

Fairy Tail 691

Chapter 691: Grand Magic Games, Day Four; Part 4: Sun Vs. Ikkaku

Swish!

Cling!

Swish!

Bang!

As soon as the signal to begin was given, Ikkaku disappeared from where he stood with the use of the [Flash Step]. He then reappeared in front of Sun slashing his Zanpakuto at her left shoulder.

However, before the slash could land, Sun unsheathed her shirasaya at a speed faster than the naked eyes of anyone below B-Rank could follow, and deflected Ikkaku's blade to the right. She then released her left hand's grip of her sheath and brought it to the hilt of her sword before reversing the blade and slashing horizontally at Ikkaku's chest.

Luckily, as soon as his sword was deflected, Ikkaku quickly stepped back, as his posture had been broken by Sun's deflection. However, before he could completely regain his posture, Ikkaku was forced to let go of Hōzukimaru's hilt with his left hand to defend against an incoming front kick.

"Oh! This is even better than I was expecting!" Ikkaku shouted as he sailed backwards through the air.
"A good fight... No, a great fight in the making! This is what I've been waiting for!"

"[Water/Sword Compound Magic: Seventh Form: Drop Ripple Thrust]." Sun chanted as she quickly closed in on Ikkaku with Kanade drawn back in a thrusting position.

Cling!

Ikkaku was able to get control of his flight and force himself to the ground before Sun arrived. Then, with exquisite swordsmanship, he forced Sun's blade upward with an upward slash that transitioned into a downward slash that followed the same trajectory.

However, instead of simply letting her blade be forced upwards, Sun decided to follow the momentum of her blade and jumped straight up in the air along with it. As a result, Ikkaku's slash missed once again. In the next instant, his instincts blared a warning, telling him to get away from where he stood.

"[Water/Sword compound Magic: Eighth Form: Waterfall Basin]." Sun chanted as she ascended into the air.

With her chant finished, a large amount of [Water Magic] formed around Sun's blade, compressing in the process. Then, when she reached the peak of her leap, Sun brought the blade down with great force, expecting Ikkaku to defend with his blade. So, when he leapt away, she was rather surprised. Still, she could do nothing about it.

Boom!

Splash!

With Ikkaku's dodge, Sun's blade slammed into the arena floor when she landed. The impact also caused the large amount of [Water Magic] wrapped around her sword to spread outwards, once again destabilizing Ikkaku's footing. However, he did not let it bother him, as he pulled his sheath from his hip and jammed the pommel of his sword into its opening.

At the same time, Sun pulled her sword from the ground and sheathed once again before dashing at Ikkaku with her left hand holding the sheath and her right gripping the hilt tightly.

"[Extend, Hōzukimaru]." Ikkaku chanted his Zanpakuto's Release Command as his sword and sheath began to glow.

"[Water/Sword Compound Magic: First Form: Water Surface Slash]." Sun chanted simultaneously.

Cling!

Cling!

Swish!

Bang!

In the next instant, several things happened in short succession. First, Hōzukimaru's transformation finished, revealing itself to be a Kikuchi Yari with a wax wood shaft and a raid horse hair tassel hanging from its blunt end. Second, Ikkaku swung the spear around, deflecting Sun's iaido draw upwards.

"[Water/Sword Compound Magic: Second Form: Lateral Water Wheel]." Sun chanted as she continued with her momentum and spun full circle after the strike was deflected.

Third, Ikkaku continued to spin his spear, this time reflecting Sun's strike upwards with the butt of his spear. He then continued to flourish his spear before thrusting it towards Sun's right shoulder.

Seeing the incoming thrust, Sun lowered her body just enough to avoid being stabbed. However, a few strands of her hair were cut in its place. Yet, Sun did not let that bother her.

"If I hadn't sparred with Saeko so many times, I would have never thought to do this." Sun muttered as she tightened the grip on her sheath with her left hand. "[Sōryūsen]."

Sun then pulled her sheath off her hip and slammed it into Ikkaku's chest, completely catching him off guard. As a result, his body folded around the sheath momentarily before he was sent flying by Sun's inhuman strength.

With the wind knocked completely out of his lungs, Ikkaku found it difficult to right himself in the air. Luckily, he still had the wherewithal to jab his spear into the ground and slow himself down before eventually coming to a stop. Unfortunately, he did not have much time to get himself together.

"[Voice Magic: Howling voice]." Sun Chanted before taking a deep breath from where she stood in the arena.

"Shit..." Ikkaku groaned, knowing that there was nothing he could do to block a sound attack.

"Kya~~~~~!" Sun screamed at the top of her lungs, making most people in the audience cover their ears.

However, for Ikkaku, just covering his ears would not help. So, he did his best to defend himself by raising his spear in front of him.

"At times like this, it wouldn't be bad to know a little [Kidō]." Ikkaku muttered to himself.

Bang!

In the next instant, the soundwave slammed into Ikkaku and sent him flying once again.

Bang!

"*Cough* *cough*" Ikkaku coughed up a mouthful of blood after slamming back first into the arena's wall. On top of that, the reverberations from the sound waves worsened the injury on his chest, as well.

"[Water/Sword Compound Magic: Seventh Form: Drop Ripple Thrust]." Sun chanted as she dashed forward.

Shing!

Then, before Ikkaku could regain his bearing, Sun's shirasaya was stabbed into the wall, all the way to the hilt, just to the left of his head. And when Ikkaku heard the sound, he raised his head with a smile on his face.

"Looks like I lost." Ikkaku said. "I mean, I could probably keep fighting, but that could have been my head."

When Ikkaku said that, he glanced to his left, at Sun's hand, which was gripping Kanade's hilt tightly.

"Shame I couldn't make you release your not-Zanpakuto thing, though." Ikkaku continued. "Would have been nice to see what it could do."

Maybe next time." Sun replied in a cheerful tone.

{"Contestant Ikkaku has admitted defeat!"} Loli shouted excitedly. {"And the winner of the match is Sun Seto of Fairy Tail. And that's another 10 Points for Fairy Tail. In fact, let's take a look at the overall scoreboard one more time before we end the day's festivities."}

Cheer~~~~~!

With Loli's announcement of the end of the match, Sun pulled her sword from the wall. Then, she sheathed it in one fluid motion. After that, she reached out and offered Ikkaku a hand before helping him to the Domus Flau's infirmary. At the same time, all the Lacrima-Vision screens around the stadium changed to show the new overall scores.

{Overall Scoreboard

Rank Team Score

Fairy Tail 78 Pts. Mermaid Heel 60 Pts. Sabertooth 41 Pts. Blue Pegasus 37 Pts. Final Fantasy 30 Pts. Quatro Cerberus 28 Pts. Lamia Scale 23 Pts. Twilight Ogre 1 Pts.}

{"I have to say, when this year's Grand Magic Games started, I was not expecting the scores to be so lopsided."} Yajima said. {"Usually, at this point in the Games, there are at least six teams with the chance to be the champion. However, this time, although every team other than Twilight Ogre theoretically has the chance to win, realistically, I'd say there are probably only two with the chance to take the title. The returning champions, Mermaid Heel, and the ones trying to get their title back, Fairy Tail."}

{"You're right, Yajima."} Loli added. {"We've never seen scores like these before. Even so, I'm really looking forward to the last day's event, which will happen after a rest day. So, we'll see you all in a couple of days. Until then, enjoy the festival and be safe. We're signing off for now!"}

With that, the audience and the competitors all started to make their way out of the Domus Flau. Meanwhile, the members of Fairy Tail and Quatro Cerberus made their way to the infirmary to check on their team mates who fought in the last match of the Battle Round.

Then, after a little small talk, Team Fairy Tail left the infirmary after finding out that when Sun hit Ikkaku with her sheath, she managed to break a few of his ribs. Luckily, the breaks were not so bad. On top of that, with [Healing Magic], Ikkaku would definitely be up by the time the last day started. But even if he wasn't, they still had a reserve member they could put in for the last day. However, Ikkaku was thoroughly against that. There was no way he would miss the chance to fight just because of a silly little injury.

"So, do you think the last day's event will be the same as it has been every year?" Marin asked while she and the rest of Team Fairy Tail walked through the city of Crocus on the way back to their hotel.

"I don't see why not." Elicia replied.

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

"I guess." Marin replied. "Still, it's been five years with the same event at the end. Won't the audience get bored? Especially since the people participating are mostly the same every year."

"Don't worry about it." Sun said with a smile, still in a good mood from her victory. "We've watched it every year, right? And we didn't get bored, did we?"

"No, I guess not." Marin replied.

"See?" Sun said as she pulled Marin into a hug. "Then, there's nothing to worry about, ya see?"

In response, Marin smiled as she returned the hug. Then, the group continued on to the hotel. And when they arrived, a couple of little missiles ran towards them, one a little faster than the other.

"Congratulations, Daddy!" Amare and Bianca shouted happily as they both ran towards Alfonzo as soon as he opened the door.

"Aww~~~~~!" x 3

Seeing Amar'e and Bianca running towards them, Elicia, Marin, and Sun could not help cooing loudly. Even Brandish, who did not coo audibly, flushed slightly because of the cuteness.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo crouched down with a wide smile on his face and opened his arms to welcome his son and daughter. Then, when they were both in his arms, Alfonzo stood up and gave each of them a kiss on the cheek.

"Thanks, Mar'e and Bia." Alfonzo said happily. "But you need to congratulate Sun, too, right?"

Hearing that, Amar'e and Bianca turned their heads and smiled at Sun.

"Congratulations, Mama Sun!" x 2

Immediately, Sun wrapped her arms around the two children, as well, with a wide smile on her face.

Then, while still wrapped in Alfonzo's and Sun's arms, Bianca turned her head towards Alfonzo and looked at him with excitement.

"Daddy, hungry!" Bianca said excitedly.

Immediately afterwards, the hotel's lobby was filled with voices that repeated after Bianca without shame.

"Daddy, hungry!"

Looking around, every member of the guild that was not part of Team Fairy Tail, without exception, had said that in unison. And when Alfonzo saw all of them looking at him with puppy dog eyes, he almost vomited. Luckily, Amar'e and Bianca were in his arms. Otherwise, he would have been the one starting the guild-wide brawl. Especially since he remembered telling more than a few of the guild members that if they ever looked at him with puppy dog eyes again, he would have something to say about it.

In the end, Alfonzo was able to push down his frustration. Then, he made his way to the kitchen to cook a celebration feast. And after a hardy meal that still ended in a guild-wide brawl, everyone went to bed, ready to rest before the last day of the Games.

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"Are you sure you'll be back before noon?" Elicia asked as she saw off Alfonzo and Irene, who were going to head back to Magnolia to create a magic item so they could spy on Akatsuki's communications. "You know Mar'e and the kids will be sad if you're not back by then."

Currently, the sun had yet to rise in Fiore. Meaning, Alfonzo, Elicia, and Irene were standing on the Sixth Sense Hotel's roof at the darkest part of the night.

"Don't worry, Elicia." Irene said with a smile. "This shouldn't take too long. It's just we don't have the proper tools here."

"I hope so." Elicia replied. "Well, I'll see you soon, then."

Elicia then stepped forward and pecked Alfonzo on the lips.

"I'm coming, too." Erza, who just stepped through the roof access door, said as she approached the group of three. "Mother said there was something she wanted to show me back at her house while Alfonzo was working to create the magic item."

"Sure." Alfonzo replied with a shrug. "Either way, we should be back before we need to leave for Ryuzetsu Land."

With that, Alfonzo, Erza, and Irene made their way onto the Blackbird. Then, in an act of consideration, Alfonzo raised the airship high into the sky, with his [Metal Magic], before engaging the engines. That way, the sound from the engines would not wake anyone who was not already awake. And just like that, the Blackbird set off on its trip to Magnolia without anyone knowing, other than the members of Akatsuki, who had been watching the Sixth Sense Hotel to keep an eye on their target.

Chapter 692: Rewards and Lessons (R-18)

It did not take long for the Blackbird to reach Magnolia after leaving Crocus. So, just after the sun rose, Alfonzo landed it in the backyard of his mansion. Then, he, Erza, and Irene left the mansion and made their way into Magnolia where Irene's house was located.

"I don't understand, why won't you just move in with us, Mother?" Erza asked as she walked alongside Alfonzo and Irene through the streets of Magnolia.

"Perhaps I will one day." Irene replied with a smile. "But for now, I like having my own space. Besides, I've spent much of my time living in grandiose residences over the years. And I like my quaint little home for what it is."

"I can't say that I understand." Erza replied. "But if that's what you want. Just so long as you are happy."

"I'm quite happy, my daughter." Irene said happily. "I have all the things I never thought I would. And that is more than enough for me."

Hearing the conversation between the mother and daughter, Alfonzo, from a few steps behind them, could not help smiling. Even though it has been a few years since they were reunited, he still can't help but feel happy for Erza and Irene whenever he thinks about why they were separated in the first place.

"Anyway, how long do you think it will take you to make the magic item once I've given you the frequency, Alfonzo?" Irene asked a few minutes later.

"Hmm.... About fifteen or twenty minutes, probably." Alfonzo replied.

"Good... Then we should have plenty of time." Irene muttered while continuing to walk.

Something was telling Alfonzo that Irene meant more than just having plenty of time to return to Crocus. But just in case he was wrong, he decided to keep his mouth shut. Whereas Erza had no doubt that Irene was talking about returning to Crocus. But that was just how her straight forward personality worked.

Before long, the trio reached Irene's house. After Irene disengaged the security measures, they then went inside and made their way into Irene's workshop. And Irene wasted no time [Enchanting] the frequency Akatsuki's communication rings used onto something Alfonzo could use. After that, she took Erza out of the workshop to give Alfonzo space to work.

"We'll be in my office." Irene said as she left the workshop. "Come find us there when you're done."

"Got it." Alfonzo replied as he started materializing different magically conductive metals to see which would give him the best effect.

While Alfonzo experimented with which metal would work best for the magic item he was creating, Irene and Erza went up to the top floor of the four-story home, where Irene's office was.

"So, what will we be doing until Alfonzo is finished, Mother?" Erza asked curiously.

In response, Irene looked at her daughter with a bit of helplessness.

"I'm going to teach you something, something you should have learned years ago." Irene said while shaking her head.

In response, Erza only tilted her head in confusion.

"Although I understand your... preferences... you still need to understand how to please your partner, Erza." Irene said in an exasperated tone. "I've both seen and heard about how you perform in the bedroom. And I must say, it's a bit... lifeless."

Though she wanted to deny what her mother said, Erza could not. In fact, she knew that she just let anyone else who was involved in her night time activities with Alfonzo take control of her. But other than doing that, she had no idea what she should do.

"*Sigh* I can see the confusion in your eyes." Irene said while shaking her head. "Alright, we'll do it like this..."

And for the next while, Irene told Erza what she should do when Alfonzo finally came up to her office after he was done.

"Alright, are you two ready to--" Alfonzo said as he opened the door and stepped into Irene's office.

However, when he caught sight of the mother-daughter pair, Alfonzo's words got caught in his throat. Especially since he was surprised to see what Erza and Irene were wearing.

Now to make things clear, neither Erza nor Irene was dressed inappropriately by any stretch of the imagination. However, seeing them dressed as they were, made Alfonzo think that it was even more lewd than had they been dressed in something that would be considered lewd.

First was Erza, standing behind Irene's desk with a notebook held to her chest, she wore a short-sleeved white blouse, a red neck tie, and a tight, knee-length, black pencil skirt with sheer black stockings and flat, black leather shoes. On top of all that, Erza also wore a pair of round-framed black glasses. She even had a bit of her hair styled into a bun on the back of her head while the rest of her hair hung down.

As for Irene, she was doing everything she could to draw attention to all her biggest assets. Sitting on her desk with her legs crossed, she wore a red skirt that barely went halfway down her thighs, a black corset with red accents that revealed a large portion of her breasts and cleavage, a black blazer, sheer black stockings with lace at the top, and garter belts that could be seen from beneath her skirt.

"Fuck... Alfonzo muttered quietly after scanning the two women with his eyes. "I don't know what I did to end up in the principal's office, but I'm sorry. And I'm willing to do anything to make up for my mistakes."

Hearing that, Irene could not help but laugh. Though, she decided to play along with Alfonzo's little joke.

"Please have a seat, Mr. Marcus." Irene said while nodding at the chair placed in front of her. "I assure you; you have not been called here to be punished. Instead, you are to be commended for your outstanding achievements."

Not sure why Irene was playing along with his nonsense, Alfonzo decided not to think about it. Instead, he stepped forward before closing the door to the office. Then, he made his way over to the chair Irene gestured to. Along the way, Alfonzo could not help noticing that there were a number of mirror's set up around the room. On top of that, they were all facing the chair where he was expected to sit.

'I have a pretty good idea of what they have planned until it's time to go back to Crocus, but what's up with all the mirrors.' Alfonzo asked himself as he took a seat.

Seeing Alfonzo take his seat, Irene nodded. Then, she turned her head to look at Erza, who was still standing behind the desk.

"Now, Erza, get him ready." Irene said as she uncrossed and recrossed her legs in the opposite direction. However, she reached out with her top leg and placed her foot between Alfonzo's legs as she continued. "On top of rewarding Mr. Marcus for his services, this will also serve as training for you."

"Yes, Ma'am." Erza replied as she stepped forward, taking her role seriously, as well.

With slow, deliberate steps, Erza stepped around the desk, placing her notebook on the desk along the way. All the while, Irene, with her stocking clad foot, gently rubbed her sole, the ball of her foot, and toes on Alfonzo's rapidly hardening dick with a playful smile on her face.

A moment later, Erza arrived next to Alfonzo's chair and looked down at how her mother used her foot to play with his dick over his pants. Then, after letting Erza watch her for a few moments, Irene pulled her foot away. Finally, Erza moved in front of Alfonzo and slowly lowered herself onto her knees and reached for Alfonzo's waistband.

Making it easier for Erza, Alfonzo raised his hips slightly so that Erza could pull down his pants and underwear with little issue. He then watched as she reached out and took a hold of his erect dick. Then, without hesitation, Erza opened her mouth wide and went to wrap her lips around it.

"No!" Irene said sternly.

"Ah!" Erza yelped as Irene kicked her on her skirt-clad butt. She then looked back while still holding Alfonzo's dick with confusion in her eyes. "Mother, what's wrong?"

"*Sigh* It looks like I've got a lot to teach you, Erza." Irene said in an exasperated tone. "As much as you like to read those books of yours, though, I'm surprised you haven't picked up more technique."

"Huh?" Erza intoned in confusion.

"*Sigh* You don't just jump into it, my daughter." Irene said patiently. "You have to ease into it. It will raise your partner's anticipation."

"I see." Erza said in an understanding tone. "Then, what should I do?"

"Instead of putting it in your mouth immediately, first you should use your lips and tongue in combination with your hands."

"Hmm... I think I understand..." Erza said while wearing a contemplative expression.

Erza then slowly started stroking Alfonzo's dick with firm strokes. She also leaned forward and started licking and kissing the parts of Alfonzo's dick that were not covered by her hand. Slowly, and sensually, she let her lips and tongue touch every inch of Alfonzo's dick, leaving a sheen of her saliva all over it.

"That's it." Irene said while watching Erza through the mirrors set up all over the room. "but you can't forget about his balls, Erza."

Taking her mother's advice, Erza ran her tongue down Alfonzo's shaft until she reached his balls. Then, she gently ran her tongue around the left ball while continuing to stroke his dick with her right hand. After a moment, she switched to the right ball before gently taking it into her mouth.

"Mmm~~! That's good~~." Irene said in a husky tone.

Looking up from Erza, Alfonzo saw that Irene was leaning back on her desk, supporting herself on her left elbow while she fondled her breasts with her right hand. And when she noticed Alfonzo was looking at her, Irene grinned at him seductively before licking her lips.

Meanwhile, Erza, after giving both of Alfonzo's balls some love, ran her tongue back up his shaft. Then, she wrapped her lips around the head of his dick while twirling her tongue around it and looking up at his reaction.

"Oh... Shit~." Alfonzo groaned as he threw his head back in pleasure.

Seeing and hearing Alfonzo's reaction, Erza immediately understood what her mother was getting at. However, she did wonder where her mother got all this experience from, especially since she did not seem to get along well with Erza's father, if Erza were to believe the stories Irene told about her past.

If Erza knew that Irene's knowledge came from reading the same books that she, Marin, and Brandish enjoyed so fervently, she probably would not know how to react.

Keeping her eyes on Alfonzo, Erza slowly lowered her head until more than half of Alfonzo's dick had disappeared into her mouth. Then, in tandem with her hand, she began bobbing her head up and down while swirling her tongue around the head and shaft of Alfonzo's dick. At the same time, she used her left hand to gently fondle his balls, as well.

"God damn it..." Alfonzo groaned in pleasure.

Although Erza's skills in this regard were not the best he had ever experienced. The fact that she was usually so much more on the submissive side was making him feel all sorts of new sensations now that she was taking the initiative to pleasure him.

"Mmm~~~! Very good, Erza." Irene said, now sitting up once again.

Hearing Irene's voice again, Alfonzo's eyes were drawn to her. And like last time, she was fondling her breasts. However, instead of using her right hand, she was using her left. Meanwhile, her right hand had slipped between her thighs and under her skirt. And although he could not see what it was doing exactly, the fact that he could hear a wet, sloshing sound made Alfonzo pretty sure he knew exactly what Irene was doing.

"But you have to take it deeper, Erza." Irene continued as she raised her right leg.

A moment later, Irene placed her foot on the back of Erza's head. Then, she slowly pushed Erza further and further down on Alfonzo's dick. And by the time she was done, Erza's nose was pressed against Alfonzo's pelvis, her tongue was sticking out from between her lower lip and the shaft of Alfonzo's dick, and flicking tenderly against Alfonzo's balls, which she was cradling in her left hand.

"God fucking damn it!" Alfonzo grunted as the back of Erza's throat rhythmically contracted around the head of his dick.

"Alright, that's good." Irene said as she allowed Erza to pull back.

Slurp~~~~~! *Pop!*

And as Erza pulled her had back, she made quite the lewd slurping sound and a rather satisfying pop when she released Alfonzo's dick.

"What should I do now, Mother?" Erza asked while continuing to stroke Alfonzo's dick as she looked back at her mother, completely unbothered by the fact that Irene was masturbating right behind her.

"Why don't you ride it?" Irene asked before licking her lips in anticipation.

Continuing to stroke Alfonzo, Erza lowered her head to think for a moment. Then, she nodded her head and stood up, releasing Alfonzo's dick as she did so. Then, once she was standing at her full height, Erza flared her magic power.

"Stop that!" Irene ordered, causing Erza to cancel the spell she was about to cast. "If you're going to take off your clothes, do it with your hands in a situation like this. Not magic."

"Oh, I see." Erza replied with a nod as she reached up and gripped her tie, ready to take it off.

"No, leave that on." Alfonzo said.

Though she looked at him strangely, Erza followed Alfonzo's request and left the tie on. She then started unbuttoning her blouse from below the collar. Then, when she reached her skirt's waistline, she reached down to pull her blouse out of her skirt.

"Leave the skirt and stockings on, too." Alfonzo said.

Once again, Erza looked at Alfonzo strangely. However, she ultimately followed his instructions. So, instead of taking off her blouse and skirt, she hiked up her skirt and slid her panties, a simple pair of white panties down her long, toned legs.

"Nice." Alfonzo said as he reached out and took Erza's hand.

Alfonzo then pulled Erza closer before turning her around while he spread his legs.

"Alright, do it like this." Alfonzo said as he made eye contact with Erza who looked back over her shoulder.

"Go on." Irene said while looking on excitedly.

Deciding to just do as she was told, Erza spread her legs slightly. Then, raised her skirt and held it up with her left hand. Meanwhile, she slowly lowered herself into Alfonzo's lap, grabbing his dick with her right hand as she did so.

"Mm~~~!" Erza moaned as she guided Alfonzo's dick into her pussy.

Erza then lowered herself slowly, her moans growing more feverish as she took more and more of his dick inside. And before long, Erza was sitting with her bare ass pressed against Alfonzo's pelvis. Meanwhile, Irene had a front row view of where Alfonzo's dick disappeared inside of her daughter. And for some reason that she could not explain, it was turning her on to no end.

"Ah~~~~~!" Erza let out a shuddering breath, enjoying the feeling of being filled up.

In the next instant, Erza leaned forward slightly. Then, she placed her hands on Alfonzo's thighs and prepared to raise herself along his length. However, before she could do so...

"What are you doing now?" Irene asked in an irritated tone.

"Riding him?" Erza asked in a confused tone.

"*Sigh* What did I tell you earlier, Erza?" Irene asked in a scolding tone while continuing to fondle herself and masturbate under her skirt. "You have to... Mmm~~~! Ease into it, remember?"

"Oh..." Erza replied, her eyes lighting up with realization.

Erza then leaned back, resting her head against Alfonzo's right shoulder. She then raised her left hand and began running it through his dreads. Meanwhile, she started rolling her hips in circles, making Alfonzo's dick grind against all her most sensitive spots in the process.

"Mmm~~~~!" Erza moaned quietly as she felt Alfonzo's dick grind against her G-Spot for a moment.

"That's right." Irene said while doubling her hand speed. "Do it just... Ahn~~! Like that."

Meanwhile, Alfonzo was enjoying this more proactive Erza. And as he did, he started to let his hands roam, running them up her sides from her hips. Then, when he reached her breasts, he pulled her blouse open even more than it already was, putting her k-cup sized breasts on full display, ON top of that, because of the forceful way he opened her blouse, Erza's tie fell into the valley between her breasts, as well. He then started groping, rubbing, and fondling her breasts while occasionally pinching her nipples, making her squeak in pleasure as her pussy clenched around his dick.

Eventually, with all the grinding and the stimulation of her breasts and nipples, Erza almost reached her first climax. However, Alfonzo stopped her from moving at that point, gripping her hips tightly and physically stopping her.

Alfonzo's actions left Erza on the edge of climax. And despite enjoying the feeling of being stopped just before she could have an orgasm, the itch in her pussy was almost unbearable after doing something so different from the norm. Even so, Alfonzo did not allow her to reach her climax.

"Ahn~~~~~!" Irene moaned throatily, as she had no qualms about orgasming while watching her man and her daughter have sex.

Hearing Irene moan, Alfonzo and Erza turned their attention to her. And they were just in time to see her body stiffen. Then, they watched as she released her left hand from around her right breast, fell backwards so that she was laying on top of the desk, slapped her left hand on the top of her desk, and pushed her body up as her back arched and her toes curled.

Seeing Irene's current state, convulsing from a fairly intense orgasm, Alfonzo sat up before hooking his arms under Erza's knees. He then stood up while spreading Erza's legs before taking a step forward to stand in front of the desk.

"Mmm~~~~!" Erza moaned as she inched even closer to orgasm thanks to the jolt caused by Alfonzo's movements.

Alfonzo then lowered Erza onto the desk, spreading Irene's legs around her as he did so. However, he did not lay Erza down on top of her mother. Not yet, at least. Instead, he reached around Erza and freed Irene's breasts from behind her blazer before pulling the cups of her corset down.

"Damn..." Alfonzo said absent-mindedly as he watched Irene's breasts bounce free from her blazer while being supported by her corset.

Alfonzo then reached forward and pinched Irene's nipples, which were already as hard as pebbles.

"Ahh~~~~!" Irene screamed as the sensation intensified her orgasm.

Smiling at Irene's reaction, Alfonzo finally pushed Erza forward, making sure that the mother and daughter's hard nipples would be pressed into each other. He then gripped Erza by her waist and slowly pulled his waist back until only the head of his dick was still inside of Erza.

Smack!

"Ahn~~~~~!" Erza moaned loudly as Alfonzo slammed balls deep into her.

On top of having her pussy pounded, the sensation of her hard nipples rubbing against her mother's was adding to Erza's pleasure. And it did not take long before she was once again at the edge of an orgasm.

However, just like before, Alfonzo stopped before Erza could reach her peak. However, instead of just stopping his movement, this time he pulled out of her, causing her to whine needily. Yet, Alfonzo paid no attention to that. Instead, he reached down and moved Irene's red satin thong to the side...

Smack! * Gush!*

"Ahn~~~~~!" Irene moaned loudly.

.. before plunging balls deep into her. He then proceeded to pound Irene with reckless abandon, making her breasts bounce against Erza's which helped keep her on the edge.

"Oh, God, yes! Fuck me, Alfonzo!" Irene screamed as she wrapped her arms and legs around Erza without even realizing that she was hugging her daughter and not Alfonzo.

And Alfonzo did just that, fucking her so hard that the desk moved with every thrust. And before long, Irene came for a second time, which made her start to convulse once again as she let go of Erza.

However, before Erza could completely regain her bearings, she felt Alfonzo's left hand grip the left side of her waist again. Then, she felt the tip of his dick rubbing between her soaking wet, needy pussy lips. And before she could say anything...

Smack! *Smack!* *Smack!*

Alfonzo slammed into her once again and continued to do so repeatedly. And once again, it did not take long until she was on the verge of orgasm again. However, just like last time, Alfonzo pulled out of her and plunged back into her mother, despite the fact that Irene had not come down from her own orgasm yet.

And this process repeated itself for the next half hour. During that time, Irene head cum over and over while Erza was repeatedly brought to the edge just before Alfonzo pulled out of her and brought Irene to orgasm once again. And by now, Erza felt as if she was about to lose her mind... And she loved every second of it.

But this time, after Alfonzo slammed into Erza, she could feel that things were different. She could feel that familiar twitching inside of her. The twitching that meant Alfonzo was reaching his limit, as well. And from what Erza could tell, based on how hard Alfonzo was gripping her hips, Alfonzo was about to cum inside of her.

"Ugh!" Alfonzo grunted as he finally could not hold on any longer, shooting his load inside of Erza while pressing his dick as deep inside her as he could.

"Ahh~~~~~!" Erza screamed at the top of her lungs, as a long awaited orgasm tore through her body.

With her back arched, her eyes rolling back in her head, her arms straightening, her toes flexing as far as they could, and her juices shooting out of her explosively, Erza experienced one of the most powerful orgasms of her life. In fact, her scream was so loud that it pulled Irene out of her own orgasm induced stupor.

After nearly a minute, Erza's body relaxed and she fell limp on top of Irene, who wrapped her arms around her gently with a very motherly smile, that did not seem to fit the situation, on her face.

Meanwhile, Alfonzo, having come out of his own orgasmic reverberations, slowly pulled his dick out of Erza, which received a quiet moan. Then, he lifted Erza from on top of Irene and held her in one arm before picking up Irene, as well, and sat in the chair he had been sitting in earlier while cuddling the mother-daughter pair as they regained their senses.

"Let's take a little break." Alfonzo said while the two women lay on his chest and shoulders. "We'll see how much time we have left after you two recover a little."

Unfortunately for Erza and Irene, after that one session, they were too exhausted by either their multiple orgasms or the one mind-blowing orgasm they received. So, they never got to have a second round before heading back to Crocus.

Chapter 693: Enticement

"We're back." Alfonzo said as he led Erza and Irene into the hotel suite where his other wives and lovers were getting the children ready for their trip to Ryuzetsu Land. "We're not late, are we?"

"No, you're right on time." Elicia said while putting a pair of swimming trunks on Amar'e. "We've got everything packed. Now, we're just waiting for everyone to finish getting dressed."

"Good." Alfonzo replied. "I'm just glad we're not late. Things got more... intense than I was expecting."

"Yeah, I think we can all tell." Rika said with a grin. "Irene and Erza are practically glowing. And look, is Irene actually skipping?"

Rika's question drew all the ladies' attention to Irene, who was actually skipping while on her way to her luggage to pick out a swimsuit. When she bent over to look through her bags, Irene finally noticed all the gazes that were locked on her.

"What?" Irene asked while smiling brightly.

"Damn, you must have dicked her down really good, Fonzie." Cana said while shaking her head.

"Cana!" Elicia, Mirajane, and Shizuka shouted simultaneously, startling Cana in the process. "Don't talk like that in front of the kids!"

In response, Cana looked away sheepishly.

"Cana is not wrong, though." Erza added as she looked through the swimsuits she had stored in her magic [Requip: The Knight]. "I also learned a lot from Mother. It was quite informative."

Hearing that, most of the ladies shifted their gazes between Erza and Irene repeatedly, wanting to know the details when the kids weren't around. Even so, no one slowed down their preparations for the day.

Meanwhile, like most of the people in Crocus for the Grand Magic Games, Minerva of Sabertooth was out and about on her rest day. However, unlike everyone else, she was not enjoying herself. And the reason was simple. Her father, Jiemma, the guild master of the Sabertooth wizarding guild, ordered her to find a way to win the Grand Magic Games. But she could tell that was not a realistic request.

"He doesn't seem to care what methods I use." Minerva muttered to herself while walking aimlessly through the streets of Crocus. "But what could I possibly do to make them bend their knees to us? Because the only way I could see us winning is if they forfeited. But that doesn't seem too likely."

At that point, Minerva fell into her own thoughts. When she did, she could not help but remember her conversation with Irene.

"If I'm gonna do it, I should do it with all my might, huh?" Minerva asked herself.

She then shook that thought off. Not only was Minerva not sure that she would be able to kidnap any members of Fairy Tail as she had originally considered, on her own. She felt like doing something like that was beneath her. Unfortunately, she was willing to do something so despicable if it meant fulfilling her father's orders, as her instinctive fear of him from her childhood was too much for her to go against his orders.

Deciding she would only do something that drastic as a last resort, Minerva continued to wander aimlessly, ignoring the looks and the greetings from the people who recognized her as one of the contestants in the Grand Magic Games.

"Daddy, swim with melater, 'kay?" A young boy's voice pulled Minerva out of her ponderings.

When she looked, she saw a group of women, a man, and three children walking down the streets of Crocus. And Minerva naturally recognized most of them.

"Alfonzo Marcus and his wives." Minerva said as she watched the group pass her. "They have their children with them, too. Perhaps..."

As soon as that thought started to form in her mind, Minerva squashed it almost immediately. Because despite not even making eye contact with anyone in Alfonzo's group, she could feel all of their killing intents locking onto her.

Yet, when she turned to look at them, she could only see them chatting and smiling happily while making their way in the direction of Ryuzetsu Land.

"What in the hell was that?" Minerva asked with cold sweat streaming down her forehead while she watched the Fairy Tail wizards get further away. "Even if I don't do something that drastic, I still might be able to find out some of their weaknesses if I observe them."

With that, Minerva started following the Marcus family to Ryuzetsu Land, completely unaware that she was not being as stealthy as she thought she was. Especially since she had been within the range of most of their [Magic Power Detection] from the moment they woke up.

However, Minerva was not the only one who kept an eye on the wizards of Fairy Tail. A pair of rogue shinobi were doing the same. Though, like Minerva, they had been detected long ago, as well.

"Hey, Itachi, why don't we try and kidnap the Nine-Tails brat now." Kisame asked while he and Itachi jumped from rooftop to rooftop to follow Alfonzo and his ladies. "I mean, he's not following them right now."

In response, Itachi shook his head.

"Don't forget, Naruto Uzumaki can use the [Flying Thunder God]."

Itachi said. "Meaning, unless we can take him down without being detected, there's a good chance that he would just teleport away from us. And if we're unlucky, he would teleport straight to Alfonzo Marcus."

'Plus, Naruto is with Sasuke right now.'

Itachi thought to himself. 'And I'm still not ready to confront Sasuke yet. I hope he's gotten strong enough to kill me, though. It would be the perfect end for what I was forced to do all those years ago.'

"I guess you're probably right."

Kisame replied while scratching the side of his head. "But why didn't we try to make a move while Alfonzo wasn't in Crocus."

"We still would have had to deal with Elicia."

Itachi said. "And we already know that she's capable of delaying us long enough on her own for help to arrive."

'Plus, I'm not sure if we could take her if she's not restricted by protecting Naruto.'

Itachi added mentally.

"Besides, the same thing still stands."

Itachi continued. "He could have just teleported to Alfonzo, who was somewhere out of the city. And we would have exposed ourselves for nothing."

"I see." Kisame replied. "*Sigh* I don't understand how things got so complicated just because the brat joined Fairy Tail."

"Either way, we can only hope that things are going better on Hidan's and Kakuzu's side." Itachi replied. "They should be hunting down the Seven-Tails right now."

And Itachi was right, at this very moment, two members of the Akatsuki, Hidan and Kakuzu were on their way to intercept a certain, tan-skinned kunoichi with short, layered mint-green hair and orange eyes once she left the Village Hidden in the Sand to return to her own village.

Unfortunately, the two rogue shinobi were unlucky enough that Fairy Tail's most destructive member, the one who Magnolia had been completely renovated for, would be passing by that area in the future and would take an interest in the commotion.

"I suppose." Kisame replied. "Well, if they are successful, we'll be called to do the extraction soon enough.'

"Indeed." Itachi said with a nod. "It seems they truly intend to relax on their rest day."

As Itachi said that, he pointed ahead of Alfonzo and his group towards the entrance to Ryuzetsu land.

"So, how are we gonna do this, Itachi?" Kisame asked. "Should we use the [Transformation Jutsu] and follow them inside. Or should we just watch from outside?"

"I don't think there's any reason to follow them inside." Itachi thought aloud. "If we get too close, there's a chance they could feel our presences."

"I guess that's true." Kisame replied. "Well then, I guess we're waiting until they've had their fun. Even though I could probably do a lot of damage with all that water."

With that, Itachi and Kisame found the vantage point that gave them the best view of the park. Meanwhile, Alfonzo and the others made their way into the theme park with Minerva following them a short while later.

So she would fit in, Minerva rented a swimsuit from the park. Because it would look strange if she sat around watching her targets while wearing her fancy Chinese-inspired dress all day.

And for the rest of the day, Minerva simply watched the Fairy Tail wizards just play around and have fun. And if she were being honest, she was quite envious of them. In her whole life, she had never been allowed to have fun like they were. Because her father was a tyrant. He was the dictator of Sabertooth.

"*Sigh* I've been watching them all day long." Minerva muttered to herself while letting her head lean back on the pool chair she had been watching her targets from. "But the only weakness I could identify was their children. But every time I thought about doing something to them, I felt as if my death was close at hand."

"That's because you have good instincts."

Hearing that familiar voice, Minerva shifted her eyes in its direction. And just as she expected, Irene was standing nearby and smiling at her.

"*Sigh* I should have known you'd find me." Minerva said in a tired tone. "You were the one who said that if I were to try anything, I should use all my might, after all."

"That I did." Irene replied with a nod. "But it seems you've decided against doing anything drastic."

"Yeah, my instincts are telling me just how stupid that would be." Minerva said while rolling her eyes. "And I only want to win the Grand Magic Games, not commit suicide by someone else's hand."

"*Sigh* It's too bad you're stuck with that over confident fool you call your father." Irene said in an exasperated tone. "I could probably make you into one of the most powerful wizards on the continent if I were allowed to train you. Instead, you have to put up with a manchild who is a lot less powerful than he thinks he is."

Hearing that Irene seemed to think so highly of her was a surprise to Minerva. However, Irene's following words surprised her even more.

"Oh, I know." Irene said in a somewhat excited tone. "Why don't you leave that guild and join ours? And before you reject me outright, you wouldn't have to worry about what your father might do if you were to leave. He's not strong enough to do anything to Fairy Tail, anyway."

'I won't tell her that Alfonzo found out that he seems to be connected to Tartaros.' Irene said to herself. 'She doesn't really need to know that right now. In fact, it would only make her distrust me even more.'

While Irene was thinking that, Minerva could only stare at her with her eyes and mouth wide open. Never in a million years did she think that the rumored most powerful wizard on the continent would try to poach her from her guild.

"I..." Minerva started to say. However, she was stopped when Irene placed a finger over her lips.

"I know you're terrified of your father, Girl." Irene said gently. "And it's completely understandable, too. I would more than likely fear anyone who would beat me so viciously as a child, too. But you need not fear him ever again. If you take my hand, that is."

Once again, Minerva did not know what to say in response. She could only look at Irene with confusion in her gaze. In the end, this was all she could say.

"I'll... think about it..." Minerva said in a shaky tone.

"That's the right response." Irene said with a satisfied nod. "Had you agreed right away, I would have walked away and never looked back. Because anyone who would so easily betray their guild would not be worth my time. But you must remember, you only have until either Sabertooth or Fairy Tail leaves Crocus to make your decision. Because if you wait any longer than that, I truly am not so interested in your well-being to be bothered to care."

After saying what she wanted to say, Irene walked away from Minerva, leaving the young woman to think about what she wanted. Meanwhile, Irene made her way over to Alfonzo's side, who was sitting on the edge of the pool watching Elicia, Mirajane, and Shizuka play with Amar'e, Bianca, and Calvin.

"So, how did it go?" Alfonzo asked as Irene sat behind him and wrapped her arms around his torso.

"Only time will tell." Irene replied. "But at the very least, I believe I sparked her interest."

"Well, you don't need [MPD] to tell just how powerful you are." Alfonzo replied with a smile. "So, when you said you wanted to train her, basically take her as a disciple, if she wasn't at least interested, then she would have to have a heart made from stone."

"Still, I'm not sure if she's strong enough to step away from her father's control." Irene said with a smile.

"I doubt she took too kindly to leaving her guild, either." Alfonzo added.

"Indeed." Irene replied. "That seemed to be what bothered her the most about my proposal."

"Well, it's a good thing that we don't actually care if she leaves Sabertooth or not." Alfonzo said with a smirk. "We just need to know if she's really willing to turn against her father. And since she has no idea that he's in contact with Tartaros, this is a perfect test."

"That it is." Irene said with a smile. "And I must say, this is much more entertaining than watching you and the girls dominate all your competition like you have been."

"Hahahaha!" Hearing that, Alfonzo could not help laughing uproariously.

"Hey, if you two are done just sitting around, come and play!" Elicia said while waving at Alfonzo and Irene."

"Play! Play!" The children shouted, as well.

"Shall we?" Alfonzo asked.

"After... You!" Irene shouted as she used her immense strength to push Alfonzo into the pool, causing him to skip across the surface like a stone.

"Kya~~~~~!" Irene screamed in surprise, sounding much cuter than anyone expected when she was pulled along behind Alfonzo thanks to a metal wire that wrapped itself around Irene's ankle without her notice when she pushed him.

And just like that, the water war of the century started between two of the most powerful wizards on Ishgar. And unfortunately, no one visiting Ryuzetsu Land's water park area was safe from its influence. Though, no children were harmed during Alfonzo's and Irene's altercation. So, there was that, at least.

Chapter 694: The Grand Magic Games' Final Event, the Grand Magic Game; Part 1

By the time the water war between Alfonzo and Irene ended, Ryuzetsu Land was nearing its closing time. On top of that, as the children wanted to play with their father, they ended up exhausted by the time Alfonzo and his ladies left the park. However, they were not the only ones, as it was previously stated, no one at the park was left out of the chaos that Alfonzo and Irene caused. So, most of the people who visited Ryuzetsu Land ended up calling it a night early.

After that, the final day of the Grand Magic Games came as planned. And today would be each year's most exciting event, the Grand Magic Game, a free-for-all that could greatly affect the overall scores of every team.

{"Is everyone ready for the last event of the Grand Magic Games?"} Loli asked loudly over the broadcast system. {"I know I am! What about you, Yajima?"}

{"I'm just as excited as you are, Loli."} Yajima replied with a grin audible in his tone. {"Especially since I'm curious to see if Fairy Tail's dominance will continue as it has throughout the Games."}

{"Yes, they have been more or less unstoppable this year, haven't they?"} Loli asked. {"It seems they really want their title as Fiore's strongest back, doesn't it?"}

{"It certainly does."} Yajima replied. {"Oh, look. The teams are making their way out into the arena as we speak."}

And just as Yajima said, the eight teams were stepping out into the Domus Flau's arena. Because just like it has been every year, every member of every team would be participating in the last event of the Grand Magic Games.

{"Well then, I guess I should pass it to Mato so we can go over the rules of the event."} Loli said enthusiastically. {"So, Mato, take it away."}

{"Of course, Loli."} Mato said as his image appeared on all the Lacrima-Vision screens in the Domus Flau. {"Well then, I'm sure there are many people in attendance that already know what I'm going to say. But for those who don't, and for those who have forgotten, I'll explain the rules of the final event, the Grand Magic Game."}

Cheer~~~~~!

{"Before the game begins, each team will have to designate a leader."} Mato said, continuing his explanation. {"A member of our staff will come by to jot down their selection. However, that information will stay secret from the other teams. Now, I know what you're thinking, what's the point of having a secret leader, right?"}

Reaching that point, Mato paused briefly for dramatic effect.

{"Well, that ties into the rest of the rules for the event."} Mato continued. {"The Grand Magic Game is a free-for-all battle in which the teams receive points by defeating members of the other teams in battle. And each wizard from each team is worth 1 point. Except for the designated leader, who is worth 5 points. Now, do you see why we keep the team leaders secret?"}

Once again, Mato paused his speech. And just like last time, the pause did not last all that long.

{"Oh, one more thing!"} Mato shouted as if he just remembered what he was about to say. {"The points each team receives when they defeat a rival wizard won't be just for this event. No, no, no! Instead, these points will be added directly to the overall scoreboard. So, the placements could change very quickly."}

Cheer~~~~~!

Once again, the crowd cheered loudly. At the same time, Mato's image was replaced by the Grand Magic Games' overall scoreboard.

{Overall Scoreboard

Rank Team Score

Fairy Tail 78 Pts. Mermaid Heel 60 Pts. Sabertooth 41 Pts. Blue Pegasus 37 Pts. Final Fantasy 30 Pts. Quattro Cerberus 28 Pts. Lamia Scale 23 Pts. Twilight Ogre 1 Pts.}

{"Thanks for another wonderful explanation, Mato!"} Loli said energetically. {"But let's take a look at the scores. So, what do you think about them, Yajima?"}

{"Well, during the Grand Magic Game, the highest score a team could get is 63 Points, as each team member is worth 1 Point and each leader is worth 5 Points. So, with seven teams to harvest points from, the leaders are worth a total of 35 Points while the members are worth a total of 28. And that means that if any one team can claim all 63 Points, the first through seventh place teams are still mathematically in the running for the championship."}

{"That's true, but not likely, though."} Loli added.

{"That's right."} Yajima replied. {"At the most, I can only see three teams in the running for the title. Fairy Tail, Mermaid Heel, and Sabertooth. Though, it's quite a long shot for Sabertooth. Even so, I doubt that none of the other teams will make it easy for anyone during the event."}

{"I can definitely agree with you on that."} Loli said enthusiastically. {"Ah! The staff looks to be taking the teams leader designations. That means the event will be starting momentarily."}

And just as Loli said, each team was visited by a member of the staff. On top of that, a [Silence] spell was cast on each team's surroundings so that the other teams would not be able to hear their conversation with the staff member.

"So, Team Fairy Tail, who will you be designating as the leader?" The cute, petite Grand Magic Games staff member asked while batting her eyelashes flirtatiously at Alfonzo, despite the fact that three of his wives were standing right there.

Despite the staff member's blatant attempt at flirting, Alfonzo paid her no mind. Instead, he looked at Elicia, Marin, Sun, and Brandish with a smile.

"So, who should be our leader?" Alfonzo asked casually.

However, instead of replying, the four ladies only stared at Alfonzo with varying expressions.

"I guess you're all picking me, huh?" Alfonzo asked nonchalantly.

"Yup!"

"That's right!"

"You can do it, Fonzie!"

"It's too much work."

Hearing Marin's, Sun's, Elicia's, and Brandish's replies, in that order, Alfonzo could only shake his head. He then turned back to the staff member.

"Well, you heard them. I'll be the leader." Alfonzo said with a smile.

Though she did manage to take down Alfonzo's response, the female staff member was charmed by his smile for a moment. Yet, when she came back to her senses, she looked around and noticed that most of the other wizards participating in the Games were looking their way.

"Um... I think they've all figured out that you'll be the leader, Mr. Marcus." The staff member said cautiously.

"That's fine." Alfonzo said, waving off the staff member's concerns. "It might finally be a challenge if enough of them gang up on me."

"Someone's confidence is through the roof today." Marin said while nudging Alfonzo with her elbow. "Was yesterday morning really that good?"

"Oh, you have no idea." Alfonzo replied with a roguish grin. "Erza actually took the initiative."

Hearing that, not only Marin, but Elicia and Sun widened their eyes. Meanwhile, Brandish blushed, knowing exactly what they were talking about, as Erza never kept her sex life a secret.

However, the staff member was completely confused. Yet, no one intended to tell her what was going on. In fact, after giving their leader designation, Team Fairy Tail all but ignored her presence, which made the staff member a bit depressed. But she had a job to do. So, she took down the [Silence Magic] and returned to report Fairy Tail's leader designation to the Grand Magic Games committee.

It took a few minutes for the rest of the teams to decide on their leaders for the next event. When they did, and all the GMG staff members returned to report, Matos image appeared on all the Domus Flau's screens once again.

{"Alright, it looks like everything has been settled!"} Matos shouted enthusiastically. {"Well then, is everyone ready for the last event of this year's Grand Magic Games?"}

Cheer~~~~~!

{"Good!"} Mato shouted once again in return. {"Then, let's go~~~~~!"}

Snap!

Flash!

With that, Mato made a show of snapping his fingers. Then, before the sound of his snap could finish echoing through the arena, the entirety of the Domus Flau was lit up with a bright flash, causing everyone present to close their eyes on reflex. And by the time everyone was able to open their eyes, the entire arena area of the stadium had changed.

Instead of an empty, dirt floor, the area was replaced by a townscape that took up the whole arena area at the bottom of the Domus Flau. Not to mention, all eight teams were teleported to different starting areas in the town. Yet, they were not so far away that they would not be able to reach the nearest team within a few minutes if they traveled in the right direction.

{"Alright, ladies and gentlemen!"} Loli shouted excitedly. {"The moment you've all been waiting for has arrived. And this year, it looks like the planning committee has chosen Shirotsu Town as the background for this year's Grand Magic Game event. There's even a recreation of former Duke Everlue's mansion. And from what I can see, that's where Fairy Tail will be starting this event... On its roof of all places."}

{"Yes, this is quite the recreation."} Yajima added. {"And I'm sure that every wizard present is familiar with Shirotsume, as there seem to always be monsters and dark guilds doing something around that area."]

While Loli and Yajima continued talking about Shirotsume and what landmarks were present in the town, Alfonzo, Elicia, Marin, Sun, and Brandish were looking out over the recreation of a town they were all familiar with from their time spent as wizards.

"I don't like this town." Marin said in a slightly shuddering tone. "I mean, I almost died last time I came here."

"Yeah, but the homunculus are gone now." Elicia said while patting the shorter woman on the shoulder. "So, there's nothing to worry about anymore, right?"

"Yeah, I know that." Marin replied. "I even killed some of them myself. But still, that was the closest I've ever been to dying, you know?"

"Were the homunculus really that scary?" Sun asked while tilting her head in curiosity. "I mean, you all didn't take me along when you fought them. I didn't have a [Soul Armament back then, ya see?"

"Yeah." Marin replied with an emphatic nod. "Back then, before I figured out how to beat them, nothing I did could hurt them at all. I even blew that Lust apart into pieces. But her body just reformed around her Philosopher's Stone like nothing happened."

"I fought her, too." Elicia added. "it wasn't too long before Marin ran into her. And she did the same thing back then. Luckily, I was able to send her away before she could do anything too drastic. But the one that was the biggest threat when I ran into her was called Gluttony. He ate almost an entire house trying to get rid of me back then."

"Seriously?" Brandish asked in a flat, disbelieving tone.

"I know how unbelievable it may sound, Brandish." Alfonzo said in a serious tone. "But everything they just said was true. If it weren't for Marin figuring out how to beat them, things could be a lot different in Fiore right now. Mainly, just about all the humans living here would have been sacrificed to make a new Philosopher's Stone."

Hearing that, Brandish's eyes widened slightly. However, they went back to normal soon enough.

"As interesting as that story sounds, we should focus on the event." Brandish said. "Perhaps we can sit down and talk about it in greater detail after everything is over."

To Alfonzo's surprise, Brandish was blushing slightly when she mentioned that. On top of that, she looked away while stealing glances at him periodically. Meanwhile, Elicia, Marin, and Sun smiled widely when they saw Brandish's reaction.

'I wonder what they've been putting in her head.' Alfonzo thought to himself as he let his gaze shift between his wives and the embarrassed Brandish. "Well, not like I'm complaining. Brandish is bad as hell. And I'm not gonna turn her down if that's what she wants. Plus, it might be... No, it will be hot to see that constant bored expression she's always wearing turn into something a bit more... passionate.'

Buzz~~~~~!

Before Alfonzo's thoughts could continue, Brandish could sink any deeper into her embarrassment, or the other three could start teasing Brandish, a loud buzzer sounded over the recreation of Shirotsu, signifying that the Grand Magic Game had begun.

At the same time, the sky above the recreation of the town darkened before it was lit up by a rising pillar of light from the center of the town. Then, just as the pillar split into seven thinner beams of light and headed in specific directions, Alfonzo raised his right hand while flaring his magic power.

"[Metal Magic: Vibranium Shielding]." Alfonzo chanted as a large, square sheet of Vibranium appeared in the air above Team Fairy Tail. Then, in the next instant, a number of sigils were engraved into the Vibranium before they were all filled with arcs of violet electricity. "[Barrier Magic: Reflection Barrier]."

In the next instant, one of the beams slammed into Alfonzo's [Reflection Barrier], the same barrier that was set up around his first mansion, the one that gave Gildarts and Gozaburo so much trouble years ago, before it was sent back to its point of origin with even greater force.

"Well, it looks like it's time to get started." Alfonzo said as he lowered his hand. "So, why don't we all split up and just fight whoever we come across. We'll just have some fun with this, okay?"

"Okay." x 4

And with that, Elicia, Marin, Sun, and Brandish all jumped from the top of the recreation of the Everlue Mansion, searching for their own fights on the final day of the x790 Grand Magic Games. Meanwhile, Alfonzo only watched the ladies go with a smile before he chose a direction different from the rest of

them and started moving as well. However, before he could go anywhere, his first opponent appeared in front of him with a smile on her face.

Chapter 695: The Grand Magic Games' Final Event, the Grand magic Game; Part 2

"Get ready, Rufus." Minerva said, sounding a little absent minded as she issued orders for her team. "As soon as the event starts, I want you to use it immediately."

"Understood, Princess." Rufus replied while raising his hands and placing his index and middle fingers against his temples.

Buzz~~~~~!

Not even a second later, the sound of the buzzer that signified the beginning of the Grand Magic Game rang out over the recreation of Shirotsu Town. Meanwhile, Rufus had used his [Memory-Make Magic to remember the positions of everyone in the event grounds.

"[Memory-Make: A Night of Falling Stars]." Rufus chanted as his magic power swelled.

In the next instant, Rufus was engulfed by a pillar of white light, which was created with [Lightning Magic]. Then, when the pillar reached its zenith, it split into seven beams of light, each aimed at one of the competing teams.

Boom! *Boom!* *Boom!* *Boom!* *Boom!* *Boom!*

In response, most of the other teams were able to avoid the incoming attack with little issue. However, Twilight Ogre was not so lucky or skilled as the others. As a result, their whole team was struck by Rufus' spell, falling unconscious. Then, after only a moment, they were all engulfed in particles of light before being transported from the Shirotsune recreation into the Domus Flau's medical wing to receive medical attention.

Team Fairy Tail reacted differently, as well. Instead of moving to avoid the incoming beam of [Lightning Magic], Alfonzo raised a barrier that sent the beam back from whence it came.

"Watch out!" Orga shouted as he stepped in front of Rufus. He then opened his mouth wide and inhaled.

Slurp~~~~~!

With that, Rufus' spell was nullified by Orga, who, as a Lightning God Slayer Wizard, was able to consume the [Lightning Magic], giving himself a little boost in the process of keeping his team safe.

"Damn! Look at dude go!" An amused voice, amplified by magic power, sounded over the entirety of the Shirotsune recreation. "I bet he could suck a softball through a straw!"

When everyone heard that, the remaining contestants all fell silent for a short time. However, those who were more easily amused could not help snorting out a peel of short laughter. As for the crowd outside of the arena...

"Hahahahahahaha!"

Those who understood the joke burst into raucous, uproarious laughter. At the same time, all the other Slayer-type wizards in the audience felt a bit of secondhand embarrassment on Orga's behalf. And Alfonzo, the one who made that joke, was lucky that he did not see either Wendy, a Sky Dragon Slayer, or Sherria of Lamia Scale, a Sky god Slayer, after making that joke. Because the cute pouts they put on would have almost made his heart stop.

Meanwhile, back in the arena...

"Damn that guy!" Orga shouted angrily. "I'll make that guy pay for insulting me again."

"No, we'll follow the plan." Minerva replied sharply. "We're here to win. Not to settle personal grudges. You can think about that after we've gained victory. Do I make myself clear?"

"Yes, Princess." Orga replied, shaking slightly in fear from Minerva's intensity.

"Good." Minerva replied. "Then, I want each of you to split into teams of two and start taking down the other wizards. Now, go!"

With that, Sting and Rogue left the central plaza in one direction while Rufus and Orga left in the opposite direction. Meanwhile, Minerva fell into contemplation while watching her team mates leave.

'I truly hope we can come out on top in this event.' Minerva thought to herself. 'Otherwise, I don't know what father will do. But I've seen enough... had enough of his abuse. And I won't stand for it any more should it come to that. I just wish there was a way to stop it without betraying the guild...'

Meanwhile, like the members of Team Sabertooth, the other guild teams had also split up and started moving around the town to find opponents. And the first to find an opponent was naturally the fastest of all the contestants who were on the move, Yoruichi. And she made her way to find the only person who could match her in terms of speed, Alfonzo.

"I didn't expect you to just be standing here and waiting for someone to show up." Yoruichi said as she landed on the roof of the Everlue Mansion recreation. "I thought you would be out there terrorizing the members of Sabertooth."

"Nah, that's too easy." Alfonzo replied casually while shrugging his shoulders. "I decided I'd let the girls have some fun. I'm only going to act when attacked in this event."

"I see... Well then, I guess I'll be..." Yoruichi started to say. Yet, before she could finish, someone else appeared next to her on the roof. "*Sigh* We're going to be the first ones to fight you."

Yoruichi then turned her head to look at the person who landed next to her.

"Bumble Bee, what are you doing here?" Yoruichi asked in an exasperated tone. "We were all supposed to go in different directions, remember?"

"I know, Lady Yoruichi." Sui-Feng, the newest arrival, replied while glaring at Alfonzo. "But when I noticed you come this way, I knew you would need help. Though it pains me to admit it, no one taking part in this year's Grand magic Games is a match for him alone."

"Oh, it looks like someone has grown up a little, huh?" Alfonzo asked with a smirk on his face. "Well, I guess that re-education did wonders for you, didn't it?"

The sound of Sui-Feng gritting her teeth was audible to everyone in the Domus Flau thanks to the broadcast through the lacrima-Vision screens.

"We can talk about you not following orders later, Bumble Bee." Yoruichi said, holding back the urge to sigh. "For now, you're right. We'll do our best to take him down quickly before going to get more points."

"Understood, Lady Yoruichi." Sui-Feng replied.

In the next instant, both Yoruichi and Sui-Feng flared their magic power. Then, each of their arms and backs were covered in an element, lightning for Yoruichi and wind for Sui-Feng.

"[Shunko]." The two Mermaid heel wizards chanted in unison.

At the same time, Alfonzo smiled in anticipation.

"This is the kind of challenge I've been looking forward to ever since the GMG started." Alfonzo said as he dropped down into a fighting stance while creating a pair of non-conductive Eskrima sticks in his hands.

Alfonzo then raised his weapons, one to the right side of his head while the other was held out to block in front of his chest.

Bang! *Bang!*

As soon as Alfonzo's weapons were in position, Yoruichi's foot struck the Eskrima stick in front of his chest while Sui-Feng's shin slammed into the one guarding his head.

"Now this is what the fuck I'm talking about." Alfonzo said with a grin on his face. "[Electromagnetism Magic: Lightning Enhancement]."

With his chant, Alfonzo was cloaked in violet electricity. Then, he used the added strength his spell gave him to push away his two assailants. After that, he vanished from where he stood and reappeared in front of Sui-Feng with the Eskrima stick in his right hand drawn back to strike.

Meanwhile, in another corner of the town, Toby and Yuka of Lamia Scale ran into their first opponent in this event.

"Damn... we ran into one of those monsters from Fairy Tail." Yuka muttered with a slight scowl on his face.

"Calling me a monster isn't very nice, you know." Marin, the one who Toby and Yuka encountered said with a smile while she tapped the multicolored bracelets on her wrists. She then continued once the bracelets turned into a pair of double-edged kodachi and she gripped the hilts firmly in her hands. "Especially when you run into someone as cute as me. You don't have a girlfriend, do you, Yuka?"

"That's none of your business." Yuka replied in an annoyed tone. "Come on, Toby, let's get her. We need the points. We don't wanna end up in seventh place at the end of this year's Grand Magic Games, do we?"

"Right." Toby replied as he extended his fingernails, which were glinting with an ominous purple color while dripping a suspicious liquid of the same color.

Yet another confrontation was starting in another part of the town. In this area, a tall, bald man with a mustache and a goatee stood off against a man wielding a large sword with a revolver's chamber embedded into the base of the blade and a small boy with pitch black skin, glowing yellow eyes, and wearing a pointed wizard's hat.

"It looks like the two of you will be my opponents." Jura, the ace of Lamia Scale and a member of the Ten Wizard Saints, said in a peaceful tone while looking at the two wizards from Final Fantasy standing in front of him. "I've been able to see how powerful the two of you are throughout the tournament. But now, I'm looking forward to seeing just how powerful you are for myself."

"And you'll get the chance to do so." Squall, Final Fantasy's ace said as he raised his gunblade to face Jura. "Vivi, cover me from a distance. And make sure to watch out for his [Earth Magic]. From what we've been able to see, it's rather powerful."

"I-I understand." Vivi replied in a somewhat nervous tone.

Despite the nervousness Vivi was clearly feeling, his years of experience as a wizard did not slow down his movements. Instead, it pushed him forward as he flared his magic power and raised his staff to cast the first spell of this confrontation.

In yet another part of the town, an unlikely duo was moving together. These two were women from Blue Pegasus, Sorano and Karen. And like they always did when they were together, they were constantly bickering while they moved.

"Even if you're an S-Class wizard, you better not slow me down, got it?" Karen said in an unfriendly tone.

"*Sigh* You know that won't happen, Karen," Sorano replied with a smile. "Or did you forget, even with your [Ring Magic], I'm still stronger than you."

"Whatever." Karen replied. "Just don't---"

Before Karen could finish, she snapped her head in a certain direction. Then, she smiled dotingly.

"She's close." Karen whispered, barely loud enough for Sorano, who was right next to her to hear.

"*Sigh* You're not gonna throw the fight just because it's her, are you?" Sorano asked in an exasperated tone.

"Of course not." Karen scoffed. "If I did, she would hate me. Though, that might make her punish me even harder than usual."

"Yeah, because Elicia punishes you all the time, right?" Sorano shot back sarcastically.

Sorano's response caused Karen to snap her head in her guild mate's direction with a scowl on her face. Meanwhile, the space not too far in front of the two wavered for a moment before revealing Elicia, who was smiling wryly at Karen's ability to detect her despite being cloaked in her [Camouflage magic].

"Honestly, I'd like to know just how you saw through my stealth, Karen." Elicia said while scratching her right cheek with her index finger.

"What good pet can't find their master?" Karen asked with her eyes lighting up as she laid her eyes on Elicia.

"You know, although it makes me feel sorry for the Celestial Spirits, sometimes I wish I never helped them get free from you." Elicia said in an awkward tone. "Because if I didn't, I wouldn't have to deal with this crap."

"But I am quite glad about it, my dear Elicia." Karen said in a fond tone. "Because if you didn't, I would have never opened my eyes to such a wonderful feeling."

"[Angel Magic: Hammer Angel]." Sorano chanted, interrupting the conversation that was clearly getting more and more awkward for Elicia.

Boom!

In the next instant, a large, muscular angel wielding a large hammer materialized above Elicia before bringing its hammer down to strike her on the head. The impact was so powerful that a dust cloud was kicked up when the hammer struck the ground.

"What are you doing, Bitch?" Karen shouted angrily after seeing Sorano's sneak attack.

"What I'm supposed to be doing, Karen." Sorano shot back. "You can flirt with your master all you want after we're finished here. But for now, fight."

That snapped Karen back to the here and now. Meanwhile, the dust from the [Hammer Angel's] attack started to settle. However, when it did, Elicia was nowhere to be seen. Though, from the way the angel was wrapped up in threads, it was clear that Elicia had not been idle.

"Good." Elicia said with a smile as she appeared sitting on the angel's shoulder while swinging her legs in a carefree manner. "I think it's about time to get things started. Don't you?"

In response, Karen and Sorano both flared their magic power while their expressions turned serious. It was clear that the two women who both had a past with Elicia were ready to show her that they had both grown over the years.

And just like that, the first four battles in the last event of the Grand Magic Games started.

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"[Blizaga]." Vivi chanted with his staff raised above his head.

In the next instant, an innumerable number of ice shards began to form around Jura before they all exploded into a large glacier reaching fifteen feet in height and just as wide.

"Don't let your guard down, Vivi." Squall said as he looked into the mist that was created from the rapid cooling of the air. "I doubt that was enough to take him down."

"I-I know." Vivi said as he started stepping backwards.

A few moments later, the mist cleared. When it did the aforementioned glacier could be seen sticking out of the ground. However, thanks to the clear ice, both Squall and Vivi could see its interior. And what they saw let them know that Squall's assumption about the fight not being over was true.

Inside the ice, where Jura had been standing, there were four rock walls obscuring their vision of Jura. And they knew that those ice walls had protected Jura from Vivi's spell. However, it seemed that Vivi's spell had done some damage to the rock walls, as there were a number of cracks that could be seen on the wall that was facing them.

Boom! *Boom!* *Boom!* *Boom!* *Boom!*

Yet, before either Squall or Vivi could react, they heard the sound of something solid being struck. And with each sound of striking, more and more cracks appeared in the rock walls surrounding Jura.

"[Rock Avalanche]." Jura's voice could be heard from the inside of the glacier.

Boom!

In the next instant, the glacier exploded outwards, sending chunks of ice in all directions. Along with the ice, pieces of the rock walls were sent flying, as well.

Bang! *Clang!* *Bang!* *Clang!* *Bang!* *Clang!*

In response, Squall quickly swung his gunblade to deflect the chunks of ice and rock. And with each swing, he pulled the trigger on the gunblade's hilt, causing the sound of a gunshot to accompany each slash, raising the power of his strikes.

Meanwhile, Vivi once again raised his staff. He then chanted a spell just before any of the chunks of ice or stone could reach him.

"[Shell]." Vivi said, chanting the name of his latest spell.

With Vivi's chant, a translucent pink dome appeared in front of him. Pieces of ice and stone then struck the dome. However, they were unable to pierce through the dome. Though, it seemed as if they still caused a small amount of damage to Vivi, who was forced to step back with each strike on the dome.

"That was impressive." Jura, with his palms pressed together, having clearly cast [Iron Rock Mountain] to defend himself, said while stepping past the remains of the glacier and the rock walls. "It would seem that I am in for a workout."

Instead of replying, Squall dashed forward with his gunblade drawn back, ready to attack.

Seeing Squall's actions, Jura smiled. Then he spread his hands and wrapped them in stone gauntlets before taking a fighting stance.

Clang!

As soon as Jura had taken his stance, he swung his right hand, knocking away Squall's blade with the back of his hand and causing a loud sound of impact.

Bang! *Boom!*

An instant later, Squall's blade slammed into the ground, causing a small explosion on impact. Yet, Squall was not deterred, as he let go of his gunblade's hilt with his right hand and held it towards Jura's chest.

"[Fira]." Squall chanted as an ember formed in the center of his palm.

Reacting quickly, Jura used the back of his left hand to knock Squall's right hand towards the outside of his body just before the spell could activate.

Boom!

In the next instant, a house on the side of the street was engulfed in a torrent of flames. Unfortunately, Squall was also left wide open, as his arms were spread to either side of his body.

Thud!

And Jura, as experienced as he was, did not miss the opportunity that moment of opening represented, as he drew his right arm back before lashing out with a palm strike that landed on Squall's sternum.

*Cough*¹ Squall coughed up a mouthful of blood as he was sent flying by Jura's attack.

Yet, that also gave Vivi another opening to attack.

"[Thundaga]."² Vivi chanted as he once again raised his staff.

In the next instant, the sky above the three wizards was covered in dark clouds that drew the attention of everyone still in the recreation of Shirotsu. And bright streaks of lightning could be seen moving through the clouds. Yet, a few seconds passed and nothing happened. None of that lightning fell from the sky to strike Jura.

"What's going on?" Vivi asked as he looked up to see what was going on with his spell.

When Vivi looked up, his eyes could not help widening, as the lightning streaking through the clouds was all moving in a certain direction, towards the recreation of the Everlue Mansion in the distance.

"How...?" Vivi asked in a disbelieving tone.

"Viv! Look out!" Squall shouted, snapping Vivi back to the ongoing fight.

Unfortunately, Vivi's momentary distraction would be his undoing in the Grand Magic Game event.

"[Iron Rock Fist]." Jura chanted with his right index and middle fingers extended towards Vivi.

With that, a stone fist, wearing a stone gauntlet, grew from the street in front of Vivi. Then, before the young wizard could chant a protective spell, it struck him in the abdomen, throwing him back with great force, slamming him into, and through, the wall of a building more than a block down the street.

At about the same time, in the space above the Everlue Mansion, a web of white lightning spread out in all directions. However, from what anyone could see, no one seemed to be taken out of commission during that spell. Though, it was clear to see that someone had been hit, as a body fell from the roof of the mansion while smoke drifted off of it. And everyone other than the other members of Fairy Tail had no idea exactly who launched it. The members of Fairy Tail knew it was Alfonzo, though. And he had used Vivi's spell to launch one of his own after stealing control of it.

Back on the street where the fight between Jura, Squall, and Vivi was happening, a light shined through the rubble of the house that was destroyed when Vivi was sent flying into it, signifying that Jura's attack had eliminated him from the Grand Magic Game.

And although Squall felt terrible to see one of his teammates defeated in front of him, he was experienced and level-headed enough to not let it bother him. Not to mention, if he had, he would have been taken out while distracted, as well.

Clang!

Luckily, that was not the case for Squall, as he quickly swung his gunblade and deflected another palm strike from Jura before following up with an upward slash to force Jura back.

"Haste]." Squall chanted once he had a bit of space, causing a magic circle resembling a clock to appear under his feet before the hands started moving forward at high speed. He then chanted his next spell. "[Limit Break: Renzokuken]."

In the next instant, with his augmented speed, Squall dashed forward. Then, when he was in range, he swung his gunblade down at Jura, who was forced to block with his stone gauntlet.

Bang!

"Gahh!" Jura groaned as his arm was slammed down into his chest.

However, because of the additional speed afforded to Squall thanks to the [Haste] spell combined with the extra force from a well-timed trigger pull, Jura was stunned slightly. As a result, Squall was able to land the next six strikes of his [Renzokuken] combo on Jura, damaging him heavily, and surprising the audience in the process.

A moment later, while Jura was forced to stumble backwards from all the hits he just took, Squall's magic power exploded from his body once again as he dashed forward, this time even faster than the last.

"[Lion Heart]." Squall chanted as he performed an upwards slash.

Bang!

Though Jura was able to get his hands up to block the incoming attack from Squall, he was still sent flying up into the air. Unfortunately, because of the force behind Squall's strike, which was much higher than before, Jura felt his arms go numb as he ascended into the sky.

Even worse, that meant that Jura was barely able to defend himself from the thirty-hit onslaught that followed. Instead, the only thing he could do was move his head and eyes from side to side as Squall bounced between the buildings surrounding the area where they fought and do his best to brace himself every time Squall slashed him.

Bang!

After the barrage of gunblade attacks ended, Jura fell from the sky, the impact of his fall creating a small crater in the ground beneath him. Meanwhile, Squall landed a few feet away from Jura while breathing heavily.

"You are ... even more... impressive... than I thought." Jura struggled to say from his spot in the bottom of the crater.

"Well, I've been trained to fight some of the most dangerous dark wizards. "So, it makes sense I would be able to do this much." Squall replied while breathing unevenly. Apparently, the term, [Limit Break], was not just for show, as he was clearly exhausted from the exertion.

"And it shows..." Jura said as he raised his right hand in Squall's direction. "But, you under estimate me a little too much. [Rumbling Mount Fuji]."

Hearing the name of Jura's spell, Squall's eyes widened in surprise. Unfortunately, he was unable to do much more than that before he was engulfed in the light of Jura's spell. Luckily, thanks to Jura's injuries, he was unable to unleash nearly as much power as he had during the preliminary round. Still, with Squall completely unprepared, what he could muster was more than enough to eliminate the Final Fantasy ace.

"*Sigh* I thought I would be able to go further." Jura said as his arm dropped to the ground.

A moment later, Jura was engulfed in particles of light before he was also transported to the infirmary to receive medical attention.

At the same time in another part of the town, Marin was facing off against two of Jura's teammates. And while Yuka Suzuki was wearing a solemn expression, Toby was already dashing forward to meet Marin in close combat. And with his magic, if he were able to land even a single hit, the fight would be his and Yuka's.

"[Super Paralysis claw: Mega Mega Jellyfish]." Toby chanted as his fingernails grew longer.

Then, once he was in range, Toby launched a barrage of slashes at Marin. However, despite how fast, or how many slashes he sent her way, Marin managed to dodge all of them with minimal movement.

"Man, if I hadn't been training with people like Lici, who attacks from all sorts of weird angles with that Capoeira of hers, this would be really dangerous." Marin said as she continuously dodged Toby's claw strikes.

"Hey! Stand still!" Toby shouted while continuing to attack.

"Would you stand still if you were me?" Marin asked with a smile.

"No!" Toby shouted back in a frustrated tone. "But I'm not you. So, stand still!"

Meanwhile, Yuka could only sigh in exasperation while watching Toby try, and fail, to hit Marin.

"It's a good thing we ran into her together, though." Yuka muttered while looking up to see Marin basically toying with Toby. "She doesn't really use projectile magic. So, my [Wave Magic] is a little less effective in defending against her. Though, I still think I could stop her if she were to get too close. But with Toby here, I should be able to take advantage of an opening... Just like that one."

What Yuka saw was Toby, after getting too frustrated, lunging at Marin and flying right past her as she sidestepped. And with all of Marin's attention on Toby, Yuka felt now was the perfect time to make his move.

First, with a blast of his [Wave Magic] from each of his hands, Yuka fired himself into the air. He then let gravity take hold of him. At the same time, he put the butts of his palms together, aiming them at Marin as he fell.

"[Wave Magic: Wave Blast]." Yuka chanted shortly before he would have landed on top of Marin.

At the same time, a transparent energy wave was fired from Yuka's palms, aimed straight at Marin.

Unfortunately, Yuka, like many other wizards, were unaware of [Magic Power detection]. So, he did not know that Marin had been keeping track of him the whole time.

"[Transformation Magic: Long Suffering]." Marin chanted as she pointed the blades of her kodachi at the ground in front of her.

In the next instant, Marin's blades extended at high speed before the tips were buried into the ground. However, that did not stop the blades from extending. Instead, with the ground as an opposing force, they continued to extend while pushing Marin backwards.

Boom!

Not even a second later, Yuka's [Wave Blast] crashed into the ground cracking it under the force. Then, Yuka, his descent slowed by his spell, touched down on the broken and uneven ground.

At the same time, Toby regained his footing and dashed towards Marin once again with is nails primed to sink into her shoulders.

But like before, Marin was ready for the sneak attack. So, after returning Nova to her normal size, the two kodachi transformed back into the bracelets she wore when not in battle. Then, she stepped to her right. At the same time, she grabbed Toby's outstretched left arm with her own left hand, swung him around, and locked his arm behind his back.

Zap!

Unfortunately for Toby, when his arm was locked behind his back, his extended fingernails scratched his lower back. As a result, Toby felt as if his whole body was shocked when the potent magical paralytic poison smeared on his nails quickly circulated through his body.

Meanwhile, Yuka, after seeing the way Toby froze up, could not help but start rubbing the space between his extremely bushy eye brows in exasperation.

"How many times does this make, Toby?" Yuka asked rhetorically. "You really need to find a way to protect yourself against your own attacks."

Unfortunately, thanks to the paralysis, Toby was unable to answer Yuka. And even if he were able to, Marin had no intention of giving him the chance to.

Bang!

Releasing Toby's arm, knowing that he would not be able to defend himself, Marin sent a front kick into Toby's back. As a result, he was sent flying in Yuka's direction. Meanwhile, she reverted Nova back into the pair of kodachi and pointed the one in her left hand behind her while she turned her body to the side.

"[Transformation Magic: Blade Rush]." Marin chanted as the blade in her left hand extended, pushing her forward at high speed.

Quickly catching up to Toby, Marin swung the blade in her right hand at the back of Toby's neck, hitting him with the flat of the blade and knocking him out in the process. Shortly afterwards, Toby was engulfed in particles of light before being transported out of the arena. Yet, Marin did not stop her forward momentum, as she was still approaching Yuka.

Yuka, on the other hand, reacted quickly, [Wave Magic] swirling around his hands as he prepared to defend himself.

"[Transformation Magic: Claws and Fangs of Violation]." Marin chanted as she reverted the blade in her left hand to its normal size.

Marin then launched into a series of slashes, sweeps, and thrusts while extending and shortening her blades at random intervals. And to his credit, Yuka, with the use of his [Wave Magic], was able to deflect most of Marin's attacks. Even so, with the unpredictability of her attacks, several still made it through his defense.

Luckily, he was given a slight reprieve when the sky overhead darkened.

"A storm?" Marin asked as she stepped back just in case a sneak attack came from the thunder clouds above. However, she breathed a sigh of relief when all the lightning in the clouds was pulled towards the Everlue Mansion in the direction where she came from. "Oh, it's just Fonzie."

Marin was not the only one who was relieved that the lightning in those clouds did not fall on her, as Yuka was thinking something similar. However, when he saw the large web of lightning that spread from above the mansion, he raised his eyebrows in surprise.

Rat-tat-tat-tat-tat-tat-tat-tat-tat!

Unfortunately, that distraction was enough for Yuka to be hit by a sneak attack consisting of a barrage of magic bullets that sprayed over the area where he was fighting Marin.

Marin was able to dodge the incoming barrage as she had noticed the approaching pair of wizards, though.

"I only got one." A female voice said from the roof of a building.

"Well, it's better than none, right?" A male voice replied, though it sounded muffled, as if it were passing through a window, or something of the sort.

Looking in the direction of the voices, Marin saw Jenny wearing her [Battle Suit], with a pair of vulcan cannons on her shoulder and a minigun attached to her left arm, and kai wearing his space suit standing on top of a nearby building.

"Kill stealing isn't cool, you know?" Marin asked in an exasperated tone while readying herself for the next battle.

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While the other fights were going on, Elicia was facing two opponents of her own. Namely, Karen Lilica and Sorano Agria of Blue Pegasus. And right now, it looked as though she were at the advantage. Especially since she had one of Sorano's angels tied up in her threads. And based on what she knew about Sorano's magic, if the angel that she summoned was destroyed, she would feel severe pain.

'[Ring Magic: Thunder Storm].'" Karen chanted as she held up her ring clad hands towards Elicia.

With Karen's chant, two of the rings on Karen's fingers, magic items she used to channel her magic power, lit up with yellow and green light. A moment later, one of the rings sent forth a cyclone while the other shot out a lightning bolt.

However, before the two spells could travel too far, they combined. As a result, instead of a cyclone and a thunder bolt to dodge, Elicia had to evade a spinning column of [Lightning Magic]. Yet, that was not too much for her. And she proved it by shooting a thread at a nearby building before pulling herself

towards it. At the same time, she also drew her other hand back, intending to tighten the threads wrapped around the angel to the point it was sliced into ribbons.

Yet, before the threads could tighten, the column of [Lightning Magic] changed direction. Instead of passing through the spot where Elicia once sat on top of the captured angel's shoulder, it cut through the thread connecting the angel to Elicia.

"Oh, did little Karen learn how to play with others" Elicia asked in a sing-song tone. "I'm so proud of you."

Hearing the tone in which Elicia was speaking to her, Karen could not help but blush. To her, the high-pitched, sing-song tone Elicia used sounded as if she were speaking to a pet. And was that not what Karen had been wishing for, to become Elicia's pet, ever since she punished her for lying and ruining one of her best pieces nine years ago?

"Karen! Snap out of it!" Sorano shouted as she commanded her angel to remove the, now, loosened threads.

Immediately, Karen shook her head. Then, she looked at Elicia with a solemn expression.

"I must admit, that was pretty cunning, Elicia." Karen said, the blush till present on her face. "To think you would use the exact thing that I wanted to make me lower my guard. I would expect nothing less of you."

Hanging from the side of the building she pulled herself towards to evade Karen's attack, Elicia could only stare at her awkwardly.

'Like I would ever pretend that I was going to take her as my pet.' Elicia thought to herself. 'I was just teasing her because she actually moved to help her teammate. Something I never actually thought was possible. Especially when that teammate is Sorano. I was even starting to think that there was some kind of yuri relationship starting between them. Probably shouldn't say that out loud, though. I get the feeling that Karen would try to kill me before killing herself if I did.'

"By the way, what in the world are you wearing, Elicia?" Sorano asked as her angel took up a position behind her.

Looking down at Sorano's question, Elicia could see that she was wearing a predominantly black and white body suit with pink accents and a hood. Though, she was not wearing the iconic mask that went along with it. Still, to anyone in the know, Elicia was wearing a recreation of a Marvel Heroine's, Ghost Spider's, costume.

"It's cute, isn't it?" Elicia asked in a cheerful tone with a smile on her face. "I made it from the remains of a wyvern Fonzie hunted a couple of years ago. I just never had the chance to wear it in public."

'Well, I think Tatsuo or James hunted it.' Elicia thought to herself. 'But they don't need to know that, right?'

"I'll admit, it is pretty cute." Sorano replied. "But it won't save you. In fact, it will be your downfall."

In response, Elicia only rolled her eyes at Sorano's dramatic statement, as she had sensed the second angel being summoned right above her.

In the next instant, Elicia kicked off the side of the building, just in time to avoid the fist of another burly angel. However, instead of creating distance, Elicia shot threads from her fingertips and wrapped them around the angel's wings before pulling herself close.

"I haven't done this in a while." Elicia said cheerfully. "But [Izuna Drop] for the win!"

With that, Elicia wrapped her arms around the bound angel's torso from behind. Then, while causing them to spin, she reoriented them so that they would slam head first into the street below.

"Oh, this isn't good." Sorano muttered as the [Hammer Angel] floating behind her flapped its wings and shot forward in an attempt to catch the two before they could hit the ground.

"Damn, I can't get a clear shot." Karen said while aiming her rings at Elicia. However, she held off on casting a spell because hitting the angel would more or less take Sorano out of the event.

Boom!

"Kya~~~~~!" Sorano's soul shattering scream echoed throughout the area.

Unfortunately, there was nothing either Karen or Sorano could do to stop the inevitable. Meaning, Sorano's angel was defeated when it slammed head first into the ground with the added spin from Elicia's attack.

On top of that, the dust cloud that was kicked up obscured Karen's line of sight on Elicia. But that did not matter all that much to her at the moment.

"[Ring Magic: Meteor Impact]." Karen chanted as a pair of rings lit up once again.

In the next instant, several large stones levitated up from the street in front of Karen before a stream of [Fire Magic] was fired from one of the rings and engulfed the stones. Then, all the stones were fired in the direction of the dust cloud.

Luckily, or as lucky as a teammate being defeated could be, with Sorano's scream, Karen knew that the [Punching Angel] she summoned had been defeated and reverse summoned thanks to Sorano's scream a moment ago. So, she did not have to worry about friendly fire.

Boom! *Boom!* *Boom!* *Boom!* *Boom!*

It took less than a second for the five stones that were levitated from the ground to slam into the dust cloud, dispersing it on impact. At the same time, Karen was able to see Elicia's body go flying from the point of impact before slamming into the ground and bouncing away.

"I'm sorry, Elicia." Karen uttered to herself in a sad tone. "But I have a duty to my guild. I'll make it up to you by letting you punish me later."

Thud!

While Karen was feeling bad for what she had to do to Elicia just a moment ago, the sound of a body falling to the ground right next to her snapped her out of her melancholy. She then looked to where the sound came from.

"What?" Karen exclaimed in confusion as she could see Sorano, now completely unconscious lying next to her. "I've never seen her lose consciousness after only one of her angels was defeated before."

"You should probably assess the situation more thoroughly before you start slipping into your own world, Karen~."

Hearing that familiar voice come from her other side, Karen's confused expression immediately turned serious.

"Damn [Camouflage Magic]." Karen muttered as she raised her guard. "I completely forgot about it. I haven't seen it in so long."

Bang!

Just as those words left Karen's lips, two things happened simultaneously. First, the Elicia in the distance faded out of existence. Second, Karen's legs were swept out from under her, and not in the good way.

Supporting herself with her hands on the ground, Elicia used both legs to sweep Karen's legs out from under her. In fact, she used so much force that Karen found herself lying parallel to the ground an instant after feeling the impact from Elicia's sweep.

Elicia then followed up by pushing off the ground and kicking Karen in the back, sending her up into the air. She then followed Karen into the air by jumping off the ground. And with a surprising show of acrobatics and flexibility, Elicia unleashed quite a few punches, kicks, elbow strikes, and knee strikes onto Karen while airborne.

On a side note, while Karen was ascending into the sky, Sorano was engulfed in particles of light as she was transported to the Domus Flau's infirmary.

Bang!

A few seconds later, Elicia ended her onslaught. Then, she kicked Karen towards the side of a building. Lastly, before Karen could either bounce off the side of the building, Elicia shot a web of sticky threads that stuck Karen to the side of the building like a fly caught in a spider's web.

A moment later, with sticky threads attached to her hands and feet, Elicia landed on the side of the building just above Karen's head.

"Well, I guess you can consider this a little reward for actually giving it your all against me in the Grand Magic Games, Karen." Elicia whispered, as she could see that Karen was losing consciousness.

To Elicia's surprise, Karen smiled brightly as if she could hear Elicia before she, too, was engulfed in particles of light and sent to the infirmary.

"Well, now that their gone, are you two next?" Elicia asked once Karen was no longer in the arena while looking in a certain direction.

"Oh, you bet we are." A female voice said as she stepped out from the corner of a building. "And after seeing your martial arts, I'm excited to fight you."

"Tifa, wouldn't it have been better if we attacked her while she was fighting instead?" A second female voice said in an exasperated tone.

"Don't worry about it, Aerith." Tifa replied nonchalantly. "After seeing a fight like that, anything less than fighting her head on would have been a disservice to myself."

As the two's conversation would suggest, the ones who were watching Elicia dismantle Karen and Sorano were Tifa Lockhart and Aerith Gainsborough of Final Fantasy.

"Oh, it's you girls." Elicia said with a friendly smile while waving at the two Final Fantasy wizards. "So, did you like the show? You know, I really tried pretty hard when I realized I had an audience."

"Of course I did!" Tifa said excitedly as she punched her gloves together. "So, let's get to it, too. I'm really looking forward to this."

"Does that mean you're going to fight me alone?" Elicia asked while tilting her head to the side. "I mean, there are two of you. And as you can see, I'm not against fighting an unfavorable match up."

"Nah... It will just be me fighting." Tifa replied. "Aerith is better suited for support anyway."

"I'm not letting you fight alone, Tifa." Aerith said sternly. "Even if I don't fight her directly, you'll have my support spells at all times."

"*Sigh* Fine." Tifa grumbled, really wanting to fight an unorthodox martial artist like Elicia on her own. "I know that when you talk like that, there's nothing I can do to change your mind. So, let's go. [Waterkick]."

Slice!

'Isn't that supposed to be one of Tifa's [Limit Breaks]?' Elicia thought to herself as she jumped out of the way of the compressed blade of water that was sent flying her way by Tifa's kick. 'But I noticed this back in the Battle Board event. She seems to be able to use it without delay. Has she mastered it to the point that it's just a regular spell at this point? If so, this could get interesting.'

Scrape! *Crash!* *Rumble!*

As Elicia landed on the side of another building, the building she had webbed Karen to moments ago was cleanly sliced through by Tifa's [Waterkick]. Then, the top part of the building slid off the rest of the building before falling to the street below, kicking up a billowing cloud of dust on impact.

Cheer~~~~~!

Meanwhile, back in the rest of the Domus Flau, the crowd was cheering constantly at the images of the battles that were broadcast through the Lacrima-Vision screens.

{"This has been quite the opening set of battles, hasn't it, Yajima?"} Loli asked excitedly. {"To probably everyone in attendance's surprise, Jura was one of the first wizards to be taken down in the final event. And by a relatively unknown wizard, no less."}

{"Yes, but that just goes to show that you should never judge a book by its cover."] Yajima said while stroking his mustache. {"There are many hidden masters all over the world, let alone just Fiore."}

{"I suppose you're right, Yajima."} Loli replied with a nod. {"Still, I heard quite a few hearts break when Jura mercilessly took out young Vivi. I wouldn't be surprised if he received quiet a few angry letters from our female fanbase after the Games were over."}

{"Hehehe! That might just be true, Loli."} Yajima said while chuckling good naturedly. {"But before we talk about jura's troubles with women, let's talk about the other two fights that concluded not too long ago."}

{"Ah! Yes."} Loli replied, his energy reaching another level. {"and we can't talk about them without talking about Fairy Tail. In fact, had Jenny of Blue Pegasus not stepped in, Elicia and Marin would have both taken down two opponents each in their fights."}

{"I have to agree."} Yajima added with a nod. {"Although Yuka was doing well in an attempt to protect himself, it was clear that Marin would have broken his defenses eventually. As for Elicia, I think I can say that everyone was shocked to see just how fearsome she could be in battle. I mean, she defeated two of Blue Pegasus' S-Class wizards with what appeared to be little effort."}

{"Yeah! Do you think it's possible that she could give Titania and the Ice Witch a run for their money as Fairy Tail's strongest female wizard?"} Loli asked in an excited, yet curious, tone.

{"Honestly, it's hard to say."} Yajima replied. {"No one has seen Ur act in years. Ever since she became the guild master. But Erza's reputation as one of the strongest, and most destructive, women in the kingdom isn't just for show."}

{"I suppose that's true."} Loli replied. He then raised his voice in excitement once again. {"Oh, and would you look at that! On top of the battles between Alfonzo Marcus, Yoruichi Shihouin, and Sui-Feng, Marin, Jenny, and kai, and Elicia, Tifa, and Aerith, there are more groups of wizards coming together in the town, as well."}

{"Yes, and from what I can see, Sun of Fairy Tail, Terra of Final Fantasy, and Kagura of Mermaid Heel are all converging on the town's central plaza."} Yajima explained. {"Oh! And it looks like Minerva of Sabertooth is still there, despite the rest of her team spreading out to different parts of the town."}

{"And if you look over there, you can see that Might Guy of Quatro Cerberus and Ichiya Vandalay Kotobuki of Blue Pegasus will be running into each other at any moment, as well."} Loli added excitedly. {"But, before we get back to telling you about all the wonderful battles and magic being used, why don't we take a look at how the scores have changed so far."}

With that, an overlay appeared in the corner of every screen. And that overlay displayed the overall scoreboard for everyone to see.

{Overall Scoreboard

Rank Team Score

1. Fairy Tail 82 Pts.

2. Mermaid Heel 60 Pts.

3. Sabertooth 50 Pts.

4. Blue Pegasus 38 Pts.

5. Final Fantasy 35 Pts.

6. Lamia Scale 29 Pts.

7. Quattro Cerberus 28 Pts.

8. Twilight Ogre 1 Pts.}

Chapter 698: The Grand Magic Games' Final Event, the Grand Magic Game; Part 5

While the fights between Elicia, Karen, Sorano, Jura, Squall, Vivi, Marin, Yuka, and Toby were taking place, Alfonzo was exchanging blows with Yoruichi and Sui-Feng at high speed. However, despite the fact that he was facing two opponents, both at S-Class in power, he was not at a disadvantage.

Bang! *Clang!* *Zap!*

With the Eskrima stick in his left hand, Alfonzo parried a lightning clad punch from Yoruichi while simultaneously blocking a slash from Sui-Feng's Zanpakuto, Suzumebachī. Luckily, she had not decided to release it, though. Otherwise, Alfonzo would have decided to take things up a notch, as well.

As for Yoruichi, despite having seen her unsheathe a wakizashi several years ago, he had never heard anything about her Zanpakuto, let alone seen her release it. And for the last few times he had seen her, she did not even carry one.

Even so, Yoruichi was a force to be reckoned with. Unfortunately, her specialization in [Lightning Magic] was not doing her any favors in this particular fight. Because as it has been shown in the past, unless Alfonzo is hit in an area not covered by his own [Electromagnetism Magic], he is more or less immune to [Lightning Magic]. Which means, other than the boost in speed her [Lightning-Based Shunkō] provided, Yoruichi actually has no way of damaging Alfonzo with her magic.

"Damn it!" Yoruichi muttered while avoiding a strike from one of Alfonzo's Eskrima sticks. "I didn't think this all the way through."

"Sure doesn't look like it." Alfonzo replied with a grin as he tilted his head to avoid a kick from Sui-Feng. He then continued as he swung both his Eskrima sticks upwards at Sui-Feng's extended leg. "You really didn't do your research this time, did you? But there was a reason why I've never lost to Laxus, you know?"

"Enough talk!" Sui-Feng shouted as she quickly pulled her leg back and jumped away.

Sui-Feng then [Flash Stepped] in front of Alfonzo with her Zanpakuto drawn back to strike.

Clang! *Cling!* *Cling!* *Clang!* *Swoosh!* *Bang!* x 2

Then, in a high-speed flurry, Sui-Feng slashed at Alfonzo's left shoulder. However, Alfonzo quickly defended with the weapon in his left hand. He then thrust the weapon in his right at her throat. Yet, Sui-Feng recovered quickly and pushed the strike to the side, Alfonzo's Eskrima stick just barely scraping past the right side of her neck.

Not letting the stinging sensation on her neck bother her, Sui-Feng, after parrying Alfonzo's strike, slashed her Zanpakuto at Alfonzo's chest. Yet, he once again defended against her strike by parrying her slash upwards. However, as Sui-Feng expected as much, she quickly changed the grip on her hilt before slashing down at the space between Alfonzo's neck and right shoulder.

In response, Alfonzo decided not to defend. Instead, he chose to dodge, as Yoruichi had rejoined the fray, as well, with a kick aimed at his right knee. So, with a movement that did not seem to fit his size, Alfonzo jumped over Yoruichi's kick while adding a spin, which helped him avoid Sui-Feng's slash.

Then, while in midair, Alfonzo spread his legs. And with his spin, that movement resulted in his legs being lashed at the two Mermaid Heel wizards. Luckily for them, they were both fast enough to get their arms up to block his kicks. However, with the force behind those kicks, both Yoruichi and Sui-Feng were sent flying off the top of the Everlue Mansion.

"Seriously, as long as it's been, I thought there would be more people showing up here to help them put me down." Alfonzo muttered as he landed on the mansion's roof. "Well, two other aces are fighting each other right now. So, I guess they won't be helping. I wouldn't mind seeing that fight between Jura and Squall, though. Oh... But I could use that... I'll have to apologize to Vivi later, though."

At the same time as Alfonzo's words, the sky over the town darkened, covered in roiling storm clouds. On top of that, there were flashes of lightning streaking through the clouds, as well. A result of the spell Vivi cast to assist Squall in his fight against Jura.

"Well, I'll be taking that." Alfonzo said as he reached his left hand towards the clouds. "Yoink!"

With that, the lightning that was gathering in the clouds above was pulled towards Alfonzo's hand. Then, it mixed with the violet lightning that was arcing all across his body. And just at that moment, both Yoruichi and Sui-Feng reappeared on the roof after picking themselves up from the mansion grounds.

"We didn't pick a good time to come back." Yoruichi muttered after seeing the super-charged lightning arcing about Alfonzo's body.

"Nope, sure didn't." Alfonzo replied with a smile. "[Spider Lightning]."

Zap~~~~~!

In the next instant, the space above the Everlue Mansion grounds was bleached white by the [Lightning Magic] Alfonzo released. At the same time, both Yoruichi and Sui-Feng did their best to distance themselves from the indiscriminate attack Alfonzo released. And while Yoruichi, thanks to her superior speed was able to get away, Sui-Feng was not so lucky.

As a result, Sui-Feng, though unheard over the sound of the thunder and lightning, fell from the top of the mansion while screaming at the top of her lungs and smoking from the burns she received after being hit with Alfonzo's [Spider Lightning]. Yet, before she could hit the ground, Alfonzo appeared under her, catching her in a princess carry before her unconscious body could hit the ground.

"Even though I don't like you very much, there's no point letting you get hurt even more than you already are." Alfonzo said with Sui-Feng in his arms.

"I have to thank you for helping her." Yoruichi said as she appeared from a burst of speed next to Alfonzo. "I honestly didn't think you would, though."

Alfonzo only shrugged his shoulders as Sui-Feng was engulfed in particles of light before being transported away from his arms.

"[White Dragon's Roar]."

"[Shadow Dragon's Roar]."

With those two chants, a beam of intertwined light and shadow was shot through the wall surrounding the mansion, aimed at Alfonzo. Unfortunately, because of where she stood, Yoruichi was in the line of fire, as well.

Luckily, Yoruichi's reflexes were good enough to avoid the incoming [Dragon Slayer Roars]. Alfonzo, on the other hand, already expected such an attack, having sensed Sting and Rogue approaching during the high speed combat with Yoruichi and Sui-Feng. As a result, he already had a counter attack prepared.

"[Electromagnetism Magic: Big Bang Attack]." Alfonzo chanted as he raised his right palm towards the incoming attacks.

In the next instant, a blue orb, formed from a mixture of different facets of the EM spectrum, manifested in front of Alfonzo's outstretched palm. A moment later, the two intertwined [Roar] spells slammed into the spell that had formed in Alfonzo's hand. And to the surprise of everyone watching, neither spell exploded on contact.

"You two aren't bad when you work together." Alfonzo said as his [Big Bang Attack] spell slowly distanced itself from his palm while pushing back Sting and Rogue's combined attack. "But I know that's not the best you can do, right? Go ahead, use that [Drive] spell you showed off earlier. You can add [Dragon Force], too. Pull out all the---"

Bang!

"That was rude, Yoruichi." Alfonzo said after his hand shot out to grab Yoruichi's foot, which was aimed at the back of his head.

"You're acting like I should just wait for you to finish with them." Yoruichi replied with a grin. "In fact, I'm even a little jealous. You just stopped paying attention to me when they showed up. Is that what I am to you, just a good time you can throw away when the boys show up?"

Alfonzo only rolled his eyes in response. Then, without warning, he threw Yoruichi up into the air. He then flexed his magic power, causing the speed of the [Big Bang Attack] to increase. As a result, it started splitting Sting and Rogue's attacks down the middle. Alfonzo then spun on his heels and created a plethora of metal weapons before sending them flying at his three attackers, beginning a new three way battle.

Meanwhile, two of the most unique characters taking part in the Grand Magic Games just happened to run into each other on a deserted road.

"Men~! Good afternoon, my friend from Quatro Cerberus." Ichiya said while bowing in a gentlemanly way.

"And a good afternoon to you, as well." Guy replied with a smile and thumbs up while his teeth seemed to sparkle for a moment. "I can feel it, your youth! It seems to be on the verge of exploding."

"As can I." Ichiya said with a smile of his own. "Though not as refined as I, you have quite the gentlemanly spirit."

"Hahaha!" Guy laughed uproariously. "Well then, why don't we start this youthful duel?"

"Agreed." Ichiya replied while taking a pair of perfume bottles from his suit pockets. "Let us engage in a duel between gentlemen. [Perfume Magic: Power Perfume, Fleet-Foot Perfume]."

"Yes, let's." Guy replied as he tensed his body. "[Eight Inner Gates: Sixth Gate, Gate of View, Open!]."

Simultaneously, Ichiya grew in size with his muscles bulging to the point they tore apart his suit while Guy's aura swelled, his skin turned red, his eyes turned completely white, and his hair stood on end. Then, in the next instant, they both vanished from where they stood.

Bang!

An instant later, the two reappeared at the center of the starting positions with their fists slammed against each other. On top of that, they were both smiling their trademark smiles. Then, after another instant, they both started moving again.

"[Leaf Hurricane]." Guy said, naming his technique.

Guy then threw a roundhouse kick aimed at Ichiya's head. However, Ichiya easily ducked under the kick. Yet, Guy's flurry of attacks did not finish, as he followed up with a leg sweep that Ichiya simply raised his front leg to avoid.

Bang!

Then, once Guy's leg passed his legs, Ichiya stepped down... hard. At the same time, he threw a punch towards Guy's mid-section. However, Guy also had one more kick coming, as his leg was streaking towards Ichiya's side.

Bang! x 2

Then, at the same time, both Ichiya's punch and Guy's kick landed. As a result, both Ichiya and Guy were sent flying. Though, they were both able to right themselves in the air.

When the two eventually touched down, they both got right back into the fight. While Ichiya used the speed enhancement from his [Fleet-Foot Perfume] to dash towards Guy, Guy widened his stance and pulled his fist back at his waist.

"[Morning Peacock]." Guy chanted as he started throwing punches that would never be able to hit Ichiya from this distance.

Even so, with the speed and force of Guy's punches, the friction caused his fists to be lit ablaze. On top of that, as his arms extended as far as they could, the flames coating his hands were flung forward in Ichiya's direction.

Yet, Ichiya seemed to be completely undeterred. Instead of trying to get out of the path of all the small flaming projectiles that were coming his way, Ichiya began to dance without losing his forward momentum. And with his elegant dance steps, Ichiya narrowly avoided all of Guy's projectiles until he was within range of his own attack.

"[Perfume Magic: Power Perfume: Max Men]." Ichiya chanted once he was in range.

Then, with all his momentum, Ichiya threw a punch with all his might.

Realizing the danger that an attack like that represented, Guy decided he would kick things up a notch, as well.

"[Gate of Wonder, Open!]" Guy chanted as the aura surrounding him turned from green to blue.

Guy then once again threw a punch against Ichiya's fist.

Boom!

As a result, thanks to the power behind the two blows, a shockwave originating from the point of impact spread around the two wizards. At the same time, all the dust on the ground was lifted and sent flying along with the shockwave.

Meanwhile, Ichiya and Guy held eye contact with smiles on their faces.

"This truly is a wonderful duel between gentlemen." Ichiya said.

"I couldn't agree more." Guy replied. "Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end."

"*Sigh* Indeed they must." Ichiya said in a somewhat dejected tone. It did not take long for his normal mood to return, however. "Well then, why don't we give it our all for our last attack."

"I was thinking the same thing." Guy replied with another sparkling smile.

Then, the two jumped away from each other at the same time. And while Guy took a stance to throw another punch, Ichiya reached into the pocket of his shredded pants. He then pulled out another two vials of perfume.

"This is an experimental perfume I've been working on." Ichiya said while holding up the two vials for Guy to see. "I'm not quite sure of its maximum output. But I'm sure it will definitely be strong. [Perfume Magic: Lightning Perfume]."

With that, Ichiya popped the corks on the two vials. Then, he stuck them directly into his nostrils before inhaling deeply. As he did, the hands holding the vials began to spark with yellow electricity.

"Ah~~~~! Men~~~~!" Ichiya said in a tone that would suggest he had been super charged. "Now, I'm ready whenever you are, my friend."

"Very well." Guy replied. "Then, let's allow our youths to explode splendidly. [Daytime Tiger]."

"[Justice Thunder Men~~~~]!" Ichiya chanted as he held his hands out towards Guy.

Roar!

Zap!

With that, Guy threw a punch so hard that a blast of pressurized air was shot forward in the shape of a tiger. At the same time, a powerful bolt of lightning was shot from Ichiya's fingertips. Before long, the two attacks met between the two wizards. And they struggled against each other for a short time, as well.

Unfortunately, as Ichiya mentioned, his [Lightning Perfume] was still in the experimental stages. Meaning, it was not as stable as he would like. So, the power of his spell quickly waned. As a result, Guy's [Daytime Tiger] was able to rip through the weakened lightning bolt before slamming into Ichiya and sending him flying.

Boom!

Eventually, Ichiya slammed into the ground and rolled for a while. When he stopped rolling, he was covered in cuts and bruises, and his hair was disheveled. Even so, there was still a smile on his face.

"That was a great duel. Men~~~." Ichiya said weakly. "I hope to do it again sometime. I would also like to sit down for a cup of tea to discuss the finer points of the duel, as well."

"Sounds good to me." Guy replied, giving the gentlemanly wizard a thumbs up.

In response, Ichiya smiled before losing consciousness. He was then engulfed in particles of light before being transferred out of the arena.

Meanwhile, Guy waited until the transfer was complete before closing the [Gate of Wonder]. When he did, however, it was clear to anyone watching that he was exhausted. On top of that, his muscles were spasming, making it seem as if just standing there was painful for him.

Yet, Guy smiled brightly as he straightened up to his full height. Then, he raised his head to look at a nearby rooftop.

"I'd like to thank you for waiting for our duel to conclude." Guy said happily. "I'd like to have a proper fight with you, as well. But it seems that I've overdone it a little in the last one."

"Well, for what it's worth, that was impressive."

With that said, a young man and a young woman jumped down from the rooftop Guy was looking at. As it turned out, they were Lyon Vastia and Sherry Blendy of Lamia Scale.

"Thank you." Guy said with a smile.

"Well, I'll make it quick." Lyon said.

"Yes, do it with {Love}." Sherry added while raising her right hand dramatically.

Rolling his eyes at his teammates usual antics, Lyon made his casting gesture.

"[Ice-Make: Geyser]." Lyon chanted before slamming his palms into the ground.

Not long later, the ground under Guy's feet iced over. Then, a stream of ice shards shot out of the iced over ground from beneath Guy, sending him flying into the air while being pelted with more and more shards of ice. Then, shortly after Guy reached the peak of his ascent, his body was covered in particles of light.

"Well, that takes care of that." Lyon said as he stood back up. "Come on, let's see if we can find some more opponents."

"Yeah." Sherry said while nodding in agreement. "I hope Jura, Toby, and Yuka are okay, though.'

"Well, I don't think we need to worry about Jura." Lyon said as he started to walk in a random direction. "And with Toby and Yuka together, they should be okay. Unless they run into one of those monsters from Fairy Tail, anyway."

"You're probably right." Sherry said.

With that, Lyon and Sherry left the area to find their next opponents. However, if they knew they were the only members of Lamia Scale left in the event, they would probably be a lot more cautious as they moved.

Chapter 699: The Grand Magic Games' Final Event, the Grand Magic Game; Part 6

After her teammates left to search for opponents, Minerva stayed in the Shirotsume recreation's central plaza contemplating what she should do if her team were to lose the Grand Magic Games. While doing so, she thought back to the piece of paper that appeared in the locker where she stored her clothing during her trip to Ryuzetsu Land to spy on Team Fairy Tail.

"I'm certain it was that Irene Belserion who put that note in my locker." Minerva muttered to herself. "She actually gave me her phone number for when/if I make the decision to betray Sabertooth... Betray my father. But will it really come to that?"

Before Minerva could think over the issue again, the sound of footsteps drew her attention. And from what she could tell, they were coming from the direction of the Everlue Mansion.

"I guess one of the Fairy Tail wizards is coming this way." Minerva said to herself as she turned her head in the direction of the footsteps.

And just as Minerva expected, one of the Fairy Tail wizards, a short girl with long light brown hair cut into square shaped bangs that covered her forehead and hazel eyes was walking in her direction. She also had a shirasaya sheathed on her hip.

"It looks like I finally found someone." The light brown-haired wizard, Sun, said cheerfully as she continued walking towards Minerva. "Oh! And you're one of the wizards from Sabertooth. Alfonzo said to not go easy on any of you if I were to find you. So, I can only apologize."

"If you think defeating me will be that easy, then you are sadly mistaken." Minerva replied as she took her fighting stance and coated her hands in [Spatial Magic].

In response, Sun only shook her head while dropping into an iaido stance.

"Territory Magic: Territory Explosion]." Minerva chanted before Sun could take action.

With Minerva's chant, the space around Sun began to distort. Seeing that, Sun's eyes widened. Yet, she was quick to act, drawing Kanade and beginning to move with dance like steps as she slashed at the spatial distortions.

"[Water/Sword compound Magic: Fourth Form: Flowing Dance]." Sun chanted while moving gracefully and cutting the spatial distortions that she could.

boom! *Boom!* *Boom!*

Despite reacting quickly, Sun was unable to cut all the spatial distortions in the area. As a result, those she was unable to cut through and disrupt, exploded. Yet, thanks to her use of [Magic Power Detection], Sun was able to move through the explosions unscathed.

Meanwhile, Minerva looked on in shock. Not once in all the years she had been using [Territory Magic] had she seen someone evade [Territory Explosion] with such ease. Even so, just like Sun, she had trained harshly. Add to that the years of experience she had gained as a wizard meant that she did not stay shocked for long.

"[Territory Magic: Territory Drain]." Minerva chanted, manipulating the space around Sun once again.

This time, however, instead of letting the spell form around her, Sun acted quickly, drawing Kanade back into a thrusting stance.

"[Water/Sword compound Magic: Seventh Form: Drop Ripple thrust]." Sun chanted as she threw herself forward, the tip of her shirasaya aimed at Minerva.

Not even a second after Sun initiated her thrust, the space where she once stood was manipulated to the point that Sun would no longer be able to leave the designated area if she were still inside. Luckily for Sun, she acted quickly. And now, it was Minerva's turn to react to her opponents moves.

"[Territory Magic: Territory Nihility]." Minerva chanted as her hands were coated in solidified [Spatial Magic].

Minerva then took what appeared to be a Chinese Kenpo fighting stance. Yet, before Sun could close the distance, Minerva vanished from where she stood, using her magic to teleport into Sun's path before she could perform her thrust.

Bang!

Minerva, with Sun barreling towards her, raised her left knee, aiming it at Sun's rib cage. However, before her knee could strike true, Sun cancelled her thrust and brought the pommel of her shirasaya down and slammed it against the side of Minerva's knee, throwing it off course.

Then, with the blade now held outwards at her left hip, Sun once again tried to thrust it towards Minerva, whose balance had been broken by sun's parry. Yet, to Sun's surprise, Minerva reacted quickly. Using the momentum from being forcefully turned by sun's parry, she jumped. This caused Sun's thrust to pass just under her raised left leg.

At the same time, while continuing to spin, Minerva lashed her right heel at the side of Sun's head.

However, with equally quick reactions, sun managed to lower her posture before rolling forward, passing right under Minerva. However, as soon as Minerva landed on her quickly lowered left leg, she swung her right heel down, like the blade of an axe, at Sun's shoulder.

Boom!

Yet, Sun was able to raise Kanade just in time to block the axe kick with the flat of the blade. She then intended to push Minerva's leg to the side before performing [Second Form: Water Wheel] as she jumped forward to create some distance. However, before she could put that plan into action, another fighter joined the fray.

"[Gravity Magic: Jupiter]."

In the next instant, the gravity around Sun and Minerva increased immensely. As a result, Minerva almost fell to her knees due to the added pressure. However, before she could, she teleported herself out of the affected area. Sun, on the other hand, only flinched momentarily due to the change in gravity. Yet, she was otherwise unaffected.

"I never expected a sneak attack from you, Kagura." Sun said as she turned to look in a particular direction.

Seeing Sun looking towards the edge of the plaza, Minerva, while getting her breathing under control, also looked in the direction where Sun was looking. When she did, she saw a young woman with a slim figure, a large bust, long black hair styled into a hime cut, and brown eyes wearing a white blazer and skirt with a white shirt and red tie approaching them.

"This is a battle royale, not a duel, Sun." Kagura replied almost emotionlessly. "And the only aim in an event like this is to gain the most points possible. So, there should be no talk of dishonor here."

Despite being retorted so completely, Sun smiled brightly. She then raised her blade and prepared to fight both Kagura and Minerva while the other two prepared to fight, as well.

A moment later, the three young women dashed towards each other, ready to begin a three-way battle. However, before the first moves could be exchanged, they all jumped back.

"Fire Magic: Flare]."

Boom!

In the next instant, originating from the spot where Sun, Kagura, and Minerva would have made contact, flames burst from the ground, engulfing an area about 10' in radius in a conflagration of flames.

"Well, I guess that didn't work.' A female voice said as she overlooked the plaza from a nearby rooftop.

Hearing that voice, Sun, Kagura, and Minerva looked in its direction. And while Sun was aware of who had shown up before she even attacked, Minerva and Kagura were surprised to see the green-haired swordswoman in red from Final Fantasy.

"Terra, you're here, too." Sun said with a smile. "This is gonna be a lot of fun, huh?"

"I'd rather my spell have taken you all out at once, though.' Terra replied while shaking her head.

"Well, since you're here, why don't you..." Minerva began to say.

Before she finished her sentence, however, she disappeared before reappearing behind Terra with both her hands drawn back. She then thrust both palms forward at the center of Terra's back.

"... stay for a while." Minerva said, finishing her sentence.

Feeling Minerva's presence behind her, Terra did not try to defend herself. Instead, she loaded her legs with magic power before kicking off the rooftop, sending herself towards the plaza. Unfortunately, just as she avoided Minerva's attack, she had to deal with Kagura's only a moment later.

"[Gravity magic: Saturn]." Kagura chanted with her sheathed Zanpakuto, Archenemy, pointed at Terra.

Just as she had with Sun and Minerva, Kagura raised the gravity around Terra. However, she chose a lower level of amplification because Terra was in the air. And she was unsure if Terra would be able to withstand slamming into the ground under her strongest gravity amplification.

"[Float]." Terra chanted as soon as she felt the change in gravity around her. She then swung her sword around her in a circular motion before chanting her next spell. "[Reflect]."

Boom! *Boom!* *Boom!* *Boom!* *Boom!*

With Terra's two spells, a few things happened in quick succession. First, just before she slammed into the ground, her downward momentum stopped completely. And though it did put a little strain on her body, it was not so much that she could not handle it. After that, a translucent pink barrier appeared around her. And lastly, the space surrounding her began to distort before exploding.

Luckily, because of the [Reflect] that Terra cast, she was not damaged by the explosions. Instead, because they were caused by magic, the force and flames from the explosions were sent outwards, affecting an even larger area of the plaza.

"Voice Magic: Howling Voice]." Sun chanted/screamed in the direction where Minerva was standing after sneak attacking Terra.

As a result of Sun's scream, the building where Terra first appeared, as well as where Minerva was currently standing, was completely obliterated by the shockwave. However, Minerva was able to get out of the way of Sun's spell by once again teleporting to safety. However, instead of getting away from the, now, four-way battle, Minerva teleported right back into the thick of it.

Reappearing behind Sun, Minerva was ready to strike her with a right straight aimed at the back of her neck, to try and render her unconscious. However, before her punch could connect, Sun dashed forward, causing Minerva's punch to miss by less than an inch.

However, after only a few steps, Kagura, having used the [Flash Step], a technique she learned from Retsu, appeared in front of Sun with Archenemy raised in a thrusting position and coated in [Gravity Magic].

"[Meteor Kata]." Kagura chanted as she thrust her sheathed sword forward.

To anyone familiar with the [Style of the Undrawn Long Sword], Kagura's attack would look a lot like the [Strong Kata] she had used so many times in the past. However, with the addition of her [Gravity magic], the [Strong kata] was transformed into the [Meteor Kata], its power amplified by the additional gravitational force.

Recognizing the force behind Kagura's blow, Sun decided that trying to block or parry would be a bad idea. So, she did the only thing she could think of, she jammed her blade into the brick-paved floor of the plaza before jumping back with all her might.

As a result of Sun's quick evasive maneuver, Sun spun around the hilt of her blade, narrowly evading Kagura's heavy strike.

Boom!

Unfortunately, the ground was not so lucky. As Kagura's sheath slammed into the ground, chunks of brick were shot forward from the point of impact. And as luck would have it, Minerva was right in the way of the flying debris.

"[Silence]." Terra, finally able to move after Minerva's [Territory Explosion] ran its course, chanted, aiming her spell at Minerva.

In the next instant, what appeared to be a speech bubble with a slash drawn through it appeared over Minerva's head. As a result of Terra's spell, Minerva was unable to cast the spell she was about to use, a teleportation spell. Meaning, she was unable to avoid the incoming pieces of brick that were shot at her after kagura's attack.

Yet, Minerva was undeterred. With her [Territory Nihility] unaffected by Terra's [Silence] spell, as it was already active before [Silence] was cast, Minerva through a rapid series of punches, destroying all of the brick pieces that would have struck her, while allowing the rest to sail right past her.

At the same time, Sun, after her spin around Kanade, pulled her blade from the ground. She then performed a horizontal slash aimed at Kagura's waist. As she did so, she compressed a layer of [Water magic] around the blade.

"[Water/Sword Compound Magic: First Form: Water Surface Slash]." Sun chanted as she swung her sword.

Clang!

Splash!

Kagura, instead of trying to avoid or reposition her sword, as she knew she would not have the time to do either, simply pulled Archenemy from its sheath just enough to intercept Sun's slash. As a result, Kagura was blown away from where she stood, Archenemy completely leaving its sheath in the process, while water was splashed all around the area.

At the same time, Sun dashed forward once again, intending to strike kagura down before she could right herself. However, Minerva and Tarra also dashed towards the others, thinking to do the same, as well as secure more points for their teams.

Cheer~~~~~!

Meanwhile, the audience in the Domus Flau was losing its collective mind over the action they were seeing. However, they were not the only ones excited by the battles taking place in the arena, as the two announcers, Loli and Yajima were also commentating excitedly. In fact, Loli had been so energetic that he had to change his wig because he lost the first one when it popped off during an especially exciting exchange of blows during the fight between Alfonzo, Yoruichi, and Sui-Feng.

{"Things are really heating up down there, aren't they, Yajima?"} Loli asked while holding down his wig as Kagura landed between Sun, Minerva, and Terra. {"Just who do you think will come out on top during this battle of femme fatales?"}

{"Honestly, I couldn't tell you, Loli."} Yajima replied. {"But from what I know about kagura, despite being in the worst situation of the four, I'm sure she's got something up her sleeves. Oh! And I think she's about to show her hand right now."}

And just as Yajima said that, Kagura raised her sword, which had a pristine silver blade, making it look as if it had never been used before. However, that blade was quickly colored in swirling black and purple magic power. A moment later, all three opposing wizards, Sun, Minerva, and Terra were forced away by a shockwave. And from what everyone watching could tell, what they had seen so far was only a warm-up. And the real battle was about to get underway with Kagura's latest move.

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With her sword, Archenemy unsheathed while surrounded by Sun, Minerva, and Terra as they quickly approached to eliminate her from the Grand Magic Game event, Kagura's expression did not change in the slightest. Instead, she calmly raised her sword, taking a high stance. At the same time, she flared her magic power to its limits.

Seeing this, Sun's eyes widened. However, instead of stopping her charge, she sped up, trying to take Kagura out before she could complete her current move.

Sun was not the only one who was taken aback by Kagura's actions. Minerva and Terra were also surprised by the way she flared her magic power. Unfortunately, they had no idea what was to come. Still, after seeing Sun increase her pace, they decided they should do the same.

Yet, despite the fact that Minerva teleported closer to Kagura's side to stop her from doing whatever it was she intended to do, the Sabertooth wizard was too late.

"[Take Revenge, Archenemy]." Kagura chanted just before Minerva's [Territory Nihility] palm strike could land on her side.

As soon as Kagura chanted her release command, her magic power exploded to five times its normal amount while the silvery blade of her nodachi was dyed pitch-black. And this sudden increase in magical

pressure caused Minerva to flinch, giving Kagura even more time to avoid being struck by her [Spatial Magic] clad palm strike.

"[Gravity Magic: Sol]." Kagura chanted quietly

With Kagura's chant, the gravity surrounding her rose quickly. In fact, it rose so quickly that both Minerva and Terra were brought down to their knees. The gravity increase from this spell was nothing like the gravity increases Kagura had shown them before.

To be honest, without Archenemy's Shikai release, Kagura was not powerful to affect gravity as she was right now.

Even so, Kagura's new level of gravitational manipulation was not enough to stop Sun. Instead, Sun, used to enduring high gravity during her training sessions, was only minimally affected. She did, however, quickly alter her course when she saw the effect Kagura's new level of strength had on Minerva and Terra.

"[Voice Magic: Howling Voice]!" Sun shouted as she turned towards Terra.

Boom!

"Kya~~~~~!" Terra screamed as the shockwave from Sun's [Voice Magic] slammed into her.

Unfortunately for Terra, with the increase in gravity brought by Kagura's spell, so too did the density of the air increase. Meaning, when the shockwave from Sun's spell slammed into her, instead of feeling like she just got hit by a speeding truck, she felt like she just took the brunt of an avalanche.

Add to that her unpreparedness, and Terra found herself flying out of the gravity field created by Kagura's spell while losing consciousness before she fell to the road again. Luckily, her body was engulfed by particles of light before she fell back to the plaza's floor. She was then transported out of the arena before she could sustain any more injuries.

At the same time, Kagura also aimed to eliminate Minerva, who was within arm's reach of her. And as it turned out, that was easier than anyone expected, especially since Minerva was not used to the rise in gravity. Meaning, she was unable to mobilize her magic power as quickly as she would have liked.

"[Slice Kata]." Kagura said, naming her technique as she slashed at Minerva with a high-speed diagonal slash.

At seemingly the same time, Minerva disappeared from where she was kneeling next to Kagura before reappearing outside of the gravitational field. However, instead of picking herself up immediately after finding herself in normal gravity, she stayed kneeling with her eyes wide open. She then slowly lowered her head.

Once Minerva was looking down at her chest, a red, diagonal line appeared, stretching from her left shoulder to her right hip. A moment later, blood spurted from the line, dying the plaza floor in front of her red. Then, after another moment, still in shock that she had been cut so deeply, Minerva, with her eyes still wide open, collapsed to her side before being engulfed in particles of light and transported out of the arena.

At the same time in the Domus Flau's stands, Jiemma, after seeing his daughter fall, snorted loudly, scaring the members of his guild. He then stood up and walked away from his seat without a word to anyone.

Meanwhile, Irene, seated in Fairy Tail's seating area, watched Jiemma leave. Then, without anyone noticing, she seemingly disappeared from her own seat with an intrigued smile on her face.

{"Would you look at that!"} Loli shouted excitedly. {"In less than a minute after Contestant Kagura did something that made her sword change in color, this four-way battle has become a duel between two very talented swordswomen."}

{"Yes, and I'm quite curious to know exactly what Kagura did just now."} Yajima added. {"Especially since after she did it, she seemed to raise the gravity in the area to a higher degree. But I'm also impressed by Sun, as she was not only able to withstand the new increase in gravity but also took advantage of it to eliminate Terra."}

{"Yes, I'm curious to know, too."} Loli added. {"Perhaps one of the reporters will be able to find out in the interviews that are sure to happen after the event ends. But I think we should focus on that later. Not only is the duel between Contestants Sun and Kagura about to resume, but it looks like the three-way battle between Alfonzo, Yoruichi, Sting, and Rogue is heating up, as well."}

Not only the two fights Loli mentioned were getting more intense, though. But all the ongoing fights were growing in intensity while several more were getting started.

One of the fights that was starting was the one between Elicia of Fairy Tail and Tifa and Aerith of Final Fantasy.

Excitedly, Tifa stepped forward, closing the distance between herself and Elicia rather quickly. Then, she threw a sharp overhand right aiming for the top of Elicia's forehead. Yet, Elicia had no issue dodging the overhand right, ducking underneath it while stepping in close. She then threw an uppercut aimed at Tifa's chin that the raven-haired beauty dodged effortlessly by leaning her upper body backwards.

However, Elicia did not stop at just throwing an uppercut, as she also jumped into it. And because she missed Tifa, she ended up jumping rather high into the air. Then, to take advantage of her new vantage point, Elicia drew her knees up to her chest. Finally, as gravity pulled her back to the surface, she stomped down hard with both feet.

Bang!

In response, Tifa quickly got her arms up to block Elicia's drop kick. Although she did so successfully, she was completely caught off guard by the force behind Elicia's kick, as she was forced onto one knee while the street beneath her cracked radially.

Yet, Elicia was not done. Using Tifa's arms as a springboard, Elicia jumped even higher into the air. While doing so, she shot her threads towards the buildings on either side of the street. And as she rose above their roofs, she let the threads lengthen until she reached the height of her leap.

"[Thread Magic: Catapult Launcher]." Elicia chanted, causing her threads to contract at high speed.

"[Protect]." Aerith chanted while raising her staff.

At the same time, Tifa, though her arms were a bit shaky from blocking Elicia's drop kick, raised herself from the ground. However, instead of stopping at just standing up, she kicked off the ground to meet Elicia in the air.

"[Whirling Uppercut]." Tifa chanted as she left the ground.

Bang!

A moment later, a few things happened in quick succession.

First, Tifa was covered by a translucent barrier that weakened the power of incoming physical attacks. Second, Elicia was rocketed downwards by her contracting threads. While doing so, she reoriented herself to throw a punch with her right hand wrapped in hardened Vibranium Threads. And lastly, Elicia's and Tifa's fists met violently.

"Ugh!" Both Elicia and Tifa grunted in pain.

In the next instant, both Elicia and Tifa were sent flying back in the directions they came from.

"Boom!*

"Argh!" Tifa shouted as she slammed back first into the street below.

Meaning, Tifa was slammed back down into the ground, smashing apart the already cracked road. Elicia, on the other hand, was thrown back into the air.

"[Cura]." Aerith chanted as soon as she saw Tifa hit the ground. "[Kya~~~~~!]"

With Aerith's chant, Tifa's body was covered in a soft green light. A moment later, her pained expression eased. However, her expression tensed again when she heard Aerith Scream. And when she looked to the side where Aerith should have been, she could no longer see her standing there.

Yet, when she looked up slightly, she could see Aerith with a thin thread, so thin, in fact, that it was almost invisible, wrapped around her ankle. And of course, the other end of this thread was connected to Elicia's outstretched hand, pulling her friend towards the Fairy Tail wizard who was still ascending into the air after the last clash.

"Damn it." Tifa muttered as she quickly picked herself up from the ground.

Unfortunately, Tifa could not act fast enough to save Aerith from Elicia's next attack.

"[Thread Magic: Meteor Hammer]." Elicia chanted as she spun her body in the air.

With Elicia's spin, Aerith was naturally dragged along with her. And because she had never found herself in a situation like this, she was a bit slow to react. Unfortunately, that caused her to end up as just an unwilling passenger on this ride.

After a full rotation, Elicia released the threads connecting her to Aerith. As a result, Aerith was thrown down towards the ground. More specifically, towards where Tifa was standing on the ground.

"Tifa~~~! Look out~~~~!" Aerith screamed when she noticed that she would slam into Tifa.

Instead of moving away, Tifa spread her feet apart to get some stability. Then, she raised her arms to catch the projectile her guild mate had become. And with an exquisite display of bodily control, Tifa wrapped her arms around Aerith. Then, she spun the two of them around to bleed off the momentum.

"Phew! That was close." Tifa said, relieved that she was able to save Aerith.

"I really think you should have let me fall and get eliminated." Aerith said in a worried tone.

"Why would you say that?" Tifa asked with a slight frown.

"[Thread Magic: Entangled Prison].'" Elicia chanted from above.

"Because of that." Aerith said, replying to Tifa's question.

Meanwhile, As Elicia chanted her spell, she strongly pulled her arms back. Doing so caused all the threads she had spread around the area during the short exchange she had with Tifa to be pulled taut. Unfortunately for Tifa and Aerith, they were at the center of where all the threads would converge.

Then, before Tifa could even unwrap her arms from around Aerith, the two ladies of Final Fantasy were wrapped up by the threads that came flying towards them from all directions.

"Well, this doesn't seem good." Tifa muttered

"No, it's not good at all." Aerith said. "In fact, this is probably gonna hurt... a lot."

A moment later, Elicia fell from the sky, landing not too far from the two Final Fantasy wizards. She then stepped forward while rubbing her chin in contemplation.

"Hmm... I wonder how I should finish this." Elicia muttered to herself. "I really don't wanna just beat them up until they get transferred out of the arena. But using the [Meteor Hammer] again seems like it's gonna get old soon. I mean, I've already used it twice in the games so far."

"Is she seriously talking to herself about how she's gonna eliminate us?" Tifa asked in a dumbfounded tone while struggling to break out of Elicia's threads.

"Yeah, that's what it sounds like. Aerith replied, sounding a little dumbfounded, too. "It sounds like she's trying to make it entertaining for the audience, too."

"You thought so, too, huh?" Tifa asked. "Damn... Just what are these threads made of?"

"Oh, those threads absorb kinetic energy." Elicia replied casually. "So, trying to break them like that is pretty much pointless."

"Seriously?" Tifa asked, sounding quite impressed by the threads. "Say, do you think I could commission some battle outfits made of these threads from you, magic Seamstress?"

"Actually, I'd like a few outfits made of those threads, as well." Aerith added.

Hearing that someone wanted to buy some clothes from her, Elicia's eyes lit up as she quickly forgot about finding a good way to eliminate her opponents. However, before she could respond to Tifa's and Aerith's requests, Elicia's expression contorted into a frown. A moment later, she leapt away from the bound Final Fantasy wizards, confusing them in the process.

"Seriously, Fonzie..." Elicia muttered. "couldn't this wait until I finished talking business."

Boom!

After another moment, a large, blue orb made of [Electromagnetism Magic] crashed through a nearby wall from the direction of the Everlue Mansion. Then, before either Tifa or Aerith could register what was happening, Alfonzo's [Big Bang Attack] engulfed them before exploding. Then, by the time the dust settled, neither Tifa nor Aerith could be seen, having been transported out of the arena before they sustained too much damage from the explosion.

Instead, the only thing that could be seen where Tifa and Aerith once stood was a large crater. And standing a few feet away from the crater was Elicia, who was looking in the direction of the Everlue Mansion.

"Oh, I guess he didn't do it on purpose this time." Elicia muttered to herself. "I can feel the remnants of that [big Bang Attack] clashing with spells from Sting and Rogue. But I guess Fonzie's spell overpowered theirs. Then, it continued forward until it reached us. *Sigh* they were just unlucky, I guess."

Reaching that point, Elicia shrugged her shoulders.

"Oh well, I guess I should go looking for my next opponents, then." Elicia said as she turned away from the Everlue mansion's direction. "I wonder who's still left in the event... Oh, I think I'll go play with Ur's other student."

And with that, Elicia sped off in the general direction of where Guy and Ichiya fought, as Lyon and Sherry were not too far away after Lyon eliminated Guy.