

Fairy Tail 651

Chapter 651: Akatsuki's Uncertainty

"*Sigh* Looks like they forgot to tell me about this." Alfonzo said while shaking his head. "I'm almost certain who's in there. But if it's not them, I'm gonna have a body to quietly dispose of. Actually, now that I think about it, I need to get Obito out of the trunk, too. I hope he didn't scare Grayfia when she went to get Shizuka's luggage."

["Are you stupid?"] Riot asked in an irritated tone as Alfonzo turned around to return to the elevator. ["Lici called your dumb ass when this mother fucker first got caught."]

"Huh?" Alfonzo blurted dumbfoundedly, stopping just as he pressed the call button for the elevator. "Did she? God damn it, I must be really fucking tired if I forgot about something like that."

["Well, other than that little nap, you haven't slept for almost a day and a half."] Bedlam said. ["So, it's understandable."]

"I guess." Alfonzo replied while shaking his head as he pressed the call button for the elevator.

["Fuck that!"] Riot shouted, enraged. ["There's no excuse to forget anything Lici tells us. Now, go upstairs and apologize to her for forgetting and accusing her of not telling your dumb ass about Zetsu."]

["Simp."] Bedlam said while shaking his head.

"Super Simp." Alfonzo added.

["What did you mother fuckers call me?"] Riot asked, his anger growing.

"Anyway, I'm gonna go get Obito from the trunk, give him a little something to eat, and drop his ass off down here." Alfonzo continued, unbothered by Riot's tantrum, as he stepped into the elevator. "Then, I'm gonna go to bed. I can deal with all this shit tomorrow."

["That's probably a good idea."] Bedlam replied with a nod. ["You wouldn't be able to get any meaningful amount of work done if you're like this, anyway."]

["Hey, don't ignore me!"] Riot shouted, though his shouting fell on deaf ears.

Like that, while ignoring Riot, Alfonzo made his way to the garage, opened the S 600's trunk, and pulled Obito out before slinging him over his shoulder. Then he went back down to the hanger and dropped him next to the chunk of metal imprisoning Zetsu. Then, he opened a small space in the metal so Obito and Zetsu could speak to each other.

"Damn, I really am a nice guy." Alfonzo said to himself as Obito and Zetsu glared daggers at him. "You two don't have to thank me. I don't want the two of you getting bored, after all."

With that said, Alfonzo turned on his heels and started walking back to the elevator. And just as he reached the elevator and pressed the call button, thousands, maybe millions, of miniscule sigils were etched into every surface of the hanger.

"Oh, and these are just in case you find a way to break your restraints." Alfonzo said as he, once again, stepped into the elevator. "I just locked the space in the hanger. So, there will be none of those [Teleportation] shenanigans I'm sure you're capable of. Anyway, I'm tired. So, I'm going to bed. Have a good night, bye."

As Alfonzo's last word fell, the elevator doors closed.

Meanwhile, Obito and Zetsu glared at the elevator as if they were trying to set it, or rather the one inside, ablaze with their gazes alone. Then, after a while, they turned their gazes towards each other.

Rather, Obito turned his gaze towards Zetsu. Zetsu, on the other hand, although he could move his eyes and head, to an extent, could not see past the metal encasing him to look in Obito's direction.

"What the hell is going on, Zetsu?" Obito asked, his voice basically a growl as the words left his mouth. "How did you get captured? And how long ago?"

"If I knew how I got caught, I'd tell you." the black half of Zetsu's face replied. "But I have no damn idea. One second, I'm just burrowing under the town. Then, this strange, liquid metal starts crawling all over me."

"Yeah, and no matter what we did, we couldn't get it off." The white half of Zetsu's face said in a grim tone. "After that, when we were completely covered in it, it hardened. And the next thing we saw was here. Where ever the hell 'here' is."

"Damn... I saw the barrier surrounding the town when we first arrived here." Obito said in an irritated tone. "But I never expected him to set up something to stop intruders underground, too. Just how cautious is this guy?"

"That doesn't matter." Black Zetsu growled. "What does matter, is how the hell are we going to get out of here."

'I'll never be able to revive the real Madara if I'm stuck here.' Zetsu thought to himself. 'All sacrificing the Tailed Beasts and Uzumaki brat Madara gave his eyes should be enough. And since I don't have a soul, Ankhseram's curse shouldn't affect me. Madara's plan was perfect.'

"I've been trying to figure that out for almost a week." Obito grumbled. "But nothing I do is working. I can't break this harness. And because its etched with sigils that negate magic, I can't even use [Kamui] to escape."

"How did you even get caught?" The White Zetsu asked curiously. "Don't tell me you stepped into a trap and got your [Kamui] [Sealed]?"

"No, there was no trap." Obito spat through gritted teeth. "But Alfonzo Marcus is a monster."

"What do you mean?" Black Zetsu asked, a note of curiosity in his tone. "Just what happened?"

Though he did not want to think about his defeat, Obito eventually recapped his encounter with Alfonzo outside the Village Hidden in the Mist. And when the two entities that made up Zetsu heard Obito's story, it would be an understatement to say that they were surprised.

"Wait! Wait! Wait!" White Zetsu said in a tone filled with disbelief. "Are you telling me that he attacked you so relentlessly that you couldn't take the split-second it would take for you to deactivate and reactivate your [Kamui] without taking critical damage?"

"That's exactly what I'm saying." Obito said angrily. A moment later, however, he continued in a defeated tone. "Like I said, he's a monster."

"And the worst part is..." Black Zetsu said in a forlorn tone. "We can't even report this information to the rest of the Akatsuki. There's no way they'll be able to get us out of here."

"Ha!" Obito barked. "Do you think that group of arrogant rogue ninjas will even take his threat seriously? On top of that, they don't even know how strong we are. And the only one who does has a god damn god complex."

"Actually, I think it's a mental illness." White Zetsu said. "I've seen Konan making him take medicine several times in the past."

"Yeah, but that could be for his weakening body." Black Zetsu added. "The Rinnegan puts an immense amount of strain on your magic power and body if you're not an Uchiha."

"That's true." White Zetsu said. "But after taking that medicine, Nagato almost acts... normal... for a while."

"Hmm... Now I see why you thought it was medicine for his mental illness." Zetsu replied.

While this conversation was going on, Obito could only look at the non-human entities encased in metal with incredulity.

"Are you two stupid!?" Obito roared.

"Huh?" x 2

"Why the hell would you two talk about such classified information like that?" Obito asked in a dumbfounded tone. "We're in enemy territory for God's sake."

Just then, the two entities making up Zetsu froze. They had never been captured before, so the situation they were in had not completely registered.

"Hahaha... Oops." White Zetsu said, wanting to scratch the back of its head in embarrassment, yet unable to move. "You're right, Obito."

"But it's not such a big deal." Black Zetsu added. "We're alone in here. No one heard anything they weren't supposed to."

"Do you really think that monster doesn't have anything in here that can record our conversation?" Obito asked in a frustrated tone.

"Now you're just being paranoid, Obito." White Zetsu said.

{"Actually, he's not."} Alfonzo's voice sounded from the ceiling. {"*Sigh* It's too bad the Uchiha stopped you, though. I would have loved to hear some more gossip about such an infamous group of rogue shinobi."}

At that moment, the elevator doors opened. However, unlike what they expected, Alfonzo was not the one to walk through the doors. Instead, it was a tall, silver-haired, red-eyed woman wearing a blue apron dress. Or Grayfia to those familiar with her.

"Why have you sent this woman down here, Master of Metals?" Obito asked in a defiant tone. "I'll admit, she's quite attractive. But do you think we would give you even more information than we already have if you try to honey trap us?"

As soon as Obito's words ended, a magic pressure on par with what Yagura could output fell on him and Zetsu. And without the ability to access his own magic power, Obito felt as though he was being crushed.

Struggling to turn his head towards the source of the magic power pressure, Obito was completely taken aback when he determined that Grayfia was the source of the magical pressure.

"Wha... How?" Obito stuttered with difficulty. "Why would... you be... his maid with your... power?"

"I believe that is none of your concern." Grayfia replied without changing her expression. "The only thing you need to know is that I am here to make sure you get fed. Now, make this easy on both of us and cooperate."

{"Well, Grayfia, I'll leave their meals to you."} Alfonzo said. {"And if they don't cooperate, it's okay if you break a few teeth. As long as they eat, I don't really care."}

"Understood, Master Alfonzo." Grayfia said with a polite bow. "I'll make sure they finish every morsel."

{"By the way, just out of curiosity, who cooked that meal?"} Alfonzo asked.

"It was Mey-Rin." Grayfia replied. "We drew lots to decide, and she won."

In the next instant, the sound of Alfonzo sucking in a breath of cold air could be heard throughout the hanger.

"Well, good luck, you two." Alfonzo said in a tone filled with pity. "But since you're shinobi, you should have some resistance to poison, right? Well, I guess we'll find out in the morning. Oh, and don't worry, if you end up shitting yourselves, someone will clean up after you. Well, good night."

In actuality, Mey-Rin's cooking was not so terrible... any more. But a little psychological pressure never hurt anyone, right?

Either way, Grayfia carried out her duties to feed the two prisoners. Though, Alfonzo was unsure if Zetsu even needed to eat.

Meanwhile, in the forest east of the town, a great number of sheets of paper were seemingly blown in front of a large tree house with the wind. However, instead of continuing to ride the winds, they all gathered in front of the tree house before stacking together and taking a humanoid form.

In a moment, colors began to dye all the paper, and the humanoid shape became more life-like. By the time the process was complete, a relatively tall, about 5'7", amber eyed woman with blue hair styled into a bun, a black labret piercing, an origami rose in her hair, and wearing a black cloak with red cloud patterns stood in their place.

"I need to be quick." The blue-haired woman said to herself as she walked closer to the tree house's door. "I have no idea where Sensei is right now. But the chances of him coming here after being injured during a quest or training are not zero."

Unfortunately for Obito and Zetsu, this woman, Konan, had no idea that they had been captured and were being held prisoner north of the town. Not that it would have made much of a difference. Konan, though a quite skilled shinobi, had no way of sneaking past the barrier surrounding the artificial island at the center of Lake Sciliora.

However, it was also lucky for Konan that she landed in the east forest instead of heading to the town first. Otherwise, she would have been detected by the barrier Alfonzo set up around the town. Add to that, her high amount of magic power, although not as much as Gildarts, Ur might have seen it fit to investigate the visitor.

Deciding to deal with Jiraiya only if he managed to find her, Konan stepped forward and raised her right hand to knock on the tree house's door.

Knock! *Knock!* *Knock!*

After knocking on the door, Konan quickly took a step away from the door, as she had once been on the receiving end of the power of the tree house's, Porlyusica's, broom.

Bang!

"Who is it?" Porlyusica asked in an irritated tone after flinging the door open with a broom in hand. She then scrutinized the woman standing outside of the door and the scowl she usually wore deepened greatly. "It's you again. Do you have any idea what time it is? And how many times do I have to tell you to find a real psychiatrist to deal with your friends mental issues? This is why I hate humans."

"I'm sorry, Miss Porlyusica." Konan said while bowing her head. "But he's getting worse. Please, I must ask you for stronger medicine."

Hearing that, Porlyusica snorted. Then, she turned around and started walking further into the house.

"Why are you just standing there?" Porlyusica asked in irritation. "Hurry up and come inside."

Quickly following Porlyusica's instructions, Konan hurried into the tree house. She then closed the door behind her. Yet, Porlyusica's next words caused her to freeze once the door had clicked closed.

"This will be the last time I provide any medicine for that friend of yours." Porlyusica said without turning around. "It should be enough to last for about two and a half years. But I don't provide treatment to those who wish to do harm to the members of Fairy Tail. So, you'd better find another way to help that friend of yours."

Although she froze because of Porlyusica's words, she was not surprised. She knew that Itachi and Kisame had attacked Elicia, a member of the same guild as Porlyusica. Instead, the reason for her freezing up was the fact that she had no idea who would be able to provide anti-psychotic medicines on the same level as Porlyusica on Ishgar.

"*Sigh* I understand." Konan replied, her shoulders slumping slightly. "I'll never bother you with his problems again."

Though she did not receive a response, Konan quickly spun around to catch a rather large bottle of pills. And since Porlyusica did not return, Konan correctly interpreted Porlyusica was telling her to leave.

So, Konan once again bowed politely in the direction where the pill bottle came flying from before opening the door, leaving the tree house, and closing the door behind her. Then, she performed a hand sign, causing a pair of wings made from paper to sprout from her back, and flew off into the distance.

Chapter 652: Trying Something Crazy

Clang! *Clang!* *Clang!*

The next morning, after spending a night of passion with a few of his wives, Alfonzo made his way down to the hanger once again. And when the elevator door opened, Alfonzo saw the exact sight he expected to see. Obito had somehow gotten to his feet, hobbled over to the chunk of metal containing Zetsu, and repeatedly slammed his restraints against the chunk of metal.

In fact, Obito was so focused on his task that he did not even notice that Alfonzo had entered the hanger. Zetsu, on the other hand, did notice, but remained silent. The only thing he did was hope that Alfonzo would put an end to Obito's insane attempts to free himself. The sound was reverberating through the metal encasing him, and, although it was not dealing any damage to him, it was getting rather annoying.

"You know, I don't think that will work." Alfonzo said in an intentionally sheepish tone.

Hearing Alfonzo's voice, Obito froze and Zetsu let out a sigh of relief. Then, Obito slowly turned towards Alfonzo with wrath burning in his eye.

"Yeah, yeah, I missed you, too." Alfonzo said lazily after seeing the expression on Obito's face. "But if you don't stop, you're going to drive poor Zetsu insane with all the clanging."

Not seeming to care, Obito only doubled the intensity of his glare.

"Alright, I really don't feel like playing around with you, Obito, Zetsu." Alfonzo said after being unable to elicit a response from either of his prisoners. "So, here's what we're going to do. You can either answer my questions, or I'll take more drastic measures to get the information I want about Akatsuki's goals."

In response, both Obito and Zetsu looked at Alfonzo with disdain. Obito even hawked up a wad of saliva to spit on the floor. However, when he remembered he was still wearing his mask, he ended up swallowing it.

'Damn it, why did I ask that woman to put my mask back on after she force fed me that food that was surprisingly good?' Obito asked himself.

"*Sigh* The hard way it is." Alfonzo said in an exasperated tone.

In the next instant, Alfonzo flashed in violet light. Then, he reappeared in front of Obito with his hand reeled back.

Crack!

Before Obito could react, Alfonzo's fist flew forward and slammed into his mask, with just enough force to shatter the mask without hurting Obito or sending him flying. Then, Alfonzo moved his hand faster than Obito could track, even if his Sharingan had been activated.

*Ahh~~~~~!" Obito screamed as blood burst out of his eye socket.

Meanwhile, Zetsu looked on in dumbfounded amazement as Alfonzo, with a pair of surgical gloves, that he never even saw him put on, on his hands, dropped Obito's freshly extracted eye into a jar filled with what must be a solution to keep the eye from decaying.

At the same time, a small blob of liquid metal materialized on Obito's face before slithering into his bleeding eye socket. When it did, Obito's pained cries increased in volume and intensity. However, the liquid metal, Techno Organic Metal, was quickly healing his injury.

A few seconds later, Alfonzo, while controlling the metal to not encroach on Obito's brain, dispelled the Techno Organic Metal, leaving Obito in a twitching heap, though fully healed.

"Hmm..." Alfonzo hummed while looking down at Obito after storing away the jar with his Sharingan. "I wonder..."

With that, Alfonzo raised his left hand over Obito then, he let a liberal amount of Techno Organic Metal leak from his palm before dropping onto Obito's right side.

When the Techno Organic Metal landed on Obito, it quickly sank into his right side.

"Hey, hey, hey, what are you doing?" A higher pitched, more comical voice shouted from Obito's right side.

"I'm trying to heal his right side." Alfonzo replied nonchalantly.

"No, you can't do that!" The new male voice shouted in panic.

"Why not?" Alfonzo asked in a tone of mock confusion. "Wouldn't that be what's best for him?"

Though the new voice did not respond, it was obvious that it did not agree with Alfonzo's attempt to heal Obito's right side. Even so, thanks to the anti-magic restraints, there was very little it could do in this situation. Even so, it continued to struggle with all its might.

Not worried about the other entity speaking through Obito's body, Alfonzo conjured a metal chair and opened a few [Archive Magic Screens] right then and there. He then started to work on his airship's design while monitoring Obito's condition with part of his awareness. Meanwhile, Obito had lost consciousness thanks to all the struggling his right side was doing combined with the pain of having his left eye ripped out and his body being restored by the Techno Organic Metal.

During the entire process, Zetsu looked on in horror. If Obito's body could be restored by that strange living metal, there was no telling what else it could undo. For example, all the mental conditioning Obito had been put through.

After about four hours, Alfonzo stopped working on the airship design, noticing that Obito's body had been restored for the most part. On top of that, because of his body's restoration, the other entity inhabiting his body had been forced out.

At first, the other entity inhabiting Obito's body was just a mass of white substance. However, when the restoration process completed, and all the white substance was forced out, it took the shape of a white, humanoid figure with green hair, yellow eyes, and face that resembled the orange swirl mask Obito had been wearing before Alfonzo broke it.

"Impossible!" The white humanoid shrieked once it realized it was no longer attached to Obito as it looked down at its stark white hands. "I was the only thing keeping him alive. This can't be possible."

The white humanoid then looked down at Obito and watched as the Techno Organic Metal oozed out of his body before being dispelled by Alfonzo. In its place, although Obito's right side was completely stiff

and colored black with a metallic shine, it was no longer just a pile of crushed flesh. Instead, it was just as robust as the rest of his body.

Meanwhile, completely unbothered by the unrestrained white, humanoid figure, Alfonzo made his way over to Obito and started checking his vitals.

"Well, it worked." Alfonzo muttered while looking over Obito's newly restored half. "It will probably take a while for him to get used to the changes, though. But depending on what the Leaf intends to do with him, he'll have plenty of time to get used to the them."

"NO!" The white humanoid shouted. "You're ruining everything!"

With that shout, the white humanoid threw itself at Alfonzo in an attempt to kill him.

"Toby, stop!" Zetsu shouted.

Unfortunately, the white humanoid, Toby, did not heed his allies warning.

Splatter!

As a result, he found itself hanging in midair with an arm thrust into and through his chest Meanwhile, the owner of said arm only looked at it disdainfully.

"You were there when this guy got his ass kicked, weren't you?" Alfonzo asked while taking his iPhone out of his pocket. "I mean, you said you were the only reason he was alive, right? So, you know just how useless that was, don't' you?"

While he spoke, Alfonzo scrolled through his contacts.

"But let me guess." Alfonzo continued as he tapped the name he was looking for. "You probably think yourself above most wizards, right? I mean, when you were combined with him, you were untouchable... Until I came along, anyway. No, that's not right, either. You almost died against his master, too, didn't you?"

Despite being pierced through the chest, Toby was still alive and fully conscious. So, he continued to struggle to attack Alfonzo. But eventually, his body was covered with anti-magic restraints similar to those Obito wore. And around the time the restraints were fastened securely, Alfonzo's eyes opened a little wider.

"Yo, Kakashi, you're not gonna believe this shit." Alfonzo said into the phone with a note of excitement in his tone.

After that, Alfonzo explained his encounter with Obito without mentioning anything the guild deemed critical. Then, he hung up the phone call while pulling his arm out of Toby's chest.

"Alright, Kakashi said that he would let Master Tsunade know about Obito." Alfonzo said while putting away his iPhone. He then turned his attention to Zetsu and Toby as he continued. "They don't really care about what I do to you two, though. So, why don't we see what makes you guys tick?"

While asking his question, Alfonzo rubbed his hands together and put on a sinister smile that made him look like the mad scientist type from B-movies in his past life. And though they would never admit it, his expression terrified Zetsu and Toby.

Alfonzo then transfigured the chunk of metal incasing Zetsu into a set of anti-magic restraints. Then, he picked up Zetsu and Toby with one arm each, and walked over to the hanger's elevator.

"*Sigh* There's always something." Alfonzo grumbled as he used his [Metal magic] to press the call button. "I'm never gonna get to work on this god damn airship, am I?"

Earth Land, Ishgar, Kingdom of Fiore, the Village Hidden in the Leaves.

Not long after the phone call with Alfonzo ended, Kakashi, who was taking a break after his latest mission, arrived outside of Tsunade's office.

"Kakashi?" Shizune, now working as Tsunade's secretary, asked in surprise when Kakashi approached her desk. "Is something the matter? Your body language says something serious has happened."

"Yes, I urgently need to speak with Lady Hokage." Kakashi replied, his usual lazy demeanor gone.

Immediately Shizune knew the matter must be serious, especially since Kakashi did not have one of his little orange books in his hands.

Recognizing that this matter must be of the utmost importance, Shizune reached for her iPhone to contact Tsunade, though it was mostly to make sure that she was sober enough to meet with a visitor.

"Shizune, send him in." Tsunade's voice sounded from the other side of the office door.

Surprised that she had not had the time to call Tsunade, Shizune froze for a moment. Then, she quickly stood up and opened the office door before gesturing for Kakashi to enter.

And without hesitation, Kakashi did just that. Then, Shizune closed the door and returned to her desk, knowing that if she needed to know what was going on, Tsunade would call her in to catch her up on the situation.

Though, Shizune would admit she was quite curious to know what could possibly make Kakashi, someone she had always known to be lackadaisical, act the way he was.

Earth Land, Ishgar, Kingdom of Fiore, Magnolia.

Meanwhile, Porlyusica's tree house had new visitors.

After securing Zetsu and Toby, Alfonzo took them up to the garage before throwing them in the back of the Escalade. He then jumped into the passenger seat and pulled off while simultaneously using [Telepathy] to contact the residents of the mansion and letting them know he was going out.

Knock! *Knock!* *Knock!*

Like Konan had done the night before, Alfonzo knocked on Porlyusica's door. Then, he quickly took a step back, wary of the broom that almost always came flying once the door was opened.

Bang!

"What is it?" Porlyusica asked in her usual grumpy tone after slamming the door open.

"I came bearing presents." Alfonzo said while pointing over his shoulder towards the Escalade. "And these are nothing like you've ever seen before, I promise."

Narrowing her eyes, Porlyusica tightened the grip on her broom. Then, she took a step forward, looking as if she was ready to swing at any moment.

"You better not be wasting my time, boy." Porlyusica muttered.

"Have I ever?" Alfonzo asked with a cheeky smile on his face. "Just take a look. I promise you won't be disappointed. And if you are, I'll let you swing away with that thing for as long as you like until you're satisfied."

Shooting another glare at Alfonzo, Porlyusica stepped forward while gesturing for Alfonzo to lead the way.

A moment later, both Alfonzo and Porlyusica stood before the back of the Escalade. Then, without trying to build suspense, Alfonzo opened it, knowing exactly how impatient Porlyusica could be.

Gasp!

Just like what Alfonzo said, what Porlyusica was seeing was nothing like what she had seen before. As a result, she gasped audibly. Then she began closely examining the two beings in front of her.

"They aren't human." Porlyusica said. She then shook her head as she continued. "No, they're not even alive. At least that's what it looks like from here. I'll have to run tests before I can say so for sure, though."

"And that's why I brought them here." Alfonzo replied with a smile. "If anyone can figure out what these things are, it's you."

Then, as if remembering something, Alfonzo pointed at Zetsu.

"Oh, but don't start dissecting that one without me here." Alfonzo said. "I've heard two distinct voices that seemed to come from separate individuals coming from it. So, if you're not careful, it could possibly split apart and put you in danger."

Though she would never admit it out loud, the concern in Alfonzo's tone and what she could see in his eyes warmed Porlyusica's heart.

"What do you take me for, Boy?" Porlyusica asked in a tone of feigned irritation. "I'm not an amateur. I know what I'm doing."

Though her words were biting, Alfonzo did not miss the gentle undertone. So, he smiled. Then, he picked up Zetsu and Toby, slinging them over a shoulder each before he turned back to Porlyusica.

"So, where do you want them?" Alfonzo asked while smiling widely. "I'll set up a couple of operation tables that will keep them completely restrained for your work."

"Follow me." Porlyusica said before turning around and heading back into her house.

Meanwhile, both halves of Zetsu and Toby gave up any hopes of resistance. And what made this whole situation even more unfortunate for them, had they been brought to Porlyusica's only a day earlier, Konan would have been close enough to sense their presences when she came to get the last prescription for Pain, or rather Nagato.

Chapter 653: Shizuka's Good News

About a week has passed since Alfonzo dropped Zetsu and Toby off at Porlyusica's house for her to study. During that time, Alfonzo spent all his free time outside of training, spending time with Amar'e and going on a few dates with his wives and lovers, when not designing his airship. And because there were no major interruptions, he has made quite a bit of progress.

Until the sound of a catchy jingle went off from his iPhone, that is.

Looking down at the ringing iPhone, Alfonzo exhaled an annoyed sigh. He then dispelled his [Archive Magic Screens] before picking up the iPhone and putting it to his ear.

"What's up, Ur?" Alfonzo asked nonchalantly. "Don't tell me you've got another quest that only someone of my many, unmatched talents could handle again."

{"That's not it this time."} Ur replied. {"But I do need you and the team you took to Caelum to come to my office. I have something to discuss with the four of you."}

"I should have known everything was going too smoothly." Alfonzo muttered. "Fine, I'll be there in about half an hour. Gotta get cleaned up, and all that shit."

{"Alright, I'll be waiting."} Ur replied before hanging up the call.

"How rude." Alfonzo muttered as he looked down at the iPhone's screen. "She didn't even say bye."

Shaking his head, Alfonzo stood from the workstation in his bedroom while scrolling through the contact list on his iPhone and spreading his [Magic Power Detection] through the mansion. Then, when he found the name he was looking for, he tapped it before putting the iPhone to his ear.

{"What's up, Alfonzo?"} Laxus asked from the other side of the phone call.

"Ur said she needs to talk to us about something." Alfonzo replied as he walked over to his closet and started rifling through his clothes. "She wants me, you, Marin, and Shizuka in her office in half an hour."

{"Sorry, no can do."} Laxus replied. {"I'm in Balsom Village with Chico and Saya. You'll just have to handle this without me."}

"*Sigh* Of course you are." Alfonzo grumbled in an annoyed tone. "I really need to follow your example and just leave for awhile so that Ur can't keep calling me in for shit like this."

{"Yeah, right."} Laxus said with a chuckle, his amusement audible in his tone. {"Like the next guild master could do something like that."}

Hearing that, Alfonzo involuntarily shuddered.

"Don't even put that fucking evil on me, Laxus Dreyar." Alfonzo growled. "Just from writing apologies to the Council because of Grey, Natsu, Erza, and Cana, I'll end up with carpal tunnel in less than ten years."

{"I'm sure you can get around that with that living metal of yours, though."} Laxus replied, the chuckle in his tone even more evident. {"I mean, it's supposed to heal everything, isn't it?"}

"Sometimes I hate you so much." Alfonzo said as he pulled a set of clothes out of his closet.

{"Don't worry, you'll have my vote whenever Ur decides to retire."} Lexus said before laughing uproariously as he hung up the phone call.

"Damn that bastard." Alfonzo grumbled once again as he texted Marin and told her to get ready for a trip to the guildhall.

Shizuka, on the other hand, was already at the guild hall. She had a shift in the infirmary after all.

Not long later, Alfonzo had taken his shower and got dressed, with Miyuki's assistance. Then, he headed out of his bedroom, running across Marin on the way. After that, they left the house and started walking towards the guild hall.

"So, what do you think Ur wants?" Marin asked curiously while walking hand in hand with Alfonzo.

"Who knows." Alfonzo replied with a shrug. "But it definitely has something to do with the Kingdom of Caelum and/or the Village Hidden in the Mist."

"I could have told you that." Marin said while rolling her eyes playfully. "I mean, she did ask to see the team that went there, after all."

"Yes, yes. Our Marin is super smart." Alfonzo said in a playful tone as he started combing his fingers through Marin's hair with his free hand.

Smiling in return, Marin leaned into Alfonzo's intimate actions. Then, she smiled a very Cheshire smile as she looked up at Alfonzo.

"Maybe it's because Mei, the new Mizukage is coming to visit for an alliance." Marin said, her erotic novel logic coming into play. "But that would only be a front. The real reason Mei is coming here is because she wants to see the man who helped her end the civil war with so little casualties. Then, she'll suggest a marriage alliance. That way, she would be able to kill two birds with one stone and make the alliance even tighter."

"*Sigh* Some times I think you read too many of those books." Alfonzo replied while continuing to comb his fingers through Marin's hair. "Anyway, let's just get to the guild hall. I'm sure Ur will tell us everything when we're in her office."

Nodding with a big smile on her face, Marin let go of Alfonzo's hand. Then, she wrapped her arms around his arm and continued walking towards the guild hall.

A few minutes later, Alfonzo and Marin arrived in the guild hall. When they did, the usual rowdy atmosphere was present. Then, they took a step towards the infirmary. However, the sound of a young teenage girl's voice drew their attention in that direction.

"Why aren't they as nice as the ones you make, Big Sis Lici?" Little Elicia, asked Elicia, who was sitting at one of the tables in the guild hall sketching a new clothing design.

"It's because you don't have the same passion as I do." Elicia replied with a smile without looking up from her sketch pad. "Making clothes that everyone loves takes a lot of passion and determination, you know."

Apparently, Little Elicia had made enough improvement in her [Arc of Embodiment Magic] to start trying to recreate the clothes that Elicia makes and sells. Unfortunately for her, something about them was different from the ones Elicia makes.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo and Marin were surprised to see Little Elicia, Alfonzo, more than Marin. However, it was not because of the fact that she was able to make clothing with her magic. Instead, it was because there was a little, yellow creature with short fur all over its body, a long, lightning bolt-shaped tail with a brown tip, four legs, the front having five short fingers while there are three sharp toes on its back legs, long yellow ears with black tips, and red circles on its cheeks standing on Little Elicia's right shoulder.

"Hey, is that...?" Marin asked while pointing at the small creature on Little Elicia's shoulder.

"Yeah, it's one of the little doodles Lici drew." Alfonzo said while rubbing the bridge of his nose. "It looks like Little Elicia thought it was cute so she made one for herself with her magic."

Feeling Alfonzo and Marin's stares, the little yellow creature on Little Elicia's shoulder turned its head in their direction. Then, it tilted its head cutely as the red circles on its cheeks turned slightly yellow and electricity sparked on them.

"Pika?" The little yellow creature said in a cute, high-pitched voice.

That was enough for Marin to begin swooning immediately.

'*Sigh* Girls just can't get enough of Pikachu's cuteness.' Alfonzo thought to himself. 'I guess the world doesn't matter. Still, I wonder just how much Lici told her about Pikachu.'

As Alfonzo thought, Elicia, while taking a break from drawing her next collection in the guild hall, and began to doodle, drawing pictures of some of the Pokémon she found cute from her past life. However, when she was doing so, Little Elicia happened to pass by with Romeo. And when she saw the drawing of Pikachu, she got excited immediately.

Then, Little Elicia stopped whatever it was she was doing and started asking Elicia all sorts of questions about what she had seen. And Elicia, being as careless as usual, also having forgotten that Little Elicia could bring her imagination to life with [Arc of Embodiment Magic], explained everything she could remember.

And last night, Little Elicia had finally created a Pikachu that she was satisfied with. Then, she got the idea to try and create some more of her favorite things. Namely, the clothes that Elicia made. However, the clothes she created with her magic, although they looked the same as the ones Elicia sewed, never felt as nice when she put them on.

Little Elicia continued to try making clothes she had seen in Elicia's shops, in her size, of course, for hours last night. Unfortunately, she ran out of magic power before she could make anything she was happy with. As a result, she fell asleep, sleeping all the way until morning.

The next day, Gracia woke up Little Elicia, and was surprised to see all the clothes scattered on the floor. However, she figured that she had created them with her magic. But what really surprised her was the cute, little, yellow creature that was curled up on the bed next to her daughter.

Even so, Gracia woke up her daughter and got the story from her during breakfast. Then, she took the girl and her Pokémon to the guild hall so that she could do her job as a guild waitress while Little Elicia went to train with Ur.

Meanwhile Ur, though surprised to see the creature, Pikachu, only praised Little Elicia for her improvements. Then, they got straight to training.

After training, Little Elicia waited around for the older Elicia to ask her about why the clothes she made felt so different. And that was when Alfonzo and Marin came to the guild hall.

"Huh? What's wrong Pikachu?" Little Elicia asked after feeling the weak electrical current on her shoulder. She then looked back and saw Alfonzo and Marin approaching from the guild hall's entrance. "Oh, Big Brother Alfonzo, Big Sis Marin. Hey!"

"What's up little lady?" Alfonzo asked with a smile.

"O!M!G! it's so cute!" Marin shouted as Pikachu waved its little hand from Little Elica's shoulder.

"Isn't she?" Elicia said while puffing out her chest with pride. "She's my new friend, Pikachu. Pikachu, say hi."

"Pi-Pikachu!" Pikachu said energetically.

While Marin continued to gush over Pikachu's cuteness, Alfonzo approached Elicia, who was smiling nervously.

"We're gonna have to have a talk later." Alfonzo whispered.

"*Sigh* I know." Elicia replied while lowering her head. "I never thought she would be able to make one when I told her about it. At least not so soon. I thought that by the time she could, she would have forgotten about what I told her a for a long time."

"And that's why I always tell you we have to be careful about what we tell people." Alfonzo said while shaking his head. "Either way, at least it's only a Pikachu. They're not particularly strong. Plus, Little Elicia didn't have all that much magic power when she created it. So, it shouldn't be able to get too strong, either."

"I hope you're right." Elicia said as she gripped the pencil in her hand a little tighter. "I'm sorry, Fonzie."

"It will be okay." Alfonzo said as he pulled Elicia into a one-armed hug.

A few moments passed while Alfonzo and Elicia cuddled and Marin asked Little Elicia everything she could think of about Pikachu.

"By the way, why are you back, Fonzie?" Elicia asked curiously. "I mean, after training, you went back home to work on the airship, right?"

Alfonzo could only exhale an exasperated sigh when he heard Elicia's question.

"Ur called me over." Alfonzo said as he let go of Elicia. "She said it was important. So, I came to see what she wanted."

Alfonzo then stood to his full height and shook his head.

"I swear, it's like she doesn't want me to finish the airship." Alfonzo said while continuing to shake his head. "But she should know that she'll get one for the guild when I'm done."

"It's probably because she knows you'll charge her an arm and a leg for it." Elicia said with a smile. "And she knows that she won't be able to turn it down."

"Well, she already bought a leg from me once." Alfonzo said with a shrug and a smile. "So, she should be used to it, shouldn't she?"

In response, Elicia rolled her eyes. Then, she turned back to her sketch and started drawing again.

"Anyway, don't keep Ur waiting." Elicia said. "You know how she gets when she's impatient."

"*Sigh* Fine..." Alfonzo drawled. He then turned around and started walking towards the infirmary again. "I'll be back in a minute. I need to get Shizuka. Then, we'll head up to Ur's office with Marin."

"Oh, speaking of Shizuka." Elicia said, raising her head once again. She then smiled brightly as she continued. "She said she had something to talk to you about. She wouldn't tell anyone what, though. But I have a pretty good idea."

Though he did not turn around, Alfonzo smiled at Elicia's words. Then, after a few moments, he was standing outside of the infirmary. Inside, Ren was bandaging Romeo, who must have hurt himself during training. Meanwhile, Shizuka was sitting at her desk and writing something down while humming happily with a smile on her face.

Knock! *Knock!*

"Hey, everyone." Alfonzo said with a smile. He then looked towards Ren before continuing. "Mind if I borrow Shizuka for a little bit? Ur wants to see us."

"Yeah, I know." Ren replied with a nod and a smile of her own. "She's been waiting for you."

Before Ren finished speaking, Shizuka slammed into Alfonzo and wrapped her arms around his neck while looking up at him with a big smile on her face.

"Fonzie! Fonzie! I've got good news for you." Shizuka said in an excited tone.

"Oh, what's the good news?" Alfonzo asked as he wrapped his arms around Shizuka's waist.

"I had a checkup with Ren this morning, and it finally happened." Shizuka said before hopping up and pecking Alfonzo on the cheek.

On a side note, Romeo, though he did not understand why, could not take his eyes off Shizuka's breasts when they bounced thanks to her little jump.

"I'm pregnant!" Shizuka shouted happily. "We're gonna have a baby."

Smiling just as happily, Alfonzo tightened his grip around Shizuka's waist. Then, he lifted her off the floor and spun her around excitedly.

"It looks like the guild is lucky." Alfonzo said after putting Shizuka down. "We'll have a party to celebrate the good news and I'll do all the cooking."

Hearing that, not only Shizuka cheered, but Ren and Romeo did, as well. Not long afterwards, Alfonzo left the infirmary with Shizuka, picked up Marin, and entered the elevator to head up to Ur's office.

Chapter 654: Marin Was Right...? Maybe...? Possibly...?

Sitting in her office on the top floor of the Fairy Tail guild hall, Ur was reading through several documents. While she did so, she would sigh every so often while shaking her head.

"Those damn kids." Ur muttered while placing the document she was reading on the corner of her desk. "It's been so long, but they still can't keep their destructive tendencies in check. *Sigh* It's only been four years since the old man gave me the position of guild master, but I already want to retire."

Reaching that point, Ur raised her arms over her head, interlocked her fingers, and stretched as deeply as she could, the sound of satisfying pops echoing around the room.

"Ah! That felt good." Ur said as she lowered her hands to her desk once again. She then looked over to the tablet-like device she used to control the functions of the guild hall and checked the date and time. "Oh, how time flies. It's already December. I'll have to announce this year's candidates for the S-Class Exam in less than a week."

Though she already had the list of candidates in mind, Ur would have to check over the data once more before she finalized it. Then, she would have to let the S-Class wizards know what she had planned for the test before everything got started.

While Ur was lost in thought about this year's S-Class Promotion Exam, the doors to the elevator slid open, drawing her attention. When she saw Alfonzo flanked by Marin and Shizuka stepping out of the elevator, she smiled.

Like Makarov, her two favorite members of the guild were Alfonzo and Elica. Although neither of them took on as many quests as they used to, either because of Alfonzo's work outside of Magnolia, or the birth of their son, they still caused almost no damage on quests. And although most of the guild had toned down the amount of collateral damage they caused, save a select few, Alfonzo and Elicia were still the best at keeping it to a minimum.

"Yo, Ur, what's up?" Alfonzo asked as he, Marin, and Shizuka stopped in front of Ur's desk. "You said you didn't call us here because of another quest, so what's going on?"

"I'll let you all know when Laxus gets here." Ur replied with a smile. "I really don't wanna have to repeat myself."

Hearing that, Marin and Shizuka started to giggle while Alfonzo frowned slightly with a hint of envy in his expression.

"Hmm? What's wrong?" Ur asked after noticing Alfonzo's expression. Though, she did not think it was too serious considering how two of his wives were giggling.

"Laxus, the son of a bitch, won't be coming." Alfonzo said in a grudge-filled tone. "He's in Balsam Village enjoying the hot springs with his two fiancées. God damn it, I should be somewhere enjoying myself with my wives, too. Instead, I keep getting interrupted while I'm trying to work on that mother fucking airship. I swear, the world just doesn't want me to finish the damn thing."

Knowing that she was at least partly responsible for Alfonzo's building resentment, Ur could not help but smile wryly while she felt cold sweat sliding down her back. And the fact that what she asked him and the others to come see her for was definitely going to bite into his time to work on his airship wouldn't help, either. Oh, and then there was the fact that the S-Class Promotion Exam was coming up, as well.

When Ur's thoughts reached that point, the cold sweat dripping down her back turned into a stream and she could feel the cloth of her shirt sticking to her back.

'Good thing I'm wearing my jacket over this little tank top.' Ur thought to herself. 'Otherwise, everyone I know would know that something made me nervous. And as the guild master of Fiore's strongest guild, that would make them nervous in return.'

"*Cough* *cough* Anyway, why don't we get down to business." Ur said, her words stopping Alfonzo's tirade. "Here, take a look at this."

As Ur spoke, she reached over to a document that was sitting alone on her desk before picking up and handing it across the desk to Alfonzo.

As Alfonzo accepted the document, he raised an annoyed eyebrow before looking down to read the document in his hand. Meanwhile, both Marin and Shizuka, still giggling to themselves, leaned over to read the document, as well.

"Ah!" Marin exclaimed happily after taking a few moments to read the document. "Mei is coming to magnolia to create an alliance. Then, it will only be a matter of time before she ends up alone with Fonzie and they start opening their hearts to each other. Then, before you know it, a marriage alliance will be on the table to keep the alliance strong for as long as she's the Mizukage."

"You already knew why I called you?" Ur asked with an eyebrow raised. "But what is this about the Mizukage falling in love with Alfonzo and us getting into a marriage alliance with the Village Hidden in the Mist? It doesn't say anything about that in the message."

"Ooh! Does that mean we're gonna have another sister wife?" Shizuka asked as she bounced on her feet while lightly clapping her hands.

On a side note, no one would mention that they noticed Ur's gaze rising and falling with Shizuka's breasts, as they bounced along with her movements, as if she had been hypnotized. In fact, they never even noticed. Nope, not at all. At least that's what Alfonzo and Marin would say if anyone asked them.

"*Sigh* No, it doesn't." Alfonzo said in a tired tone as he laid the message from the Village Hidden in the Mist back down on Ur's desk. "Don't pay attention to Marin, Shizuka. She's just been reading too many of her smutty books. And she's having trouble differentiating between fiction and reality."

"Hmph! I am not." Marin said with a snort while pouting and hammering her fists on Alfonzo's shoulder. "Stupid Fonzie!"

Seeing Marin's reaction, Alfonzo could not help smiling subconsciously. Her current actions making him remember how Elicia used to act whenever he said something to embarrass her right after their memories from their past lives were awakened.

So, with a warm feeling in his heart, Alfonzo raised the arm Marin was pounding on and started gently coming his fingers through her hair.

Almost immediately, Marin's actions made in protest came to a stop as her pout turned into an expression filled with bliss. Then, she leaned into the gentle caresses of Alfonzo's fingers on her scalp as she all but melted away.

Meanwhile, Shizuka, who saw all this happen, started to pout instead. Then, in a manner that could be considered anything but subtle, she grabbed Alfonzo's other hand, raised, and placed it on her head. Then, she looked at him with puppy dog eyes, sending an unspoken message to let him know what she wanted.

And Alfonzo got her message loud and clear, as he started combing his fingers through Shizuka's hair, as well.

Meanwhile, Ur only looked on with a slight smile on her face.

'I wonder what Bianca would think if she saw him like this?' Ur asked herself.

'Ha! That's my god damn son, alright.' Bianca's smooth, deeper than average voice said in Ur's head. 'There's no way someone with my genes would have any problem getting more than a few wives. Hell, if he had less than three, I'd wonder if he was actually playing for the other team.'

Ur could not help but chuckle at the thought of how her old friend might have reacted to the fact that her son had a harem.

"Anyway, you showed us that the Mizukage would be coming here in the future." Alfonzo said, pulling Ur out of her thoughts. "So, what exactly do you want us to do?"

"Since you're already familiar with her, I want you three, four when Laxus comes back, to be her guides while she is in Fiore." Ur replied after shaking the thoughts of Bianca out of her head. "And if she's never tasted your cooking before, perhaps give her a taste. And if she has, then you definitely have to cook at least once while she's here. Otherwise, there may be no chance for this alliance."

"See, even Ur is trying to get Mei into your harem, Fonzie." Marin said with a smile. "Your cooking is unfair in that regard."

"Oh, please stop talking about that." Alfonzo said while shaking his head. "There are already twelve of you, nine of whom I've officially married. Isn't that enough?"

"To quote Cana... *Cough*" Marin replied. She then put on a serious expression as she used her [Transformation Magic] to alter her voice into an exact copy of Cana's and continued. "As the universe expands endlessly, so does the harem... Or something like that. *Giggle*"

Alfonzo could only shake his head once again.

"Anyway, that's all I wanted." Ur said. "So, you can go and make your preparations. Well, not that there's any rush. I'll respond to this message and let her know to come with her entourage after the new year. We've got an S-Class Promotion Exam to prepare for."

"You mean, 'we've' got an S-Class Promotion Exam to prepare for." Alfonzo said as he gestured to himself and Marin while rolling his eyes. "It's not like the guild master ever helps with the set-up, anyway. I mean, hell, does the guild master do anything but write reflection letters to the Council?"

"Shut up, Brat!" Ur said as she picked up and threw a stapler at Alfonzo's face. "Just go and get ready for the exam."

Smirking at Ur, Alfonzo used his [Metal Magic] to stop the stapler mid-flight. Then, he gently laid it back on the desk from where Ur picked it up.

"Fine." Alfonzo said. "We'll get going to make 'preparations.' See you later, Ur."

With that, Alfonzo stopped combing his fingers through Marin's and Shizuka's hair. Then, he took each of them by the hand, turned around, and led them back to the elevator.

"Oh, and Alfonzo." Ur said just before Shizuka pressed the elevator's call button.

"Yeah, what's up?" Alfonzo asked as he looked over his shoulder with a smile.

"*Sigh* I know I've been working you pretty hard for the last few years." Ur said in a sincere tone. "So, after the Mist's visit, I won't bother you for anything unless it's really important. But I really do appreciate everything you do for the guild."

His smile turning gentle, Alfonzo nodded his head without a word. Over the years, Alfonzo's and Ur's bond has become too deep for them to exchange words over something like that.

A moment later, the elevator doors opened. Then, Alfonzo, Marin, and Shizuka stepped inside.

"Oh, and don't forget to come downstairs in about an hour and a half." Alfonzo said with his back to the elevator doors. "I'll be cooking to celebrate Shizuka getting pregnant. And I know you don't wanna miss it."

Hearing that, Ur stood up, happiness written all over her face. However, her expression turned in to a scowl after hearing Alfonzo's next words.

"You're gonna have another two next year..." Alfonzo said while looking over his shoulder with a teasing smile on his face. "Great-Aunt Ur."

Bang!

Crash!

As Alfonzo's words ended, the elevator doors closed behind him. At the same time, with great speed, Ur picked up her stapler once again and threw it at him with all her might. Unfortunately, she was just a little too late, and the stapler crashed against the elevator door and broke into many pieces that scattered across the floor.

"Damned brat." Ur grumbled as she flopped back down into her chair. A moment later, however, a smile spread on her face. "Congratulations. Your house is gonna be very lively soon."

The party to celebrate Shizuka's pregnancy happened after that, lasting most of the rest of the day. And when Laxus, Chico, and Saya found out that they missed it, they were all a bit upset. Though, if Laxus had been there, the brawl that brought it to an end would have probably been even more intense than it already was.

As for the rest of the month, the S-Class Candidates were announced a little less than a week after the party. Then, a week after that, the S-Class Promotion Exam took place. And to no one's surprise, the one to be promoted in x788 was Masa, someone everyone thought would have ended up as the one to pass last year.

Then, once the Promotion Exam was complete, everything went back to normal and Alfonzo was able to work on his airship uninterrupted until Tsunade, Kakashi, and a few other shinobi from the Village

Hidden in the Leaves arrived in Magnolia to take Obito back to the village to be imprisoned and interrogated just before the calendar closed on x788.

Chapter 655: The Blackbird

Early in the morning of a new year, Alfonzo slowly regained consciousness after a night of fun, food, and drinking. However, unlike most mornings, he was actually waking up alone in his bed. And the reason for that was because most of the residents of the house drank themselves into a stupor and were strewn about in various areas of the Mansion on the Lake.

"Ugh!" Alfonzo groaned in discomfort. "My head feels like it's going to fucking explode. I probably should have listened when Cana said that new whiskey she found would even put me on my ass. God damn it..."

With that said, Alfonzo slowly opened his eyes. A few moments later, after his eyes adjusted to the light, he made eye contact with a pair of black eyes that were quite close to his own. Luckily, this was a common occurrence whenever he woke up. So, he was not surprised.

"Mmm... Good morning, Miyuki." Alfonzo said calmly while maintaining eye contact.

"*sigh* I wish you had never woken up." Miyuki, Alfonzo's personal maid replied as she slowly pulled back from suspending her upper body over Alfonzo.

While she was raising to an upright posture, Alfonzo noticed that Miyuki was stealing glances at his lips. However, as the kind and generous soul that he was, he decided not to point it out. Otherwise, he might embarrass his infatuated maid.

'I wonder if she's ever going to kiss me in my sleep.' Alfonzo thought to himself. 'From what I've heard, the girls have a bet riding on it. Because of that, they made me set up a secret camera to record the moment if she ever decides to do so... Now that I think about it, even though they have a bet riding on whether she'll kiss me or not, they never set a time limit. So, how do they decide if the ones who bet against it win?'

While Alfonzo was thinking about his mischievous wives little pastime, he glanced at the pin-hole camera that was set up in the clock hanging over the door to his workshop. And he decided that he needed to get all the girls together to watch all the night time activities that camera had recorded over the past year or so.

"Anyway, can you prepare some clothes that I can work in, Miyuki?" Alfonzo asked after returning his gaze to Miyuki. "I'm pretty sure I don't have anything on my schedule. So, I'm gonna spend all morning working on the airship. I'll take care of lunch, though. I'm sure everyone will need a hangover remedy after last night."

"Understood." Miyuki replied as she turned around and made her way over to Alfonzo's closet.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo flared his magic power. Then, he let a weak electric current run through his body to evaporate all the alcohol that was left in his system. After that, he climbed out of bed and went to take a shower to get rid of the scent of alcohol and ozone.

April 1, x789.

After the new year started, time passed rather quickly, Though, not much of note happened.

However, the one major event that did take place was a big one for the residents of the Mansion on the lake.

On March 23, Mirajane finally had her baby. And it was a beautiful baby girl with brown skin, a shade lighter than Alfonzo's, white hair and grey eyes. And in memory of Alfonzo's and Mirajane's late parents, they named the girl Bianca Elliana Marcus. {A/N: Since the Strauss Siblings parents were never named, I made up a name for their mother. i.e. the baby girl's middle name.}

And the one who was the most excited about the new addition to the family was Amar'e, who spent as much time around his little sister after she was brought back from the hospital as he possibly could.

Other than that, Alfonzo spent as much of his time as he could working on the airship. However, he did not neglect his duties as a husband, boyfriend, father, or wizard during that time.

Instead, he would make time to spend with all of his wives and girlfriends, taking them on dates and trips if they wanted to do so. He spent a lot of time playing with Amar'e and Bianca, and teaching Amar'e everything that he could. And he even took a normal S-Class quest, usually a subjugation request, once a week. He even spent at least two hours a day training.

The only ones who did not get the attention they felt they deserved were the members of his guild. Because despite the fact that they had accumulated more than a few points over the last three months, Alfonzo never accepted any of their requests to redeem them with his cooking.

And when it got bad enough, Ur had to step in, freezing most of the guild to the floor of the guild hall's first floor when they got a bit too rowdy.

But after all the time he spent working on his airship project, Alfonzo was now ready to show off the fruits of his labor. So, a number of people had joined him in the hanger under his mansion to see what he had been working on for so long.

"With all the shit you caused by not cooking for that group of ruffians, this thing better be worth it." Ur, who came for the unveiling of the airship, said in an annoyed tone.

"Well, if I wasn't afraid that someone would send me on another quest, I would have been able to spare the time to cook at the guild." Alfonzo snarked back. "But don't worry, oh great guild master. Now that I'm finished with my project, I'll be able to cook for those ruffians once again."

"Come on, Fonzie, stop bickering with Aunt Ur." Elicia, with Amar'e in her arms, said in an impatient tone. "I wanna see the airship."

"You're lucky your holding that kid, Lici." Ur growled at being called Aunt Ur. "Otherwise, I'd put you over my knee."

As she spoke, Ur raised her right hand and coated it in ice. At the same time, both Elicia and Ultear shuddered in fear, the latter covering her butt with her hands.

"Yes, hurry up, Alfonzo." Mirajane said with Bianca in her arms, as well. "I want Bianca to be able to see it before she falls asleep, too."

Not only Elicia, Ur, and Mirajane were impatient for the big reveal, but Cana, Laki, Alzack, Ultear, Erza, Marin, Sun, Bisca, Lucy, Saeko, Shizuka, Rika, Irene, Brandish, Heine, Juliet, and the six maids also seemed to be getting rather impatient, as well.

"Seriously, this took even longer to build than this mansion." Cana said playfully while holding a bottle of liquor. "So, it better be good. Or else, I'll be disappointed."

"Oh, whatever." Marin said while playfully swatting Cana's arm. "Since when has anything Fonzie made ever disappointed us?"

"Yeah, everything Alfonzo makes is the best, ya see?" Sun added in a bubbly tone.

"Marin and Sun are right, you know." Ultear added. "Now, stop interrupting. Just let him show us what he's been so busy with."

"Yeah, go ahead, Alfonzo." Lucy added. "The anticipation is killing me."

"Fine... Fine... I'll get to it." Alfonzo said as he turned away from the rest of the group. "Then, prepare to be amazed. Now, may I present to you..."

Once his back was facing the others, Alfonzo laid his eyes on one of the largest tarps he had ever seen. But the tarp was not the important part of today's event. Instead, it was what was under said tarp.

Raising his hands theatrically, Alfonzo flared his magic power and used his [Metal Magic] to levitate the metal strips woven into the edges of the tarp. As he did, the airship, a modified, scaled-up version of the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird... Or rather, the X-Jet to those who do not know the history of the X-Men's iconic primary mode of transport.

"... The Blackbird." Alfonzo said while his arms were still raised theatrically.

After placing the tarp to the side, Alfonzo turned around to see the expressions of his audience. And he must say, he was not disappointed.

First, there was Ur, who's eyes and mouth were wide open with surprise. Then, there was Elicia, who knew exactly what she was looking at and was basically vibrating with excitement. And because of his mother's level of excitement, Amar'e got more and more excited as time went by, as well.

As for everyone else, they all showed varying levels of shock and awe. The only exception was little Bianca, who was starting to get a bit fussy in Mirajane's arms. It was clear that she was either sleepy, hungry, or needed to be changed. And since Mirajane said that she wanted to get this over with before Bianca got sleep, it was probably the former.

"Impressive." Erza said with her eyes sparkling.

"What... can it do?" Ur, finally finding her voice, asked in a shaky tone.

"Fly." Alfonzo said in the most innocent tone he could muster with an equally innocent smile on his face.

Immediately, Ur's head snapped in Alfonzo's direction with a glare that shouted, "Don't test me, Kid." On top of that, thanks to her agitation, the temperature in the hanger started to drop.

"Alright, alright, chill out... No, bad choice of words...." Alfonzo started to say while raising his hands disarmingly. "Calm down... Yeah, that's it... Calm down, Ur. Take a deep breath. The kids are down here."

"Just. Tell. Me. What. It. Can. Do." Ur said, punctuating every word as she spoke.

"Well, other than the obvious." Alfonzo said, drawing an even harsher glare from Ur. "It has a few built in weapons. One of which is an upgraded Jupiter Cannon. As well as two smaller magic convergence cannons equipped on each wing. It also has a payload of explosive ordinances, stealth capabilities, and can travel at Mach 5 at top speed with a cruising speed of Mach 3.2."

When everyone heard that, they all looked at Alfonzo with disbelief in their gazes.

"Oh, and it could seat all of the guild's S-Class and A-Class wizards plus a few more." Alfonzo added, the pride in his tone almost tangible at this point.

"Levy would have loved to be here for this." Lucy said absent-mindedly after Alfonzo's words had some time to sink in.

As for Levy, like Lucy said, she would have loved to be present for the unveiling of such a magic item that undoubtedly used some extremely high-level [Word Magic] in its operations. Unfortunately, she was off on an S-Class quest with Gajeel at the moment.

"Fonzie! Fonzie! Can we go inside and check it out?" Shizuka asked excitedly.

"Of course." Alfonzo replied while raising his left hand.

Snap!

Then, Alfonzo snapped his fingers. When he did, the side of the airship folded outwards creating a set of stairs leading into the airships interior.

Then, without waiting, all those present, other than Ur and Mirajane, who still had the fussy Bianca in her arms, rushed into the airship to check everything out. Ikaruga, Grayfia, Maria, Mey-Rin, Ai, and Miyuki followed everyone inside, as well, after receiving a nod from Alfonzo that urged them to just relax and explore.

"Well, I'll come back later to check it out for myself." Mirajane said while rocking Bianca in her arms. "For now, someone needs a nap. And I don't think she's gonna take no for an answer for much longer."

"Okay." Alfonzo said gently as he approached Mirajane. "Well, if the princess needs her nap, then who are we to disagree."

Alfonzo then leaned down and planted a kiss on Bianca's forehead. However, because of the fact that she was rather irritated from being kept from falling asleep, she only started crying... loudly.

Because of that, Alfonzo put on a mock expression of hurt, bringing a smile to Mirajane's face.

"Alright, go ahead." Alfonzo said before pecking Mirajane on the cheek. "I'll personally give you a tour of the Blackbird as soon as you have the chance to take it."

"I'll hold you to that." Mirajane replied before returning the peck on the cheek.

After that, Mirajane turned around and started walking towards the elevator while trying to calm Bianca down, leaving Alfonzo alone in the hanger with Ur.

"You're still here?" Alfonzo asked, pretending to be shocked that Ur was still standing next to him after Mirajane left. "I thought you would have been looking around inside the Blackbird by now."

"How much?" Ur asked, ignoring Alfonzo's playful words. "How much will it cost to get one of these for the guild?"

Ur's tone was not the only shaky thing about her as she spoke, as her hands were shaking as well. It was clear that she did not want to know the answer to her question, as she was sure that the price Alfonzo quoted would be enough to shave a few years off her life span.

"Well, why don't we head up to my office to discuss any business." Alfonzo said as his expression turned into one a money-hungry merchant might wear while he rubbed his hands together greedily.

Chapter 656: The Blackbird Surprises Everyone

Nearly three months have passed since Alfonzo unveiled the Blackbird. Since then, Alfonzo has taken his family on trips all over Ishgar to enjoy the different sights, sounds, and foods the rest of the continent had to offer.

Also, between trips, Alfonzo took quests, both alone and with his lovers and friends to keep Fairy Tail's reputation as stellar as it has been for the last few years. Though, that did nothing to stop the more destructive members of the guild from destroying everything they laid their hands on.

The only exception to that rule was when either Alfonzo or Elicia took quests with Erza and Cana. Though, it was much rarer for either of them to take a quest with Erza than Cana. And the reason for that was simple, Erza was a member of Team Natsu. Meaning, putting three of the four... five if you count Gildarts... most destructive members of the guild on the same team always resulted in high amounts of collateral damage.

However, today was the beginning of a break between quests and sight seeing trips, not just for Alfonzo, Elicia, and their family, but for almost every legal guild in Fiore. Because the following day, the Grand Magic Games would begin once again.

Swoosh~~~~~!

At around noon, the sound of air being displaced at a high rate sounded over the capital city of Fiore, Crocus. And that sound caused all the pedestrians in the city to look up in the sound's direction. When they did, they all opened their eyes wide at the small black dot that was growing in size as it descended from the sky.

"What is that?" A woman asked while pulling her child into her embrace.

"It must be a magical beast!" A man shouted in fear. "It's coming to the capital to kill us all."

Smack!

"Cut it out, you idiot!" Another man shouted after slapping the other man upside the head. "Why don't you actually use those eyes in your head."

Reaching that point, the second man pointed up at the black figure that was descending from above.

"Look at that." The second man said while shifting his finger between the undersides of the black figure's wings. "That's the Fairy Tail guild mark."

Not only the first man, but all the other people in the vicinity also looked at the wings of the descending figure. And when they recognized the Fairy Tail guild emblem, they calmed down almost immediately.

"If that's the Fairy Tail guild mark, does that mean that's an airship?" A middle-aged woman asked curiously. "but since when did Fairy Tail have an airship?"

"I don't' know." A younger woman replied while watching the airship with an impressed gaze. "But I bet Alfonzo Marcus made it. It looks so cool. And it's so big."

Though none of them knew where the sound came from, everyone in the area would have sworn they heard someone yell, "that's what she said." But they eventually brushed it off as a figment of their imagination in favor of admiring the airship.

Eventually, the people in the city realized where the airship, the Blackbird, was landing. And it was on top of the Sixth Sense Hotel. However, just when they noticed that, they saw another airship, in the same shape as the first, in different colors, descending from the sky, as well.

Meanwhile, all the guilds who had come to Fiore to participate in this year's Grand Magic Games also noticed the descending airships thanks to the magic power they were giving off.

"Ooh! Fairy Tail got an airship, too." Bob, the master of the Blue Pegasus guild said while looking up in wonder. "No, they got two."

"Actually, I think one of those is probably Alfonzo's personal airship." Sorano said with a smile.

"Really?" Yukino asked with her eyes open wide. "That's amazing."

"Men!" Ichiya said while taking a manly pose. "Those airships are quite impressive. But they have nothing on Christina."

"You're right, Boss/Master/Big Brother Ichiya." The Trimens Hibiki, Ren, and Eve said in unison.

"Seriously, you idiots need to decide on one way to call him." Karen said in her usual haughty tone. She then turned a longing gaze in the two airships' direction and continued. "Elicia, you've finally arrived. I hope you'll take the time to punish me once again. Mm! I've really been a bad girl."

The members of Lamia Scale were also watching the two airships descend from near the Flower Light Palace, Mercurius.

"Hey, Rei, if we had joined Fairy Tail back then, we would be riding on one of those right now, wouldn't we?" Takashi asked quietly.

"Probably." Rei replied just as quietly.

"Oh, are you regretting your choice to join Lamia Scale?" Ooba Babasama asked in a threatening tone. Then, she raised her right index finger and invoked her [Spinning Magic] as she turned her finger round and round. "Why don't you spin it for me?"

Immediately, Takashi's and Rei's bodies were forced to spin in place at high speed. And no matter how much they flared their magic power to fight it, there was nothing they could do.

Meanwhile, Ooba continued to spin her finger while she glanced in the airships' direction.

"Even so, I must admit, they are impressive." Ooba said. "That boy really is a genius."

"Perhaps we should commission one from him." Jura said in a peaceful tone with his palms pressed against each other in front of his chest.

"No way." Ooba replied while shaking her head as she let Takashi and Rei go from her magic's influence. "He would charge us an arm and a leg for it, I'm sure."

"Indeed he would." Jura said with a slight smile making its way onto his face.

At the same time, the rest of Team Lamia Scale, Lyon, Sherry, Yuka, and Toby were all watching the two airships in awe. However, there was a little more than awe mixed into Lyon's gaze.

"Oh, my sweet Juvia." Lyon mumbled. "This year, I'll show you that I am better for you than Gray. All you have to do is give me a chance."

Like Blue Pegasus and Lamia Scale, the members of Quatro Cerberus were also watching the Fairy Tail airships land atop the Sixth Sense Hotel. However, they did not have much to say, as the members simply shouted, "Wild," repeatedly.

The only exceptions were Goldmine, Ikaku, and Yumichika.

"I bet fighting on top of that thing while it is flying would be a rush." Ikaku said with a battle hungry grin on his face and a beam of sunlight reflecting off his head.

"They are quite beautiful." Yumichika said with an appreciative nod. "It would seem Alfonso has rather impeccable taste."

"*sigh* I'm surprised Makarov has not yet bragged to me about the new airships." Goldmine mumbled. "Maybe he doesn't know about them. He never misses an opportunity to brag like that."

And Goldmine was right. Currently, Makarov was standing on the ground at the Sixth Sense Hotel's front entrance and looking up with a dumbfounded expression on his face.

"Damn it, Ur." Makarov growled. "How could you not tell me about something this good. Do you have any idea of all the bragging I could have done to my old friends?"

And that was exactly why Ur opted to keep the information about the airships away from Makarov. She wanted to surprise the rest of Fiore when the two airships, each carrying about a quarter of the guild, descended from the sky. However, if she had told Makarov, it would have taken less than a day for all of Fiore to know about them, as he would have told his old friends and they would have told their friends, and so on and so forth.

The last group of wizards who were paying a particular amount of attention to the airships landing on the Sixth Sense Hotel's roof were the ladies of Mermaid heel.

"Looks like he's made something incredible again." Anko said while shielding her eyes from the sun as she gazed upon the two airships. She then lowered her hand and placed it on the side of her neck. "But I should have known that nothing was impossible for him."

A moment later, Anko was wrapped up from behind by a pair of arms with brown skin.

"Oh, is he the reason that nasty mark on the side of your neck is gone, Anko?" Yoruichi asked in a teasing tone. "You never told any of us what it was. Nor did you ever tell us what happened to it. But now I think I get it."

"Yeah. Something like that." Anko replied with a grin. Anko then turned her head to look over her shoulder. "More importantly, this is gonna be the first time you've seen him in years. Are you nervous?"

"*Sigh* I'd be lying if I said I wasn't." Yoruichi replied while releasing Anko from her hug. "Still, I really wanna see him. I just hope his girls don't kill me when they see me."

Standing off to the side, Sui-Feng gritted her teeth and clenched her fists, as the memory of Marin punching Yoruichi in the face flashed in her mind. However, the trained assassin did not leak an ounce of killing intent. It seems that the re-education training she was forced to go through had some results.

"So, are you ever going to tell me the story with that guy?" Rangiku asked as she approached Yoruichi and Anko. "I mean, I've been dying to know for years."

"Actually, now that you mention it, I don't know the story either." Anko added.

"Oh, look!" Yoruichi said in an overly exaggerated tone of surprise while pointing at one of the many street vendors set up in the city. "That booth is selling dango. And the sign says they've got flavors that have never been seen before."

Immediately, Anko's head snapped in the direction where Yoruichi was pointing. And when she saw the stall, her eyes lit up as she forgot about the previous topic and sprinted off in the direction of the stall.

Yoruichi then breathed a sigh of relief before she turned her attention to Rangiku who would not be so easily fooled. However, she knew exactly what it would take to get her to drop the topic, as well.

"You're coming with me when I go to say hi to the folks from Fairy Tail, right?" Yoruichi asked while smiling at Rangiku. "I'm sure you could get Lici to make a few custom pieces for you if you asked nicely."

Like Anko before her, Rangiku's eyes also lit up as she seemingly forgot the previous topic when something more important to her was brought up.

"You better not forget to bring me when you go." Rangiku said while nodding her head vigorously. "The Taylor shop's clothes are to die for. And I'm not gonna miss the chance to get something made just for me."

"Don't worry, I won't forget." Yoruichi said with a smile.

'Good, I managed to give them the slip again.' Yoruichi thought to herself. 'I'm not proud of what I did back then. So, of course I don't wanna talk about it.'

'Hmph!' Rangiku snorted internally. 'I'm not as easy to fool as Anko, Yoruichi. But I'll let you get away with it for now. Otherwise you won't take me with you. Then, I wouldn't get to find out what happened back then or get some custom clothes just for me.'

While the two Soul Reapers were thinking they just got one over on each other, Retsu watched over the more rowdy members of the guild with Kagura by her side. As for the other members of the guild, namely Araña, Risley, Beth, and Millianna, they were exploring the festival atmosphere in another group.

"I hope Alfonzo and Elicia will be participating in the Games this year." Retsu muttered to herself while watching the members of her guild have fun. "Otherwise, this won't be all that interesting. Sure, that boy Laxus is strong, but Sui-Feng and Yoruichi have gotten a lot stronger during their training."

Shaking those thoughts away, Retsu continued to wear her usual, gentle smile as she continued to walk around the city with the rest of her guild. Though, unbeknownst to the rest of them, she was secretly evaluating them to see who would be the next guild master, now that Tsunade was the Hokage of the Village Hidden in the Leaves. Because, Retsu, having taken up the mantle of guild master once again, had already grown tired of it.

Chapter 657: Amar'e's First Word

"Ahahahahaha!" Cana's and Rika's laughter echoed through the Blackbird's cabin.

"Really, Fonzie?" Elicia asked while rolling her eyes from the Blackbird's co-pilot seat.

"What do you mean?" Alfonzo asked while tilting his head in confusion.

"Don't give us that, Mister." Lucy said in an exasperated tone. "You actually used your [Telepathy] to listen to everyone's reaction to the Blackbird, which I don't have a problem with..."

"But you actually echoed, 'That's what she said,' through the connection when you heard someone say, 'It's so big.' Irene said, finishing Lucy's thought with an amused smile on her face. 'Seriously, will you ever grow up?'"

In response, Alfonzo only smiled at the accusation. Though, he did not even try to deny it. Instead, he just enjoyed everyone's reaction.

"What makes it even funnier is the fact that Fonzie has to say it, or he gets severe stomach cramps." Cana said after getting her laughter under control.

That statement only drew a flat stare from Irene.

"You can't be serious." Brandish said in a dumbfounded tone.

"*Sigh* Unfortunately, Cana is telling the truth." Elicia said while rubbing her temples. "When we were kids---"

"Were?" Irene asked in an amused tone as her dry stare turned into an amused grin. "You can stop calling yourselves kids in front of me after you reach your first century."

"We actually took Fonzie to see Porlyusica because he told us that when we were younger." Elicia said as she rolled her eyes at Irene. "And she examined him, confirming what he said about having to say it, or stuff like it."

Immediately, the more recent members of the guild riding in the Blackbird looked on in dumbfounded amazement.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo, who has had his [Magic Power Detection] active ever since they left the airspace over Magnolia, slightly furrowed his eyebrows after feeling a familiar magic power signature.

"I guess she's back." Alfonzo muttered quietly while shaking his head as he carefully set the Blackbird down on the Sixth Sense Hotel's roof. "I just hope things don't get too out of hand when some of the girls see her."

Deciding that he could think about that later, Alfonzo shook his head. Then, he shut off the Blackbird's magic engines and raised his head.

"Ladies and gentlemen, this is your captain speaking." Alfonzo said, speaking into the Blackbird's comms as he did so. "We have landed at our destination, Crocus, the Capital City of the kingdom of Fiore. The time is 3:27 pm and the external temperature is 88° F. In other words, the day is beautiful and perfect for enjoying the festival atmosphere. So, I hope you all genuinely enjoy your trips to our nation's capital. And thank you for flying with us. The airships doors will be lowered momentarily. Please make sure you have all your personal items before disembarking and have a great day."

In response, everyone familiar with Alfonzo's antics, meaning everyone aboard the Blackbird, rolled their eyes in unison. Still, they all smiled at the silly announcement. Then, they all gathered their belongings and got ready to disembark.

At the same time, as is customary among Fairy Tail wizards when leaving Magnolia, everyone spread their [Magic Power Detection] to be ready for anything. However, when that happened, Elicia, Cana, Ultear, Erza, Mirajane, Marin, Sun, and Lucy all twitched an eyebrow.

"*Sigh* This isn't going to be a peaceful trip, is it?" Elicia asked as she unbuckled Amar'e from his special baby seat.

"That bitch!" Cana growled. "She's back!"

"Good." Marin said with a nod. "I've always wished I had hit her more than once."

"Huh? What's going on?" Levy, who despite having known everyone who seemed upset for so long, asked in confusion.

"Sorry, Levy." Lucy said while smiling wryly. "It's kind of a personal matter. Still, I didn't expect to see her again."

"Who are you all talking about that's got you in such a mood?" Irene asked in a curious tone.

"*Sigh* Yoruichi Shihouin." Ultear said in a somewhat dismal tone. "It's been a few years since any of us saw her. I thought we would have gotten over our past grievances by now. But..."

"Speak for yourself!" Cana shouted. "After what she did to Fonzie, I'm never going to forgive that bitch!"

Although Cana's words were not directed at her, Elicia lowered her head with guilt, as she was just as responsible for what happened back then.

"Don't worry about it, Lici." Alfonzo said while wrapping Elicia in a hug from behind. "It's in the past and you've been forgiven. Just let it go."

"*Sigh* I know you're right, Fonzie." Elicia said as she leaned into Alfonz's hug with Amar'e in her arms. "But I can't help it."

By now, everyone had noticed Alfonzo trying to comfort Elicia, and the atmosphere calmed.

"Look, I'm not gonna tell you all how to feel about her." Alfonzo said while shaking his head with a bitter smile on his face. "I might have gotten over it, for the most part. But if you don't like her, you don't have to try to. Just don't do anything that will bringdown Fairy Tail's reputation, got it?"

Those who knew what was going on nodded in understanding with differing expressions. At the same time, everyone who did not know the details of the situation looked even more confused than before.

"Anyway, let's go check in at the hotel." Alfonzo said, his tone much more cheerful than before. "And look at it this way, with Yoruichi and Sui-Feng here, the Games will, at the very least, be much more interesting, right? Laxus and the Thunder God Tribe dominating the competition has gotten pretty boring by now, right?"

Though they were mostly done begrudgingly, Alfonzo's ladies who were involved with him during the whole Yoruichi debacle nodded their heads in agreement. Meanwhile, Alfonzo and Elicia, after feeling the increase in Yoruichi's magic power, were both smiling internally. Then, they made eye contact for a moment.

'We might actually get to participate in the Grand Magic Games next year.' Alfonzo and Elicia thought simultaneously during their brief eye contact.

After that, everyone on the Blackbird disembarked and met up with those who just disembarked from the Fairy's Tail, the identical airship with a different color scheme that Alfonzo made for the guild. Then, after heading into the hotel from the roof, they met up with the members of the guild who were not lucky enough to get a ride on either airship before checking into their rooms.

Once all the check ins were complete, everyone was free to explore Crocus as they liked. During that time of exploration, Alfonzo walked around with Cana, Ultear, and Marin, the ones who wanted to find Yoruichi the most. Not to say he was against them trying to settle their differences in a more physical way. But... Now just was not the time. Especially with all the bystanders who could get caught up in their conflict.

Like that, the rest of the afternoon passed. Eventually, all the guilds slowly trickled back into their lodgings, expecting the preliminary round of the Grand Magic Games to begin as the clock struck midnight. And they were all correct, as a loud sound and a hologram of the Grand Magic Games' mascot, Mato, appeared in the skies of Crocus just as the clock struck midnight.

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{"Hello! Hello! And Good evening!"} Mato cheered excitedly, his high-pitched voice projected all over the city. {"It's that time of year again! The time that you've all been waiting for! Ladies and gentlemen,

it's time to thin the herd. From the hundreds of guilds that call Fiore their home, we'll bring that number down to eight. And this is how we'll do it!"}

As Mato reached that point, his hologram blinked, turing into a different image. Now, the image floating above the city was that of a tower with eight levels.

{"During this year's preliminary round, every team will enter this tower."} Mato continued excitedly. {"And they will have a challenge to overcome on each floor. And just like every year, the first eight teams to finish will gain entry to the main event that starts in the morning. So, is everyone ready?"}

At the same time, a [Teleportation Magic Circle] lit up in the plaza outside the Flower Light Palace, Mercurius.

"Well then! On your marks! Get set!" Mato shouted, raising the tension without even explaining where everyone should go to start the prelims. "Go!"

With Mato's shout, hundreds of five-man teams shot out of hotels from around the city racing towards the plaza where the [Teleportation Magic Circle] was set up.

"Yup, this is gonna be a tough year for us." Alfonzo muttered after seeing that Laxus and the Thunder God Tribe were the second team to reach the [Teleportation Circle].

"Yeah, Yoruichi is still as fast as ever." Elicia added while she looked out the window of the hotel room with Alfonzo.

"Regardless of anything, she's really strong." Marin said in a huff. "Something tells me that if she didn't let me, I would have never been able to punch her back then."

"You're probably right." Erza said with a nod. "As someone who fought and lost to her, I advise all of you to not underestimate her strength."

In response, Cana, Ultear, Mirajane, Marin, Sun, and Lucy nodded in understanding. Though, Cana did it quite begrudgingly with gritted teeth and clenched fists.

{"And it looks like our first team has completed the challenge!"} Mato shouted as the image of the tower with teams streaming in through the entrance on the ground floor changed to show a five-man team standing together on the top floor. {"And it's the reigning champions, Laxus Dreyar, Saya Takagi, Fried, Bickslow, and Evergreen of Fairy Tail!"}

"Look at the way everyone is looking at Saya and Fried." Alfonzo said, pointing at the hologram in the sky. "How much you wanna bet that this was not a test of might. Instead, it was a test of brains."

"Definitely." Saeko replied with a nod. "And there was a reason why Saya was the best student at Fujimi Academy back before the zombie outbreak."

"I still don't understand what she sees in Laxus, though." Mirajane said while rocking Bianca in her arms. "I mean, I know how intelligent Laxus is, when he stops to think, that is. But he almost never shows it in his day to day life."

"Wow! Mira, you're making it seem like he's as dumb as Natsu." Elicia said in a fake aghast tone.

"Oh, heaven's no." Mirajane replied with a smile. "Trust me, as his sister-in-law, I have come to understand just how dumb Natsu is. And there's simply no comparison. All I'm saying is that Laxus tends to hide his intelligence more often than not."

Mirajane's response drew giggles from the other girls in the room.

{"The second team has emerged!"} Mato shouted, interrupting the conversation. {"And it's the ladies from Mermaid Heel. It looks like they're making a strong start this year!"}

Putting their conversation on hold, the group looked up at the hologram, expecting to see Kagura, Anko, Yoruichi, Sui-Feng, and one from Araña, Risley, Beth or Millianna. They were all surprised when they saw the gorgeous woman with blonde hair, blue eyes, and a rack that could match Tsunade in size.

"What's the deal with all these blondes and their abnormally big tits?" Cana asked while looking at her D-cup breasts that looked small when compared with the woman in the hologram.

"What do you mean?" Shizuka asked while tilting her head in confusion.

"You know what...? Never mind." Cana said while throwing her arms up in frustration before taking a bottle of liquor out of her [Storage Card].

"It's not just blondes, though." Ultear said as she stepped between Erza and Irene. She then poked each of them in the breasts as she continued. "There's something about redheads, too."

While Erza barely reacted to Ultear's prodding, Irene smiled proudly and crossed her arms under her breasts and hefted them up, emphasizing the largest pair of breasts that anyone had ever seen even more.

While the others joked around about breast sizes, Alfonzo and Elicia continued to stare at the newest member of Mermaid Heel with the light of recognition in their eyes. Then, they exchanged glances with anticipation replacing the recognition.

'The chances of us getting to be in next year's magic games just keeps going up.' Alfonzo and Elicia thought simultaneously as smiles crept onto each of their faces.

However, all that excitement came to an end when Amar'e, who had been sleeping in the bed between Alfonzo and Elicia, climbed out of bed and slowly made his way over to his parents. He then pulled on Alfonzo's shorts, getting his father's attention.

When Alfonzo looked down at his son with a smile on his face, Amar'e, with a sleepy look in his eyes, raised his arms, indicating that he wanted to be picked up.

"Dada..." Amar'e mumbled sleepily.

Immediately, the room fell silent, as if everyone had been paying attention to Amar'e once he started moving. A moment later, Alfonzo's smile widened to an unprecedented degree while Elicia's expression became frustrated. Then, Alfonzo bent down and swept Amar'e up from the floor excitedly.

"Hahahahaha!" Alfonzo laughed boisterously. "He said his first word! And it was Dada! Hahahahaha! Suck it, Lici!"

Chapter 658: Not the Best Reunion, Huh?

After everyone celebrated Amar'e's first word, they all went back to watching the preliminary round of the Grand Magic Games. And to no one's surprise, the next three teams to finish the preliminaries were Lamia Scale, Blue Pegasus, and Quatro Cerberus, in that order. After that, three teams that weren't as famous as the first five guilds to finish rounded out the top eight.

With nothing left to see, everyone went back to bed. Then, in the morning, they all got ready and went to the Domus Flau to watch the first day of the Grand Magic Games.

The next few days went on with a similar schedule. By the end of the fourth day, the scores were close with Mermaid Heel holding the lead over Fairy Tail by ten points. In fact, if Evergreen had not lost to Rangiku in the Battle Round at the end of the third day, the scores would be flipped, both having won two events, and came in second and third on the other two. Also, with the exception of the match between Evergreen and Rangiku, both teams had won all their Battle Rounds, as well.

But today, no one was rushing to get up and head to the Domus Flaw. Because today would be a rest day. Then, the teams would all gather for the last event on the next day. And that would determine the winner of this year's Grand Magic Games.

"*Gulp* *Gulp* *Gulp*" Cana, sitting on the couch in the suite where Alfonzo, his ladies, and his children were staying, chugged down a bottle of wine with a frustrated expression on her face.

"Why the long face, Cana?" Sun asked curiously while taking a seat next to Cana. "Is it because Laxus and the others are losing?"

"*Burp* No... Well... Yes, that's part of it." Cana replied after gulping down the last of the wine in the bottle. "But more than that, it's because that bitch is winning right now."

"Cana, language!" Elicia said sternly. "Even Fonzie watches what he says when Mar'e and BiBi are around."

"Sorry... Sorry..." Cana replied, raising her arms in surrender. "I'm just really frustrated. Why does it have to be her?"

"*Sigh* I know you don't like her..." Alfonzo said as he took the seat on the other side of Cana. "but regardless of what you think, it's obvious she's worked hard to get stronger. And I know you're better than someone who would belittle someone's effort."

"*Sigh* I know..." Cana replied while lowering her head as she leaned into Alfonzo. "I know she had to have worked hard. But why does it have to be her that's beating our team? If it were anyone else, I wouldn't be this upset."

Seeing the tears welling up in Cana's eyes, Alfonzo wrapped his arms around her and pulled her into a tight hug.

"Well then, all you need to do is go out and have some fun." Marin said as she came over and stood in front of the couch. "That should be able to take your mind off of things."

Marin then pointed at Alfonzo with a smile on her face.

"And as her husband, you should accompany her, Fonzie." Marin added cheerfully.

"Hey! She's not the only one who's unhappy to see Yoruichi doing so well, you know." Ultear said with a pout.

In the next instant, Marin spun on her heels and shifted her pointing finger to Ultear.

"Then, you should go with them." Marin said. "He's your husband, too. And I'm sure he could handle you both at the same time."

With that, Marin winked playfully, causing most of the ladies in the room to giggle.

"*Cough*I suppose that's true." Ultear said, her cheeks turning pink at Marin's insinuation.

"So, where do the two of you wanna go? Ryuzetsu land?" Alfonzo asked.

"I wanna fly." Cana said as she finally raised her head. "take us for a trip around Fiore in the Blackbird."

"I'm okay with that." Alfonzo replied with a shrug before turning to look at Ultear. "What about you?"

"No objections here." Ultear replied with a smile.

"Cool." Alfonzo said with a smile. He then swept his gaze over the rest of his wives and lovers. "anyone else wanna go?"

"Nope." Elicia replied while shaking her head. "I'm taking Mar'e to play at Ryuzetsu Land, now that you mentioned it."

Elicia then lowered her voice and spoke in a slightly bitter tone.

"With you gone, he might finally say Mama."

Although she tried to be quiet, everyone was strong enough to catch Elicia's grumbles and burst into laughter.

"I'll go with Lici." Sun said. "I love swimming."

"Of course you do.' Lucy said. "but I think I'll go, too. Laying out in the sun and getting a tan sounds nice."

Most of the ladies agreed to follow along to Ryuzetsu Land to either play in the water or sunbathe. Mirajane, on the other hand, decided to take Bianca and walk around with Lisanna and Miyako.

Meanwhile, three women had just left the hotel where the ladies from Mermaid Heel were staying.

"So, you're finally going to speak to him" Rangiku asked as she, Yoruichi, and Sui-Feng stepped out onto the streets of Crocus. "But why did you wait so long?"

"I wanted to focus on the Games." Yoruichi replied. "Otherwise, I would have gone to Magnolia sometime after we got here from the Soul continent."

"I guess that makes sense." Rangiku said while nodding her head slowly. "but if that's the case, why didn't you wait until tomorrow's event was over?"

"*Sigh* Because I didn't know if he'd stay here after that." Yoruichi said as she started walking towards the Sixth Sense Hotel. "So, today felt like the perfect day."

"I see." Rangiku replied before falling silent.

Meanwhile, the third woman, Sui-Feng, had nothing to say. By now, thanks to her re-education, she understood why what Yoruichi did a few years ago was so wrong. Still, that did not stop her from disliking Alfonzo. There was no real reason to it, either. She just did not like him, and she would not be able to explain why if someone were to ask.

About twenty minutes later, Yoruichi, Sui-Feng, and Rangiku rounded the corner closest to the Sixth Sense Hotel. However, just as they did, they heard the sound of air being displaced in large amounts.

Looking up, they were just in time to see the Blackbird taking off from the hotel's roof.

"Damn it..." Yoruichi muttered. "did he leave because he felt me coming?"

"Huh?" Rangiku exclaimed in confusion. "What do you mean? How would that be possible. Does Fairy Tail have someone watching us?"

"Well... Sort of." Yoruichi replied while shaking her head.

Yoruichi then went on to explain that the members of Fairy Tail had a way of keeping track of everyone in a certain range with their senses. Though, she admitted to having no idea how.

"Seriously?" Rangiku asked in an amazed tone. "That's incredible. It sure would come in handy to know a skill like that."

"Yeah." Yoruichi said while nodding in agreement. "but it's some kind of Fairy Tail guild secret. So, unless you can figure it out on your own, they won't tell you."

"I see." Rangiku said with a nod. She then turned her attention back to the hotel. "Anyway, just because the airship took off, it doesn't mean he's not here, right? Let's just go in and ask."

"I guess you're right." Yoruichi replied with a nod of her own.

With that, Yoruichi, Sui-Feng, and Rangiku entered the hotel. Then, they asked the receptionist about what room Alfonzo was staying in. And because it was no secret that Fairy Tail and Mermaid Heel were on good terms, it did not take much time for the receptionist to give them the information they were looking for. So, after thanking the receptionist, they quickly made their way upstairs to the highest floor where Alfonzo and his harem were staying.

"Wow! This hotel is so much nicer than the one we're staying in." Rangiku said while looking around as the trio made their way towards the stairs.

"Well, from what I've been able to find out, Fairy Tail is one of the share holders of Sixth Sense Holdings." Yoruichi replied. "So, it makes sense that they would stay in their own hotel. But it's bothering me that I still haven't been able to figure out who the majority share holder is. I even went to find Erina, a former chef at our guild hall. But she wouldn't tell me anything, either. Oh shit... Why did it take me so long to figure that out?"

A moment later, Yoruichi opened her eyes wide in realization.

"Huh? What are you talking about?" Rangiku asked in a curious tone.

"It was Alfonzo who poached Erina from the guild." Yoruichi said. "Then, she started working for Sixth Sense Holdings at their Restaurant and Lounge. It was so obvious."

"Wait! Are you saying that Alfonzo Marcus is the true owner of Sixth Sense Holdings?" Rangiku asked. "That company even has branch stores on the Soul Continent. And how old is he? Twenty-two? Twenty-three? There's no way he could be the owner of such a big company at such a young age."

Not only Rangiku, but Sui-feng was also surprised by the revelation. However, she had nothing to say. Her cheeks did redden, though. Especially after remembering how she had once said that Alfonzo could not match Yoruichi in terms of social position.

"The revelation surprised me just as much as it did you." Yoruichi said while shaking her head. "anyway, let's just keep moving."

Receiving nods from both Sui-Feng and Rangiku, Yoruichi led the three through the hotel.

A few minutes later, Yoruichi, Sui-Feng, and Rangiku were standing on the hotel's top floor. While they were looking at the numbers on the doors to determine which suite was Alfonzo's, one of the doors opened. Through it, a white haired, blue-eyed woman, Mirajane stepped through it while carrying an infant with brown skin, white hair, and grey eyes, Bianca, in a baby carrier.

"I guess we found the right room." Rangiku said as she gestured at Mirajane with her chin. "This is the She-Devil, Mirajane. Yeah?"

"Yeah..." Yoruichi replied in a somewhat hesitant tone. "Hey, Mirajane... Long time, no see."

A moment later, Mey-Rin stepped through the door. She then flared her magic power in preparation to [Requip] her weapons of choice for indoor combat, a pair of magic pistols, into her hands.

"It's okay, Mey-Rin." Mirajane said calmly. "They're not enemies."

However, Mirajane did not respond to Yoruichi's greeting after talking down Mey-Rin. She did look at Rangiku with an interested gaze, though. A moment later, she stepped forward and held a hand out to Rangiku with a smile on her face.

"Hi, it's nice to meet you." Mirajane said while holding Bianca's baby carrier in her left hand. "You're the new member of Mermaid Heel, Rangiku Matsumoto, right? I gotta say, you're pretty strong. Did you come here to see Lici? I mean, most people do. Everyone wants something custom made by her, after all. Well, you're in luck, she hasn't left yet."

"Oh... Um.. Thanks." Rangiku replied while extending her hand to grasp Mirajane's and simultaneously glancing at Yoruichi to see her reaction.

Unsurprised by Mirajane ignoring her, Yoruichi could only smile awkwardly while trying to calm Sui-Feng down with hand gestures. Because Sui-Feng, although she had been through re-education, it was still hard for her to tolerate someone so blatantly disrespecting Yoruichi.

"Well, if you'd excuse me, I've got an appointment with my sister." Mirajane said, pretending as if she did not notice Sui-Feng's growing anger. "But I hope we get the chance to talk later."

"Sure." Rangiku replied, finding the whole situation a bit comical after getting past the surprise. "I think I'd like that, too."

With that, Mirajane smiled brightly. Then, she released Rangiku's hand and walked around the trio before heading down the hall towards the elevator with Mey-Rin following her closely.

At that moment, the door opened once again and Marin poked her head out.

"Hey, Mira, is someone---" Marin began to say before she noticed Yoruichi.

"OH, it's just the new girl from Mermaid Heel, Rangiku." Mirajane replied without turning around. "She probably wants Lici to make her something."

Hearing that, Marin gasped. A moment later, however, she smiled brightly as she turned her attention back to the trio of Mermaid Heel wizards. And when her eyes landed on Sui-Feng, who looked as if she still wanted to cut off her hand,, she smiled even brighter.

"Well, come on in." Marin said, turning her attention back to Rangiku. "I certainly wouldn't hold up Lici from making money. You can bring your friends in, too. There's no one in side who might try to fight them on sight... for now."

With that, Marin pulled herself back into the suite. Meanwhile, Yoruichi, Sui-Feng, and Rangiku exchanged glances before they followed Marin. However, before she entered the suite, Yoruichi turned around and shouted.

"Hey, Mirajane, congratulations.!" Yoruichi shouted just before Mirajane reached the elevator.

Hearing Yoruichi, Mirajane came to a stop, causing Mey-Rin to do the same. Then, she turned around and smiled brightly, despite her feelings about Yoruichi.

"Thank you." Mirajane said with a happy smile on her face. "She's the best gift Alfonzo has ever given me."

After that, Mirajane turned around without another word and pressed the elevator's call button, the doors sliding open almost immediately because it had not been called to another floor since Yoruichi's trio arrived.

At the same time, Yoruichi walked into the suite. When she did, she arrived to intense stares from Erza, Marin, Sun, and Lucy while Saeko, Shizuka, Rika, Irene, Heine, and Juliet, the latter two only being here because they were going to accompany the others to Ryuzetsu Land, staring at her with curiosity. Meanwhile, Rangiku was off to the side talking to Elicia about making accustomed order while stealing curious glances at the confrontation.

Sui-Feng, on the other hand, was glaring back at the four women. But no one was paying her any attention.

"So.... Uh... Hi, everyone." Yoruichi said awkwardly, lacking her usual confidence and mischief. "it's been a while, huh?"

Yet, none of the women staring her down replied to Yoruichi's greeting.

"*Sigh* okay, I know I deserve this, but come on." Yoruichi said after several seconds of tense silence. "Is there anyway I can make it up to you?"

"How about staying away from our husband forever?" Sun asked while tilting her head cutely.

"Yeah, I guess that makes sense." Yoruichi replied. "But I still need to talk to him at least one more time."

"Do you really think we would ever let that happen?" Lucy asked with her hands resting on her hips. "Especially after what you did?"

"More importantly, would you if you were in our position?" Marin added.

"Probably not." Yoruichi replied honestly. "At least, I wouldn't want to."

"Then, why should we?" Marin followed up.

"Because that's Alfonzo's decision to make, isn't it?" Yoruichi asked.

That caused Marin, Sun, and Lucy to fall silent, not knowing what to say.

"She's right, you know." Elicia said, inserting herself into the conversation. "As much as you don't like it, it is Fonzie's decision."

Elicia then turned to Yoruichi with a complicated expression on her face.

"Hey, Yoruichi." Elicia said in an awkward tone. "It's good to see you again."

"You two, Lici." Yoruichi replied while smiling just as awkwardly.

Nodding her head, Yoruichi then turned back to the other four.

"But that doesn't mean you have to let them be alone." Elicia said, noticing that Marin, Sun, and Lucy seemed to be upset with what she said. "But you can't decide things like that for him."

While that conversation was going on, Irene approached Erza from behind and whispered into her daughter's ear.

"I'm not sure what that woman did, but you clearly are." Irene said quietly. "So, why don't you seem as upset as Marin, Sun, and Lucy. Come to think of it, Cana, Mira, and Ultear seemed to be just as angry if not worse. But you... You're too calm."

"It's because we fought shortly after that incident happened." Erza replied just as quietly. "And I got a good feel for what her personality is like. And although it was a terrible mistake she made, I don't think that she is irredeemable. Like the others seem to."

"I see." Irene replied with a nod before backing away with an entertained grin.

"Anyway, Fonzie's not here." Elicia said after Marin, Sun, and Lucy stopped glaring at her. "So, you won't be able to talk to him until after the last event."

"*Sigh* I see." Yoruichi replied while dropping her head in disappointment. "Okay, I'll try again later, then."

With that, Yoruichi turned around and stepped towards the door. Then, just after opening it, she looked over her shoulder at Rangiku.

"I'll see you back at the hotel." Yoruichi said, not sounding very energetic at the moment. "come on, Bumble Bee, let's go."

"Yes, Lady Yoruichi." Sui-Feng replied, giving Elicia, Erza, Marin, Sun, and Lucy, especially Marin, one last glare before she followed Yoruichi out of the room.

Meanwhile, all of Alfonzo's wives and girlfriends, minus Elicia, went back to getting ready for their trip to Ryuzetsu land. As for Elicia, she went back to taking Rangiku's custom order. Oh, how she loved making clothes for characters from her favorite manga/anime.

'Well, I guess I'm not gonna get to find out what happened today.' Rangiku thought to herself while continuing to describe what she was looking for to Elicia. 'Oh well, I'll be here for a few years, at least. So, there's plenty of time to try and pry it out of Yoruichi.'

Chapter 659: Welcome to the Mile High Club

"That's Cedar, right?" Cana, seated in the co-pilot's seat of the Blackbird asked while pointing out of the window.

Looking down where Cana was pointing, Alfonzo, who was piloting the Blackbird, studying the surroundings and compared it with his memories of the area around Cedar.

"Yeah, that's Cedar, alright." Alfonzo replied with a smile after a few seconds of contemplation.

"Seriously, this thing is really fast." Cana said with a smile. "I'll never get tired of just flying around the continent in this thing."

"Yeah, it's great." Alfonzo replied. "I mean, I can fly on my own, and I can go just about as fast as the Blackbird, but there's just something about flying an airship."

"Hey, do you think you could teach me how to fly it some time?" Cana asked, turning to look at Alfonzo with anticipation shining in her eyes.

In response, Alfonzo fell silent with a pensive expression on his face. The thought of Cana flying while drunk scared him to no end. On top of all the lives that could be lost and the property that could be damaged, the fact that his Blackbird would probably not survive her first flight terrified him.

"We can talk about that later." Alfonzo said while a bead of cold sweat rolled down his forehead. "For now, why don't we just enjoy the flight."

Immediately, Cana's eyes narrowed as she stared at the side of Alfonzo's head. And although his expression did not change, the two extra beads of cold sweat that formed at his hair line and started to drip down his face were enough evidence of the nervous feeling he had.

'I really don't wanna say no to her.' Alfonzo thought to himself. 'I mean, she's my wife. And I'd do damn near anything to make her happy. But this is totally different. Even if the Blackbird has an auto-piloting function, I doubt she'd use it while she's drunk.'

Luckily, before the standoff could continue for too long and Alfonzo ended up giving in to Cana's glare that was morphing into a pout, Ultear, the other person on this little joy ride, entered the cockpit after getting off the phone with her mother, Ur.

"I'm back." Ultear said with a smile.

It did not take long for Ultear to notice the tense atmosphere in the cockpit. Even so, she could guess what it was about. Especially since Cana has been talking about wanting to learn how to fly the Blackbird ever since Alfonzo first took everyone to fly.

Deciding that now was not the time for a marital spat, Ultear stepped forward, placing herself between the two pilot's seats. And as a good wife and sister-wife, she would defuse the situation. And although she would probably have to sacrifice herself to keep the peace, she was willing to do so for the happy home she loved so much.

"Alfonzo, have I told you just how impressive this airship is?" Ultear asked as she bent down, showing off her cleavage and placed her right index finger under Alfonzo's chin. She then, using that index finger, turned Alfonzo's gaze away from the windshield and made him look towards herself as she continued. "And because I am so impressed, I will reward you. I shall allow you to pleasure me. Be grateful, my husband."

'*Sigh* The things I do for my family.' Ultear said to herself while looking at Alfonzo with a gaze filled with superiority. 'Such a noble sacrifice I'm making so that this situation doesn't devolve into an argument. I truly am a paragon of homemaking.'

While Ultear was mentally patting herself on the back and simultaneously looking forward to how Alfonzo would punish her for her haughty attitude, the Blackbird's cockpit fell into an awkward silence while Alfonzo and Cana looked at Ultear with expressions that basically scream: "Hasn't this schtick getting old yet?"

"*Sigh* You're never going to grow up, are you, Tear?" Cana asked before taking a few gulps from a bottle of ale. "*Burp*"

"I really don't wanna hear that from you, Cana." Ultear replied, looking over her shoulder to stare Cana in the eyes with a deadpan expression.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo remained silent for a few moments longer. Then, his shoulders began to shake from suppressing his laughter. However, he could not maintain that state for too long. And because he understood that, Alfonzo reached forward and turned on the auto-pilot function, setting it to simply circle Fiore's borders until it was deactivated.

"Hahahahahaha!" Alfonzo burst out into uproarious laughter once the auto-pilot was set, doubling over and holding his stomach as he did so.

Seeing that, Cana also started to laugh and was quickly followed by Ultear.

And for the next minute or so, the three laughed happily.

"Pant* *Pant* Oh fuck... I needed that." Alfonzo said through ragged breaths while getting his laughter under control. "Thanks, Tear."

Then, while wiping a tear out of his eye, Alfonzo turned to look at Cana.

"And I don't mind teaching you how to fly, Cana." Alfonzo said with a smile. However, his expression changed into something quite solemn as he continued. "But you have to make me a promise. A promise you'll swear to never break."

"*Sigh* I already know what you're about to say, Fonzie." Cana said while shaking her head. "And I already made you a promise like that, remember? I swore I'd never drink when or where it wasn't appropriate to do so. And I've never broken that promise before."

Hearing that, both Alfonzo and Ultear raised an eyebrow in suspicion.

"Hey, what are those looks for?" Cana asked in a stand-offish tone. "I may be a lot of things, a drunk, a ruffian, a gambler, but I'm definitely no liar."

Despite Cana's declaration, Alfonzo and Ultear still wore expressions filled with suspicion, which made Cana pout in annoyance before taking another swig from her bottle of ale.

"It's not that we don't believe you..." Ultear said cautiously. "But I thought the reason for all the collateral damage you caused was the fact that you were drunk on quests. So, if you haven't been drinking, why have you still been causing so much damage?"

Cana's annoyed pout turned into an embarrassed expression as she turned away quickly to hide her rapidly reddening cheeks.

Seeing that, both Alfonzo and Ultear were curious to know what could make a bold woman like Cana put on an expression like that.

"It's because I..." Cana said while turning her entire body in her seat, as she felt her blush was still visible. "Because, I... get angry at the dark wizards that always show up on my quests. They start to harass me because of what I choose to wear. And I don't like it when they talk about me like that. The only one who can do that is Fonzie... So...."

As Cana's words trailed off, both Alfonzo's and Ultear's eyes shot open in surprise after hearing Cana's reason for her rampant collateral damage. And as unbelievable as it sounded, Alfonzo had been made aware of how often Cana ran into dark wizards on her quests, despite the fact that the quests normally had nothing to do with them. So, he found it even more surprising that no one ever put two and two together.

"Ahahahahahaha!" x 2

A moment later, both Alfonzo and Ultear started laughing once again. Meanwhile, Cana's blush spread up to the tips of her ears and down her neck. Then, while still laughing, Alfonzo stood up, took a step towards Cana, and swept her out of her seat and into a princess carry while still laughing before starting to spin around with her in his arms.

"God fucking damn it, Cana." Alfonzo said while continuing to spin Cana around. "You're too fucking cute sometimes."

"Stop it, Fonzie, you're gonna make me spill my drink." Cana replied while trying to bury her head in the side of Alfonzo's neck to hide the ever intensifying blush on her face.

Snap!

"Oh, Gildarts is going to love seeing his baby girl looking so cute." Ultear said after taking a picture of Cana's blushing face with her iPhone.

"Tear! You wouldn't!" Cana asked in a tone filled with abject terror.

"Hmm... It all depends." Ultear replied cheekily. "It depends on how well you act, Cana."

"Oh, I'll show you how good I can act!" Cana shouted as she forced herself out of Alfonzo's arms and lunged at Ultear.

Like that, Cana and Ultear played a game of keep away with Ultear's iPhone. All the while, Alfonzo watched with a smile on his face. Then, after remembering what Ultear said that led to the current atmosphere, his smile turned devious before he inserted himself into the girl's game.

"You know what, I think I'm on Cana's side on this one." Alfonzo said as he snatched Ultear's iPhone out of her hand. He then continued while navigating through Ultear's picture gallery and sending the picture of Cana she just took to himself. "Tear needs to be punished for what she said earlier. And I think Cana has every right to participate because of the recent blackmail attempt."

Cana froze for a moment when Alfonzo intervened in her game of tag with Ultear. However, when she registered what he said, she smiled deviously. Then, while Ultear was trying, and failing, to take her iPhone back from Alfonzo, Cana stepped up and grabbed her by the arm.

"Huh? Cana, what are you doing?" Ultear asked, though the blush on her face made it clear that she already had an idea.

"Fonzie was right, you need to be punished for your actions." Cana said while smiling lecherously.

With that, Cana started pulling Ultear towards the back of the Blackbird. As wild as she expected the rest of the flight to be, she did not want to hit any buttons or switches in the cockpit by accident. Meanwhile, Alfonzo followed along with a smile similar to Cana's on his face as he deleted the picture Ultear took of Cana a moment ago.

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Deciding they were far enough away from the Blackbird's controls, Cana forced Ultear into one of the passenger seats. Then, she started to take off Ultear's clothes, a tight, dark blue, sleeveless blouse with a plunging neckline and a long white skirt. All the while, Ultear pretended to struggle as if she was not aiming for a situation like this from the very beginning. Though, she would admit having the picture of Cana acting so cute taken away was a pity.

"Alright, stop struggling, Tear." Cana said as she pulled Ultear's skirt down her legs. "We both know you want this to happen. Otherwise, you wouldn't have put on that little act. I still don't know why you can't just be honest about wanting Fonzie to fuck you into unconsciousness."

"I... I have no idea what you're talking about." Ultear replied while turning her head away. "I do not and never will want any such thing."

"Oh, is that so?" Cana asked as she stopped undressing Ultear. She then shrugged her shoulders and stepped away. "Fine. If you say so."

Cana then moved to another seat and sat down. Then, with an inviting smile on her face, she untied the back straps of the bikini top she was wearing before tossing it to the side and doing the same with her

pants after taking them off. Finally, she raised her legs, hooked her hands under her knees, and spread her legs as far as she could.

"Well then, Fonzie, since Tear doesn't want it..." Cana said with a wink. "How 'bout helping me forget about that bitch, Yoruichi, for a while?"

Judging by the way Cana was looking at him, Alfonzo knew she was just trying to tease Ultear. Even so, he could tell that she would not turn down some good fucking. And as it turned out, he was quite willing to give her just that.

Smiling as he approached the seats Cana and Ultear were sitting in, Alfonzo tossed Ultear's iPhone onto another seat so it would not get in the way. Then, he slowly pulled his t-shirt over his head, revealing his well-chiseled torso. And once his shirt was off, Alfonzo started unbuttoning his denim shorts.

With his shorts unbuttoned and unzipped, Alfonzo let them fall to the floor before kicking them off along with his shoes. Then, he stood before Cana, purposefully ignoring Ultear, since she said she did not want any of what was about to happen.

Making eye contact with his second wife, Alfonzo licked his lips in anticipation as he slipped his thumbs under the waistband of his boxers. Then, he pulled them down in one motion before he leaned forward and planted a kiss on Cana's lips, who still held her legs open.

As time passed, the kiss between Alfonzo and Cana intensified. The two sucked each other's lips as if they could not get enough of each other. Then, Cana parted her lips slightly, a clear invite for Alfonzo to put his tongue in her mouth. And as she felt his tongue against her own, she sucked on it passionately.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo knelt on the floor, in front of Cana's seat, and let his hands roam her toned, yet voluptuous, body, exploring every inch with his hands and fingers. And with every gentle caress, Cana would shiver minutely while letting out moans and whimpers stifled by the ever-deepening kiss.

"*Pant* *Pant* Mmm~~~" Cana moaned as Alfonzo's fingers reached her clit and began rubbing it gently. "Stop teasing me, Fonzie. Give it to me. Now!"

Smiling in response, Alfonzo pecked Cana on the lips once more before he took hold of his hard dick and started rubbing it against her already sopping wet lower lips. At the same time, he glanced at Ultear from the corner of his eyes.

When Alfonzo saw Ultear, who was staring at himself and Cana with an intense stare while fondling her breasts over her top and rubbing her thighs together vigorously, he could not help but smirk before returning his full attention to Cana.

Then, once his dick was properly lubed with Cana's juices, he slowly pushed it into her, not stopping until he felt he could not go any deeper.

"Ah~~~~!" Cana released a low, throaty moan as Alfonzo's dick stretched her insides into that familiar shape she loved oh so much. "Yes!"

"Then, once Alfonzo's dick kissed her cervix, Cana released her grip on her knees before wrapping her arms around his neck and her legs around his waist, pulling herself flush against his chest.

At the same time, Alfonzo wrapped his arms around Cana's back and let his hands slide down to her thick ass, gripping it tightly, eliciting another moan from her, before standing up from his kneeling position.

Once he was standing at his full height, Alfonzo ground his dick inside of Cana, causing her to grind her hips against him, as well. At the same time, Alfonzo turned towards Ultear and smirked at her over Cana's shoulder.

And when Ultear saw that smirk, she shuddered while simultaneously squeezing her breasts with more force.

Clap! *Clap!* *Clap!* *Clap!* *Clap!*

Then, without warning, Alfonzo drew his hips back before slamming into Cana over and over, the point of connection between the two right before Ultear's eyes.

"Oh God!" Cana screamed as her eyes rolled into the back of her head as Alfonzo started slamming into her with reckless abandon.

Ultear could only watch Cana hold on for dear life as she threw her head back and moaned loudly with every one of Alfonzo's powerful thrusts. And with every second that passed, the lustful glint in Ultear's eyes grew brighter and brighter.

"Oh. My. Fucking. God! I'm cumming!" Cana screamed as a stream of vaginal fluids shout out of her pussy, splashed against Alfonzo's pelvis, and dripped down his legs to the floor. "Oh God, yes! Don't stop!"

At the same time, Cana's legs and toes involuntarily straightened while her fingernails dug into Alfonzo's back. Despite that, Alfonzo continued to pound Cana's pussy with everything he had while still smirking over her shoulder at Ultear.

"Hey, Tear, what are you doing?" Alfonzo asked in a teasing tone while watching Ultear slide her right hand down from her breasts, across her tummy, and onto the crotch of her panties. "You didn't want any of this, right?"

Hearing that, Ultear froze for a moment. Yet, her hands did not stop moving for long, as started rapidly rubbing her pussy over her panties while continuing to watch Cana get fucked silly. Then, about five minutes later, when rubbing her pussy over her panties stopped being enough, she slid the crotch of her panties to the side and pushed her index, middle, and ring fingers into her dripping wet pussy and fingered herself, timing her thrusts to match Alfonzo's rhythm.

"Ahh~~~~~!" Cana screamed once again as she squirted all over Alfonzo for the second time after only three more minutes of intense pounding.

"Mmm~~~~~!" Ultear moaned as she came only an instant after Cana.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo continued to pound into Cana with everything he had. But with Cana's pussy squeezing his dick the way it was, coupled with Cana's and Ultear's moans, he was quickly reaching his own limit.

And for another two minutes, Alfonzo continued to give Cana the dicking of her life. But, as they say, all good things must come to an end. So, after holding on for as long as he could, Alfonzo thrust into Cana one last time, pushing his dick as deep as he could.

"Ah! Fuck...!" Alfonzo groaned while painting Cana's insides with his cum. Then, once he was done, he enjoyed the feeling of Cana's breasts and nipples rubbing against his chest while he panted to catch his breath.

Cana, on the other hand, had cum once more when Alfonzo's cum filled her up. As a result, she was barely hanging on to Alfonzo's shoulders with a satisfied smile on her face, her tongue hanging out of her mouth, her eyes rolled back into her head, and her legs hanging limply around Alfonzo's waist. In fact, if it weren't for Alfonzo's firm grip on her ass, she would have undoubtedly fallen to the floor already.

Meanwhile, Ultear continued to watch Alfonzo and Cana with laser-focus while fiercely fingering her pussy. Meaning, she saw when Alfonzo turned back to the seat where Cana had been sitting before he picked her up. And when she saw him sit Cana's still twitching body back in her seat and pull out of her, she gulped audibly when the cum that was trapped inside started to drip down the crack of her ass.

"Kya!" Ultear yelped in surprise.

Unfortunately, Ultear was too focused on the cum dripping out of Cana to notice that Alfonzo had stood back up and reached for her masturbating arm. And that yelp was the result of him pulling her arm and forcing her to pull her fingers out of her pussy.

"What are you doing?" Ultear asked in an annoyed tone, as she was just about to cum for the second time.

"I think it's about time for that punishment." Alfonzo said as he pulled Ultear out of her seat.

"Huh? Wha?" Ultear, having completely forgotten any talk of punishment while watching Alfonzo fuck Cana into euphoria, made a few unintelligible sounds in response.

However, Alfonzo decided not to explain. Instead, he pulled Ultear in front of Cana. Then, he pressed on her shoulders and made her drop to her knees before grabbing a handful of Ultear's long, beautiful hair, and pressed her face first into Cana's pussy.

Despite her confusion, Ultear, currently being driven by lust, stuck out her tongue and lapped up the cum dripping from Cana's pussy.

"Mmm~~!" Cana mewled from the feeling of Ultear's tongue.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo knelt behind Ultear and raised her shirt, revealing her breasts, as her shirt had cups built in. Then, he pulled her panties down to her knees.

However, just as Alfonzo took his dick, which had hardened once again while Ultear licked Cana, into his hands, Ultear surprised him by spinning on her knees and facing him.

Slurp! *Slurp!* *Slurp!* *Pop!*

Then, before Alfonzo could react, Ultear lunged at his dick, depthroated him to the base, sucked off the combination of Cana's juices and his cum, popped his dick out of her mouth, and spun around to start sucking the cum out of Cana's pussy.

"Ahn~~~~~!" Cana moaned loudly as Ultear's sucking brought her back to reality.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo shook his head with a smile on his face while watching Cana grab a couple of handfuls of Ultear's hair and pull her sister-wife deeper into her pussy.

"That's right, clean me up... Ah~! like I know you did Fonzie." Cana said domineeringly. However, before she could continue to talk dirty, she was interrupted when Ultear's lips began to vibrate. "Mmm~~~~~!"

"Hmph~~~~~!" Ultear groaned into Cana's Pussy, her lips vibrating against the brunette's clit.

And the reason for Ultear's muffled moan was Alfonzo, who had lined up his dick with Ultear's pussy while she was occupied. Then, with no warning, he slammed his full length into Ultear.

Smack!

"You like that shit, right?" Alfonzo asked as he slapped Ultear's ass hard enough to leave a bright red hand print on her pale skin. "This is what you wanted, isn't it?"

Unfortunately, Ultear was unable to respond. Between having her head held in place by Cana and Alfonzo starting to fuck her like a jackhammer, she wasn't even able to consciously lick Cana's pussy. In fact, the only thing she could do was stick out her tongue and let the jolting her body experienced thanks to Alfonzo's pounding do the job for her.

Like that, Ultear was completely ravaged, just the way she liked it, for the next half an hour or so. And having caused Cana to cum twice and having six orgasms of her own, she was barely conscious. So, when Alfonzo finally came inside of her, after her body seized up in pleasure, she passed out immediately with a more than satisfied smile on her face.

"Ugh... I'm tired." Cana said as she lifted Ultear's head from her crotch. "But I really needed that. It was so intense that a lot of the negativity got washed away."

"That's good." Alfonzo said as he lifted Ultear's unconscious body off the floor. He then cradled her in one arm and lifted Cana with the other arm before continuing. "As long as you're feeling better."

Alfonzo then sat down in the seat he just picked Cana up from and sat both women on his thighs before wrapping them in a hug.

"Oh, I feel a lot better." Cana said with a smile as she wrapped her arms around Alfonzo and rubbed her breasts against his chest. "And I wouldn't mind feeling even better, you know."

"I think that can be arranged." Alfonzo said with a grin. "But let's give Tear a little time to recover. I'm not done punishing her yet. Besides, only one side of her ass is the right shade of red."

With that, both Alfonzo and Cana began to laugh good naturedly while Ultear slept with a blissful smile on her face.

===R-18 End===

Earth Land, Ishgar, Kingdom of Fiore, Crocus.

Meanwhile, the rest of Alfonzo's wives and girlfriends were enjoying a fun-filled day at Ryuzetsu Land with Amar'e. However, Elicia, who was playing with Amar'e in a children's pool, suddenly froze up completely, causing Amar'e and the other ladies who noticed to look at her funny.

"Lici, is something wrong?" Sun asked in a concerned tone.

That was enough to snap Elicia back to her senses. However, she wore a disappointed expression as she went back to playing with Amar'e.

"Yeah, I'm fine." Elicia replied. "Still, I can't believe I never thought of that. Cana and Tear are so lucky."

"Thought of what?" Lucy, who was lounging on a deck chair asked from nearby.

"About joining the Mile High Club." Elicia grumbled.

"Mile High Club, what's that?" Marin asked in an interested tone.

"Getting some while the Blackbird is flying high in the sky." Elicia explained while defending herself from Amar'e's splash attacks.

In the next instant, all the ladies who were nearby froze. Then, they all put on disappointed expressions like Elicia's, as they were all disappointed that they had not thought of trying that in the months since Alfonzo finished the Blackbird, despite all the times they had gone for a flight with Alfonzo since then.

Chapter 660: Looking Forward to Next Year's Grand Magic Games

"Welcome back, Master Alfonzo." Grayfia, who, along with the rest of the maids, accompanied the Fairy Tail wizards to Crocus, said with a polite bow as Alfonzo, with Cana and Ultear unconscious in his arms, exited the Blackbird after it landed on the roof of the Sixth Sense Hotel. "I trust you and your wives enjoyed the joyride."

"Yeah, it was a flight like no other." Alfonzo replied with a radiant smile. A moment later, however, his smile turned a bit awkward. And had his hands been free, he would have scratched the side of his head as he continued. "But the interior will need a bit of cleaning..."

Her lips twitching as she tried to hold back a smile, Grayfia bowed once again.

"I understand." Grayfia said. "I will bring Ai and Miyuki to take care of it."

"Thanks." Alfonzo replied with a slightly embarrassed expression on his face. "Anyway, did anything happen while I was away? Is everyone back from Ryuzetsu Land? And how are Amar'e and my little girl?"

"Yes, everyone has returned." Grayfia replied. "Everyone has had nothing but good things to say about Ryuzetsu Land since they returned. Madam Mirajane has also returned from her outing with her younger sister, as well. And both of the children are currently asleep."

"I see." Alfonzo said with a nod. "Well, I'm glad they all enjoyed themselves today."

"As for your other question, a woman named Yoruichi came by looking for you." Grayfia said, continuing her report. "Two of her guild mates, Sui-Feng and Rangiku Matsumoto came with her. And Miss Matsumoto made a deal with Madam Elicia for a few sets of custom outfits."

"*Sigh* I see. I guess what's gonna come will come, huh?" Alfonzo replied in an understanding tone. "Well then, I'll go inside. These two really need the rest."

"Understood." Grayfia said as eh bowed once more before taking her iPhone from a pocket in her apron. "Then, I shall summon Ai and Miyuki to begin cleaning the Blackbird. Maria should be in the kitchen working with your employee, Miss Nakiri, to prepare dinner."

"Got it." Alfonzo replied with a smile. "It's been a while since I saw Erina, I'll probably head down to the kitchen to talk to her after I get these two in bed."

Instead of replying verbally, Grayfia simply nodded her head. Then, she began texting Ai and Miyuki as Alfonzo stepped past her and into the door leading to the roof access elevator.

And with that, the rest of the night went by peacefully. Though, many of Alfonzo's wives and girlfriends looked at Cana and Ultear with envy while Alfonzo was tucking them into bed. And the worst offender was Elicia, who was still reeling at the fact that she did not think of joining the Mile High Club sooner.

July 6, x789.

Early the next day, the entire city of Crocus was bustling with activity and excitement. Today was the last day of the Grand Magic Games, after all. On top of that, for the first time, Fairy Tail was not in the lead heading into the last event.

Even more exciting than that, the scores were so close that predicting the victor would be nearly impossible, as both teams had shown just how strong they were through the first four days of events.

So, with many people wanting to see who would come out on top while quite a few people were looking forward to Fairy Tail's loss, people from all over Fiore filed into the Domus Flau, looking forward to the explosive end to this year's Grand Magic Games.

"Do you think today's event will be the same as it has been every year?" Lucy asked from the Fairy Tail viewing area in the Domus Flau's audience stands.

"Probably." Elicia replied with Amar'e in her lap.

"Yeah, if it ain't broke, don't fix it, right?" Alfonzo added.

"I guess." Lucy replied with a shrug. "Still, I'm kinda nervous, do you think Laxus and the others can make a comeback?"

'Part of me hopes he can't.' Alfonzo and Elicia thought simultaneously. Though, that thought did make both of them feel a bit guilty.

"Of course they can!" Chico, Laxus' second fiancée, said energetically from a few seats down. "Laxus and the Thunder God Tribe are the strongest team in Fairy Tail. And Saya is probably the smartest."

Hearing that, Alfonzo, Elicia, Marin, and Sun turned and smiled at Chico, causing her to flinch.

"Oh, sorry, I forgot about you guys." Chico said while smiling awkwardly as her eyes swam to avoid eye contact. She then quickly changed the subject as the stares from the four were starting to get painful, doubly so for Alfonzo. "Still, I don't understand why you guys stopped participating in the Battle of Fairy Tail tournament as soon as it started being linked to participation in the GMG."

"Well, it's because of my work with the other guilds and the Village Hidden in the Leaves." Alfonzo replied with a shrug. "I just had too much shit going on."

Immediately after Alfonzo's words fell, Elicia started glaring at him, which caused him to wear an apologetic expression. He knew, now that Amar'e had started talking, he would have to be even more careful about the things he said, as children were quick to learn the things that parents did not want them to. He was a prime example, after all.

Luckily, before Elicia's glare could start to hurt him, the announcement of the beginning of the event drew everyone's attention. And like that, the last day of the x789 Grand Magic Games began. And to the surprise of many, Fairy Tail was not declared the winner when it came to an end.

"What an upset!" The Grand Magic Games announcer, Loli Chapati, shouted with so much vigor that the wig he was wearing was sent flying. "It seems the Fairy Tail guild was toppled from its throne! Now, everyone join me in crowning the new strongest guild in Fiore, Mermaid Heel~~~~~!"

As the announcement was made, Yoruichi could be seen standing over the Laxus' unconscious body while breathing heavily. And next to the screen, it could be seen that Mermaid Heel had only a three point lead. Meaning, the fact that Yoruichi defeated Laxus is the only reason they won.

That said, Laxus managed to take down Kagura, Sui-Feng, and Rangiku in that fight. In fact, had Laxus been able to feed on just a little more of Yoruichi's [Lightning Magic], he would have undoubtedly won.

Meanwhile, the crowd was in an uproar over the outcome of the most exciting Grand Magic Games to date.

"Hmm?" Alfonzo hummed in interest while looking around at the excited crowd. He then nudged Elicia before pointing at a pair in the crowd seated near the section where the rest of the Fairy Tail guild sat. "Look, Lici."

Following the direction of Alfonzo's pointing finger, Elicia noticed a man and a young woman she knew from her meta knowledge.

"Jiemma and Minerva Orland?" Elicia muttered quietly enough that she would not be heard over the cheering crowd.

Realizing that Elicia recognized the people who caught his attention, Alfonzo's expression turned into a battle hungry grin.

"Looks like next years games are gonna be interesting, don't you think, Lici?" Alfonzo asked.

"Yeah." Elicia replied with a smile. She then kissed Amar'e on the top of his head before continuing.
"And the best part is that we'll be able to participate."

With that said, Alfonzo and Elicia wore matching anticipatory smiles that made all the other guilds shiver for an unknown reason.

After the award ceremony that officially named Mermaid Heel as the strongest guild in Fiore, all the members of the participating guilds as well as the innumerable number of spectators returned to their lodgings. In two days, there would be a banquet to honor all those who participated in the Grand Magic Games. But until then, everyone was free to enjoy the festival that had been going on since the day before the Grand Magic Games started.

"Our deal still stands, right?" Alfonzo asked in an excited tone.

Currently, Alfonzo and Elicia were seated in Ur's suite with Ur and Gildarts sitting across from them.

"What deal?" Gildarts asked with his right arm wrapped around Ur's waist and his hand resting on her right thigh.

"He didn't know, either?" Elicia asked while tilting her head in curiosity.

"No, I didn't tell him." Ur replied while shaking her head. She then turned to look Gildarts in the eyes as she continued. "Didn't you find it strange that neither Alfonzo nor Elicia ever participated in the Battle of Fairy Tail tournament to gain the right to represent the guild in the Grand Magic Games?"

"Not really." Gildarts replied while shaking his head. "I know just how busy Alfonzo has been over the last few years, what with accepting jobs to upgrade the other guilds' training facilities, doing the same for the Village Hidden in the Leaves..."

When mentioning the Village Hidden in the Leaves, Gildarts could not help shivering at the thought of Tsunade, who almost killed him... twice... in the past.

"*Cough* And taking care of his kids whenever he could." Gildarts continued while trying to shake off the thought of his near death... or was it life after death... experience. "So, it made sense that he wouldn't have time to worry about something like the Grand Magic Games."

"That's exactly what I wanted the rest of the guild to think." Ur replied after nodding her head in understanding. "In reality, it was to give the rest of the guild a chance."

"What do you mean?" Gildarts asked.

"In no uncertain terms, Alfonzo is the second strongest member of the guild." Ur said in a serious tone.
"The only one who surpasses him is Irene. And I still think it's only a matter of time before that changes. And Elicia, though not on Alfonzo's level, is close. She'll probably surpass even you by the end of the year if she keeps training hard."

Though a bit uneasy at the fact he was no longer the ace of the guild, Gildarts nodded his head in agreement. Then, he gestured for Ur to continue.

"Therefore, I wanted everyone else in the guild to have the opportunity to show what they got." Ur continued. "Because when those two, with the rest of their selected team, which would probably include Marin and Sun, and probably Cana, form a team, the only ones who would be able to give them any kind of challenge would be Laxus and his team... But that's only if you were to join them and replace Saya."

"I see." Gildarts replied with a nod. "And that means that those five would have been the only ones to ever go to the Grand Magic Games on behalf of the guild, right?"

"Exactly." Ur replied. "And for that reason, I made them promise that they would not take part until our guild lost in the Grand Magic Games. But now, thanks to our deal, I have to let go of the reigns."

After saying that, Ur sighed. But then she put on an excited smile before she started speaking again.

"But now, until they decide to stop participating, or until another super genius appears in Fiore's guilds, Fairy Tail will become and remain the strongest guild in Fiore."

"*Sigh* I see." Gildarts replied with a weak smile. "I kind of feel sorry for the rest of the guilds. But it's too bad each guild can only enter one team in the Grand Magic Games. I mean, just think how great it would be if the Games were dominated by teams from Fairy Tail."

"Who knows, that might change in the future." Alfonzo said with a nod.

"Yeah, and then we'll be able to show everyone that not only Team Steel Threads and the Thunder God Tribe have wizards to worry about." Elicia added while pumping her right fist into the air.

Smiling at Elicia's enthusiasm, Ur and Gildarts could only hope the kids of their best friends were right.

After a bit more conversation, Alfonzo and Elicia bid Gildarts and Ur goodbye. Then, they left the two's suite and returned to their own. However, just as they entered the corridor leading to their room, they both stopped when they saw a relatively short, brown skinned woman with long purple hair pulled into a ponytail, an even shorter, black-haired woman with a bob cut and two long ponytails, and a taller, blonde woman with an extremely voluptuous figure standing outside of their suite's door.

"Well, I guess I can't avoid this forever." Alfonzo said while shaking his head, his voice drawing the attention of the three women standing outside of the door to his suite.