

RAISING A FEW WIVES IN A BEAST APOCALYPSE

Chapter 31 Letter for Layla

About an hour later....

They hadn't met too many Rank One beasts, only two actually. Muku took care of one while Jade took care of another. Bringing their kill counts needed to 86 and 88 respectively. When Adam's group saw Jade transform, their eyes almost popped out of their heads. Except for John who had seen her before from afar, but even he was awed seeing her from a close angle.

It was quite shocking to see a person turn into a cat hybrid after all. Not to mention how she easily took care of a LR1 lizard, which their leaders would have to team up to barely win against after a long battle. With her show of power up close, their respect for Muku's group increased.

Then they made a detour toward Layla's house. It was at the edge of the outer area of the city. Any further into the city they would be in the middle areas and the chance of meeting MR1s would increase drastically. Anyway back at Jade's house. It was still standing unlike Hope's house. Though her foster mother wasn't there, all she found was a letter addressed to her.

It said...."To my lovely daughter Layla, if you're reading this letter then I'm glad you survived and even came to check on me. Anyway, my chances of surviving this are low but I'm going to try to get to the safe zone....not that I have that much time left anyway. Just in case we never meet again, I want to apologise to you for being so cold all these years. You see, the year I adopted you, I had been diagnosed with leukemia, and it was quite

progressed so my chances for survival were low. They said I'd likely die in a few years. I accepted my fate, but before that I wanted to experience my dream of being a mother. So selfishly I adopted you, but since I didn't want you to be too sad when I eventually died, I tried to keep you at a certain distance. For that I'm truly sorry, I hope you can forgive me one day. And I hope you know that I always loved you. Honestly I'm not even sure why I am writing this right now, I guess I again selfishly want you to remember me positively if possible.

Sincerely, your undeserving mother."

Before she even knew it, tears were streaming down Layla's face.

"I always knew you cared mom, your eyes betrayed you from the start. I was only playing along since I knew you had your reasons....but this." Layla spoke as more tears flowed out.

The others just looked on from a bit of a distance away, they hadn't read the letter so didn't know what to say to her. They didn't know why she was even crying, which was already surprising since Layla never showed any emotions before. As for Adam and his group, they were outside, a bit scared since there was always a chance of being attacked out there alone. But they couldn't say anything as the weaker party...much much weaker party, hell, they were so weak they were insignificant and they knew it.

Layla wiped her tears away, put on a brave face and faced Muku, looking him in the eyes. She stayed like that for a while without saying anything, her eyes still a bit red from the crying. Muku looked back awkwardly, he didn't know what to do in the situation. But as a manly man he would never look away, so also stared back.

"Thank you for insisting on coming here, I learned something important because of it. The answer to a question I've had for years. The answer she probably wouldn't have told me if we met in person.". After a minute of staring at Muku and collecting her thoughts she finally spoke.

"Anytime...you're my student after all, so it's only natural" Muku replied back with a smile. He didn't know wtf she was talking about but as long as she wasn't staring at him so intensely anymore, it was good enough for him.

"Lets go, we shouldn't delay anymore, it's already midday, with some unavoidable obstacles on the way, it should take us a while to reach the stadium." Layla said as she walked toward the door. The others nodded and walked out after her.

Adam's group were happy to see them finally coming out. It was super unnerving to stand out in the open without their strong guards after all. With that, their journey continued. Finally entering the territory of the MR1s. The situation was going to be a bit tough from now on. Muku and his group could all somewhat sense it with their superior senses so they weren't as relaxed as before.

In fact they were wondering how Adam's group managed to make it out of a place that felt so dangerous. What they didn't know was that Adam's group was just one of the lucky few as half most got killed already. And as for why they had to go so far for food?...well the MR1s had occupied most shop areas. If LR1s can deduce that humans will come to them if they stayed in such areas, then MR1s can do it, in fact they were doing it to a larger extent than the LR1s.

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"...Mr Adam, I think you and your group should step back for this one". Muku said as he looked at the three giant lizards heading their way. They were all MR1s and their aura was surprisingly stronger than the peak Rank One killer dog boss. Adam's group didn't need to be told twice, they ran back and Hope went with them as their protector just in case.

"Emily and Chloe, you both have recovered right?...coz we might need your attacks to make this quick, Jade and Layla, you two take care of the last one.". Muku asked Emily and Chloe who nodded then continued to give out orders.

Remembering the first with the dog boss, they knew this one was going to be a tough fight, they were all still a bit away from MR1 which starts at 50 kills.

Chloe and Emily started building up their attacks while Muku set out to delay the two beasts they would attack. Jade and Layla sped to their beast in hopes of killing it off quick and standing by to assist if anything went wrong.

All though the situation was tense, everyone couldn't help but feel a bit excited, they were a lot stronger from before now. So they wanted to see how they would fare against beasts even stronger than the dog boss that was their toughest fight to date.

"Hmm, how am I gonna delay two beasts though?". Muku said as he went to meet the two beasts after Layla and Jade had already led one a bit away from the others.

"Oh, I know, I've gotten a lot stronger now, so I should be able to...". As Muku's voice trailed off, sword after sword were appearing in the air behind him. When they stopped appearing there were already twenty and Muku's face had gotten a bit pale. He had only

used half his mana, the reason his face was pale was because was because it took quite a lot of mental power to control so many objects at the same time. Being an evolved human it was a lot easier for him than normal humans but it was his first time trying it, so of course it was straining for him.

When Chloe and Emily who were looking on as they gathered power so this, they were surprised a bit since it seemed like a too big a jump from three. But they always looked up to their teacher so thought it was only natural. When they thought he was going to attack each lizard with ten swords, something unexpected happen.

The swords started merging together until only two larger swords were left. They were each four metres long and one metre wide. Spinning around Muku in mid air, quite frankly the scene looked cool to the little girls.

Then something that made their eyes almost pop out happened.

(A/N: To be continued... hehehe)

Chapter 32 Legend's potential

A few moments before.....

Muku was having trouble with the twenty swords when something happened.

[10% of Legendary Class potential realised]

Kcha!

Something seemed to break in Muku's mind due to the pressure. Suddenly the twenty swords that seemed super hard to control weren't as hard anymore. Then he got an idea...why not merge them and see if it's possible...

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Back to the present....

Woosh!×2

Slash!

The two giant swords flew out, aiming at the giant lizards. Muku's aim was to wound them a bit and pull aggro while the girls gathered power. But surprising to all, him included, the beasts were cleanly sliced in two.

[82 kills left...]

[76 kills left....]

Even then, the blades still seemed to have some power left, in his excitement he noticed that Layla and Jade were still fighting their lizard. And so he sent the swords forth!

Stab!×2

Bang!×2

The lizard was impaled from above and basically nailed to the ground. A large sword going through it's head while another went through its back and both hit the ground with force. The lizard died on the spot without even a chance to resist. It hadn't even seen the swords coming as it had it's concentration fully occupied by the two girls who had already done significant damage to it.

[74 kills left....] (Muku)

[90 kills left....] (Layla)

[88 kills left...]. (Jade)

"Wtf!?". Jade couldn't help but scream out at the kill steal. Even Layla's lip was twitching, obviously also pissed off by what had happened, but was able to control herself a bit more. Then there were Emily and Chloe who were gathering power for their strongest attacks. They were dumbstruck, not knowing what to do. What were they supposed to do with the accumulated energy now?. It's not like they could just disperse it on a whim, they weren't strong or experienced enough for that.

"Ah, sorry about that, I got carried away". Muku said with an awkward expression on his face while scratching his cheek....face cheek, otherwise it would be weird.

All the girls even Hope who figured out what had happened looked at him with an emotionless gaze. Their eyes basically screaming "really dude?"

As for Adam's group, they were looking at him with reverence in their eyes. He was like a god to them, he took care of such monsters all by himself and didn't even look tired at all. They wondered if they should defect on the safe zone and follow him around instead. But remembering how weak they were, he probably wouldn't accept them.

Not to mention he seemed to only be interested in having cute little girls in his group while they were average, big, grown *ss men. Which gave them more reason to give up.

Sadly for Muku, after them knowing him for less than a day, they had already branded him a pedo perv. If he knew he likely would have left them right there and then...after beating them up. How could they so one sidedly come up with a conclusion without even talking to him first?

Whoosh! Boom!

Pwak! Whoosh!

Two attacks resounded in the area.

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A few minutes later....

The two groups were walking toward the stadium with a bit of space in-between them. It seemed Muku's group was discussing something in hushed voices and asked Adam's group to walk a bit behind them.

"So you're saying, that the reason why your class is Legendary is likely because not only is it strong from the start, all it's potential can be realised by specific actions, making it stronger?. And you just happened to realise a bit of the potential before when you pushed past your limits?". Jade asked for confirmation from Muku. He had taken the initiative to explain because he felt they would beat him up if he didn't, which wasn't too far from the truth.

Jade and Layla basically got their KP stolen, while Emily and Chloe had to attack the sky because they no longer had targets, wasting half their mana. Their attacks even drew in a decent amount of unranked beasts which they had to unnecessarily fight and kill a few before scaring the rest off.

"Y-yeah, exactly, so can you all stop looking at me like I stole your life savings?" Muku said, his expression still awkward.

"Fine, we'll forgive you this once, just don't experiment after telling us to prepare attacks next time, nor kill steal just because you're excited" Emily was the one who spoke while the others nodded their heads in agreement. Of course Jade hoped they would make him pay in some way, but since the others had already agreed to let him off, she could only, reluctantly accept the situation.

"So can our classes also awaken their potentials". Jade asked after moving on, she didn't take long to jump in-between trains of thought after all. Her eyes sparkled as she thought of what her class would be able to do if she awakened its potential.

"Probably so, but I think it will be a lot harder for you guys than it would be for me. Hell I even think that every class has potential, just that, it probably would take one hell of a catalyst to realise the potential of a Random class. And I have a feeling that there are more things hidden behind our classes that we will have to explore for and find. All of us". Muku replied to her.

"Tsk, so you're basically saying you have monopoly to unlocking your potential in normal cases?. So not fair, that attack of yours clearly had more power than Emily and Chloe's ultimate attacks. Not to mention you hadn't even merged them into one even larger sword yet. Sigh, whatever, one day I'll show you that your class is nothing special, hmph!, we're also Pseudo-Legendary after all". Jade said, even made a promise at the end. But it didn't disguise the obvious jealousy and bitterness in her voice which made everyone put on wily smiles.

"Look over there, we've almost made it. That's the stadium...wow, it really has a green barrier around!" Hope exclaimed pointing forward as she was the only one looking that far ahead.

"It really does...Mr Adam, you and your group can come closer now, we're done talking.". Muku called out to Adam. He and his group then walked a bit faster to get closer to them. Although he and his group were a bit tired, they pushed on. They all knew the apocalypse wasn't a place to so easily give in to little tiredness, not to mention they were almost to their destination.

"Now, lets go have a look inside, shall we?". Muku said with a smile as they continued on.

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In the shadow of a building twenty meters away from Muku's group and twenty away from the barrier. Big and yellow cat eyes suddenly opened with no visible body containing them and looked toward Muku's group with malice before closing up again.

Muku's group were walking straight towards the eyes and whatever creature they belonged to, seemed to be getting ready to receive it's meal or the day. It hadn't hunted since the previous day after all.

{Which one should I target?}. The creature thought, waiting for the prey to come closer into its striking range.

Chapter 33 Death's Shadow!

As Muku's group got close, seemingly relaxed without their guards up. Which the beast observed through its shadow sense, which didn't need for its eyes to be open. Instead of feeling the usual excitement accompanied by a hunt like the past, it felt more and more dread as they got closer. Though as a superior MR1 beast, it didn't abort the plan to attack, why should it be wary of its prey after all. The group in front's auras seemed quite powerful, especially the man in front. But it was likely just an illusion by this prey to trick its senses, otherwise how can it's food it had been eating without resistance so far be so strong.

Tap, tap, tap...

Muku's group got closer and closer, the beast's feeling of dread got stronger and stronger, but it didn't back down.

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On Muku's side....

"Can I have this one?". Layla suddenly asked, confusing everyone other than Muku and Jade who could sense what she was talking about, they were even slightly surprised she could sense it as well. She was usually part of the other group that couldn't properly sense hidden gases yet after all. What they didn't know was that she didn't sense the gaze but the creature's aura itself, which they themselves couldn't sense.

"Sure...I'll defend the first attack for you and you can deal with it". Muku replied. At this point the others realised that something was definitely going on but didn't attack. Adam's group all had a look of realisation on their faces then suddenly, fear encroached their eyes along with the realisation.

"Just defend, don't attack it". Layla said as she narrowed her eyes at Muku a bit, clearly still not over the kill steal from earlier.

"It was a mistake okay, and I won't". Muku said raising his hands to show surrender with a wrily expression that was basically pasted on his face at this point.

As they got within two metres of the buildings shadow, the beast made it's move.

Woosh!

A shadowy figure flew out of the shadow and in less than a second was in front of Muku about to slash at his chest. It's claws were five inches long so if the attack connects, Muku would be screwed. Hope's healing they hadn't even needed up to that point might not be enough.

Bang!

But surprisingly, to the beast and Adam's group, it bounced off the air in front of Muku like there was an invisible wall there. The beast spun in their air and like a graceful acrobat it landed on its feet, only difference being that it had four and was growling at Muku's group with its yellow eyes looking at them with pure killing intent.

Its figure was now clear for all to see, it was a two metres tall and three metres long black panther with glowing yellow eyes full of malice. Five inch long white claws and....a scorpion tail?. It really was a huge scorpion tail, around two metres long and the head of it was menacingly red.

"It-it's Death's Shadow!"

A man from Adam's group screamed out as he dropped to the ground shaking from head to toe. The rest of them hearing the name, despite not having personally faced it before like him, started shaking in fear and didn't dare flee, or even move a muscle, other than the shaking of course. This beast had appeared on the same day as the apocalypse. And unlike the others that went back into the city after being unable to penetrate the barrier. It stuck around, killing off at least 70 people in just four days. Its infamy spread into the stadium by the lucky survivors like the man who just screamed.

Of course this was his first time clearly seeing it. It was always a shadowy figure before, killing off every in its way with no resistance offered by them. But he knew that this creature, was the same creature, it had been haunting his nightmares ever since the attack three days before, those cruel yellow eyes. Luckily he hadn't drank water for a while or he likely would have wet his pants on the spot.

"Ice spikes!". Not wasting any more time after the man's scream, Layla attack.

Bang!

The beast slapped the ice with its front paw, breaking some of it before using the pushing force from the ice to jump into the shadows and... sinking into the walls!?.

"Oh my!". Muku said with a look of disbelief on his face, it was the first time he had seen something so mystical after all. Of course people manipulated fire, ice, lightning and such were quite amazing to see, but seeing a creature made of flesh sink into a wall was on a whole different level. It finally dawned to him that they had been thrust into a crazy era where everything might be possible. Even the girls other than Layla were surprised.

Layla had the shadow element after all. She always felt an affinity with shadows and darkness. Even felt that she likely meld into them. But as a normal human, she didn't know how the hell she was supposed to do that, and today, because of this scorpion tailed shadow panther. She finally had an idea of what she was supposed to do.

It was also because of her shadow element that she was able to sense the beast even without sensing its gaze. She only spoke up after seeing Muku sneakily looking in the direction of the beast. Quite frankly, the beast stuck out like a sore thumb to her, to her senses, the shadows basically highlighted its presence. She at this point had just discovered the weakness of the shadow element among those with it when they are the same Rank.

So when the shadow panther melded into the shadows and was circling them, she could still sense it. As for why it had so many shadows to use in the first place, it was because the sun was close to setting, so there were large building shadows everywhere. But it was all useless as Layla's eyes were always on it, no matter where it went.

This frustrated the beast as it was most deadly when it attacked from the shadows. So Layla being able to track it, basically halved its power in half. Because of this it chose her as its target. It didn't want to leave such a troublesome figure to roam around.

"Need help?". Muku's asked, though he probably wouldn't be much help in the situation, Emily and Chloe should be somewhat useful with their energy type elemental powers.

"No, I was just thinking of something...let me see if works or not". Layla replied while still following the shadow panther with her eyes.

"Shadow spikes!" Black ethereal spikes extended out from Layla's feet and stabbed toward a certain building. Of course it looked weird to the others but since they knew she could see what they couldn't, they just looked on as she did her thing. And as interestingly as it entered, the shadow panther popped out of the shadow.

There was a long gash on its hind leg. It has been caught off guard by the attack. It likely assumed Layla could only attack with ice, which, as a physical type element like Muku's metal, wouldn't be able to harm it when it was in the shadow realm. But then the little brat suddenly threw out a shadow element attack at it, almost stabbing it on the butt if it hadn't managed to barely escape.

"Growl". The panther's hatred for Layla went up another level, it's eyes radiating even more malice now.

"Hot damn!, almost forgot you had the shadow element". Jade screamed out. Her statement was understandable as Layla hadn't used it ever since she told them about it and only gathered a little shadow elemental energy on her palm.

"My ice element was alone good enough for all the situations we'd faced until now, and I didn't know how to properly make use of the shadow element in the first place.". Layla replied also staring and the shadow panther as it stared at her. The only difference being that it looked at her hatefully while she seemed emotionless with her ever stoic face.

"I think I can finish this in less than five minutes if no variables get involved". Layla said, gathering shadow energy in her palms.

The shadow panther didn't stand around anymore and quickly got into its shadow form from before and sped toward Layla. It also didn't want the fight to last too long, after all it was an ambush type predator that usually only needed to be active for a few seconds before killing it's prey. So it hated this prolonged fight quite a lot.

Chapter 34 Not worth a toe nail!?

Bang!

Again, the shadow panther's claw met ice. Though this time it was attacking while Layla defended. It quickly jumped back to regroup. But Layla didn't give it a chance....

"Ice lance!"

Woosh!

As the panther was jumping back, a huge, half a metre thick and five metres long spear manifested in front of Layla and flew toward the beast.

Bang! Boom!

Again the beast was caught unprepared and the blunt top of the lance slammed into its chest and pushed it back then slamming in onto a building wall. The panther wanted to jump into the shadow realm but immediately felt danger from it so didn't. Layla had already created spikes in the realm at that area. Oddly enough, the shadow element can't hurt physical things...unless they are in the shadow realm.

As the pained panther wanted to make a run for it as it sensed a large amount of mana gathering below it. Its body froze for a second, and the next...

"Shrike's frozen spear!"

Stab!

A huge ice spear extended from the ground and impaled right through its guts as it carried it into the sky. The panther's lifeforce quickly flowed out of its body. Its scorpion tail tried to pock the large ice spear and break it but it was of no use. As it died, its eyes weren't on Layla its killer but the man standing behind her who just looked at it with an innocent smile from the beginning of the battle to the finish. It knew that without his

interference it might have gotten away...but then again, who made it so hell-bent on killing Layla?.

[87 kills left....]

As the last of its lifeforce faded away and it died. Layla fell to the ground on her knees. This fight had left her with less than a tenth of her mana. Main reason being that she didn't know how to regulate her shadow element yet so it was a lot more power draining than her ice element. And her last attack didn't help either.

"You okay?". Muku tapped her shoulder and as he asked.

"I thought you said you wouldn't interfere?". She spoke in a cold voice, she had noticed the beast's momentary pause after all. Remembering when Emily was fighting a giant lizard which couldn't move out of the way of her attack because of a certain someone, she automatically knew what had happened.

"Correction, I don't remember specifically promising anything other than not kill stealing...besides, look at the sun, it will set in a few minutes so we couldn't delay any longer.". Muku defended himself.

"Hmph". For three reasons she didn't argue with him, there was some truth to what he was saying, she was declined to speak let alone argue since she was taciturn and she wasn't Jade who was always looking for reasons to fight with him.

"W-What are you doing!?". Layla uncharacteristically said out loud while stuttering for the first time ever. This was because Muku had crouched down beside her and was holding his hands out towards her. It was obvious that he was trying to carry her.

"H-hey!". She screamed again, her face turning red as Jade, Emily and Chloe looked on with jealousy oozing from their eyes.

The reason why she screamed out a second time was because when she tried to scooch away from him her body froze. It was obvious he stopped her, then under her protests he carried her like a princess. He gave Adam's group a look that all men understood. "Walk a bit behind bastard!, you want to see up her skirt or something!?". The look said. Though to the girls it just seemed like a normal glance. They didn't understand why Adam's group slowed down a bit.

"Stop lashing around, you're out of strength and we're out of daylight, this is the only thing we can do for now. What if another shadow panther shows up if we stay too long...or any beast for that matter". Muku said to Layla while looking into her eyes. She, her face red, nodded as she quietened down, her big innocent eyes looked away from his gaze. Muku felt three gazes hot on his back, but knowing who they were from, he just ignored it. Hope just looked on with sparkling eyes as she carried Layla's bag, no one knew what the little girl was thinking.

From a distance away, the reverend looks in Adam's group for Muku grew. Not only was he strong, but he wasn't afraid to shamelessly display his love for little girls in front of them!

And now they were hundred percent certain that he wasn't the only monster in his group. The little girl he was carrying had literally soloed a beast their leaders dared not attack!. The beast everyone from their base feared. A beast they hadn't even seen the true shape of until now. The one and only Death's Shadow, the Black Pant... cough, Scorpion tailed Shadow Panther.

They soon reached the barrier, passed right through as Muku's group marvelled at the barrier. But as soon as they passed it, everyone in his group frowned, they could all sense that something was wrong here. Jade could even vaguely smell blood from the large structure in front of them.

Everyone resided in the stadium, and since there was really no need for any, they hadn't seen any guards as they walked in. Though according to Adam's group, there should at least be a few idiots who liked hanging at the edge of the barrier but never going out of it. Yet they hadn't seen anyone. Even Adam and his group felt that something was wrong. Everyone's expression got a lot more serious and they proceeded with caution as they approached the stairs that led inside.

"Sir, you can put me down now, I can walk now". Layla said in a soft voice, still embarrassed.

"Are you sure?". Muku asked her as he looked into her eyes.

"N-yes, I am, besides, you might have to fight and I'll only get in the way." Layla almost said no before getting a hold of her self and looking away from his mesmerising gray eyes as she spoke.

"Okay, if you're sure... though you'll never be a burden to me no matter what". Muku said while putting her down. Hearing his later statement, she couldn't help but furiously blush again. Seeing this, Adam's group gave him mental thumbs up for not missing any chances.

When she was out down, she went to the back of her group as she sensed Emily and Jade's gazes on her. Even Chloe would steal glances of her while Hope had a weird smug smile that showed that she completely didn't understand what was going. So to save herself from all this trouble, she chose to walk behind them.

"Ahh!!". A loud scream from a dude was heard from inside. And sounds of muffled cries of many people were also vaguely audible.

"Adam, you and your men should stay here for a bit, were go check out what's going on. Layla and Hope will stay behind with you.". Muku said his gaze still focused in front of him, getting to receive any situation that takes place.

"Okay boss, that sounded like a shout from one of our leaders, I hope you can save him if possible". Adam said, he didn't try to forcibly go with them as he knew he'd be useless.

"But.." Layla wanted to protest staying behind but Muku cut her off by raising his hand. As for Hope, she had already gotten used of her role of taking care of Adam's group so she didn't think much of having to stay behind.

"I know you want to come along, but we don't know what's going on there and you can barely walk. Quite frankly the only reason why I'm asking Hope to stay behind is to guard you as you recover.

Hearing this, Layla blushed and nodded in agreement to staying behind. As for Adam's group, they could only put on wily smiles hearing him indirectly admit to not caring about them at all. Of course Muku in reality also cared about them, just that all of them combined weren't worth Layla's toe nail in his eyes.

Maybe it was better that they weren't aware of his thoughts and assumed on their own after all.

Chapter 35 Cliché situation

After climbing the stairs and getting into the stadium...

"What the hell is this!?". Jade asked as she saw thousands of people sitting on the stadium seats while a group of about twenty people with punk hairstyles and clothes were surrounding a group of seven people who were laying on the ground.

"Shh!, I want to see where this goes...such a cliché scene". Muku said, his eyes looking forward in interest. He could now clearly sense every present's power level from their mana. And none of them seemed that strong. The best of them had an aura comparable to a MR1 killer dog, so he was no longer worried and just wanted to observe what was going on. Of course Emily and Chloe wanted to quickly save the people on the field but they wouldn't easily go against Muku's wishes and the people's lives didn't seem to be in any danger anyway. Jade didn't care either way.

The seven looked like they had suffered a major beating. One of them was holding his right hand which was bent in a strange way with his left hand. From the looks of it, this bulky guy was likely the one who had screamed before. Though the rest of them didn't seem any better. Yet no one from the terrace area even got up to try and help them. Most, especially the men just looked down with shame in their eyes, they couldn't do anything to help their bosses after all. As for the rest, they managed to look at the situation going on in the arena, but their gazes were filled with pity when they looked at the seven. Anger and fear when they looked at the twenty.

"Come on Leader Jacob, I thought they said you were the strongest one here, why was your arm so easy to break then?. Should I try to break the other one instead?, maybe it's the dominant one". One of the punk gang who had green coloured hair spoke as the others laughed.

"You shouldn't bother yourself with this trash Boss, I'm more than capable of taking care of him, let me take care of him. If it wasn't because of the barrier, he along with everyone else here would have definitely been long dead.". A pink haired, ugly, punk dude said while laughing.

"You're right, I really shouldn't bother myself with this tra....wait, who are they and why aren't they sitting down with the rest?". As the apparent punk gang boss was revelling in being bootlicked, he noticed Muku and the three girls looking on from the stands.

Then everyone in the arena, the injured seven included all looked in Muku's group's direction. The girls couldn't help but become nervous after suddenly becoming the centre of attention like that.

"Oh, don't mind us, carry on, carry on. We're just strangers passing by, no one special". Muku said with a smile on his face, completely unaffected by all the thousands of eyes looking his way. Everyone, including the girls beside him were amazed by how he can do easily say such a thing when he basically walked in on a public torture.

The green haired punk boss narrowed his eyes about to say something when his eyes lit up. He had never seen such cute girls before...bullshit!, of course he had, the girls at Muku's side were cute but not too out of the ordinary. The reason why the punk boss's eyes lit up was because, although he had seen such cute faces before, he just couldn't do

anything to them due to the law. And now, while everyone else in the stadium looked gloomy and dull, they were basically radiating life as if the apocalypse hasn't affected them at all. This is what drew his attention, the air they all released which was in direct contrast to the rest brought out their pretty faces even more. Of course their bodies weren't fully developed yet at sixteen but when has that ever stopped a pervert who should likely be behind bars?.

"Hey you trash with the black hair, I'll forgive your intrusion if you bring those little girls beside you to me right now. I'll even show you some grace and make you my henchman.". The punk boss said with an arrogant look on his face as he looked at Muku. His gang members were already laughing, getting ready to see a show, and maybe if they are lucky, they'd get a taste too. Their group was made up of only men, there were females before, but they r*ped them all to death already. They hadn't tasted anyone in the arena because they were still asserting their dominance.

"Wow, so cliché...I always wondered if real people actually say such things, and here we are, truly an interesting...Ow!". Unlike the anger everyone was expecting him to feel, Muku amazed them again by seemingly enjoying the situation. All of them couldn't help but think he had a few screws loose in his head. Emily even had to kick his leg to bring him back to reality.

"Sir, shouldn't be angry at what he said and defend our honour?". Chloe couldn't help but ask while Emily was pouting while Jade was glaring at Muku as if wanting to bite him.

"What, why!?!...just Jade can take care of it on her own, why do I have to do it?". Muku asked with a puzzled expression. Everyone who heard this was dumbstruck at his statement.

"Yeah, but as the man, you should do it!". Chloe pressed on, this time even getting a bit louder.

"No, I refuse!, women and girls these days are always talking about equal rights, but whenever the situation isn't beneficial to them they quickly defect and play the gender card again. I don't want you girls to be like that, so go ahead and prove to me that you're different, take care of the situation yourselves.". Muku said while folding his arms and looking away, making his stance known.

The girls were dumbstruck, they didn't know what to say. Not to mention that he had a point. But still, as for why their usually reliable teacher would become so unreliable, they didn't know. Jade's glare got even more intense.

"Hey!!, are you four making fun of me?. Am I nothing in your eyes?, do you want to die!?". The punk boss was enraged seeing them basically act out a skit while ignoring him, the him who had all the lives in the stadium in his hands. If course many could easily escape from the stadium, but would they be able to survive the beasts outside?. Not to mention the darkness, luckily the electricity had still not gone out or even the arena would have been in darkness. But these bastards, they dared ignore him after all that!.

"Wow, he's actually about to blow his top because we refuse to make him the centre of attention. Is this the legendary, delusion of grandeur?". Muku was looking at the punk boss again, his eyes filled with interest.

His nonchalant tone really pissed the punk boss off. If he was closer, he would have noticed that Muku's eyes held no emotion other than disdainful interest when looking at him, which would have likely made him attack on the spot. As for everyone in the arena, they felt this guy was mental, but couldn't help but be impressed by his unyielding mentality to power.

"Men!, get that bastard down here for me. I want to skin him alive. I want to make him watch as I f*ck those bitches in front of him". The punk boss finally couldn't take it anymore and ordered his men to capture Muku.

What he didn't notice was that when he said he last words, Muku's eyes finally turned cold. The overwhelming aura he and the girls were hiding, leaked out for a split second. Nobody than the girls sensed this though, and when they did, beautiful smiles appeared on their faces. Despite his words, he really couldn't stand by when someone said such things about them it seems.

Chapter 36 Show of strength

"Sigh, when will some people learn that...it's not what you say, it's how you say it. And some things shouldn't be said. Even if you weren't really going to get a chance of doing something in the first place, but saying it in a certain way will definitely lend you in trouble.". Muku said as he looked at the ten men speeding toward him with nasty looks on their face, while his face was now expressionless.

Seeing how he didn't even try to run or look panicked, the punk boss couldn't help but feel that something was wrong. But thinking about their recently gained strength, he just shrugged the feeling off. Plus the bastard's words were really infuriating, not to mention his good looking face, all good looking dudes must die!

"Hey you, come he....ahh!". The first thing to reach Muku was speaking as he reached his hand pit at Muku before the was punched in the stomach and flew back. Luckily for him, Muku held back or he would be dead with a hole going through his body. His flying body took out two other thugs. These ten thugs were the weakest in the gang and had random classes so taking them out wasn't hard.

In less than a minute all of them had been punched in the gut and laying and groaning on the floor. Muku even went forward on his own, jumping the barricade and stepping into the ri...field. He as a wrestling fan would rather it had been a wrestling arena but it was more of a soccer stadium instead.

Everyone in the stadium looked on as he took out the goons. They all secretly gloated at them getting beaten. Those weak ass bastards were the most arrogant ones of the gang as if they were actually strong. One of them even had a "dancer class" yet walked around with a smug look on his face as of he could perform the "dance of death" to kill his enemies.

"So you have a bit of skill huh, well this is were your luck ends. You only took out the drags of my group, now the real hell begins. Pete, kick his ass, just don't kill him okay". The punk boss said, ordering a quite bulky middle aged dude from his group to step up.

"Kid, you've messed with people you shouldn't have. Now you're going to have to suffer the wrath of I, the Steel king!". The bulky dude with a bald head and many facial piercings said. His skin turned silver, he seemed to have that cliché ability in all apocalypse novels that a random side character has, metal skin. If it was a zombie apocalypse maybe he would have had it made, but sadly rank one beasts can bite through steel, easily too.

Of course that didn't stop him from radiating so much arrogance Muku almost wanted to puke. The dude really felt like he was the king of the world in that moment. But looking at his shiny bald head, Muku couldn't help but wonder what would happen is Chloe hit it with a lightning bolt.

"After the boss is done with them, I have dibs and I'm going to make sure to break their minds. Ha!, I can see you have frozen in fear. Good, at least you understand when you're outclassed and don't struggle unnecessarily.". Pete added as he walked over to Muku with confident steps.

"Indestructible steel punch!". Pete screamed as he aimed at Muku's face with his steel coated hand.

Many in the terraces closed their eyes not wanting to see this young man who had just given them hope get pummeled. But something that surprised those who managed to keep on looking happened.

Swash!

"Ahhhhhhhh!"

Pete's arm that was about to reach Muku's face suddenly got swashed into a third of its size by an unseen force and he let out a blood curdling scream. He fell to his knees and screamed while holding his hand in pain. His metal skin ability got cancelled by his lack of concentration and he turned back to looking like a normal human...a bald, but normal human.

His hand didn't return to normal though, now it looked even worse. It looked like someone had mangled it without breaking his skin. Quite frankly, he felt it hurt even more now. But he couldn't use his ability again while in so much pain. The ones from the terrace that had closed their eyes opened them due to the scream and were met with this shocking scene. As for the rest, they were even more shocked, a man who had easily defeated their leader was defeated by a young man without even being touched.

As for the rest of the punk gang, including the boss, they couldn't help but feel uneasy. They didn't know what caused the man's hand to get swashed after all. They were afraid that maybe they would be next, and it would be their heads to get swashed instead of their hands.

"Sigh, I know you didn't know, but only an idiot would use metal against me. Now to make sure you don't forget the lesson since you look like a troublesome student...". As Muku trailed off, all the piercings on the man's face were ripped off him by an unseen force like before. Pete's face turned red after being coated by his own blood, seeing this scene everyone couldn't help but wince after imagining how it would hurt if it were them. Emily and Chloe couldn't take the scene and shielded their eyes, while wondering when their nice innocent teacher got so...dark.

Those on the terraces who had earrings and the likes quickly took them off. It was so bad that some when taking off their wedding rings and tossing them to the ground. A married couple who managed to make it to the stadium together were sitting beside each other looking on when the husband noticed his wife taking off their wedding ring. Their eyes met and they froze for a bit looking at each other like that, then the man also quickly took off his ring and threw it away, while the wife continued taking off hers.

"Y-you heard that right?, he can only do that if there's metal on you, get rid of the metal you have and attack him together. There's no way this bastard can defeat all of you!". The punk boss said nervously at the start but got confident at the end. Yet what his men didn't notice was how he, their strongest member dared not, to attack.

"Idiots". Jade who was looking in said, the goons looked like moths swarming to a flame to her in that moment.

"Well to be fare, his aura is hidden so they don't know just how out of their league they are right now". Emily the goody goody didn't mind defending even idiotic goons...of

course she wasn't aware of their heinous crimes otherwise she might have beaten them up herself.

"Ahhhhhhhh" × 8. The goons screamed as they all fell back....

"Oh, do I can now do that too huh?". Muku said to himself, he had a bad habit of experimenting mid fight. Now he had tried to repel them with his telekinesis and it worked perfectly, if course it could still be better. Even when he fought Pete, he wasn't completely sure if he would be able to affect someone else's metal made from their mana. But luckily for him, the situation has always worked out in his favour. And not like he doesn't assess the risk before experimenting after all.

"Get up you idiots, lets begin for real!". Muku called out to the goons on the ground with a smile on his face.

As for the goons, they were horrified at learning that he wasn't even serious until then. They now knew that they were the ones who had messed with someone they shouldn't have, unlike what the still screaming Pete said.

And so, none dared get up.

Chapter 37 Unreasonable third rate villain

"What?, I'm not good enough for you so face me standing up?". Muku said as he glared at the goons on the ground. Everyone who heard him felt like rolling their eyes, he was the

one who knocked them down then intimidated into not wanting to get up. They felt that he might just be the most unreasonable person in the whole stadium or even city.

"S-sir, please forgive us, we'll get out of your way... we'll even leave the stadium, spare us this once please!". One of the goons on the ground kowtowed as he screamed, the others quickly joined him.

"Hey you fools, what are you doing!?, get up and fight! If you don't I'll kill you all myself!". Punk boss screamed out at his chicken gang before Muku could speak. The gang members all shook a bit hearing his words but gritted their teeth, not daring to get up.

"Good, is this how you pay me for sponsoring your degenerate lives?. Did you forget the eternal loyalty you all swore when I let you play around with the female gang members until they died!?". The punk boss was infuriated as he screamed out some horrendous words that made the eyes of everyone who heard it turn cold.

They finally got the full picture of what this punk gang dared do, since coming to the arena they had only beat up the leaders and their men but didn't even touch the women. Now they all knew it was only a matter of time before they did, and the women would definitely suffer even more than the seven who got beat up. All the women who were close enough to hear him were now shaking in fear. Chloe and Jade's eyes had turned cold, barely stopping themselves from attacking the bastard.

Emily who thought that they were only ruffians before was now glaring at the gang boss with a murderous. Just imagining what the women they killed must have gone through really angered her to the extreme. I mean, the women were part of their before so couldn't have been good people but still, nobody deserved to suffer like that...is what she thought.

"You're still not moving!!, fine then, stay there forever!". The punk boss was livid.

Woosh×2

"Ahh!"×2

Half a metre long wind blades flew from him and hit the necks of two of the men on the ground. They both screamed out in pain, grabbed their necks and fell flat on the ground, spasming for a bit before dying, laying in pools of their own blood. Everyone except Muku who could have easily stopped the punk boss was surprised. As for why he didn't stop him...why would he stop hellbound men from killing each other?

"Now the rest of you, get up and fight if you don't want to die!". The punk boss screamed out again. This time they all quickly got up, Muku might have been ruthless in his treatment of Pete, but at least he didn't kill anyone. They'd rather fight a monster like him than a mad dog like their boss. And so, they ran toward him again. None of them had elemental attacks, just some form of physical enhancement. From this Muku was able to vaguely deduce that maybe elemental powers weren't as common as his group suggested it to seem. This was likely why the green punk guy was the boss.

(A/N: Hehehe, all thanks to this almighty author-san)

"Sigh" Muku sighed and disappeared from the sight of the goons.

Bang!, bang!, bang!....

"Ahh". ×6

When he appeared again he was standing in front of the punk boss while the gang members were all laying on the ground unconscious.

"That was getting tedious...now, shall we finish it Mr green haired boss?". Muku said as he stood a metre away from the punk boss who was now shaking in his boots.

"M-monster!, die!". The punk boss suddenly screamed as he summoned his trash wind blades again which dissipated as soon as they came in contact with Muku.

At least that's what it looked like. But the girls knew that he had used his telekinesis to defend himself. At the same time they couldn't help but marvel at his control. They couldn't help but wonder if it was one of the benefits one gains from having a Legendary Class. If it was, well....they were jealous, although they could do large scale attacks and compress their energy too, their control was still nowhere close to being so refined. Like if Emily wanted to use her flames as defense like that, she probably would only be able to burn off her clothes. Though Jade didn't really have to worry about it much.

Grab!

(A/N: it's so fun to just use the word when you don't know the sound effect ^_^)

Muku reached out and grabbed the punk boss's neck then lifting him up, after the idiot exhausted his meager mana pool in less than a minute. It was quite easy too, with his strength that has been gradually increasing everytime he makes a kill. The punk boss was kicking about in the air while trying to take Muku's hand off his neck and not succeeding.

"Calm down idiot, I'm not even choking you". Muku said while rolling his eyes.

Hearing him say it, the punk boss finally realised he could still breathe. His face reddened a bit in embarrassment of his overreacting. But he quickly got a hold on himself and glared at Muku with hatred but not saying anything.

"Really?, you really hate me now?, I literally just defended myself. I only beat up your men a bit... mostly. In fact the only casualties were by your hand you idiot. So where do you get the justification to hate me from...oh wait, third rate villains and side characters always did turn out to be unreasonable so I guess you're not in the wrong.". Muku spoke out, barely acknowledging the idiot he was grabbing. Seeing how this bastard has been so nonchalant from the start to even now, the punk boss felt even more hatred for him. He must have a inferiority complex or something, otherwise why would you hate someone just because they are disregarding you?.

"I don't like the look you have so...(bang!). Take a nap". Muku said as he punched the punk boss in the face, knocking him out then tossing him at the others. As for poor old Pete, he had also long fainted, unable to endure the pain for long. Everyone in the arena was awed by what he had just accomplished alone, but remembering his weird personality, they wondered if they had just escaped a dog only to face a dragon, but none dared say anything, just continued sitting there, waiting for him to decide their fate.

"Wow, they really did a number on you guys huh?...Jade call the rest, Hope just got some practice fodder!". Muku spoke, the first part directed at the seven people the punk gang beat up. The last part was for Jade who did what she was told.

Hearing this, the beat up seven heaved a sigh of relief seeing how he seemed to want to help. But as for being openly called practice fodder, although they didn't know what he meant yet, their lips still twitched but they didn't complain.

"T-thank you sir, we're in your debt. May we know sir's name" A skinny man with bruises all over his face said as he helped the bulky guy who has his arm broken get up.

"Wow, it really is the age of strength huh!?, even a 30 year old dude is calling me sir". Muku said with an exaggerated look of awe on his face.

"Sir, I'm only 27 actually". The skinny man's lip twitched before he spoke, an ugly smile on his face.

Chapter 38 Healing glow

"Really?" (Muku)

"Yes" (Skinny man)

"....If you say so" (Muku)

"I mean so!!" (Skinny man)

The skinny man finally couldn't help but scream out in frustration. This brat was so infuriating, he was arguing with him about his own damn age!. Of he wasn't a thousand percent sure he'd be beaten up, he might have wanted to fight it out on the scene.

"Heheh...Arg!". The bulky man the skinny man was helping stand couldn't help but laugh at their exchange then groaned in pain.

"Brother!, let me get you inside". The skinny man said to the bulky man before trying to walk forward. But the bulky man refused to move.

"Sir, I'm Tom and this is my younger brother Dom, I'm sorry for his rude behaviour of not introducing himself sooner. And we really can't thank you enough for what you have done for us". The bulky man...or Tom rather, spoke in one breathe while holding back groans of pain he surely wanted to make.

"Oh, Tom and Dom huh...what a lazy naming sense the author has... Anyway, I'm Muku and wait a bit, the rest of my group are coming soon and there's someone who should be able to help your situation". Muku spoke, the group of seven waited, not like there has anywhere better to be. And they were curious about who this helper he mentioned was and how would they be able to help them.

Less than five minutes later Layla, Hope and Adam's group came after being called by hope.

"Leader!, you're alive, thank God!". Adam screamed as he ran toward Tom and stood in front of him with sparkling eyes like a fan meeting his idol.

"Oh, it's Adam, I'm glad you made it back, you even brought back such capable friends". This time it was Dom who spoke as Tom really couldn't speak anymore.

"Hope, trying healing the man, your healing power should have gotten better with your control right?, test it out on that guy who looks like he's gonna drop dead at any moment". As soon as Muku stopped talking, Hope unhesitatingly walked toward Tom, who couldn't help but get a twitchy eye from what Muku said about him and how this little girl clearly agreed with him. Although he was in a lot of pain, could barely talk, had a broken arm, he wasn't close to death okay!.

"Mr, can you put him down so that I can try healing him?". Hope said while looking at Dom who hesitantly complied after Tom nodded at him to do it.

"Healing glow". Hope softly called out after Tom was sat on the ground. A yellowish gold glow covered Tom's whole body, but was most concentrated on his torso. This was so that she took care of the internal injuries of the torso first, since those can easily endanger human life. Everyone was awed when they saw Tom's visibly pale and pained face becoming less tense and the small cuts on his body were also closing up, not even leaving scars. Even Muku's group was awed, they had never really gotten injured after all.

"Wait, wait, that's enough, go heal the others, he's good enough for now". Muku said when he noticed that Hope was about to move to his arm after the torso. The others were a bit dumbstruck but when they realised that Tom wasn't the only one who had internal injuries and Hope's mana wasn't bottomless they understood. It was better to heal everyone to a point that at least their lives would be guaranteed.

Around twenty minutes later Hope was finally done. Her face had gotten a bit pale from all the expended mana. In contrast, the injured seven from before looked a lot rosier, though of course Tom's hand was still broken, like Muku thought, she didn't have the mana to heal the seven and his arm all at once. In fact she hadn't healed them completely, only guaranteed their lives and lifted off most of the pain. But since they weren't paying anything, they couldn't exactly complain about it. They were quite grateful instead even.

"Ms Hope, thank you for your timely assistance. And Mr Muku, I can't even remember how many times I've had to thank you today, it's so many times that I don't know how to repay you. All I can say is that from this day and until my death, my life is forever in your hands and I would fight to the death for you. If you hadn't shown up, this stadium would have definitely turned into hell for everyone here and us seven would have definitely suffered". Tom spoke, other than pain from his hand he could handle, he was now mostly fine and....seemed to be quite the chatter box. He thanked Hope first who shyly hid behind Muku before poking her head out and nodding, she wasn't good with strangers. Even when she was healing the seven, she was always looking down or anywhere else, them being grown ups and understanding what was happening, didn't make things difficult for her by speaking.

"It's okay Uncle Tom, we're all human here, and it's only natural to help each other". Muku replied with a smile.

"Ah, actually I'm only 31". This time it was Tom's time to catch the twitch lip syndrome after hearing Muku calling him uncle. His brother, Dom on the side couldn't help but smile smugly since Tom had laughed when he was called old.

"...Wow...okay....you two should consider sleeping a bit more". Muku said with a straight face. His statement made both Tom and Dom's expressions turn dark while everyone else couldn't help but snicker. Everyone couldn't help but think that if Muku wasn't so strong, he really might have been beat up by the two brothers.

"Anyway Unc...Mr Tom, what are you planning to do with these twenty?". Muku asked with no particular expression on his face.

"These fiends, I'll make sure they rot in jai.." Tom suddenly stopped speaking when he realised that the concept of prisons was basically gone now. So sending them to jail was out of the question and even if it was an option, they'd definitely be able to get out easily. And so he was at a loss for words, not knowing what to do. In fact his whole group(Adam's included) didn't know how to handle the situation.

Even Muku's girls didn't know what to do, Layla's eyes flashed with some sinister light for a second before she shook her head. She likely thought of something but didn't think the others would agree, so remained quiet. What she didn't know was Muku noticed her though, and he internally gave her nod of appreciation.

{At least one of the girls is on the right track to developing the correct mindset for this apocalypse were there's no law shielding us}. Muku thought.

"Why don't I take care of them for you then?". Muku said to Tom with a smile.

"But how will y..". Tom was asking before he was interrupted.

"Don't worry about that" Muku said interrupting Tom.

His vagueness confused everyone, the girls included, though Layla seemed to have an idea of what he wanted to do as she looked at him with suspicion.

"Okay, I'll be back in a while, please help the girls settle in". Muku spoke without waiting for Tom to respond to his previous statement. Then the eighteen unconscious people and two corpses, suddenly floated up and toward each other, forming a floating human ball. Muku turned around and started walking towards the exit as the human ball floated behind him and following where he went.

"Sir..". Emily called out before she was interrupted.

"Don't worry, just settle in, I'll be back in a little while, I don't need help for this one!". Muku interrupted her and shouted back as he continued walking away.

Emily wanted to say something more but Layla grabbed her shoulder. When Emily looked back at her, Layla shook her head. And with that Emily could only stop herself from saying anything. Though she was still worried, they had basically always been together since the apocalypse began after all, and he had become the one she depended on most. And with her feelings for him, if anything were to happen to him she might just break...no she'd definitely break.

"Umm, young ladies, let me show you to your room, you can wait for the young sir there. I'm sure he'll be back soon". Dom said after being pushed forward by Tom.

Layla nodded and led the way, following behind Dom. The other girls followed behind her after looking in the direction Muku left from for a bit more. Adam's group was led away by Tom and the rest in another direction. They would likely be asked to spill all the information they knew about Muku's group.

"Umm, Layla, there's a lady who's been looking in our direction ever since you came, with tears in her. I wasn't sure before who she was looking at since it could have been Mr Adam's group. But now I'm sure she's looking at you. Look there.". Jade suddenly said to Layla as they walked behind Dom. Layla looked in the direction Jade pointed with confusion then...

"What!?". She said in a shocked voice as her eyes widened to the max.

Chapter 39 This isn't Fairy Tail

On Muku's side....

"Well this is a lot draining than I thought, why did I have to act cool instead of asking for some people to carry these fools?, sigh, the things I do for my students.". Muku said to himself complaining about how taxing on his mana carrying so many people with his telekinesis was.

He went out of the barrier, travelled a bit deeper into the city. Somewhere along the lines, most of them woke up, but dared not move. They just pretended like they were still unconscious waiting to see what happens, they reckoned that if he was going to kill them, he would have done it already. As for the two bodies, maybe he was going to make them bury them or something. What they didn't know was that Muku already knew they were awake and was just waiting for something to happen.

"Huff, finally, I was starting to wonder if I had gotten unlucky and chosen a safe route.". As Muku spoke and the punk gang were all awake and confused by his words. Beasts started appearing around them. They were all MR1s, basically an absolute death sentence to the punk gang if they were made to fight them.

There were two giant lizards in one side, which seemed to always travel in pairs. One giant python on another side and two giant spiders on another. All were looking at the humans in front of them with hungry eyes, barely stopping themselves from pouncing due to two reasons. Any one of them would already be a nightmare to the punk gang, but now, there were five of them. They were absolutely terrified and hoped Muku would take them away quickly.

But to their horror, the invisible grip that was holding them disappeared and they fell to the ground. Seeing this, the beasts were triggered and almost pounced but barely managed to stop themselves. The reason for this was because even with their little intelligence they knew that whoever pounced first would be enemy number one and would definitely be attacked by the others. And so they just stood there staring down at their prey and sometimes warily glancing at the other beasts around them.

"Okay listen up idiots, the reason we're here is because...well you're unlucky idiots. Anyway, right now I'm going to give you all a chance to survive. Whoever manages to escape these five beasts, I'll allow to live, whoever can't...well obviously they will die. Now begin!". The more words that came out of Muku's mouth, the darker the punk gang's faces got.

To the joy of the beasts, and the despair of the punk gang, an invisible force pushed them all away in five directions. That's right, Muku basically served them up to the beasts on a silver platter. The two bodies were quickly consumed but the large python when they fell in front of it.

"Ahh!".x 2

The two live people that were throw along with the bodies were struck down by the python's tail as it feasted on the body's. They screamed out loud as they were slapped away, falling a bit of distance away, unmoving and silent. Whether they died or not, it didn't matter because they'd be killed off soon enough. The slapped had broken many of their bones after all, so even if they didn't die, they wouldn't be able to get up and run.

(A/N: Note that this is not the Monster Python mentioned before, just a random MR1 one)

On the other side, another eight were already wrapped up like dumplings in spider silk. They screamed as the two spiders dragged them away. It seemed that the spiders weren't public eaters like the python or had kids to feed. Either way, they were dead too, soon enough.

The last eight, which was the group with Pete and the punk boss, fell in front of the giant lizards. The lizards didn't waste time and began clawing and biting the people. Pete was bit in two after futilely trying to fight off a lizard with his one hand. The punk boss miraculously managed to worm his way in-between the lizards as they delt with the others. He didn't even try to fight since he knew he couldn't win, so had been waiting for a chance to flee amidst the screams of agony, which he got.

As he ran away, already a little joyous for managing to escape. His body froze, he tried to move it but it was stuck in place then he realised something, he immediately got overcome by anger.

"YOU RUTHLESS BASTARD!, YOU WERE NEVER PLANNING ON LETTING US GO!!". The punk boss screamed.

Unluckily for him, this scream attracted the attention of the two lizards who were now feasting on the bodies of the people they'd clawed and bit to death. They looked behind them and noticed one had sneaked away. Without thinking, both jumped at him. He was bit on the torso and tossed into the air. Then when he came down, one bit his lower body, the other his upper body. He was ripped in two. His upper body happened to be thrown in Muku's direction by the momentum.

He fell a few metres away from Muku. That's when he noticed Muku looking at him with apathetic eyes. Then as his consciousness faded and his eyes went blind. He vaguely heard Muku's voice speak.....

"This isn't Fairy Tail". Then he died.

(A/N: Fairy Tail is one on author-san's favourite animes, even in his top three.)

The reason Muku said that statement was because, in Fairy Tail, they usually don't kill their enemies after defeating them which also usually comes back to bite them later on. And Muku doesn't want to leave such a possibility around. As if they did come back, the one to suffer the most would likely be the girls...like they could be kidnapped and defiled or something like that.

One can argue that these guys were too weak and Muku's group would keep on getting stronger while they might already be at the peak of their lives. But arrogance has caused the downfall of many, and Muku knew it. He also taught history after all. Like what if in this crazy world they find something that gives them the ability to hurt Muku's group at some point?.

"Sigh, although I didn't personally kill them, seeing this scene and knowing that they died because of me, really doesn't feel too good. Anyway, I should get ba... really guys?. I literally just provided you a full course meal and now you want to kill me?. How ungrateful can you all be" Muku said as the three remaining beasts who had finished their meals were now looking in his direction and inching closer.

Though unlike before it wasn't due to fear of the others around them, especially for the giant lizards who has each other's support. This time they were actually wary of their prey, they could sense that he was different, although his aura was suppressed, the beasts still had natural instincts that warned them of danger after all.

The snake was a bit smarter and slithered away. It was already full anyway, not to mention it would be in a disadvantageous situation even if they managed to kill this prey. The giant lizards were mates so they'd likely team up against it afterwards.

Seeing the competition disappear, the greedy lizards jumped at Muku immediately. But then he suddenly disappeared from their sight. One for the lizards suddenly felt danger from its side and....

Slush! bang!

Before it could react Muku who was holding a large silver broadsword struck down. The lizard's head was cut off in one swing and fell to the ground.

[69 kills left.....]

Woosh! Woosh!

Again, before the other giant lizard could react, Muku who had just landed on the ground wave his hand. Two swords came flying from the air and stabbed deep into the lizard's eyes. As it hissed in pain he finished it off by cutting off its head with his large broadsword. The heavy sword was so quick in his hands because he supported its weight with telekinesis when swing it up and propelled it with it when bringing it down.

[64 kills left.....]

"Wooo!, seems I'm really getting the hang of this. And now I'm a little closer to Mid Rank One.... though with this absurd power level, nobody would believe me if I said I haven't reached even 50 Kill Points that should signify the mid stage. I reckon I can even fight the stronger PR1s now. So this is the power of a legend huh...I must say, I quite like it". Muku said as the familiar numbness went through his body. He was letting loose a bit since he was alone. With the girls he had to not over do or they wouldn't respect him as much. Every normal man craves strength after all, so who would be nonchalant after attaining it?

The giant python that has slithered a distance away before turning to observe the scene, it wanted to see who would win and if it could fish for some benefits. I mean, it's a freaking snake after all, since when was it trustworthy?. Anyway as soon as it saw the fight that ended in seconds...it immediately turned back around and fled for its life.

As it slithered away, it thought...

{That's no prey. that's a predator like itself. One even higher up the food chain even}

Chapter 40 Reunion

Back at the stadium, soon after Muku left.....

"What!?". Layla's voice resounded as she looked in the direction Jade pointed in. Tears started streaming down her cheeks. There in the terrace, a pretty lady in her early thirties with a pale and sickly face could be seen. She was also looking at Layla with tears streaming down her cheeks.

"Mother...". Layla's voice sounded out again, this time, her words shocking her friends. They had suspected it, but hearing her confirm it was still shocking.

As soon as she finished speaking, Layla practically flew towards the woman in the terrace. The weakness she felt from the battle before seemed to disappear as she ran forward. Of course it was only her adrenaline pushing her forward.

Seeing this little girl who was definitely with that monster from before running their way in an unnatural speed. The people on the terrace who were still there quickly got up and ran away. They thought that they might have offended her by looking and she was going to beat them up for it. And who would wait to get beaten up. In less than a minute, only Layla's mother was left there standing, everyone else had cleared away from the area.

"Mother!"

"Layla!"

The mother and daughter called out to each other as soon as Layla got close enough to her. They quickly fell into each other's embrace and both started bawling, overwhelmed by happiness from finding each other alive in such uncertain times.

Everyone who saw this managed to quickly realise what was going on, as long as they had a properly functioning brain. She did literally shout mom at the end after all. Quite a number of people started shedding tears of their own even, they are the ones who hadn't seen their loved ones ever since the apocalypse began. They couldn't help but wonder if they will have such a blessed reunion or they will never meet again in their remaining lifetime.

Even the girls were teary eyed and filled with emotion when they saw this scene. They were all happy for Layla to be reunited by her mother. Emily and Jade were now looking forward to seeing their family members even more. Chloe was just happy for a friend and only thought of her estranged father for a split second before suppressing the thought.

Hope on the other hand, was again rocked by feelings of sadness along with the happiness for Layla. Although she was trying to stay positive, at the back of her head she knew that the chance of her parents being dead was a lot higher than being alive at that point. She wondered if the morning hug she got from her parents on the morning the apocalypse began was really the last, and the loving smile she got from her father the same morning was also the last. Her heart felt like it was about to break into a million pieces. Her throat hurt, she wanted to cry but held herself back as it was Layla's joyous occasion and didn't want to ruin it.

Then she suddenly felt three hands on her shoulders. She turned around and before she could react, she was in the combined embrace of three people. Chloe, Emily and Jade had noticed from Hope's erratic mana that something was wrong with her. When they put two and two together they got four and quickly embraced her hoping it will make her feel even a little better. Being embraced like that, she could no longer hold her tears back and started bawling in sadness.

"Let it out, and don't forget that you're not alone. We'll always be there for you". Chloe said as she and the other two hugged Hope even closer to prove her words right. In the time they had known each other, they had grown so close that they practically saw each other as sisters. And Hope being the emotional youngest sister got a little bit more love and care from the rest, so seeing her cry like this also made them sad.

As for Dom, well he just stood on the side feeling awkward, not knowing what to do. He could understand Layla's case easy enough, but the the case with the four completely confused him. One moment they were smiling with teary eyes then the next they were crying in sadness in a group hug, like wtf was he supposed to do in this situation?.

He even wondered if he should get in on the hug as he felt left out....but remembering Muku's smile he quickly got rid of that idea. He for some reason felt that if he did something like that, his fate might be the same as human ball he took away. And he wasn't wrong, unbeknownst to all, Muku himself included, he was developing an

overbearing overprotectiveness for the girls and there was a super high chance any man who got too close would find himself in the stomach of a beast by the next day.

After a while, the four girls let go of the hug as Hope had calmed down for now. She was now looking at them with gratitude and a little bit of embarrassment for losing herself like that.

On the terrace, Layla and her mother also let go of each other's embrace. Then they realised something. This was actually the first time they had ever hugged each other and now were both left in an awkward position not knowing what to do next.

"So Layla, this your mom huh?, aren't you going to introduce us?". As if knowing that this was going to happen, the four girls had come up as well and Jade spoke.

"Uh, yes, this is Audrey Knight, my mother and mother these are my schoolmates and friends Jade, Emily, Chloe and Hope". Layla quickly spoke and introduced them, while looking at Jade with gratitude as she really didn't know what to do next since she and her mother weren't close before.

"Nice to meet you Ms Knight". The four girls melodiously said at the same time.

(A/N: She isn't married so I can't say "Mrs" hence "Ms". In fact, she's actually a 30 year old virgin.....Not that there's going to be some oyakodon or anything...just keeping the options open tis all ^_^)

"Uh, yes, nice to meet you too girls. And thank you for looking after Layla for me". Audrey said with a gentle motherly smile on her face. Which made all the girls think of their mothers and before Audrey realised it, she was in the embrace of the four girls who had jumped on her at the same time. Layla on the side was stunned at first then a look of realisation appeared on her face and she just looked on with a faint smile.

"There there, you've all worked hard. I'm proud of you all". Audrey said in a soft voice as she held them close, a gentle look in her eyes.

Audrey was also surprised by the sudden hug attack but quickly realised what was happening. The girls just missed their parents and seeing her and hearing the way she talked, they couldn't hold back and hugged her. At the end of the day they were still little girls of only sixteen and even fifteen in Hope's case so they still had a high level of dependency on their parents, especially their mothers. Even Chloe who has lost her mother when she was still a little child couldn't help but jump into the hug as she also vaguely remembered her mother.

Anyway, hearing Audrey's praise was exactly what they needed in the moment. Muku couldn't substitute a mother's sense of comfort to these girls, no matter what he might try, though he wouldn't try to in the first place. The best he could do was being like a dependable older brother, which he could do without even trying.

"Umm, girls, Mr Dom is waiting, why don't we continue this later?". Layla called out to the girls. Hearing her, they came back to reality and quickly jumped away from Audrey's embrace with red faces from the embarrassment they felt.

"We're sorry!". The all called out while bowing to Audrey a bit, not daring to look her in the eyes. They were afraid they might have angered her by with their sudden actions.

"Oh no, it's okay, I quite liked it too actually. In fact, anytime you need a hug, I'm here for you. So no need to feel bad okay". Audrey replied with a smile. This made them want to jump on her again but they held back.

After thank her again for being tolerant of them, the group walked toward Dom, with the addition of Audrey as Layla was holding her hand and dragging her along. Audrey tried to break free but realised that she couldn't do anything to get out of Layla's vice like grip that held her hand tight enough so she won't escape but loose enough as to not hurt her. From this Audrey guessed that Layla must already be quite a strong evolver, and remembering what one needs to do to evolve, her heart couldn't help but clench in pain thinking of the struggles her daughter must have faced.

They were led to a large room that seemed to be an office before, it had a few chairs and one large sofa along with a desk. It was actually the best room in the stadium....a stadium wouldn't have residential rooms after all. Dom left after showing them the room. They then unpacked their things from their backpacks. Took out some food and had some with Audrey who tried to refuse at first but could only give up under their combined insistence.

After a bit of silence after they finished their meal. Layla looked at Audrey with clear eyes and spoke.

"Do you really have Leukemia?"