Shizuka's breasts. Then, she shook her head back and forth rather vigorously.

"*Sigh* She's even more of a degenerate than her husband." Irene muttered while shaking her head.

After saying that, Irene's attention was caught by a flash of light to her left. And when she turned her head to look, as she expected, Erza was now standing next to her, completely naked.

"Elicia is right, Mother." Erza said without looking at Irene. "If you're not truly sure about your decision, you should back out now."

After saying that, Erza strode forward and climbed onto the bed, as well. However, instead of joining the group, she sat in the seiza position at the foot of the bed.

Seeing her daughter's actions, Irene shook her head once again.

"I'm not sure I even want to know." Irene muttered to herself. "Still, they're probably right. I need to stop being so wishy-washy. Since when have I, Irene Belserion, been so indecisive?"

Reaching that point, Irene's expression turned resolved. Then, she grabbed the brim of her hat before taking it off and tossing it across the room. After that, with confident steps and a smile that contained a hint of sadism, she strode towards the bed.

Upon reaching the bed, Irene did not climb onto the bed and start crawling towards the others as one would expect. Instead, she stepped onto the bed, while still wearing her high-heeled boots, and walked towards Alfonzo, Elicia, Shizuka, and Rika.

Reaching the group, Irene first gently, but firmly, pulled Shizuka out of Alfonzo's arms and ushered her so that she and Elicia tumbled over so that Elicia ended up laying on her back with her head buried between Shizuka's breasts.

"Huh?" Shizuka exclaimed in confusion, not even sure how she ended up in the position she was in.

After moving Shizuka and Elicia, Irene looked down at Alfonzo and Rika, who had broken their kiss after Shizuka was moved away. Then, she grinned at Rika.

"The Queen of Despair does not wait in line, Girl." Irene said in an oddly sexy combination of both domination and seduction. "She takes what she wants."

After saying that, Irene reached down and grabbed Alfonzo by his hair. Then, she raised her left leg while simultaneously pulling Alfonzo forward so that he was no longer leaning against the headboard. Lastly, she put her left thigh on Alfonzo's right shoulder and hooked her leg behind his neck, pulling his face against her crotch before saying one word.

"Lick."

To Irene, it did not matter that she had not undressed at all. Whether she was wearing panties or not, Alfonzo only had one task, and that was to eat her pussy.

'Oh, she's fucking with the wrong one.' Alfonzo thought to himself. 'But since she's made her decision, I'll play along, for a few minutes, at least.'

With those thoughts running through his head, Alfonzo bit down on Irene's panties, moving them to the side. Then, he wrapped his lips around Irene's clit and sucked while simultaneously flicking the tip of his tongue against it, as well.

"Ahn~~~~~!" Irene moaned immediately from the clitoral stimulation.

Not only did Irene moan, but her knees buckled, as well. Although she seemed rather assertive after getting her resolve, she, in fact, had no experience with oral sex. So, the sensation was quite overwhelming for her.

Meanwhile, Rika watched in awe. Irene's dominating attitude was kind of sexy, after all. But when she heard Irene moan so loudly, she was snapped back to her senses. Then, she crawled between Alfonzo's legs, to the spot where Shizuka once sat, and took off Alfonzo's shorts, revealing his dick to the air.

However, instead of taking care of it immediately, Rika stopped to think for a moment. Then, she looked back to Erza with her eyes shining.

"Erza, come over here." Rika said while beckoning to Erza with one hand and stroking Alfonzo's dick with the other.

Hearing Rika's call, Erza crawled over to the group of three without hesitation. Then, as soon as she was close enough, Rika grabbed a handful of her hair and forced her head down towards Alfonzo's dick.

Despite being surprised by Rika's actions, Erza opened her mouth quickly enough and took Alfonzo's dick into her mouth and throat.

Gag! *Slurp!* *Slurp!* *Slurp!* *Gag!*

And Rika wasted no time forcing Erza's head up and down. As anyone who has spent enough time around Erza already knew her sexual preferences, Rika was no exception. So she was well aware of Erza's denial fetish and submissive side in the bedroom. So, although she would not usually be this rough, she took control of Erza to include her in the fun.

Now, the room was filled with the sound of Irene moaning, Erza gagging and slurping, and Elicia struggling to breath while stuck between Shizuka's breasts.

Luckily for Elicia, Shizuka wanted to join everyone else, so, she climbed off of Elicia just before she passed out from asphyxiation. Then, leaving Elicia to gasp for breath, Shizuka quickly crawled over to Rika and wrapped her arms around her best friend's waist from behind.

"It looks like you're gonna fit in with the rest of us just fine, Rika." Shizuka said before pecking Rika on the cheek.

"I guess so." Rika said while continuing to violently force Erza to deepthroat Alfonzo.

"Ahh~~~~~!" Irene screamed, interrupting Shizuka and Rika's conversation.

Looking up, Shizuka and Rika saw Irene, who was now gripping Alfonzo's hair with both hands, shuddering violently with her head thrown back. And if they had been looking at her from a different angle, they would have been able to see that her eyes were rolled back and her tongue was hanging out of her mouth, as well.

"She didn't last very long, did she?" Elicia asked as she crawled up behind Shizuka and Rika. "Well, it's been a long time since she got some, so I guess it's expected."

"Yeah, I guess so." Rika muttered before pulling Erza's head up.

"*Pant* *Pant* Wow!, I never thought Mother would ever scream like that." Erza said while catching her breath.

At the same time, Irene's right leg gave out, causing her to fall in an awkward position with er left leg still over Alfonzo's shoulder while she slumped down.

"Damn, she's flexible." Rika mutter.

"Yeah, I could never split my legs like that." Shizuka muttered with a hint of envy in her tone.

"Well, maybe if you trained your body a little more, you would be able to." Rika said.

"Absolutely not!" Elicia said sternly. "What if those tits got smaller because she started training. That would be the loss of a national--- No, world treasure."

Rika could only stare blankly at Elicia after she made such a statement. Meanwhile, Shizuka looked horrified at the thought of her breasts getting smaller. However, the conversation ended shortly after that when they heard Alfonzo's voice.

"So, you think you're the dominant one here, huh?" Alfonzo asked while Irene panted against his chest while still in that awkward position. "Let me show you who really runs the bedroom, Irene."

With that, Alfonzo hooked his arm under Irene's right thigh. Then, he lifted her off the bed just like that while supporting her body with his hands on her butt. Then, he climbed off the bed and forced her back against the wall right next to it.

"Huh? What are you=== Ahn~~~~~!" Irene started to ask before her words came to a stop and she orgasmed again when Alfonzo pushed his dick into her pussy.

'God damn she's tight!' Alfonzo screamed internally while trying not to cum immediately. 'Four hundred years make one hell of a born again virgin.'

Despite that, Alfonzo slowly pulled out of Irene. Then, with only the head remaining, he forcefully slammed into her again.

Smack!

"Ahn~~~~~!" Irene moaned once again as she wrapped her arms around Alfonzo's neck subconsciously.

Smack!

"Ahn~~~~~!"

Smack!

"Ahn~~~~~!"

And the rhythm would continue until Irene finally came down from her orgasm. When she did, she glared at Alfonzo defiantly.

"You think you can tame this queen with just that?" Irene asked arrogantly. "You haven't lived long enough to understand the difference between us, Boy."

Unlike Utear, Irene's dominant attitude was not just an act to make Alfonzo fuck her brains out. However, it served the same purpose, as Alfonzo frowned slightly at Irene's arrogant words.

"Oh, I just didn't want to completely break your mind while you were reeling from your orgasm, Your Majesty." Alfonzo replied condescendingly. "But now that you're back with us, I'll show you how it feels to really get fucked."

Hearing that, Irene sneered. However, before she could retort, her eyes opened wide and she threw her head back.

"Ahn~~~~~!" Irene moaned once again as Alfonzo started slamming into her pussy with reckless abandon. "Oh, Mmm~~~! God, Ahn~~~~~! Slow down. No, don't slow down! Harder! Give it to Ahn~~~~~! Me harder!"

And Alfonzo did just that. Meanwhile, Elicia, Erza, Shizuka, and Rika looked at that scene with anticipation. And when Elicia heard Irene screaming and saw her holding on to Alfonzo for dear life, she smiled.

"That queenly attitude didn't last long, did it?" Elicia asked.

"Well, that was to be expected, was it not?" Erza asked while rubbing her thighs together excitedly. "When Alfonzo really puts in the effort, not even you last very long."

"That's true." Elicia replied while nodding her head. Then, she turned to Rika, who started to look a little nervous after seeing how roughly Alfonzo was pounding Irene.. "You don't need to be so nervous, Rika. Fonzie won't be that hard on you for your first time."

"Oh, that's not what I'm worried about." Rika replied while shaking her head. "It's just... I'm really sensitive. If he were to do me like that, I might get addicted."

Hearing that, Elicia's eyes lit up. Then, she tapped her heel against the floor ten times with in the blink of an eye before appearing behind Rika and wrapping her arms around Rika's waist.

"Is that so?" Elicia asked as she slid her hands down and looped her thumbs around the sides of Rika's panties.

"Hey, Lici?" Rika asked in a confused tone. "What are you doing?"

Before Rika even finished her question, Elicia slid Rika's panties down. Then, she moved her hands to Rika's crotch and started rubbing gently.

"I'm getting you warmed up for Fonzie." Elicia said in a seductive tone before blowing a warm breath into Rika's ear. "It will be your turn soon, after all."

"Mmm~~! Stop, Lici." Rika said, protesting weakly as Elicia started pleasuring her. "I'm already warmed up."

"I know." Elicia said with a smile. "I can feel how wet you are already."

"Then, why are you---" Rika started to ask.

"Ahh~~~~~!" At that moment, Irene's scream interrupted the conversation.

In the next instant, Elicia and Rika turned their attention back to Alfonzo and Irene. And what they saw made them widen their eyes in surprise.

Currently, Alfonzo was still pounding Irene with everything he had. However, Irene was not in a good state anymore. Instead of holding on to Alfonzo and asking him to give her more, her arms were drooping at her sides, her head was leaning against the wall, her eyes were completely rolled back, only showing the whites of her eyes, she was drooling, her tongue was hanging out of her mouth, and if you listened hard enough, you could hear her asking for mercy, too.

Unfortunately, Alfonzo had been triggered by Irene's queen act. So, he continued to pound into Irene until he reached his limit.

"Ugh!" Alfonzo grunted as he released his seed deep inside of Irene.

The only response Irene had was the twitching of her body as Alfonzo's warmth spread inside of her. Then, when Alfonzo had emptied his load, he lowered Irene's feet to the floor before letting go of her. Then, he stepped back and watched as she slid down the wall until she was sitting on the floor with glassy eyes.

Satisfied with his work, Alfonzo nodded to himself. Then, he turned to look at Erza and hooked his finger in her direction.

Seeing Alfonzo's gesture, Erza wasted no time walking towards him. Then, when she was standing right next to him, she first glanced down at her mother with a blushing face. Seeing Irene in this situation was a bit more stimulating than Erza expected.

"Erza, clean me up." Alfonzo ordered in a more domineering tone than usual.

Hearing that, Erza immediately dropped to her knees. Then, she raised her right hand to take a hold of Alfonzo's dick. However, before she could wrap her fingers around it, her hand was grabbed.

"Huh?" Erza exclaimed in confusion.

"No hands." Alfonzo said, answering Erza's unasked question.

After that, Alfonzo stepped towards Erza and pressed the tip of his dick against Erza's lips, and Erza opened her mouth wide obediently.

Gag! *Slurp!* *Gag!* *Slurp!* *Gag!* *Slurp!*

Then, Erza began bobbing her head back and forth with great vigor, pressing her nose against Alfonzo's pelvis every time she pushed forward.

"Wow! I've never seen Erza be so proactive before." Elicia said with her eyes and mouth opened wide in surprise. "It's hotter than I expected."

Shizuka and Rika nodded their heads in agreement. Meanwhile, Shizuka stepped to the side, ending up behind Elicia and Rika, before wrapping her arms around Elicia's waist and resting her chin on Elicia's shoulder to watch the show.

Erza's deep throat blowjob went on for the next few minutes. During that time, Irene finally regained her senses. And when she did, the first thing she saw was Alfonzo's dick disappearing and reappearing in Erza's mouth.

"What... is going on?" Irene asked groggily.

"Oh, she's finally back with us." Alfonzo said with a smile as he placed his right hand on top of Erza's head, signaling for her to stop. Then, he began combing his fingers through her beautiful scarlet red hair as he turned to look at Irene. "I just wanted to give you a front row seat."

After saying that, Alfonzo reached down and pulled Erza off his dick before helping her stand up. Then, he made Erza stand right in front of Irene, her crotch at eye-level with her mother.

"What are you going to do?" Irene asked.

"This." Alfonzo replied as he gently pushed Erza's back.

With Alfonzo's push, Erza leaned forward. Eventually, her breasts and hands were pressed up against the wall Irene was leaning against. At the same time, Alfonzo pulled on Erza's hips, causing her butt to stick out and her back to arch. Then, with his free hand, he gently guided his dick towards Erza's pussy before rubbing the head up and down on her lower lips.

"Mmm~~!" Erza moaned from the stimulation.

After that, Alfonzo slowly pushed inside of Erza. Meanwhile, thanks to her angle, Irene could see every inch slowly disappearing inside of her daughter. And although she wanted to move away, at first, Irene's body was still as soft as Jello. So, that wasn't possible.

"Ahn~~~!" Erza moaned once again when Alfonzo was completely sheathed inside of her.

Smack!

"Mmm~~~!" Erza moaned once again After Alfonzo slapped her ass.

"Now, watch carefully, Irene." Alfonzo said with a slightly sadistic smile on his face.

After that, the sound of flesh colliding, went, gushy sounds, and Erza's moans echoed around the room as Alfonzo fucked Erza silly. At the same time, Irene could not tear her eyes away from Erza's crotch, where Alfonzo's dick was sliding in and out at a quick pace.

"Irene really must have set him off." Elicia muttered as she let go of Rika, got out from between Shizuka and Rika, and stepped closer to the action.

"*Sigh* Another one took my spot in line." Rika said.

"Don't worry, Rika." Shizuka said as she stepped forward and hugged Rika in Elicia's stead. "Fonzie didn't forget about you."

"*Sigh* I know." Rika replied. "but I'm starting to get impatient."

Despite saying that, Rika could not pull her eyes away from the scene in front of her, either.

Alfonzo continued to pound Erza from behind for the next ten minutes or so. And just as he felt Erza's vaginal walls contracting, signifying that she was about to reach her first orgasm, he stopped moving, denying her the release that her body was craving. Then, he slowly pulled his dick out of Erza and let go of her waist.

And because of the high-intensity pounding she had just received, once she was no longer being supported, Erza, like Irene had done only a few minutes ago, slid down the wall, ending up leaning against Irene.

"*Sigh* She told me that she's into denial." Irene muttered "But I didn't think it was this bad. Look at your face, Erza, you're in euphori--- Mmph!"

Before Irene could finish voicing her thoughts, Alfonzo decisively stuffed his dick into her mouth, causing her eyes to widen in shock and surprise.

"Help me clean that up real quick." Alfonzo said as he reached down to grab Irene by the hair. "I've made Rika wait for long enough."

With that, Alfonzo began to gently pump his hips. Meanwhile, Rika's eyes lit up, looking forward to finally getting her turn. She then pulled away from Shizuka's embrace and climbed onto the edge of the bed with her butt pointed in Alfonzo's direction while looking over her shoulder in anticipation.

At the same time, Shizuka, with a smile on her face, sat down next to Rika and watched Alfonzo, as well.

Not even a minute later, Alfonzo pulled out of Irene's mouth while Irene lightly glared at him, feeling humiliated for being forced to do that. Not to say she disliked it. But she was a queen. To think someone had forced her to do something like that.

"You may have been a queen before, but I'm the king of this bedroom" Alfonzo whispered into Irene's ear.

After that, Alfonzo decisively turned away and started walking towards Rika.

"This arrogant boy." Irene muttered as she followed Alfonzo with her eyes.

Before Alfonzo arrived at the side of the bed, he felt a familiar weight on his back.

"Fonzie, that was so hot." Elicia whispered into Alfonzo's ear with her arms and legs wrapped around Alfonzo's waist and torso. "You have to do me like that tonight, too, okay?"

"If that's what you want." Alfonzo said with a smile as he turned his head and pecked Elicia on the cheek.

Around that time, Alfonzo arrived at the edge of the bed, right behind Rika. However, before he could take hold of her hips, Shizuka swooped down and swallowed his dick to the base.

"Shizuka~~~~~!" Rika whined. "Are you trying to cut the line, too?"

Slurp~~~~~! *Pop!*

"No, of course not." Shizuka said with her usual bubbly smile. "I'm just making sure he's ready for you, Rika."

As she spoke, Shizuka raised her hands and placed them on Rika's butt cheeks. Then, she gently spread them, revealing Rika's dripping wet pussy for everyone to see. And despite finding Shizuka's actions embarrassing, Rika, now with a blush on her face, still looked at Alfonzo with anticipation.

And Alfonzo, without a word, answered Rika's expectations, as he held her waist with his left hand and used his right hand to guide his dick inside of her.

"Mmm~~!" Rika moaned as Alfonzo slowly pushed inside of her.

Yet, despite this being her first time, Rika showed no signs of discomfort, as she had broken her hymen long ago during training.

"Give it to me, Alfonzo." Rika said once she could feel Alfonzo resting against her cervix. "Make me feel what I've been missing."

Nodding in response, with Elicia kissing, nibbling, and licking his earlobe, Alfonzo started pumping his hips. Starting slowly at first, Alfonzo picked up his speed over time.

"Oh, God! Yes~~~~~!" Rika moaned loudly as Alfonzo got into a good rhythm. "Harder! Fuck me--- Ahn~~~~~! Harder!"

All the while, Shizuka held Rika's butt cheeks open while smiling at her best friend's lascivious expressions.

"Ooh! I'm cumming~~~~~! I'm cumming~~~~~!" Rika screamed as her back arched, her toes curled, her eyes rolled back, and she threw her head back.

"Hmph!" At the same time, Alfonzo grunted as he bust his nut inside of Rika.

For the next few seconds, Alfonzo basked in the afterglow of his second orgasm of the night. Meanwhile, Rika shuddered violently as she rode the waves of her own orgasm. Still, Alfonzo was the first to recover. And when he did, he pulled out of Rika. And that caused his semen to leak out of her pussy now that nothing was blocking the entrance.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo reached back and pulled Elicia off his back before throwing her onto the bed on the other side of Rika.

"Alright, you're next." Alfonzo said while smiling lustfully.

Elicia, on the other hand, spread her legs, grabbed her ankles, and smiled even more lustfully than Alfonzo.

"I've been waiting." Elicia said before licking her lips seductively.

Chapter 633: Good News in the Morning

While Amar'e's birthday party was winding down, the guests were gathered in small groups either chatting, enjoying the amusement facilities, or having friendly sparring matches on the ring Alfonzo set up on the lake. Meanwhile, all the [armament Spirits] and Zanpakuto Spirits were interacting in a way like no other. However, there was one guest who was having a comparatively harder time than the rest.

Though this particular guest, Darkness, was smiling elegantly the entire time, she would shudder violently every once in a while. And the reason for that was simple, her eyes were almost always focused on the ring floating on the lake. And every time she saw one of the blows the people sparring took, she was almost driven into one of her masochism induced stupors.

Especially when she saw Laxus sparring with anyone. Just the thought of his electricity coursing through her body almost sent her to cloud nine.

'Mmm~~~~! I would love to invite him back to the barracks to help me... Uh... help the knights work on their torture resistance.' Darkness thought to herself as her eyes were focused on Laxus, who was coated in golden lightning.

At that moment, Laxus, who was sparring with Jura, flinched. Unfortunately, that left an opening that someone as experienced as Jura had no issue taking advantage of. As a result, Laxus was sent flying from the ring when a fist made of stone struck him.

Splash!

"Damn it." Laxus muttered after swimming back to the surface. "What the hell was that strange feeling. It feels like I'm being watched by a predator or something. But really different at the same time."

While speaking, Laxus could not help but sweep his gaze over the entire area. Luckily Darkness was sitting at a dead angle from where Laxus surfaced in the lake. So, he was unable to catch sight of her. If he had, his somewhat disgusted and concerned gaze would have turned into shock and horror rather quickly. And that would have led to Darkness completely breaking down and falling into her usual pattern.

"Alright, everyone, let's call it a night.!" Alfonzo shouted, drawing everyone's attention to himself.

When everyone, including Darkness, turned to see Alfonzo, they could see him holding Amar'e in his arms. And when they saw Amar'e, it was easy to understand why Alfonzo was calling the party to an end. Amar'e was struggling with all his might to stay awake. But he was pretty much asleep in Alfonzo's arms, and he was fussing and on the verge of crying at any moment.

Although the Fairy Tail bunch were not the most sensible group of people, they all absolutely adored Amar'e. So, they decided to follow Alfonzo's words without a fuss. And the other guests, who were much more sensible than the wizards from Fairy Tail got ready to leave, as well, since the host had called for the end of the party.

'*Sigh* It's finally over.' Darkness thought as she shakily stood up from her seat.

However, before she could take her first step, Grayfia appeared next to her and gently placed a hand on Darkness' shoulder.

"Lady Dustiness, you don't look as though you're doing too well." Grayfia said in a professional tone as she firmly pressed Darkness back into her seat. "Perhaps you should take a few moments to compose yourself before you try to leave."

And Grayfia was not wrong. Currently, Darkness' face was flushed as if she had a fever. However, that was not the most important factor behind Grayfia's actions. Instead, it was because when Darkness stood up, the back of her dress was soaked. As for why, we'll just leave that to your imagination.

And when Darkness was gently forced to sit back down, she realized that fact, as well. And her face immediately reddened to a new degree.

"*Pant* Thank... Thank you... Grayfia." Darkness said as her breathing became labored. "I think... *Pant* I'll take you up... *Pant*. On that offer."

'Oh dear, how embarrassing would it have been if I walked back to my hotel with my dress looking like this?' Darkness thought to herself while feeling the wet fabric against her skin. 'The other guests, as well as the people of the town, would have undoubtedly noticed. Then, they would have pointed and talked about me behind my back. They would have wondered what kind of accident I had. Some would have thought that I fell and made a mess of myself. Others would have thought that I urinated on myself. Either way, the news would have, no doubt, made it back to the capital. Then, to my unit. And I would have been disgraced...'

The further Darkness got into her thoughts, the more her face reddened and the more ragged her breathing became.

Meanwhile, Grayfia, who was assigned as Darkness' personal maid until she left could only shake her head outside of Darkness' field of vision.

'Master Alfonzo and Madam Elicia must truly command a high level of respect.' Grayfia thought to herself. 'To think the notorious Perverted Knight of the Capital would try so hard to keep her composure when in their presence. It's truly astonishing. *Sigh* I suppose I should do something as to not tarnish her efforts.'

In the next instant, Grayfia's right index finger lit up with a soft green glow. Then, she placed it on the back of Darkness' head.

"[Sleep]." Grayfia chanted softly.

A moment later, Darkness felt her eyelids grow heavy. Then, they slowly closed as her head slumped forward. However, before she could fall from her chair, Grayfia gently caught her. Then, the two women disappeared from where they stood in a burst of speed. At the same time, Grayfia evaporated all the traces of Darkness' state from the chair she was sitting in with a touch of [Heat Magic], as well.

In the end, Grayfia took Darkness to her hotel room, stripped her out of her dress, washed her, dressed her in a set of pajamas she found in Darkness' luggage, tucked her into bed, and returned to the mansion without letting any of the other guests know that anything had happened.

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The next morning, Alfonzo woke up covered in female bodies, which was a normal occurrence by now. And like many times, when he first opened his eyes, he caught sight of a head of scarlet red hair. And the body attached to that hair's squirming is what woke him up today.

"*Yawn* Good morning, Erza." Alfonzo said groggily as he began combing his fingers through the scarlet red hair on his chest. "Hmm?"

Yet, something was wrong with today's experience. When his fingers reached a certain point, they were stopped by the hair, which seemed to be braided. And when he heard the voice he expected to respond to his greeting, rather than from his chest, it came from his left side.

"Good morning, Alfonzo." Erza said. "You didn't even look in my direction, yet you already knew that I was awake."

"Huh?" Alfonzo intoned in confusion while turning his head to the left.

When Alfonzo turned towards the voice, he saw Erza lying on her side and smiling at him. That caused him to quickly turn back and look at the head of scarlet hair resting on his chest. At that moment, the memory of last night played back in Alfonzo's head.

"Oh, that's right." Alfonzo muttered. "I actually did it, huh?"

"You did!" Elicia said excitedly from Alfonzo's right side. "You achieved the legendary Oyakodon!"

"Elicia, I've heard you mention this 'Oyakodon' before." Erza said as she propped herself up with her right arm so that she could look at Elicia over Alfonzo. "What is it exactly."

"Oh, it's a term I came up with." Elicia said, sounding as if she was explaining a great discovery. "Oyakodon refers to a mother and a child sharing the same partner, whether it be in a romantic or sexual way."

"I see." Erza said with a nod. "I suppose the term fits mother and I's situation then, doesn't it?"

"It sure does." Elicia replied happily.

Hearing this conversation, the owner of the scarlet red hair resting on Alfonz's chest, Irene, began to squirm even more intensely.

"Regretting it?" Alfonzo asked as he continued to comb his fingers through Irene's hair. "Well, I'm sorry to say that it's too late for regrets if you are. From now on, you're mine."

"I don't regret it." Irene said in a small voice without raising her head. "I never regret the decisions I make."

Reaching that point, Irene paused for a while. However, when she started speaking again, her voice was even quieter than before.

"It's just really embarrassing." Irene said. "Not only am I sharing a man with my daughter, but I was so easily subdued, as well. And that last part was somewhat humiliating."

"But you love every second of it, didn't you?" Elicia asked with a wide smile on her face while poking Irene in the butt with her left index finger repeatedly while watching it jiggle.

Smack!

"Even if I did, that gives you no right to take liberties with me as you please, Little Girl." Irene said fiercely as she swatted Elicia's hand away.

"You didn't seem to have a problem with it last night, though." Elicia said cheekily.

"Be silent." Irene ordered while burying her face even harder into Alfonzo's chest to hide the intensifying blush on her cheeks.

"By the way, Lici." Alfonzo said, intending to stop Elicia from egging on Irene.

"Hmm? What's up, Fonzie?" Elicia asked curiously.

"How the hell are you awake so early?" Alfonzo asked in a thoroughly confused tone. "I looked at the clock just now, and it's only 6:30."

"Oh, that's because I haven't been to sleep yet." Elicia said energetically. "If it wasn't because you were still inside of Irene and I didn't wanna wake her up, I would have pulled you out and hopped on for another round while you were sleeping."

As Elicia mentioned, Alfonzo and Irene were still connected from last night's fun. In fact, that was the reason Irene was sleeping on top of him like she was.

"Hmm... Now that you mention it, something was feeling pretty good just now." Alfonzo muttered. "That's the whole reason I woke up in the first place. Otherwise, I might have slept for a half an hour, or so, more."

Hearing that, Irene could not help but start squirming again.

"Oh, there it is again." Alfonzo said with a grin while continuing to comb his fingers through Irene's hair.

"Now I see why you all are the strongest group of wizards in the guild." Rika, who was woken up by the voices of the others, said while wiping the sleep out of her eyes. "You all wake up so early. You probably start training right after that, too, don't you?"

"Nope." Alfonzo replied nonchalantly. "We always have breakfast before we start training. Otherwise, we don't have enough calories to get any real training done."

"I see." Rika replied in an understanding tone.

Growl! x 4

Immediately afterwards, Elicia's, Erza's, Rika's, and Irene's tummies growled in unison.

"And after nights like last night, that becomes all the more important." Alfonzo said with a victorious smile on his face. "We all burned quite a few calories, after all."

"Can you please stop bringing up last night?" Irene said, finally raising her head to look Alfonzo in the eyes.

"*smooch!*

"Sure, if that's what Her Majesty wants." Alfonzo said after stealing a kiss from Irene's full, luscious lips.

"So, you'll start taking advantage of me, too?" Irene asked in an embarrassed tone.

"Try saying that again when my dick isn't still inside of you, okay?" Alfonzo shot back.

"Be silent." Irene said, sounding even more embarrassed than before. "Just go make breakfast."

"You'll still have to take it out, you know?" Alfonzo said in a cheeky tone.

Hearing that, Irene grumbled and turned her head to one side. Yet, she made no effort to take Alfonzo's manhood out of her.

'Yeah right, it's been more than four hundred years since I felt this.' Irene thought to herself. 'I'm not quite ready to give it up yet. On top of that, I never felt so full when I did it with that traitorous piece of filth.'

"Hahahahaha!" Alfonzo, Elicia, and Rika laughed cheerfully after seeing Irene's reaction.

Erza, on the other hand, nodded understandingly.

"Indeed, the feeling of having Alfonzo inside of you can truly be addictive." Erza said solemnly. "I completely understand your reluctance to leave that feeling."

'Be quiet, Erza.' Irene said sharply.

That only caused the other three to laugh even more uproariously. Meanwhile, the last person in the bed, Shizuka, slept soundly with a sweet smile on her face.

"Anyway, you should be careful when we go to the guild hall today, Fonzie." Elicia said after getting her laughter under control. "Gildarts is probably gonna wanna fight with you when he finds out that Irene is with you now."

"Ur will probably be rather wary, too." Erza added. "Of both you and Gildarts, and I'm sure the reasons will be the same for both of you."

"Yeah, she'll probably think that Gildarts wants a mother-daughter pair, too." Rika said with a smile. "And she'll think that you're aiming for a second pair. Oh, Ultear might be rather wary of the same thing, too."

"Nah, Tear and I already talked about it." Alfonzo replied while shaking his head. "I'm not gonna do that. Besides, I don't make moves on other men's women."

After saying that, Alfonzo's expression turned a little sinister.

"And if Gildarts is thinking that, or even makes a joke about it..." Alfonzo said in a deeper pitch than usual. "I'll have to kick his ass to make him understand why thoughts like that are a bad idea."

"Fonzie, you're so possessive." Elicia said as she leaned over and pecked Alfonzo on the cheek. "but I like it."

"No, that's not it." Alfonzo replied while shaking his head. "if... Let's use Tear as an example, if Tear wanted to leave, although I'd be sad and try to convince her otherwise, I wouldn't do anything overboard to get her to stay. But if someone tried to take her from me, that would be a different story."

"You sound like a dragon." Irene muttered. "so protective of your treasures. And we, your women, are what you consider to be your treasures."

"That's right, you're all treasures to me." Alfonzo replied with a smile. "And that includes Little Man, too. But if you decide to leave on your own, you can't be considered my treasures anymore. So, I have no right to make you stay."

Bang!

At that moment, the door was flung open and slammed into the connecting wall. And through the open door, Mirajane ran in with an excited smile on her face.

"Alfonzo! Alfonzo! Look! Look!" Mirajane shouted while holding a small, pink, magic device in her right hand. "There are two lines! Two lines!"

By now, Mirajane had reached the foot of the bed. Then, without any consideration, she leapt forward towards Alfonzo, who Irene was still lying on top of, with her arms spread and tears pooling in her eyes.

"Mmm~~~." Irene groaned from a sudden feeling of emptiness.

Reacting quickly, Alfonzo shifted Irene to one side, his manhood slipping out of her in the process, and opened his free arm to catch Mirajane.

"We're gonna have a baby!" Mirajane continued shouting excitedly. "We're gonna be parents! What should we name them? If it's a boy, I was thinking---"

Before Mirajane could get too into her speech, Alfonzo, just as excited as Mirajane, leaned in and kissed her passionately. When he did, Mirajane, with the little magic item, a pregnancy test Alfonzo created last year after Elicia got pregnant and Mirajane started talking about wanting a baby of her own, still in her hand, hugged Alfonzo tightly as her tears fell.

Meanwhile, everyone else smiled, happy for Alfonzo and Mirajane.

Chapter 634: The New Hokage

After Mirajane's good news, just to make sure that she was pregnant, Alfonzo accompanied her to see Porlyusica. And the pregnancy test she took turned out to be correct. And when Shizuka, the other one of Alfonzo's wives who wanted a baby, heard about it, she took a pregnancy test, as well. Unfortunately, as she had already known, she was not pregnant.

So, for the next few days, Alfonzo and Shizuka spent as much time as they could trying to get Shizuka pregnant. Unfortunately, those happy times had to come to an end, as Alfonzo and Elicia had planned to take a quest together shortly after Amar'e's birthday. Though, there was another reason behind them taking a quest together than just work, which was made evident when they did not allow anyone to come with them.

Then, after Alfonzo and Elicia returned from their quest, Alfonzo had to head back to the Village Hidden in the Leaves. And he would have to work at a faster pace than before because he wanted to finish the job of upgrading their training grounds before the x788 S-Class Promotion Exam. Even so, a few of his fellow Fairy Tail wizards came with him, as usual.

"*Sigh* We're back again." Rika said with a smile. "At least I didn't get left behind this time."

"You should thank Lord Hokage for that." Saeko replied. "If he hadn't agreed to let some extra people come, you probably would have been left behind again."

"Why does it have to be me?" Rika asked with a pout. "Why couldn't it be Laki?"

"Are you really gonna get in the way of Laki's love?" Alfonzo asked with a smile. "I can feel it, she's on the verge of bagging Kakashi. You saw them at Little Man's birthday party, right? They were pretty much attached at the hip."

"*Sigh* I guess that's true." Rika replied while shaking her head. "I wouldn't wanna get in the way of anyone's love life."

Meanwhile, Laki, who was walking alongside Alfonzo, Saeko, Rika, and Miyuki, only smiled in her usual manner, neither confirming or denying Alfonzo's statement.

"I'm just glad Master Tsunade is in the village." Wendy said with a smile while walking a few steps ahead of the rest of the group with Carla. "Hopefully, I'll be able to learn even more from her."

"If you can, get her to teach you about that mark on her forehead, too." Alfonzo said with a grin. "Then again, you might have to take her as a master before she does that, though."

Hearing that, Wendy stopped and turned around with surprise on her face.

"How do you know about that?" Wendy asked in a dumbfounded tone.

"I know about most of the techniques that are practiced in the Leaf." Alfonzo replied. "But I only know a little about this one. I never saw the specifics."

Although Alfonzo was not telling the whole truth, he did tell Wendy what he should know. Because Danzō's base had the bare minimum amount of information about Tsunade's [Creation Rebirth] technique. However, Danzō was never able to place anyone close enough to Tsunade to learn any more about it.

"Hmm... I wonder if Master Tsunade would be willing to teach me, too." Shizuka, the last person to accompany the group, asked while placing her right index finger on her right cheek.

"Well, there's no harm in asking, right?" Rika asked as she threw an arm over Shizuka's shoulder.

"Yeah." Shizuka replied while nodding her head.

"Anyway, you guys go on to the house." Alfonzo said. "The old man asked me to go see him when I came back. So, I'll see you when I'm done meeting with him."

Receiving nods in return, Alfonzo split up with the ladies and made his way to the Hokage Tower. And almost immediately after he separated from the others, Yamato appeared next to him from a swirl of leaves.

"Yo, what's up, Yamato?" Alfonzo asked without even looking in Yamato's direction. "I thought you would have showed up before we split up."

"Well, I didn't want to interrupt." Yamato replied. "You all seemed to be having such a good time, after all."

"That's just how Fairy Tail wizards do." Alfonzo said with a smile on his face. A moment later, however, his smile turned rather bitter as he continued. "Unfortunately, some of us have the tendency to destroy everything around us while we're having fun, though."

"Haha..." Yamato laughed hollowly after hearing that. "Please, I beg you and your guild mates not to do that while you're in the village. We just finished all the repairs from the invasion."

"Don't worry, I didn't bring any of the more destructive members of the guild." Alfonzo said as he clapped Yamato on the shoulder. "Why do you think I've never brought Erza, Natsu, or Gray with me."

"But you did bring Cana Alberona with you last time." Yamato pointed out.

"Well, she is one of my wives. On top of that, as long as either Lici or I are with her, Cana can be kept under control." Alfonzo explained. "But keeping the other three from destroying stuff is an exercise in futility."

"I see..." Yamato replied skeptically.

Like that, the two men continued to chat as they made their way to the Hokage Tower. When they eventually arrived outside the Hokage's office, Yamato was the one to knock, as always.

"Come in."

Hearing the calm, clearly female voice that replied to Yamato's knocking, Alfonzo raised an eyebrow. Even so, he did not linger outside of the office after Yamato opened the door and gestured for him to enter.

Just as he expected, when Alfonzo entered the office, instead of Hiruzen, Tsunade was sitting behind the Hokage's desk with the Hokage's hat hanging on the wall behind her. On top of that, she was wearing a red and white robe, looking quite official.

"So, he convinced you to take the office, huh?" Alfonzo said as he walked towards the desk. "I honestly didn't see this coming."

"Neither did I, Kid." Tsunade said before picking up a tea cup and taking a sip. She then frowned slightly after swallowing her mouthful of tea and put the teacup back down on the desk. "*Sigh* He did it while I was drunk at Amar'e's birthday party. Unfortunately, he made sure that Kakashi and Guy were there to be witnesses when I agreed."

"Ooh... That sucks." Alfonzo said while smiling wryly. "so, who's gonna take over as the master of Mermaid Heel, then?"

"Master Retsu is taking over temporarily." Tsunade replied. "As for the future, I have no idea. I'm sure Kagura will be the guild master at some point, but she's too young right now."

"Well, I wish you and Mermaid Heel luck." Alfonzo said sincerely.

In response, Tsunade shrugged her shoulders.

"Anyway, seeing me sitting here as the new Hokage is not why Sensei called you here." Tsunade said in a more solemn tone.

Seeing Tsunade's expression and hearing her tone, Alfonzo took on a more serious expression, as well.

"Yeah, I was wondering what he wanted to talk to me about." Alfonzo replied.

"First of all, he wanted to know why you kept Orochimaru's subordinates alive." Tsunade said. "Killing them would have taken next to no time for you, right?"

"That's right, they weren't very strong." Alfonzo replied with a nod. "Honestly, I just wanted to see if I would be able to remove their [Curse Seals] like I did with Anko's. I mean, from what I could tell, they

were much more complicated than the one Anko had. And since no one cares if they die in the process, I didn't think it would be so bad."

"I see." Tsunade replied. "Well, it's common for captured shinobi to be used as experimental subjects." Tsunade said with a nod. "Secondly, the village wishes for you to take Sasuke under your wing for three years, or so."

Hearing that, Alfonzo widened his eyes in surprise. However, he took a moment to think about it not long later.

'I guess that makes sense.' Alfonzo thought to himself while stroking his chin. 'In the canon, all the members of Team 7 had Senin as teachers. But since I killed Orochimaru, that kind of fucked that up. On the other hand, I should be able to help him widen his arsenal of [Lightning-Style Ninjutsu].'

"Rather, the village would like you and Saeko Busujima to take him under your wings." Tsunade said, correcting herself a moment later.

"That makes sense, I guess." Alfonzo said with a shrug. "Saeko taught him swordsmanship after all. And I know more about [Lightning-Style Ninjutsu] thanks to my [Electromagnetism Magic]. Hell, I could probably even figure out the Raikage's [Lightning Cloak] if I really wanted to, too."

Hearing that, Tsunade's eyes lit up in anticipation. However, Alfonzo's next words, the words she has come to hate ever since she first made a deal with him back in x785, made her expression drop rather quickly.

"Naturally, we could help him grow stronger without any issues." Alfonzo said with a smile. Then, he raised his right hand and rubbed his thumb and index finger together as he continued. "So, how much are you willing to pay for this?"

Although Alfonzo and the ladies had helped train Sasuke and his classmates before they graduated from the academy, that was just them helping out some school kids. But now, all nine of them were part of the Leaf's shinobi forces. So, the Leaf would naturally have to pay a corresponding amount to get Sasuke special training from two of Fairy Tail's wizards.

"You're such a miser." Tsunade muttered while wearing a bitter expression.

The next two hours were spent in negotiations, with Tsunade trying to push the price down as low as she could and Alfonzo trying his best to inflate it as much as possible. In the end, they separated with Alfonzo happy with the deal and Tsunade frowning at the feeling of being ripped off.

'Don't blame me, Tsunade.' Alfonzo said to himself with a smile as he and Yamato left Tsunade's office. 'When you were only the master of a guild, I couldn't go too far. But a Hidden Village makes a lot more money than a guild does. So, there was no way you shouldn't have been ready to lose an arm and a leg when you asked me for something like this. Especially over such a long time.'

While Alfonzo was justifying his ruthless negotiation tactics to himself, Yamato could not help looking at Alfonzo like he was some kind of monster. For most of the negotiations, it was clear that Tsunade wanted to punch Alfonzo through a wall and out of the Hokage Tower. Yet, she did not even attempt it.

'I've never heard of Lady Tsunade keeping her temper in check like that before.' Yamato thought to himself. 'Usually, if anyone tried to hike up the prices like that, she would have just sent them flying. Then, they would have had to spend a few months in the hospital.'

There were actually two reasons why Tsunade did not take action despite being so upset by Alfonzo's asking price. First, the village was the one who asked Alfonzo and Saeko to train Sasuke. So, she expected him to ask for a high price. Second, and perhaps most important, was the fact that, at this point, Alfonzo was stronger than Tsunade, and Tsunade was well-aware of that fact. So, there was no point in doing something so fruitless.

Eventually, Alfonzo and Yamato reached the residence that had been set aside for the Fairy Tail wizards. And when they did, Alfonzo invited Yamato inside to have dinner with them. Naturally, Yamato accepted the offer. However, when he saw that he was not the only guest in the house, he was taken aback.

When the two arrived in the living room, the sixteen members of Teams 7, 8, 9, and 10 were all present. And that was so that they could all celebrate the three new Leaf Chunin who were promoted during the Chunin Exams that were interrupted by Orochimaru's attack.

"So, Naruto, Sasuke, and Shikamaru got promoted, huh?" Alfonzo asked after noticing that the three he named were all wearing flak jackets. "But seriously, those things don't suit you, Naruto and Sasuke."

"You think so, too, Big Bro Alfonzo?" Naruto asked while looking at his flak jacket with a frown. "I asked them if they could make mine orange, but they said no."

"We're only wearing them to show that we got promoted." Sasuke said. "Other than today, we don't wear them at all."

"But why didn't you tell us when you guys came to visit for Amar'e's birthday?" Rika asked curiously.

"Because we wanted to celebrate with everyone." Shikamaru said.

"Besides, teams 8 and 10 didn't go to the party." Ino added.

"I guess that makes sense." Alfonzo replied with a nod. "anyway, what do you three want for dinner? Since we're celebrating your promotion, you three can choose and I'll make you whatever you want."

Hearing that, Guy, Yamato, Kakashi, Neji, Tenten, Rock Lee, Ino, Choji, Sakura, Hinata, Kiba, and Shino all looked at Naruto, Sasuke, and Shikamaru with their eyes shining. Meanwhile, Asuma and Kurenai, who had never tasted Alfonzo's cooking, seemed rather skeptical.

"Oh, and I'm not making ramen." Alfonzo said while looking pointedly at Naruto, who pouted in response.

After that, Naruto, Sasuke, and Shikamaru made their requests. Then, Alfonzo and Miyuki went into the kitchen to cook. Meanwhile, everyone else sat in the living room to chat. And the celebration went on late into the night after dinner had been served.

On a side note, Asuma and Kurenai fell victim to Alfonzo's cooking, as well. At the same time, Asuma raised Alfonzo's threat level after seeing the way Kurenai's eyes sparkled after tasting the food.

Chapter 635: Finishing the Job

"Damn... Am I finally done?" Alfonzo asked himself while looking around the last of the training grounds he was contracted to upgrade in the Village Hidden in the Leaves. "It feels kind of unreal."

"Well, from what I've heard, you've been working on this for almost two years now." Yamato said.
"Actually, now that I think about it, you did all this in only two years. What kind of monster are you?"

"I ask myself that same question from time to time, too." Alfonzo replied while smiling bitterly.

As Alfonzo and Yamato were alluding to, In the almost two months since he and the others returned to the Village Hidden in the Leaves, Alfonzo had finally finished his contracted work. However, he happened to underestimate his work speed after turning up his pace. Originally, he only wanted to finish by the time the candidates for this year's S-Class Promotion Exam were announced.

Yet, while working as quickly as he could without making any mistakes, he had finished in time for the Harvest Festival in Magnolia.

"Well, I guess I should let Tsunade know I'm done." Alfonzo muttered while shaking his head. "*Sigh*" This is the longest job I've ever taken. I'm not taking any quests or jobs that will take me more than a week to complete for a long time."

Hearing that, Yamato could only smile wryly. He knew exactly what Alfonzo was feeling. AS a former member of the Leaf's Anbu, he had taken some long-term missions in the past, too. But unlike Alfonzo, he was not allowed to take weekends off to go visit his family. Not that he had a family to visit in the first place.

"Anyway, Miyuki, can you go back to the house and let everyone know that we'll be leaving tomorrow?" Alfonzo said as he turned back towards Miyuki, who had accompanied him every day he worked on this long project since the day she was hired.

"As you wish, Master Alfonzo." Miyuki said with a polite bow.

"Thanks." Alfonzo said with a smile. Then, he turned back to Yamato. "Alright, let's get going, Yamato."

Nodding in response, Yamato walked with Alfonzo and Miyuki as they left the training ground. After that, Miyuki split off from the two men while they made their way to the Hokage Tower. When they arrived at Tsunade's office, they found that Tsunade was not alone in her office.

Instead, Tsunade was sitting at her desk with a lifeless expression on her face while Shizune placed a document in front of her while smiling sweetly.

"Oh, Shizune." Alfonzo said after he and Yamato entered the office. "When did you get here? I thought you were on a quest with Mermaid Heel."

"Oh, good afternoon, Alfonzo." Shizune said while raising her head to greet the newcomers. "Yes, I just finished my quest a few days ago. And as soon as I got back, Master Unohana sent me here to assist Lady Tsunade."

"To keep her from getting into trouble, I guess." Alfonzo replied in a sympathetic tone. "So that she doesn't gamble away everything in the village's coffers, no doubt."

Bang!

As soon as Alfonzo's words fell, Tsunade slammed both her hands on her desk, causing all the papers atop it to fly into the air and Shizune's smile to disappear, as she would be the one who had to reorganize all the paperwork.

"What do you mean by that?" Tsunade asked in an irritated tone. "What would ever make you think that I would do something like that?"

"You mean... Other than the time you gambled away my payment a few years ago?" Alfonzo asked with an eyebrow raised. "Or maybe the reason why Mermaid Heel doesn't have any vehicles for guild use?"

And Alfonzo did not stop there, naming all the times where Mermaid Heel ended up in debt due to Tsunade's gambling habit. And with every point Alfonzo made, Tsunade's face reddened in embarrassment just a little more.

Meanwhile, Yamato, who felt that he should not be present for this conversation, tried his best to blend in with the office's decorations, as he did not want Tsunade's wrath to fall onto him for knowing more than he should.

"Okay, that's enough." Tsunade said, interrupting Alfonzo's torrent of previous examples of her gambling habit getting out of hand. "Anyway, what did you come here for?"

"Oh, I just wanted to let you know that I finished the upgrades to the last training ground a little while ago." Alfonzo replied while smiling cheekily, which made Tsunade grind her teeth in irritation. "So, I just wanted to let you know that we'll be leaving tomorrow."

When Tsunade finally registered Alfonzo's words, she blinked her pretty hazel eyes in confusion several times in succession. However, Tsunade was not the only one who was taken aback by the news, as Shizune stopped organizing all the scattered paperwork to stare at Alfonza blankly, as well.

"I'm sorry, could you repeat that?" Tsunade asked while rubbing her temples. "I think I heard you incorrectly. I must be tired from doing all this damned paperwork. Teaching Wendy and Sakura is taking up a lot of my time, too. Even Hinata has been coming around to seek guidance from me in [Medical Ninjutsu] lately, something she said you suggested to her."

Reaching that point, Tsunade looked up at Alfonzo fiercely.

"Now that I think about it, a lot of my work load has something to do with you, Kid." Tsunade said in a stern tone.

Shrugging in response, Alfonzo repeated his earlier declaration of his job completion without entertaining the topic Tsunade brought up, causing her to grit her teeth at the fact that she was being ignored.

"Anyway, since we'll be leaving tomorrow, I'll be cooking a feast for the kids." Alfonzo said with a smile. "It's just too bad Guy and his team aren't in the village. Oh, I was going to ask you to come over, too. But it seems that you're overworked. So, I doubt you'll---"

Bang!

Tsunade slammed her hands on her desk once again, this time standing up explosively as she did so. Unfortunately, that meant that the paperwork Shizune just finished organizing was sent flying once again, as well. As a result, Shizune could only stare at Tsunade with an aggrieved expression.

"Nonsense!" Tsunade shouted while staring Alfonzo in the eyes. "How could you call this being overworked? Everything I do is for the betterment of the village. So, I would naturally not feel it was a burden. As for your offer, although I'm quite busy, I do believe it would be the right thing to do to take some time out of my schedule to properly attend. You've done so much for the village, after all."

Alfonzo, Shizune, and Yamato simultaneously deadpanned at Tsunade's ability to spew such bullshit with a straight face. What made that whole declaration even more amazing was the fact that she did not blush even once. Yet, when Alfonzo mentioned her gambling only a few minutes ago, she was almost as red as a perfectly ripe apple.

"*Sigh* I don't even know how to reply to your enthusiasm." Alfonzo muttered while shaking his head. "But your skin's thickness changes on a case by case basis, doesn't it?"

"What are you talking about?" Tsunade asked while tilting her head, looking much cuter than a woman her age had any right to.

Seeing Tsunade's level of shamelessness, Alfonzo, Shizune, and Yamato decided to just let it go. After that, Alfonzo informed Tsunade of the time she should arrive at the residence. Then, he and Yamato left. After that, they headed to the village's market to buy some ingredients before heading back to the residence.

"You know, you're invited to tonight's little shindig, too." Alfonzo said as he and Yamato walked onto the residence's property.

"I thought so." Yamato replied with a smile and a chuckle. "But I'm glad you actually said something. If I had just showed up on an assumption, that would have been really awkward if I wasn't actually invited."

Cling! *Cling!* Clang!*

Hearing what Yamato had to say, Alfonzo started laughing uproariously. However, that laughter did not last very long, as the sound of colliding metal overshadowed his laughter rather quickly.

"Looks like they're at it again." Alfonzo said after he stopped laughing. "Sasuke really can't stand losing, can he?"

"Well, you know what his goal is, right?" Yamato said. "He can't slow down for a second if he wants to achieve it."

"Yeah, I know." Alfonzo replied with a nod. "But Saeko is a certified genius when it comes to the sword. I mean, she's probably even more talented than Erza."

"That's pretty high praise." Yamato said with a slightly surprised expression on his face.

"Well, it is what it is." Alfonzo replied with a shrug.

'Actually, now that I think about it, I never heard about Itachi and Kisame coming for Naruto after the Chunin Exams.' Alfonzo thought to himself. 'I wonder if that even happened in this world. I'm sure Tsunade would have told me about it if it did. And if she didn't, Naruto definitely would have said something.'

In actuality, the two Alfonzo was thinking about, Itachi Uchiha and his partner, Kisame Hoshigaki, members of a group of rogue shinobi from various hidden villages, never even came to the Village in the Leaves to abduct Naruto. And the reason for that was simple, there were just too many powerful people in the village when compared to canon.

For example, Hiruzen did not die like he did in the canon. On top of that, both Jiraiya and Tsunade were in the village, as well. To add even more deterrence, the organization Itachi and Kisame belonged to, the Akatsuki, had received reports of Alfonzo spending a lot of time in the village. And they had no idea when he would be in the village or not.

On top of that, because of the Akatsuki's connections, they had heard of Alfonzo defeating God Serena shortly after it happened. So, they were under no illusion that they were a match for him without their leader taking action.

"Anyway, let's head inside, I gotta get these groceries into the fridge before it's time to start cooking." Alfonzo said.

With that, Alfonzo and Yamato headed into the house and time passed quickly before the time for the farewell feast came. And during the feast, everyone was surprised to hear that Alfonzo had finally finished his job. At the same time, they were excited to know that they would be able to train more efficiently.

"Naruto, why do you look constipated?" Alfonzo Asked while everyone was sitting around the table after the meal.

"It's because my surprise doesn't sound that special anymore." Naruto said with a pout.

"Oh, I guess it doesn't, huh?" Tsunade said in a tone as if she just remembered something.

"Yeah, I was supposed to be going on a trip with the Pervy Sage." Naruto said while continuing to pout.
"We were gonna join a guild so that I could see how life was outside of the village for three years."

"I guess you're talking about Jiraiya when you say Pervy Sage, right?" Rika asked. "The old man who undressed us with his eyes outside of the Chunin Exam arena, right?"

"Yeah, that's him." Naruto said with a nod. "He said it would be good for my growth. And he even let me pick the guild we would join."

Reaching that point, Naruto smiled widely.

"And can you guess what guild I picked?" Naruto asked excitedly.

"Fairy Tail." Everyone in the room replied in unison.

Naruto's eyes and mouth opened wide in astonishment at everyone's synchronized response.

"How... How did you all know?" Naruto asked in a dumbfounded tone.

"We would have to be as dumb as you to not be able to figure it out." Sasuke replied in a condescending tone. "*Sigh* But that means, even after I leave, I won't be able to get away from you, huh?"

"Did you just call me dumb?" Naruto asked as he stood up from his seat. "I dare you to--- Wait! What do you mean when you leave? What do you mean can't get away from me?"

"I'll be leaving with Alfonzo and Saeko when they leave to continue my training." Sasuke replied nonchalantly while shrugging his shoulders. "I should be gone for about three years, or so."

Hearing that, Naruto looked at Alfonzo with a betrayed expression. Meanwhile, Sakura, who had not given up on her crush on Sasuke, looked at Sasuke as if she had been abandoned.

"Don't look at me like that, Naruto." Alfonzo said while smiling wryly. "If you wanna blame someone for this, blame your Hokage. She's the one who asked us to do this."

Immediately, both Naruto's and Sakura's heads snapped in Tsunade's direction. Meanwhile, Tsunade glared at Alfonzo for throwing her under the bus like that. Alfonzo, on the other hand, winked back playfully.

"I wanna join Fairy Tail, too." Sakura muttered.

Immediately, Tsunade's head snapped in Sakura's direction. And she was now sporting a betrayed expression like Sakura had just been wearing.

"You're my disciple, right?" Tsunade asked in a dumbfounded tone. "Then why would you want to go to Fairy Tail and not Mermaid Heel?"

By now, Sakura had realized that she had spoken her thoughts aloud. And when she heard Tsunade's question, she did not know how to answer it. However, the way that she continuously stole glances at Sasuke was enough of an answer for everyone present.

"By the way, Kakashi, why don't you seem surprised by any of this?" Yamato asked curiously.

"Oh, because I already knew." Kakashi replied. "Lady Tsunade and Lord Jiraiya ran it past me beforehand. I am Naruto's and Sasuke's teacher and squad leader, after all."

"And you just agreed like that?" Yamato asked.

"Of course." Kakashi replied with a nod. "With Lady Tsunade handling Sakura's training, Lord Jiraiya handling Naruto's, and now Alfonzo and Saeko handling Sasuke's, I'll have a lot more time to read my favorite book."

Hearing Kakashi's response, Yamato deadpanned... hard. At the same time, he really did not expect anything less from his old friend and captain from the Anbu.

"If you think you'll just be able to slack off now that you're no longer the leader of a three man cell, you've got another thing coming, Kakashi." Tsunade said after overhearing Kakashi and Yamato's conversation. "You'll still be leading Team 7. And since Sakura is still a member, you'll be taking missions together."

This time, it was Kakashi's turn to look betrayed. However, he got over it much faster than everyone else.

"Well, I'll still have more time to read my book than I did before." Kakashi replied with a shrug. "So, that's still a win for me."

Like that, the rest of the night went on peacefully, with the group continuing to chat until it was too late. Meanwhile, Miyuki spent the evening packing everyone's belongings so they would be ready to leave in the morning.

Chapter 636: Incoming Hostility

"What are you thinking, Sasuke?" Rika asked with a smirk playing on her lips while watching Sasuke gape at the towering tower that served as the Fairy Tail guild hall.

Currently, the group who returned from the Village Hidden in the Leaves was standing outside the entrance of the guild hall. And like so many before him, Sasuke was dumbfounded at the sight of the metal tower that Alfonzo designed back when Phantom Lord, more specifically Gajeel, destroyed the original guild hall.

Pairing that with the long trip from the village, his surprise was more than expected. On top of that, seeing the metallic surface of the tower shining under the light of the moon and stars made the guild hall look quite mystifying.

"It's..." Sasuke muttered.

Seeing Sasuke was searching for the right words to describe the sight in front of him, Rika's smirk widened. Like Cana, she also enjoyed Alfonzo's juvenile sense of humor. So, she was hoping that Sasuke would say what just about everyone else said the first time they saw the guild hall.

Unfortunately, Naruto and Jiraiya did not come with them when they left. Jiraiya had not made all his preparations yet. Otherwise, there would have been three new members of Fairy Tail today, instead of just one. On top of that, Rika knew she definitely would not have to wait so long for the words she was looking forward to, as Naruto would have said them immediately.

"It's huge..." Sasuke continued. "Very large and imposing."

"That's what she said." Alfonzo said as soon as Sasuke's words ended.

Sasuke immediately snapped out of his revelry and snapped his head in Alfonzo's direction with a scowl on his face. In response, Alfonzo only shrugged with an uncaring expression on his.

"You already know you have to choose your words carefully around me." Alfonzo said in reply to Sasuke's glare. "It's not like this is the first time you've heard me say something like that, after all."

"Pfft!" Rika snorted while covering her mouth with her hands to stifle her laughter.

Sasuke's head immediately snapped in Rika's direction after hearing her. He had just remembered that Rika was the one who asked him to put his thoughts into words. And that was what led to Alfonzo having the chance to make his extremely juvenile joke.

"Hahahaha!" Rika laughed uproariously after seeing Sasuke's face. "Don't' look at me like that, Sasuke. I asked you what you were thinking. I didn't tell you what to say."

Sasuke turned his head away after hearing Rika's response to his anger. And although he knew what she said was correct, that did not mean that he accepted it.

"Anyway, let's go inside." Alfonzo said while shaking his head. "You need to see Ur, Sasuke. She'll have to add you to the guild's roster and give you your guild hall permissions.

Nodding in response, Sasuke walked behind Alfonzo as he approached the sliding doors. Naturally, Laki, Wendy, Carla, Saeko, Rika, Shizuka, and Miyuki followed them shortly afterwards. And as soon as the guild hall's doors opened, the group saw exactly what they were expecting to see.

"*Sigh* Brawls like this really make me feel like I've come home." Saeko said with a smile.

After speaking, Saeko [Requipped] a wooden training sword into her hands. Then, without another word, she dashed into the guild hall to get her fill of controlled violence. Meanwhile, everyone else

walked in calmly, their feelings mirroring Saeko's. Though, they were not as drawn to committing acts of violence.

Meanwhile, Sasuke, who had never visited the Fairy Tail guild, despite coming to visit Magnolia in August for Amar'e's birthday, was dumbfounded once again. Although he had heard stories from the Fairy Tail wizards, it was still surprising to see so many people fighting like this in person.

"Remember, if you don't intend on getting involved in these brawls, you need to keep your head on a swivel." Alfonzo said as he deftly avoided the ongoing fight. "for now, I'll take you up to see Ur so she can register you."

"O-Okay." Sasuke replied while looking around.

"Something feels off, doesn't it?" Rika asked while tilting her head from side to side in thought.

"What do you mean, Rika?" Shizuka asked in a curious tone. "There's a fight going on in the guild, what could be wrong?"

"Lici hasn't thrown herself at Alfonzo yet." Rika said while cupping her chin with a contemplative expression on her face. "Plus, I can't hear Natsu shouting, either."

"Oh, now that you mention it..." Shizuka muttered. "I don't hear him, either."

"As for Lici, she's on a quest right now." Alfonzo added. "She should be back the morning of the Harvest Festival, though."

"Oh, okay." Rika replied with a nod.

"And Natsu's probably at home with Lisanna." Alfonzo continued.

Hearing that, everyone's eyes lit up with understanding.

At the end of last month, on September 28, Lisanna gave birth to a beautiful little girl with pink hair and blue eyes the couple named Miyako Dragneel. And being half Etherious, Alfonzo, Elicia, and Irene expected her to be quite strong when she grew up.

With that realization, the ladies started chatting about how cute Miyako was while heading to their usual table. Meanwhile, Alfonzo took Sasuke towards the elevator so they could head up to Ur's office. However, before they could step inside the elevator, they were stopped.

"Alfonzo, you're back." Little Elicia, Maes and Gracia Hughes' daughter, said in a shy tone. "Did you finish your work at the Village Hidden in the Leaves?"

Hearing little Elicia's voice, Alfonzo turned around with a smile on his face. And when he saw the blush on her face, his smile widened.

Currently, little Elicia was blushing furiously while trying to be discreet as she stole glances at Sasuke. However, she was doing a poor job of that.

'Oh, this is gonna be fun.' Alfonzo thought to himself as his eyes flicked towards the bar where Maes was sitting with Gildarts and Gozaburo.

On top of that, Maes was slowly reaching into his jacket where his magic pistol was holstered while glaring at Sasuke with killing intent.

To make the situation even more complicated, Romeo was approaching little Elicia from behind with an apprehensive expression on his face. He had seen the moment when Elicia caught sight of Sasuke. And when he saw her cheeks flush, although he was unsure of why, it made him uneasy.

"That's right." Alfonzo replied with a nod.

"That's good." Little Elicia said while lowering her head. "By the way, who is this?"

It was obvious little Elicia was referring to Sasuke with her question. Sasuke, on the other hand, was standing next to Alfonzo with an impassive expression on his face.

'I almost forgot how early the girls in this world mature.' Alfonzo thought while watching little Elicia. 'Cana's crush on me started pretty early, too. Looks like Romeo is gonna have some stressful days in the future. At least this is probably just a passing infatuation for her.'

"Oh, this is Sasuke Uchiha, a Chunin from the Village hidden in the Leaves." Alfonzo said while placing his hand on Sasuke's shoulder. "Basically, he's equivalent to a C-Class wizard in the guilds. But he'll probably go up to B-Class by the end of the year."

Hearing that, both Romeo and little Elicia's eyes widened. They were not even old enough to start taking D-Class quests yet. Yet, a boy who was only a couple of years older than them was already C-Class.

"And Sasuke, these two are Romeo Conbolt and Elicia Hughes." Alfonzo said, introducing the two youngest members of Fairy Tail to Sasuke. "They're a few years younger than you, but don't let that fool you. They're both quite talented."

In response, Sasuke only nodded his head without a word. He was not interested in making friends, after all. In fact, the only reason he accepted coming to Magnolia to train was so that he could get strong enough to take revenge on the one who destroyed his clan, his brother, Itachi Uchiha.

"It's... nice to meet you." Little Elicia said shyly.

"Yeah, nice to meet you." Romeo replied with a hint of jealousy in his tone.

"*Sigh* It's nice to meet you, too." Sasuke said in a disinterested tone. Then, he turned to look at Alfonzo. "Can we get going already? I wanna get registered with the guild soon. Then, I wanna get some rest. That trip was pretty long."

Smiling wryly, Alfonzo nodded his head.

"Alright you two, I'll talk to you later." Alfonzo said. "As Sasuke said, I need to take him to see Ur."

"Oh, okay." Little Elicia said with disappointment in her tone.

"Tell us about your time away from the guild when you get back, okay?" Romeo said as he grabbed little Elicia's hand defensively.

At that moment, Alfonzo smiled, though it was not because of the way Romeo was acting. Rather, it was because of the way Maes' killing intent shifted from Sasuke to Romeo when Romeo took his daughter by the hand.

"Sure." Alfonzo replied, his smile widening once again when he saw Gracia holding a serving platter up behind Maies, before he and Sasuke turned around to enter the elevator.

Bang!

And just at that moment, Gracia, who had been working as a waitress in the guild hall ever since they came here from Crocus, hit Maes in the back of his head with the patten she had just been using to carry the order Gozaburo had just received.

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The next day, at about 2 a.m., Naruto and Jiraiya were in Shirotsume Town. Having left the Village Hidden in the Leaves in the afternoon the day before, they made their way to Karakura Town on foot, arriving just before nightfall. Then, they immediately took a train to Shirotsume Town.

Arriving in Shirotsume just after midnight, they left the train station to find accommodations. Then, as soon as they did, Jiraiya left Naruto alone in the hotel, claiming that he had business to attend to in the town. However, Naruto had correctly assumed that he was only going out to be the Pervy Sage that he was.

Still, since Naruto wanted to be well rested for the rest of the trip to Magnolia, he did not protest, intending to get some sleep so that they could catch the train as early as possible once the sun came up.

"I just hope the Pervy Sage doesn't take too long and make us leave too late." Naruto said while lounging on his bed in the hotel room. "I wanna be able to enjoy the Harvest Festival tomorrow."

["Unfortunately, I don't think things will go the way you want them to, Naruto."] Kurama said from Naruto's mindscape.

"What do you mean, Kurama?" Naruto asked as his brows furrowed into a frown. "You think the Pervy Sage is gonna forget what we're here for?"

["Probably not."] Kurama replied. ["Rather, the two sources of hostility I'm sensing in the hallway are what I'm worried about."]

Hearing that, Naruto's eyes narrowed, as he went on high alert.

"Are they strong?" Naruto asked in a solemn tone.

["Very."] Kurama replied. ["If that pervert were here, it wouldn't be an issue. But even if I gave you as much of my magic power as you could handle, I doubt you could handle even one of them."]

"*Sigh* Of course they would show up when the Pervy Sage was gone.' Naruto said in an exasperated tone. "Well, I should at least set up some traps before they get here. And if worse comes to worst, I gave one of my Kunai to the Pervy Sage before he... left..."

Naruto's words trailed off at the end of his sentence when he sat up and looked towards his luggage. And the reason was simple. The kunai he just mentioned, a three pronged kunai with a [Seal] engraved into its handle, was lying on the dresser next to his and Jiraiya's luggage.

"Just great." Naruto said in a tone filled with lament. "He left it here. Now, I can't even teleport to the Pervy sage if things get really bad."

["*Sigh* Despite his proclivities, he's usually rather reliable."] Kurama said exasperatedly. ["But when he starts thinking with the head between his legs, all that goes out the window."]

"We can talk about that later." Naruto said as he hopped out of the bed, ran over to his luggage, and rummaged through his bag before running over to the door and setting up as many traps as he had the

materials for. "for now, we have to get out of this situation. Besides, By the way, why are people coming after me in the first place."

["Who knows."] Kurama replied. ["But like you said, worry about getting out of this first. You can think about that later."]

Knock! *Knock!*

Not long later, after Naruto got a few traps set up, the sound of someone knocking on the door could be heard. And although he was not able to set up as many traps as he would have liked, the few he did would have to do. So, he stepped away from the door, pulled out a few of his special three-pronged kunai from his weapon holster, and formed a [Rasengan] in his right hand.

"Who is it?" Naruto asked loud enough for his voice to be heard through the door.

"Who we are doesn't matter." An emotionless, male voice replied from the other side of the door. "All you need to know is that we've come for you, Naruto Uzumaki."

"Yeah, that's right." A second male voice, this one sounding much more frivolous, added. "So, just open the door and come with us. Because there's no way you're getting away from us."

"They really are here for me." Naruto grumbled as he tossed one of the kunai in his left hand out an open window, lodging its blade into the roof of a nearby building. Then, he raised his voice once again. "The door's open. Come in yourselves."

Then, without hesitation, the door was opened, revealing the two men who had been speaking from the other side of the door.

Chapter 637: Akatsuki Makes Its First Move

Once the door to Naruto's hotel room opened, the two men who were speaking to him walked through it. The first thing he noticed about the two were the high-collared black robes with embroidered red cloud patterns they both wore.

After that, Naruto noticed their faces. The first, a handsome, fair-skinned young man of about seventeen or eighteen years. He had jet black hair tied into a low ponytail with center-parted bangs that reached his chin and framed his face. Under his eyes, there were two, very well-defined, tear troughs. And his facial features looked remarkably familiar to someone Naruto knew.

Fortunately, it did not take Naruto long to put his finger on who this man was similar to, as the red irises with three black tomoe in each was a dead giveaway. This man was an Uchiha... Itachi Uchiha, the man who single-handedly destroyed the Uchiha Clan several years ago.

'That's Sasuke's brother, isn't it?' Naruto asked himself while tightening his fingers around the two kunai in his left hand.

["Aren't you glad that Alfonzo boy made you memorize all the S-Class entries in the Bingo Book, now?"] Kurama asked. ["Otherwise you probably wouldn't have recognized him."]

'Yeah, yeah, yeah.' Naruto replied while internally rolling his eyes. 'That's not important right now. Instead, we need to figure out what we're gonna do to get the Pervy Sage's attention.'

While speaking to Kurama in his mind, Naruto shifted his gaze to the other man who entered the room. The second man was older, appearing to be nearing thirty years old, was quite tall, almost as tall as Alfonzo, and had bluish-grey skin with a distinctively shark-like appearance. On top of that, his eyes were strange, consisting of black sclera and white irises. Also there were three sets of curved facial markings under each eye and sharp, triangular teeth in his mouth.

On top of his strange appearance, the taller of the two men also had a large sword wrapped in bandages strapped to his back. The sword was almost as long as the man was tall.

'And that fishy-looking guy is Kisame Hoshigaki.' Naruto muttered internally.

["And he's possibly even more dangerous than the Uchiha brat."] Kurama said, almost growling when he said the word, "Uchiha." ["That sword on his back is strange. It almost feels like its alive."]

'Yeah, I know.' Naruto replied. 'Big Bro Alfonzo told me about that. That sword, what was its name again? Whatever... It can suck up magic power. So, I can't fight him head on.'

The last thing Naruto noticed were the forehead protectors the two were wearing. The village symbols at their centers were scratched through, making it clear that both men were rogue shinobi.

Meanwhile, as Naruto assessed his situation and put names to the faces of the two who intruded into his room, Itachi and Kisame were also looking over him, as well.

"It looks like the brat isn't willing to come with us, after all." Kisame said while lazily scanning Naruto. "Oh, and look, he must have been a fan of the Yellow Flash. Just look at those kunai he's holding."

"Don't be careless, Kisame." Itachi said in an emotionless tone. "Carelessness leads to mistakes."

As Itachi said that, he pulled a kunai from his weapon holster and threw it into the floor near Naruto's feet.

"Hmm?" Kisame intoned while raising an eyebrow. "What was that for?"

Kisame was not the only one who was confused by Itachi's actions, as Naruto jumped after the kunai sank into the floor next to him.

'I didn't even see him take that kunai out.' Naruto thought to himself while cold sweat started dripping down his back.

"It seems we're not here alone." Itachi said as his eyes shifted to where his kunai stuck out from the floor. "I'm not surprised you didn't notice, though. That thread was so thin that if it wasn't made of magic power, I would have missed it, too."

Hearing that, Kisame finally put on a serious expression as he reached up and took hold of his sword's hilt. Naruto reacted to Itachi's words, as well. However, instead of becoming even more alert, he visibly relaxed.

'I don't know why she's here, but Big Sis Lici is the only person I know who can control threads.' Naruto thought to himself.

["Don't drop your guard."] Kurama scolded. ["Until you know it's her for sure, you should think that it's another enemy."]

Kisame was thinking along the same lines as Naruto, though.

"Itachi, you said threads?" Kisame asked. "Does that mean the Magic Seamstress is here?"

"More than likely." Itachi replied. "However, I can't be sure. The wielder of those threads is too far away."

Poof!

As soon as Itachi finished speaking, he disappeared from where he stood in a puff of smoke. When the smoke dissipated, a chair was being held aloft by a bundle of threads that entered through the door behind the two rogue shinobi. At the same time, Itachi appeared in the corner of the room where a chair used to be.

A moment later, Kisame leapt into the air to avoid a leg that swept at his knees, pulling his sword off his back at the same time. However, as soon as his sword was drawn, he was slammed in the back by a hardened bundle of threads, sending him flying across the room.

"It really was you, Magic Seamstress." Itachi said.

Paying Itachi no mind, the interloper, Elicia, kicked off the floor and rushed in Naruto's direction, grabbing him as she ran towards the window behind him. However, before she could jump out the window with Naruto in tow, Itachi flashed in front of her with a pair of Kunai in his hands and his Sharingan watching her every move.

"This guy really is fast." Elicia muttered, though she did not stop moving forward. "Probably as fast as Jet, at the very least."

"I'm afraid I can't allow you to take him with you." Itachi continued. "If you leave him behind, I can promise we'll let you leave unharmed."

"Sorry, I can't do that." Elicia said with a grin. "Fonzie told me that he's gonna be a member of Fairy Tail in a few days. So, I'm only doing my job as his guild mate, you know?"

Hearing that, Itachi narrowed his eyes. The fact that Naruto would be joining Fairy Tail was not good news for his and Kisame's mission.

"Then, I guess that means you won't be leaving here alive." Kisame, who flickered behind Elicia in a burst of speed, said with his sword raised above his head.

Crash!

Unfortunately, because of the length of his sword, a hole was punched into the room's ceiling. Then, the ceiling was further destroyed when Kisame swung it down at Elicia's back.

Poof!

Cling!

However, just before the large greatsword could smash into her, Elicia was covered in a cloud of smoke. At the same time, the sound of something metallic being knocked to the floor could be heard.

"What! A [Substitution Jutsu]?" Kisame asked in a dumbfounded tone. "when did she become a shinobi?"

"That's not important right now." Itachi replied as he turned around to look out the window behind him. "Quickly, we have to follow her."

"Right." Kisame replied as he glanced at the three-pronged kunai lying on the hotel room's floor. Then, he quickly moved to follow Itachi, who had already jumped out of the window.

Meanwhile, Elicia, with Naruto slung over her left shoulder, was jumping across the rooftops of the town.

"Big Sis Lici, what are you doing here?" Naruto asked while watching Itachi and Kisame chase them from over Elica's shoulder.

"Oh, I was on my way back from a quest I just finished." Elicia replied. "I felt yours and Jiraiya's magic power signatures. So, I was going to come by in the morning to see if the two of you wanted to ride back to Magnolia with me. But then I felt those two outside of your room, and I figured you were in trouble."

"Yeah, I really was in trouble." Naruto replied. "There would have been nothing I could do to get away from them without the Pervy Sage."

"Yeah, those two are bad news." Elicia replied. "the one that looks like a shark has almost as much magic power as Gildarts."

Ting!

At that moment, Elicia flipped to the side to avoid a kunai. However, before she could touch the roof she was running on, she shot a few threads from her free hand to catch a second kunai, as well as a shuriken, that were aimed at her landing point.

"You can have these back." Elicia said as she spun her body in the air.

At the end of her spin, Elicia released the kunai and shuriken, sending them flying back at Itachi.

Cling! *Cling!*

However, Itachi deflected both projectiles with ease, using the kunai in his hands.

"[Water-Style: Water Shark Bomb Jutsu]." Kisame shouted after running through a series of hand signs.

A moment later, Elicia was forced to shoot out another handful of threads, wrapping them around a light post near the building she was running on top of, before reeling in her threads at high speed.

Meanwhile, Itachi, expecting Elicia's evasive maneuver, threw another kunai, intending to cut Elicia's threads. However, when Itachi's kunai came in contact with the threads, it bounced off harmlessly while spinning back towards his direction.

Though Itachi did not show it, he was surprised that his kunai was deflected, by thread of all things.

However, even though Itachi could see the magic power running through the threads, he had no way of knowing they were made from Elicia's Vibranium Threads. In fact, as these threads' origins were from a continent outside of Ishgar, and were almost exclusive to that continent, Itachi had no knowledge of such a thread.

By now, the people who were out enjoying Shirotsune Town's night life were alerted to something going on on the building's roof, as Kisame's [Water Shark bomb] had slammed into a nearby building, damaging it heavily and splashing large amounts of water all over the street.

Unfortunately, Elicia did not have the luxury to worry about the people.

["You know, if you just used my power, this wouldn't even be an issue."] Scylla said as Elicia anchored herself to the light pole.

'I know.' Elicia replied. 'But if I use your power to fight them in the city, the collateral damage would get even worse.'

["I can't argue with that."] Scylla replied. ["By the way, you kinda destroyed that hotel room."]

'That wasn't me!' Elicia shrieked internally. 'Fish Face was the one who destroyed the ceiling!'

["Yeah, but you're the one who cracked the wall when you sent Fish Face flying."] Scylla said in a tone filled with schadenfreude.

Elicia did not have any time to think about that, as Itachi flickered onto the light pole, standing perpendicularly just above her and Naruto.

"Big Sis, look out!" Naruto shouted.

"I know." Elicia replied as she used her threads to pull one of the needles on her wrist band into her free hand.

Cling!

In the next instant, Elicia used the needle to block the incoming kunai Itachi slashed at her. At the same time, she quickly wove her threads together to create a blindfold before using her magic to tie it around her head.

'I'm definitely not getting caught by [Tsukuyomi].' Elicia thought to herself as she forcefully stopped herself from making eye contact with Itachi. 'If I do, I'm done.'

["Yeah, and then the continent will fall into chaos when Fonzie goes on his man-hunt for revenge."] Scylla added.

Shuddering internally, Elicia used her needle to deflect Itachi's kunai several more times. Then, a grin spread across her face as she sensed Kisame running up the light pole from below. However, that was not the reason for her grin, as she could sense the person she was waiting for had appeared stealthily at the bottom of the light pole, as well.

"Naruto, get us out of here." Elicia said.

"Got it." Naruto replied.

In the next instant, Elicia and Naruto vanished from the light pole. At the same time, both Itachi and Kisame widened their eyes in shock.

"What was that?" Kisame asked as he had to forcefully stop the slash he had aimed at Elicia's back.
"Where did they go."

"That was the [Flying Thunder God]." Itachi replied. "And they could have gone anywhere."

As he spoke, Itachi dashed forward, stepping past Kisame. He also ran through a series of hand signs.

"[Fire-Style: Dragon Fire Jutsu]." A voice called out from the bottom of the light pole.

"[Fire-Style: Great Fireball Jutsu]." Itachi called out before spewing a large ball of fire from his mouth.

A moment later, the [Great Fireball] collided with a stream of flames that resembled a dragon's breath, or a [Roar] spell from a Dragon Slayer.

"Itachi, what should we do?" Kisame asked while looking down at the one who just attacked them. "We were supposed to be done before Jiraiya got back."

"We'll have to abort this mission." Itachi replied after his Jutsu cancelled out Jiraiya's. "With the Magic Seamstress here, as well, we have little chance of completing our mission. Instead, we should report back and update the others about the situation."

"Understood.' Kisame replied.

"Do you think I'll just let you leave?" Jiraiya, standing at the bottom of the light pole and going through another series of hand signs, asked in a stern tone. "[Summoning Jutsu: Toad Mouth Bind]."

In the next instant, Itachi and Kisame found themselves trapped in a long, fleshy corridor. This corridor, the esophagus of a toad from Mount Myabōku, had just appeared around them out of nowhere.

"Where the hell are we?" Kisame asked while looking up and down the fleshy corridor.

"I'm not sure." Itachi replied. "But we need to get out of here."

"Sure thing." Kisame replied as he raised his sword and swung it down at the fleshy wall to his right.

However, instead of shredding the wall as he expected his sword, Samehada, one of the Village Hidden in the Mist's Seven Legendary Swords, to do, the fleshy wall was completely unharmed. On top of that, the place where Samehada struck began to wriggle, as if it were alive.

"What is this?" Kisame asked in a dumbfounded tone.

Before Itachi could offer an opinion on what he was seeing, both he and Kisame noticed that the corridor they were in began to contract. Neither of them had any doubt that if they did not manage to escape soon, they would be crushed to death when the corridor contracted to a certain point.

"I suppose I have no choice." Itachi said as he closed his eyes.

A moment later, Itachi opened only his right eye. However, when he did, the pattern of his Sharingan had changed. Instead of three black tomoe surrounding a black pupil, there was now a three sided pinwheel pattern in his eye.

"[Amaterasu]." Itachi said calmly while looking at a point on the fleshy wall.

Meanwhile, Jiraiya was looking at the esophagus he summoned in the middle of Shirotsume Town.

"*Sigh* I'm glad that little girls showed up to help Naruto." Jiraiya muttered while wiping off a bead of cold sweat from his cheek. "To think one of the two women I managed to find would try to poison me to keep me from helping him. *Sigh* She was really pretty, too. And those bazongas. They were almost... No, I guess they weren't even close to Tsuna's. Still, they were really nice."

While controlling the toad esophagus to contract around the two rogue shinobi, Jiraiya could not help slipping into his memories of the women he almost got lucky with. However, he was shocked out of his recollections when the esophagus started to writhe as if the toad it was summoned from was in pain.

A moment later, Jiraiya saw two figures jump out of the side of the esophagus before running off towards the outskirts of the city. Clearly, they were trying to escape. And because Jiraiya was so certain that no one would be able to escape his [Toad Mouth Bind], he was too late to react to their escape.

On top of that, he could see there was a strange black flame burning around the hole Itachi and Kisame used to escape from his Jutsu.

"How did they get out using fire?" Jiraiya muttered as he approached the escape point from the outside. "This toad's throat is supposed to be fire resistant."

However, when Jiraiya got close to the flames, he felt something ominous. And although he was not sure from a single glance, those black flames would not be extinguished until whatever they were burning on was turned into ash. Still, Jiraiya was experienced enough to remove the flames before the toad's esophagus took too much damage, as he used the [Sealing Arts] to [Seal] them into a scroll for future study.

"Anyway, I guess I should go find Naruto." Jiraiya said while unsummoning the toad's esophagus. "I need to thank that little girl, as well."

Saying that, Jiraiya disappeared in a cloud of smoke, heading back to the hotel room he booked with Naruto only a couple of hours ago.

Chapter 638: The Akatsuki

"That was Sasuke's brother, wasn't it?" Naruto asked after he had some time to calm down after the episode with Itachi and Kisame. "But why was he and that guy who looked like a fish after me?"

"Why do bad guys do anything?" Elicia asked with a shrug. "Probably for something like world domination. I mean, you do have a pretty powerful Etherious inside of you."

"Hmm... Is it that simple?" Naruto asked.

"Who knows?" Elicia replied with another shrug.

Knock! *Knock!* *Knock!*

"Hey, Naruto, are you inside?" Jiraiya, the one who just knocked on the door, asked from outside the hotel room.

"It's the Pervy Sage." Naruto said in a relieved tone.

After speaking, Naruto stood up to answer the door without hesitation.

"Hold on, Naruto." Elicia said as she stopped him by wrapping threads around Naruto's arm.

"Huh?" Naruto intoned in confusion as he was forced to stop.

"Don't just rush to open the door." Elicia said sternly. "What if they're using a [Transformation], or something?"

At Elicia's reminder, Naruto appeared to stop and think about what she said. In reality, he stopped to ask Kurama about the person outside the door. And when Kurama said that he could not sense any negative emotions, Naruto nodded at Elicia.

"You're right." Naruto replied. "But I know that's the real Jiraiya." Naruto said in a serious tone with an equally serious expression on his face. Then, he pointed at the seal on his stomach as he continued. "I can feel it."

Nodding in response, Elicia released her threads from around Naruto's arm.

'Fonzie said that Naruto and Kurama were getting along.' Elicia murmured to herself. 'But I didn't think it would be so good that he could ask him for help like that.'

["Do you think the fox told Naruto his name yet?"] Scylla asked.

'No idea.' Elicia replied. 'But since he wasn't using Kurama's magic power when we got here, I doubt it.'

In actuality, Naruto and Kurama had exchanged names a while ago. And if Elicia had looked through her memories, she would have realized that he used it in the fight against Neji during the Chunin Exams a few months ago. But her mind was too preoccupied with tonight's attack to think that carefully.

'More importantly, why is Akatsuki still after the Tailed Beasts in this world.' Elicia muttered internally. 'I mean, there hasn't been any real war between nations in a while, right?'

["I mean, there was that rebellion in Rubengard."] Scylla replied. ["Though, that wasn't really much of a civil war because that general, San Jiao Shin, was kidnapped and put under [Human Subordination Magic] by that one guy... what was his name again?"]

'Oh, you're talking about Lucy's mom's disciple, right?' Elicia asked. 'Yeah, now that you mention it... I don't remember his name either. Still, that wasn't between nations.'

If the man in question's, Zoldeo's, soul had not dissipated after he was separated from Capricorn, he would probably be rolling in his grave because of how insignificant he seemed to be.

["That's true."] Scylla replied. ["Well, it was probably something from before you were born. I mean, I don't even know what country equates to the land of Rain. So, it's hard to investigate what happened during the Second Great Ninja War. But it probably still happened here."]

"*Sigh* And that leads to a whole bunch of other questions.' Elicia continued while shaking her head. 'I mean, the Tailed Beasts are Zeref's creations in this world. So, there shouldn't be a Ten Tails, right?'

["Who knows?"] Scylla replied while shrugging her shoulders. ["Anime logic is fucked. And even though we're aware this is a real world, it still runs on anime logic. So, anything could happen... And probably will."]

"I'm glad you're safe, Naruto." Jiraiya said after Naruto opened the door.

Jiraiya's voice pulled Elicia's attention away from her conversation with Scylla, causing her to look towards the door that Naruto had just opened. When she did, she saw Jiraiya ruffling Naruto's hair affectionately. Meanwhile, Naruto was trying, and failing, to swat Jiraiya's hand away.

"I wouldn't be if Big Sis Lici wasn't here." Naruto said in an irritated tone.

Hearing that, Jiraiya looked away from Naruto and focused his gaze on Elicia, who was just watching the two from Naruto's bed. He then put on an uncharacteristically serious expression and bowed his head in gratitude.

"He's right." Jiraiya said with his head bowed. "Thank you for helping Naruto. I don't know why you were here, but I'm glad that you were. I wasn't able to save Minato, and I don't know what I would have done if I lost Naruto, as well."

"Don't worry about it." Elicia said, waving dismissively in a very similar fashion to the way Alfonzo does it. "Naruto calls me Big Sis. So, what kind of Big Sis would I be if I didn't look out for him, right? As for why I'm in Shirotsume Town, I was just stopping here for the night while on my way back from completing a quest."

"Then... We were lucky." Jiraiya replied.

"Maybe next time, you'll think before you start chasing women." Naruto muttered with his head down.

A few seconds passed after Naruto made his statement. He knew he was loud enough for Jiraiya to hear him. So, he was expecting to hear a response. Yet, there was nothing.

When Naruto turned his head to look at Jiraiya, he was shocked, but not surprised, to see Jiraiya looking away.

"*Sigh* I guess that's just wishful thinking." Naruto muttered once again while shaking his head. "A leopard can't change its spots, after all."

"Hey! That's not it!" Jiraiya, affected by the disappointment in Naruto's tone, shouted in protest. "I don't do this because I want to! I do it because it's necessary. For my research! It's necessary for my research!"

Despite Jiraiya's protest, Naruto did not say a word, only shaking his head and looking more disappointed.

"UM... Anyway, do you guys want to ride back to Magnolia with me when I leave later in the morning?" Elicia asked, interrupting a conversation that she could see happening many more times over the coming years.

"That would be great!" Jiraiya exclaimed, glad to have the topic changed. "That way, we'll be able to get a good rest before the Harvest Festival!"

Once again, Naruto looked at Jiraiya with disappointment. However, he knew nothing would change if he continued. Kurama said as much from his mindscape. So, he looked away from Jiraiya, turning his gaze onto Elicia, and nodded his head in agreement with her suggestion.

With that, Elicia stood up with a smile. Then, she moved towards the hotel room's door, patting Naruto on the head along the way.

"Alright, I'll see you guys at 10:30." Elicia said in a cheerful tone. "Good night."

With that said, Elicia left the room, leaving Naruto and Jiraiya to look at each other awkwardly for a while before heading to bed themselves.

Earth Land, Ishgar, Kingdom of Fiore, Undisclosed Location.

A few hours later, Itachi and Kisame, who had been moving swiftly ever since they escaped from the [Toad Mouth Bind], arrived at a cave that had been dug out of the face of a cliff. Entering quickly, Itachi and Kisame sat down on makeshift beds that were carved out of the walls of the cave.

This cave, one of the many Akatsuki hideouts scattered over the continent of Ishgar, was the closest rest place to Shirotsune town. Although there were no resources stored in the cave, that was not its purpose, as it was only meant as a place where the members of Akatsuki could stop and rest long enough to communicate with the other members of the organization.

"It's been a long time since we failed a mission, hasn't it?" Kisame asked, sounding rather nonchalant about the whole situation. "If Jiraiya hadn't shown up, we would have been able to bring the Nine-Tails Jinchuriki in, though."

"Don't underestimate the Magic Seamstress." Itachi replied. "Although neither of us went all out, that was the same for her. On top of that, neither of us were even able to hit her. Don't forget that."

That last sentence was enough to give Kisame pause. During the encounter with Elicia, he did not realize it. But neither he nor Itachi, with his Sharingan, were able to land an attack on Elicia. Yet, she had managed to sneak up on them. She had even managed to send Kisame flying with a sneak attack.

"You're right." Kisame replied after thinking for a few minutes. "I guess she's an S-Class wizard for a reason."

"That's right." Itachi replied. "And now we need to let the rest of the organization know." Itachi said as he started circulating his magic power into a ring he was wearing.

Kisame also started circulating his magic power into a similar ring. Then, both men closed their eyes and let their consciousnesses sink into the rings.

In the next moment, Itachi and Kisame found themselves, or rather their projections, standing atop the fingers of a large statue located in an even larger cave. This statue, known as the Gedo Mazo, was a gigantic, humanoid statue of a seemingly mummified creature with closed eyes. However, instead of having only two eyes, it had nine.

Like Itachi and Kisame, projections of eight other rogue shinobi stood on the other eight fingers of the statue. Unfortunately, other than their hair colors and eyes, nothing else could be made out from the other eight.

"Well, well, well, look who it is." A blond man with bangs covering his right eyes said in a mocking tone. "If it isn't Itachi and Kisame. But wait... I don't see the Jinchuriki. Could that mean... Heavens forbid... you failed your mission?"

The unconcealed mockery in the blond man's tone made Kisame's eyes twitch fiercely. However, as he and Itachi had indeed failed their mission, he did not have a retort. Though, he did mark the blond man for quite the beating the next time he saw him in person.

"Indeed." Itachi replied without a change in his expression. "There was an unexpected circumstance that we had no way of accounting for."

"That sounds like an excuse if I ever heard one." The blond man said, the mockery in his tone even more exaggerated this time.

"Enough." A man with orange hair and purple eyes with concentric circles in his irises said calmly. Though the pressure in his tone silenced the blond man immediately. "What was the unexpected circumstance you speak of?"

"Fairy Tail's Magic Seamstress, Elicia Taylor, was in the town." Itachi replied, his emotions unchanged thanks to the blond man's mockery. "She showed up just in time to get in the way at the end."

Itachi then went on to explain every detail of his and Kisame's encounter with Elicia, Naruto and Jiraiya. And despite their rowdy and arrogant demeanors, none of the other members of Akatsuki interrupted.

"Hmph!" A silver-haired man snorted disdainfully. "How dare she interrupt our plans. I'll sacrifice her to Lord Jashin for her impudence."

"For once I agree with this idiot." A man with green irises, no pupils, and red sclerae wearing a hood that hid his hair color, said a moment later. "The Magic Seamstress has quite the bounty on her head."

"What did you call me?" the silver-haired man asked angrily. "Do you want to be the next one I sacrifice to Lord Jashin?"

"This is a waste of time." A monstrous, hunched over figure said. "And I hate having my time wasted. Still, I believe that woman would go well with the rest of my collection. She would be a fine piece of art."

"Oh, come on my man." The blond man said with a chuckle. "How many times do we have to have this conversation. There's no point in art that lasts. Art is an explosion."

Ignoring the conversations and arguments going on around him, Itachi looked directly into the purple eyes of the man who led the Akatsuki.

"So, what do you want us to do now?" Itachi asked. "The Magic Seamstress mentioned that the Nine Tails Jinchuriki would be joining Fairy Tail. And I do not believe that waging war with a guild like them would be wise."

"The Uchiha brat is right." the man with green and red eyes added in a grim tone. "Although I wasn't around when that group of ruffians was formed, I grew up in the same era as their Third Master, Makarov Dreyar. And unless we can keep it secret that we were the ones who did it, I would never kill a member of that guild. They're all insane."

"Didn't you just say you wanted to collect that Magic Seamstress' bounty?" the blond-haired man asked, a grin evident in his tone. "What happened to all that."

"If I could catch her alone without giving her the chance to identify me, I would do exactly that." The red and green-eyed man replied. "But if there was any chance it could get back to her guild mates, I would abandon the job without a second thought. I have no desire to be hunted down by a bunch of overpowered wizards who care little for collateral damage."

"You're going soft in your old age." The blond man said while shaking his head. "What could that group of fools and idiots do to us?"

"There's a reason I've lived as long as I have." the red and green-eyed man said. "But since you have a death wish, you should just let me kill you. At least the bounty on you won't go to waste."

"That's enough." the purple-eyed man said once again. He then addressed Itachi and Kisame before switching his attention to a man with yellow eyes and short green hair. "Stand by for now, we need more information. Zetsu, I'll leave that to you."

"Understood." the yellow-eyed man, Zetsu, replied. "Then, I'll get going right away."

With that, Zetsu's projection vanished from atop the finger it was standing on.

"I guess that means this meeting is over then, right?" The blond man asked. "Then, I'll be going, too."

"Indeed." The purple-eyed man replied. "Dismissed. We'll gather again to discuss our plans once Zetsu returns. Then, we will make our plans to let this world know pain."

With that, the purple-eyed man's projection vanished, shortly followed by the other eight, plunging the cavern into silence.

Chapter 639: She Returns

Just before noon of the same day, Elicia, Naruto, and Jiraiya climbed into Elicia's Z3 to return to Magnolia. Luckily, at thirteen years old, Naruto was not very tall. Therefore, putting him in the back seat of such a small vehicle was not too uncomfortable for him.

A few hours later, the Z3 pulled up in front of the Fairy Tail guild hall. When driving through the town of Magnolia, Naruto was amazed by the tower that was the Fairy Tail guild hall he could see from the distance. However, Jiraiya, who had been to the Village Hidden in the Rain, which turned out to be an independent territory from all the other countries on Ishgar, had seen similarly sized metal towers in the past.

Yet, both Naruto and Jiraiya showed looks of awe when they saw it up close.

"Well, allow me to welcome the two of you to Fairy Tail." Elicia said after taking a few steps forward and turning her back to the guild hall with her arms spread wide.

While Naruto and Jiraiya were looking up at the height of the guild hall, the sliding doors opened. Through the open doors, Alfonzo walked out, followed by all the girls who were familiar with the people from the Village Hidden in the Leaves, as they were all looking forward to Naruto's arrival.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo arrived behind Elicia and wrapped her in a hug from behind. And he was just in time to hear Naruto's following words, which made him smile like a Cheshire Cat.

"Wow! It's so big." Naruto said in an amazed tone.

"Don't you do it." Elicia said while rolling her eyes.

"That's what she said." Alfonzo said, ignoring Elicia's uninspired attempt to stop him from making his usual joke.

Alfonzo's voice snapped Naruto and Jiraiya from their astonished states, causing them to turn their attention to the source of the crass joke.

While Naruto smiled brightly at the sight of Alfonzo, Jiraiya put on a perverted grin and raised his right thumb in Alfonzo's direction.

"Nice." Jiraiya said cheerfully.

In response to Jiraiya's antics, Elicia, Wendy, Carla, and Saeko rolled their eyes. Cana and Rika laughed uproariously, as they also liked these kinds of jokes, while Laki and Shizuka wore their usual smile.

"Big Bro Alfonzo!" Naruto shouted as he rushed forward. "It's only been a few days, but it feels like it's been such a long time."

"What's going on, Kid?" Alfonzo asked as he released Elicia and raised a hand for a high five.

In response to Alfonzo's reaction, Naruto, standing at only 4'9", had to jump to clap hands with Alfonzo, who stood over a foot and a half taller than him. Even so, the reunion was satisfying.

"By the way, where's Sasuke?" Naruto asked curiously. "How come he didn't come outside."

Not only Naruto was curious about that, as Elicia and Jiraiya thought Sasuke would like to see a familiar face after being so far away from home, as well. Meanwhile, Alfonzo smiled awkwardly as he turned back and looked into the guild hall over all the ladies' heads.

Seeing that Alfonzo, instead of answering Naruto's question, looked into the guild hall, Elicia, Naruto, and Jiraiya also looked into the guild hall. When they did, Naruto and Jiraiya were dumbfounded at what they saw. Meanwhile, Elicia smiled awkwardly like Alfonzo.

"Well, I guess he's fitting in well." Elicia said.

"Yeah... A little too well, I think." Alfonzo replied while shrugging his shoulders.

The reason for Naruto and Jiraiya's dumbfounded expressions and Alfonzo and Elicia's awkward smiles was because Sasuke, who only joined the guild yesterday, was currently weaving in and out of an ongoing brawl.

What made the sight even more crazy was the panicked expression on his face while Erza was chasing him around with wrath burning in her eyes.

"What's going on?" Naruto asked in a confused tone.

"To make a long story short, Sasuke bumped into Erza while she was carrying a slice of strawberry short cake." Alfonzo said, as if that would explain everything. "And that made her drop it."

And for Elicia, it did. But Naruto and Jiraiya were not familiar with Erza, so they had no idea what that had to do with the situation they were seeing.

"Erza has an extreme..." Elicia said, beginning to explain what Alfonzo meant.

"Way too extreme!" Cana, Laki, Wendy, Carla, Saeko, and Rika shouted.

"... fondness for strawberry shortcake." Elicia continued, unbothered by the interruption. "So, if anyone causes her to lose it, they have to deal with her like that."

As she came to the end of her sentence, Elicia pointed at Erza, who looked more like Erza Knightwalker than Erza Scarlet in terms of her aura.

"Wow! She's quite the woman." Jiraiya said with a perverted expression on his face while watching Erza chase after Sasuke. "I think she would be perfect for my--- Urgh! *cough* *Cough*"

Before Jiraiya could finish his sentence, he covered his throat and started coughing from the jab to the throat he just received from Alfonzo.

"Just to let you know, we may be a guild full of ruffians, Jiraiya." Alfonzo said in a menacing tone. "But we are not a group of sex offenders. So, if you try any of that shit you're so well known for, I'll make you regret it. Then, I'll send your beaten and broken ass back to Master Tsunade with a formal request for compensation. And if you try that shit with any of my wives, fuck the alliance we have with the village, I'll send your headless body back instead."

Understanding that Alfonzo was the one who hit him and sent him into a coughing fit, Jiraiya glared menacingly at him. However, when he saw the look in Alfonzo's eyes, he balked before turning away. Then, after a few moments, he nodded his head in understanding, albeit unwillingly.

"Good." Alfonzo replied with a nod of his own. "anyway, the two of you need to go see Ur so she can add you to the guild's roster. Lici, can you take them up to see her?"

"Of course." Elicia said cheerfully while looking at Jiraiya with a note of schadenfreude. "I was planning to do that, anyway."

The reason behind the expression Jiraiya received from Elicia was simple. All the way from Shirotsune Town, Jiraiya had been saying inappropriate things while blatantly staring at her chest. However, because she was driving and engaging Naruto in conversation, she decided not to do anything about it. However, she had promised to herself that if it happened while she was not behind the wheel, she would make him regret it.

Luckily, she would not have to get her own hands dirty, as her husband did and said everything she wanted to. so, in a good mood, she skipped over to Naruto, took him by the hand, and pulled him into the guild hall.

"Come on, Naruto." Elicia said happily. "Let's introduce you to Ur. She'll let you know everything you need to know about the guild. She'll give you the guild mark, too."

"Okay." Naruto replied just as energetically. "This is gonna be awesome. I'll be able to choose my own missions as long as I'm here."

"You should go with them." Alfonzo said in a dry tone. "Ur wouldn't like having to say the same thing twice, you know."

In response, Jiraiya shot Alfonzo the stink eye. However, he eventually followed Elicia and Naruto into the guild hall. All the while, his gaze scanned over all the women in the guild hall. Though, he made sure not to be as obvious with his perversions as usual.

"Well, that was fun." Alfonzo said while watching Jiraiya leave with narrowed eyes. "Even though keeping that guy in line will be a monumental task, having someone as experienced as he is in the guild will be good for the younger members."

"I think we should castrate him first." Laki said in a cheerful tone.

The contrast between Laki's tone and her words made Alfonzo and Jiraiya, who should not have been able to hear her over the ongoing brawl, shudder while covering their crotches.

"*Cough* Anyway, I guess it's time to end this little scuffle." Alfonzo said, trying to change the subject as quickly as possible. "I have to start cooking for the welcome party, after all."

"Don't be so nervous, Fonzie." Cana said as she slid over to Alfonzo's right and put her left arm on his shoulder. "I still wanna have kids at some point, too. So, I'll protect you from Laki's insidious grasp."

"That's right, I still wanna have a baby, too!" Shizuka shouted as she bounced over to Alfonzo's other side. "Why don't we go home now and try again?"

As she asked her last question, Shizuka looked up at Alfonzo with a gaze that Alfonzo did not know was possible. On top of using puppy dog eyes to soften Alfonzo's heart, she somehow added more than just a hint of seduction to that gaze, as well.

"*Sigh* She's doing it again." Rika said while shaking her head.

"I still don't understand how she mixes those two expressions like that." Saeko said.

Meanwhile, Carla flew up to cover Wendy's eyes.

"Wendy, don't look!" Carla ordered. "You shouldn't learn such things."

"Carla~~~!" Wendy whined while trying to move Carla's paws away from her eyes. "You've gotten better, I can admit that. But stop treating me like a kid."

"I can't back down on this one, Wendy." Carla said. "Although you may be an adult, it's too early for you to be learning things like that."

"Carla, stop it!" Wendy shouted in protest.

While the two best friends continued their back and forth, all the older members of the guild only looked at them warmly.

Earth Land, Ishgar, Kingdom of Fiore, Cedar.

At the same time, in the port of Cedar, a large, foreign ship had just docked. From the ship, other than the crew manning it, three women, each wearing predominately black outfits stepped onto the gangway.

"So, this is Ishgar, huh?" A beautiful young woman standing at about 5'8", appearing to be in her early twenties with long, wavy, blond hair, blue eyes, full lips, a beauty mark under the left side of her mouth, and a curvaceous figure with very large breasts wearing a black kimono, quite similar in design to Retsu's, though the front was opened quite widely showing off quite a bit of cleavage, with a pink scarf hanging from her right shoulder, a thin golden necklace around her neck and hanging between her breasts, and a katana strapped on her left hip, said while looking around the port. "The architecture certainly is different here."

"Yeah, it really makes you understand that you're not at home, doesn't it?" A woman with brown skin, long purple hair tied into a ponytail, yellow eyes, and a slim, yet curvaceous figure, replied while looking around nostalgically. **"*Sigh*** It's been over two years since the last time I saw this scenery."

"Are you sure it was a good idea to come back, Lady Yoruichi?" The third woman, a short, petite, woman with black hair tied into two ponytails that hung behind her back and grey eyes, said with a scowl. "I believe that man's women will be rather hostile to know that you've come back."

"Well, I can't say that I don't deserve it." The brown-skinned woman, Yoruichi, replied while smiling bitterly. "Besides, I didn't exactly have a choice. The Shihouin Clan is pretty pissed off at me, too, and gave me an order. But there's nothing to worry about, Bumble Bee. At the worst, I'll just live on this continent for the rest of my life."

Hearing that, the black-haired woman, Sui-Feng, bit her lips in frustration. However, there was nothing she could say. After being re-educated, her habit of speaking and acting out of turn had basically been beaten out of her by the staff that trains the servants of the Shihouin Clan.

"Speaking of 'that man.'" The blonde woman said while tapping her chin with her left index finger, "I'm really looking forward to meeting the man who could make you do something so dumb, Yoruichi."

"*Sigh* And you will, Rangiku." Yoruichi replied while shaking her head. "But not now. For now, we need to go to the guild hall. Then, we'll register you with the guild and start training with the girls for the Grand Magic Games."

Reaching that point, Yoruichi raised her head with determination shining in her eyes.

"This year, Mermaid Heel will be named the strongest guild in Fiore." Yoruichi said with fervor.

"I'm glad you feel that way." A female voice said from the bottom of the gangway.

Looking towards the voice's source, Yoruichi, Sui-Feng, and the blonde woman, Rangiku Matsumoto, saw Retsu standing there with her usual gentle smile on her face while Kagura stood behind her with her usual stoic expression.

"Master Retsu." The three women greeted simultaneously.

"But where is Master Tsunade?" Yoruichi asked, confused why her guild master was not here to greet her as well after her long absence.

"Oh, Tsuna was called back to her village to become its leader." Retsu replied. "For now, let's go back to the guild hall. I'll catch you up on everything you missed while you were away. Then, you can tell me what happened back on the Soul Continent and how you convinced those old men from your clan to let you come back."

Nodding in response, Yoruichi led Sui-Feng and Rangiku down from the ship to join Retsu and Kagura. Then, the group of five headed towards a pair of magic vehicles, one Retsu's motorcycle, and the other a black S 600 the guild bought recently after no longer having the fear of Tsunade gambling all the guild's liquid funds away. Then, once they were ready, they headed back to the Mermaid Heel guild hall.

Chapter 640: Relaxation Interrupted

The day after Naruto and Jiraiya arrived in Magnolia, the Harvest Festival festivities went on as planned, with the Miss Fairy Tail Pageant starting off the day, followed by the Battle of Fairy Tail Tournament, and ending with the Fantasia Parade.

This year, the winner of the Miss Fairy Tail Pageant surprised everyone, as it was not one of the usual favorites. Instead, it was a first-time contestant. And that was Irene Belserion. In fact, the fact that she decided to enter at all was a surprise to everyone present.

Actually, the reason Irene entered was simple. After finding a man in Alfonzo, she was feeling both younger and sexier than ever. So, just to let the world know how she was feeling, she entered. And even to her own surprise, she won.

Though, there was a simple reason why Irene won over all the younger girls in the guild. And that was because of her elegance. She was a former queen, after all. And when she came out in her evening gown, her elegance was put on full display, stealing the hearts of all those present.

After the pageant ended, all the members of the guild moved out to the town's outskirts for the Battle of Fairy Tail Tournament. And like they had for the last three years, the Thunder God Tribe took the championship. However, like every year they've won, Laxus, Bickslow, Fried, and Evergreen were not happy, as they still had not defeated their true target, Team Steel Threads, who had not competed in the last three tournaments.

After that, the Fantasia Parade went off without a hitch as always. And this being Naruto and Sasuke's first time seeing it, they were both amazed. Even Jiraiya, who had seen it before many years ago, found himself captivated by the floats and performances. Though, the fact that many of the ladies of the guild were dressed in fairly skimpy costumes had quite a bit to do with it, as well.

After that day, time passed quickly. And now that he did not have to worry about completing any jobs, Alfonzo was free to focus on the thing he wanted to make the most over the last two years.

"Damn Ur..." Alfonzo muttered to himself while lounging on the couch in the living room of the Mansion on the Lake and drawing a blueprint with his [Archive Magic]. "Because you accepted all that work on my behalf, I had to put this off for almost two years."

"Are you finally gonna get started on that?" Elicia, who was sitting on the floor of the living room and playing with Amar'e, looked back and asked after hearing Alfonzo's muttering.

"Yeah, finally." Alfonzo replied.

Hearing Alfonzo's confirmation, Elicia smiled brightly. Then, she swept Amar'e into her arms and jumped into Alfonzo's lap.

"Hahahaha!" Amar'e laughed happily.

Meanwhile, Elicia kissed Alfonzo on the cheek. Then, she turned and kissed Amar'e on the cheek, too. Before switching back to Alfonzo. She continued alternating kisses between Alfonzo and Amar'e making both her favorite guys smile.

"What's got you three so happy?" Ultear, who just came back from the guild hall, asked with a smile upon entering the living room and seeing the happy atmosphere.

"Tear! Tear!" Elicia exclaimed happily as she stood up, put Amar'e on Alfonzo's lap, and rushed over to Ultear. Then, while dragging her over to the couch, she continued. "Now that Fonzie doesn't have to leave for any long term quests, he's finally gonna start building it."

"It?" Ultear asked while tilting her head in confusion. "What it?"

By now, Elicia and Ultear had arrived at the couch. When they did, Elicia picked up Amar'e once again. Then, she sat herself and Ultear on Alfonzo's thighs. However, when she heard Ultear's questions, she tilted her head in confusion.

"Fonzie, didn't you tell everyone about the things you wanted to build already?" Elicia asked with her head tilted cutely.

"I did." Alfonzo replied with a nod. "But that was more than two years ago, before my dear mother-in-law set me on the path of endless work... Actually, now that I think about it, that was three years ago. I've been working at the Leaf Village for two years. And the year before that, I was working for Lamia Scale, Blue Pegasus, and Quatro Cerberus."

"Hmm... Now that you mention it." Elicia muttered while cupping her chin in a thinker's pose. "It really has been a while, hasn't it."

"Um... Are you guys gonna tell me what you're talking about?" Ultear asked while tickling Amar'e. "Or are you just gonna keep talking about 'it'?"

"I'm designing an airship." Alfonzo said simply.

Hearing that, Ultear's eyes lit up, as that was enough to jog her memory. A moment later, however, she put on an apologetic expression.

"Uh oh. Something tells me that look isn't good for Fonzie..." Elicia said after seeing Ultear's expression.

"Uh oh~~~~~" Amar'e parroted happily. "Hahaha!"

"*Sigh* Lici's probably right." Alfonzo added. "I thought it was a little strange that you were back so early, Tear. So, what does mother-in-law dearest want me to do this time?"

"I'm not sure exactly." Ultear replied while shaking her head. "But after Mom saw the new quests, she asked me to come find you."

"This sounds like trouble." Alfonzo said as he rubbed the bridge of his nose. "*Sigh* But I guess I have to go. I don't want Ur coming over here and freezing everything just because I didn't go to see her."

"Yeah, once is enough for that." Elicia added with a nod.

With that, Alfonzo deactivated his [Archive Magic] and picked up Elicia, Ultear, and Amar'e in his arms. Then, he gave each of them a kiss on the cheek before he sat them down on the couch where he had been sitting.

"I'll be back in a little bit." Alfonzo said as he turned around and made his way out of the living room.
"And I swear, if this is another long term quest or job, I'm gonna fight her."

"You should be careful about saying that, Alfonzo." Ultear said with a smile. "If you win, I'm sure Mom would try to push the title of guild master onto you."

"Hmph!" Alfonzo snorted without turning around and left the room.

About twenty-five minutes later, Alfonzo was standing in front of Ur in her office. In his hands, he held a pair of quest sheets. And the objectives were quite similar. However, they were on opposite sides of the scale, as well.

"Are you serious, Ur?" Alfonzo asked with his right eyebrow twitching in irritation. "You do know that I got back from the Leaf Village less than a week ago, right?"

"*Sigh* As much as I'd like to let you rest, you're my best option for quests of this nature." Ur said while wearing a genuinely remorseful expression. "I'd send Gildarts or even Irene, but they're both a bit too.... destructive for quests like these."

'Yeah, I'm sure the ones pulling the strings would love to see Gildarts or Irene on one side of this conflict.' Alfonzo thought to himself as he looked down at the two quests, both of which took place in the Kingdom of Caelum. 'But to think both sides of the coup attempt made quests for aid. On the other hand, Mei Terumi is pretty hot. So, meeting her might not be so bad.'

That's right, the two quests Ur wanted Alfonzo to take were opposing each other. One was to assist the Mizukage, ruler of the Village Hidden in the Mist, Yagura Karatachi, to deal with the rebels led by Mei Terumi, who wanted to pull him down from his post because of the way he has been running the village into the ground with his policies.

"And which of these would you prefer I take?" Alfonzo asked while placing the two quest sheets onto Ur's desk.

"I actually had a conversation with Jiraiya about this before I sent Tear to find you." Ur replied as she leaned forward, resting her elbows on the desk. At the same time, she shivered at the thought of being alone with a pervert that was even worse than Gildarts, in her opinion. "And he said it would be better for the world of shinobi if Yagura was brought down from his post. His brutal way of running the Mist Village makes the other villages just as nervous."

'Well, that Obito is the one behind all that shit.' Alfonzo thought to himself. 'But I guess there's no way for anyone else to know that.'

"I see." Alfonzo replied. "And do you want me to go alone? You know, I could assassinate that guy without anyone knowing, probably."

"Ha... Ha... Ha..." Ur laughed hollowly while dripping cold sweat down her back. "Come on, Kid, we don't joke like that. We're Legal Wizards, after all."

"Oh, I wasn't joking." Alfonzo said in a flat tone. "I could probably be done in a few days. And no one would even know I was there. "

'I'd have to take that Byakugan from Ao first, though.' Alfonzo thought to himself.

Hearing the serious tone in which Alfonzo said that, Ur could tell that he was truly at the end of his patience. And she could not blame him. Because of her accepting the jobs to remodel all the training facilities for their allies, though she did leave Alfonzo to negotiate the details and his pay for himself, she was the reason that he had not been able to take a long time to relax over the last three years.

'The worst thing is that I can't even promise that I won't ask him to interrupt his well-deserved break again.' Ur thought to herself. 'He's just too versatile. His skill set is just perfect for most quests.'

"Anyway, pick two more S-Classes to take with you." Ur said, deciding that changing the subject was better for her mental health. "Oh, and bring Shizuka with you, too. Her [healing Magic] will be helpful for the side you decide to assist."

"Well then, I guess the Village Hidden in the Mist will have a new Mizukage soon." Alfonzo replied as he picked up the quest submitted by Mei Terumi. "I just hope she'll be able to keep Shizuka safe while me and the others are busy with the missions assigned to us."

'Yeah right, like I would ever pick Yagura's side.' Alfonzo thought to himself. 'That crazy son of a bitch controlling him would probably order him to have us killed just so Fairy Tail help destroy the Mist. Speaking of Obito, I should probably put up some countermeasures against the Akatsuki in Magnolia, too. More specifically, Zetsu. The good thing is that his [Mayfly] technique shouldn't work on my mansion or the guild hall, since they're both made of metal. Still, I don't want that mother fucker in my town, at all.'

Falling into thought about how he could stop the two most elusive members of Akatsuki from coming and going as they please, Alfonzo absent-mindedly finished the conversation with Ur, taking her

suggestion to bring Marin, who could use her magic for infiltration and investigation, with him on this quest, before leaving her office.

Then, without a word to anyone in the guild hall, Alfonzo left the guild, walking straight through the ongoing brawl on the first floor. Unfortunately for those participating in the brawl, Alfonzo was too engrossed in his thoughts. So, when anyone, even his wives, Erza and Sun got in his way or attacked him accidentally, they were sent flying without even registering to him.

Luckily, Erza and Sun were more than strong enough to not be harmed by Alfonzo when he was in that state. Yet, they, along with Cana, Mirajane, Marin, Lucy, and Shizuka were quite curious to know what had Alfonzo's attention. So, after making brief eye contact, the seven women stopped what they were doing and followed Alfonzo out of the guild hall.

On a side note, Saeko, Rika, and Irene would have followed him as well, had they been at the guild hall. However, they were all away on quests.

When Alfonzo came back to his senses, he was sitting on the couch in the living room again, surrounded by all nine of his wives. And they were all looking at him in anticipation, curious to know why he was acting the way he was.

"What's up with all of you?" Alfonzo asked curiously.

"Don't give us that." Cana replied while rolling her eyes. "You were acting weird when you left the guild hall, and we wanna know why."

"Yeah, tell us what's going on, Fonzie." Marin added excitedly.

"It's because of what my mom wanted to talk to you about, right?" Ultear asked, sounding much calmer than the glint in her eyes would suggest. "Just tell us about what's going on."

Smiling in reply, Alfonzo let his gaze pass over all nine of the ladies.

"Well, that's part of it." Alfonzo replied. "but it's mostly about something else."

Alfonzo then went on to explain the quests that he had seen in Ur's office and told them his decision to aid the rebellion in the Village Hidden in the Mist.

"But what I'm most concerned about is Naruto." Alfonzo said, continuing to talk about his contemplations. "As long as I'm here, it would be hard for those guys from Akatsuki, as Jiraiya called them, to do anything to him. But as long as I'm not in the town, things could get dicey. Not to say that none of you are capable of handling it."

"Then, what are you going to do?" Elicia asked, though she already had an idea, since she knew about all the abilities of the members of Akatsuki.

"I'll have to add some stuff to the barrier surrounding the town." Alfonzo replied. "Adding a space lock would probably be a good idea. I mean, our house and the guild hall have one. Oh, Irene's house does, too. But I'd rather not having someone just teleporting into the town, kidnapping Naruto, and teleporting away."

Hearing that, the nine women nodded their heads in agreement.

"And if that doesn't work, they might try something else." Alfonzo added. "Something like coming through the ground. So, I'll have to add something to stop that, too."

Once again, the ladies nodded.

"So, how long will it take to make the additions to the existing barrier and make the underground barrier, to?"

Making the adjustments to the barrier that's already in place shouldn't be that hard." Alfonzo replied. A moment later, he frowned slightly before continuing. "But making something that stop people from coming from below ground will be more difficult. I have to do it in a way that won't stop any underground sources of water from making their way into the town, too."

'I wanna add a feature that will trap Zetsu if he ever tries it, too.' Alfonzo thought to himself while smiling deviously on the inside. 'Then, I can take the time to experiment on how a [Soul Armament] will effect a creature of will like Zetsu. Actually, now that I think about it, I wonder if Zetsu even exists. I mean, magic power has existed on Earth Land far longer than Kaguya would have shown up in this world, right?'

'He's probably thinking about catching Zetsu.' Elicia thought after examining Alfonzo's expression. 'But does he even exist?'

Despite those thoughts, Alfonzo led the girls in brainstorming about the best way to block off access to Magnolia from underground. And that lasted until deep into the night. And just before they got ready to

go to bed, Alfonzo told Marin and Shizuka to start getting ready for the quest, as he would be taking them with him.

As for the last member of this four-man team, Alfonzo asked Laxus to come with him, since [Lightning Magic] was a great counter to all the [Water Magic] they would undoubtedly face when fighting against Yagura's supporting shinobi.