

Few Wives 331

Chapter 331: Muku's gift...

"Remember that time I promised you that I'd give you all gifts when Hope threaten... Cough, I mean, when I thought I should give you gifts? Well, I got you these..." Muku took out seven fruits that looked somewhat like apples but were bigger and glowing green in colour... No, they were literally glowing green.

If it wasn't because the fruits gave off a gentle aura. The girls might have run away thinking that Muku wanted to poison them with irradiated apples. After all, the colour did scream "radiation!"

"Really? Fruits?... And one each too? Well, thank you I guess..." Emily spoke while looking at her fruit.

While she was happy that Muku remembered something from all those years ago and got them gifts. She still expected something a little better than fruits after what Mrs C sent them.

It was the same with the other girls. Despite that, they were still happy to receive the fruits. Maybe they were a rare delicacy in the Beast World and Muku saved them for them even though he could have eaten them all.

Thinking like that, they felt better about the fruits. After all, they all knew how hard it was to save a tasty treat for others when you want it yourself.

Muku saw through their thoughts but didn't say anything. Everything would be made clear after they take their first bite of the fruits...

Crunch!

The girls took bites at the same time as if they had planned it. And as expected, within seconds, they had finished the whole thing. They completely forgot about being proper ladies due to the great taste.

Just when they were about to ask if Muku had more, something happened first... All their bodies began burning up.

Within seconds they were all red in colour and breathing heavily from the heat.

Muku and Raya gave each other a knowing look as they remembered the time they went through the same process.

Shink!

Suddenly, Layla gestured with her hand and pointy ice pillars appeared all over the room next to the girls.

They all instantly felt better. It wasn't by a lot but it was better than before.

Muku and Raya turned envious as they remembered how they suffered everything raw. They then cast disappointed gazes at each other as if they were disappointed by the other for not having the ice element.

It was a comical sight which went unnoticed by the girls who were still battling the heat.

They didn't act up or ask Muku what was going on since they knew that he'd never do anything to harm them.

As individuals who had experienced enough things to be called experts, they immediately realised that Muku had given them an opportunity. And instead of wasting time by asking him what it was. They chose to focus on their bodies instead.

Maybe that would improve their gains if they properly guide the energy from the fruits which was in their bodies.

They soon realised that they couldn't affect the energy at all. So, they chose to just observe it work as they tried to figure out what it was doing.

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A while later...

"Am I the only one who feels a lot stronger physically?" Freya who could be considered the weakest in the group physically due to her class's disposition asked with uncertainty.

It was an insult to call her the weakest physically since she was worse thanages due to her class. Mages at least moved around on the battlefield. But she, well, she just had to sit in her fortress and let it do the work at her command...

So yeah, she was physically weaker. So her feeling stronger was a big thing. Especially when she felt so much stronger that her body felt almost foreign.

"No, I also feel a lot stronger. Like I could easily lift a boulder ten times my size with one hand" Emily supported her.

"Well, I wouldn't know about being that strong. But I definitely do feel a lot stronger..." Chloe echoed the other two.

She and the others immediately turned to Muku. They didn't say anything, but it was obvious what they wanted to know.

"Raya. Do you want to take this one?" Muku spoke while looking at Raya instead of telling the girls what they wanted to know.

He felt that the little girl was having it too easy since they returned. So of course, he had to make it slightly harder for her because he could.

"I'll give you the Shark's body if you say yes..." Muku bribed her before she could say no.

"Tsk. Fine... Listen up, lady. The fruit you ate is called... Well, I don't know. We didn't ask. Anyway, its purpose is as you've experienced, to upgrade your physical capabilities. It works like this. If your physical capabilities are at the Pseudo-Legendary class stage, it will double them. If you're below that, you'll be

upgraded to that stage. And for the rest of your life, that will be your new minimum as long as you aren't hurt..." Raya who couldn't pass up a free meal spoke as clearly as she could.

"So what you're saying is that mom is now two times stronger than she was before and the rest of us are now as strong as she was before?" Layla asked for clarity.

Even though she asked, she already knew that what she said was what happened without confirming. This was obvious from her glowing eyes.

"Yes and no... From what I know, Ms Audrey's physical capabilities improve with her rank. So, since her current rank is close to PR4. Her physical capabilities were close to those before being doubled. You girls on the other hand have only been upgraded to the base of R4. Which is LR4. So, in the broad sense, if we look at the class, you've caught up. But if we look at it objectively, you are still weaker. But hey, since the strongest of you was at best PR3 in strength, despite all of you being R4s, I say it's a major win for you all... Why are you looking at me like that?" Raya explained everything to the best of her capabilities.

However, she noticed that the girls were staring too much. It was a bit unsettling, so she asked.

"Oh, sorry. It's just weird to see a cute little girl like you speak like that. It's like listening to an old lady in a child's body..." Audrey apologised and explained.

"Oh... Well, if you put it like that. I guess I am wise beyond my years. In fact, I'm actually smarter than your leader whether you believe it or not is up to you, but that's the truth" Raya who was weak to compliments immediately began flexing while indirectly calling Muku dumber than a child.

"So cute! (Hey!)" Audrey couldn't control herself anymore and jumped on Raya and hugged the little dragon girl with a big smile on her face.

Raya of course protested and tried to run away. Which she could do unlike last time when she was getting used to her new body. Unfortunately for her, Muku the backstabber bound her in place with his Telekinesis.

And she couldn't break away without doing something major which would destroy the mansion. So, she unwillingly resigned herself to her fate.

She let Audrey play with her and pinch her cheeks for close to five minutes. Internally she was thinking that the shark meat better be tasty enough to be worth the effort and suffering she went through...

"Are you not done yet?" Muku asked Audrey who didn't look like she was going to let go of Raya anytime soon if not asked.

"Oh, cough. Sorry about that. I got carried away. I can't help but think of her as my own child when I look at her. Layla was too cold back then and wouldn't let me touch her, the brat(Mom!). Cough, anyway, yeah, let's continue. Thank you very much for the gift. Now the whole group has the capabilities to defend themselves or at least run away properly even without mana" Audrey came back to her senses and replied to Muku.

She was so flustered that she accidentally cursed Layla.

"Oh, so that's how it is. Well, if it makes you feel better, you'll have a child to raise from infancy eventually, so... Yeah" Muku replied.

"You're right... I definitely will" Audrey spoke while looking at Muku.

Her grey eyes turned red for a split second before going back to normal.

Muku felt a headache coming in. Hw felt that his future might be darker than he thought... One might think he was lucky until they realised that pleasure can kill...

"Anyway, let me add a bit more to what Raya said. Like she said, now all of you have the physical capabilities of the lowest stage in your rank. Which is the beginning of Pseudo-Legendary physical-type evolvers who aren't freaks like Jade... Anyway, I guess I have to congratulate Freya and Elsa for finally catching up. To think you two have also reached R4!. Very impressive!" Muku spoke.

"Thank you. But I haven't truly caught up yet... There's still more work to be done..." Elsa replied humbly.

Freya nodded shyly beside her.

Even if they saw things like that, everyone else was proud of them. After all, they had mostly improved their strength alone without help from the others...

"If you say so. Now all that's left is some training to get used to your new bodies and my gift would be over. What do you all think?" Muku asked with a smile.

Chapter 332: Assurance...

"It's the best gift ever! Thank you Big Brother! Now we won't have to be too afraid of running out of mana. Having that weight off our backs will definitely improve our battle tactics. Especially for those like me who had pretty much no physical capabilities at all. I was always afraid of running out of mana and becoming powerless, so I never fought as effectively as possible." Hope was the first to thank her big brother.

She of course gave him a big hug as she spoke. Which was standard Hope behaviour really...

"Yeah! Definitely. With this improved body I can finally go all out with my lightning without fear of hurting myself..." Chloe seconded Hope.

"Yeah... Wait, what? What do you mean you can finally go all out? Are you telling me you were faster than me and Jade at the same level without going all out?" Audrey caught an underlying meaning behind Chloe's words.

She then asked about it with a disheartened look on her face. Which was obviously just to tease Chloe. However, Chloe had long been blinded by her love for Audrey since that event from before, so she couldn't tell that Audrey was joking with her. And so, she panicked.

"No, no! That's not what I meant. I was going all out... That was all my body could manage. I promise, I wasn't holding back!" Chloe tried to explain herself with a flustered expression on her face.

"Oh, so that's how it is? But isn't that just saying your body was holding you back and the rest of us are trash for not catching up even in such a situation?" Audrey spoke seriously as she decided to tease Chloe a bit more.

The girl looked so cute when flustered, so she couldn't help it. She would have already begun pinching her cheeks if that wouldn't expose the act.

"No. I, uh..." Chloe was at a loss for words.

She tried her best to think of what to say, but her brain was drawing a blank.

"Ow!" She cried out when Audrey suddenly lightly pinched her cheek.

"Silly child. Do you think I'd be sad about such a thing? Am I that petty to you?" Audrey spoke gently as she addressed Chloe.

She decided to end the act lest the girl's brain overheated from overthinking...

"No, you're not petty at all. That's why I was so confused" Chloe replied while rubbing her cheek.

"Don't worry, I know" Audrey replied with a motherly smile on her face.

Though the scene looked a bit weird to everyone else since the two almost looked like they were the same age.

Audrey hadn't changed at all in the last two years. It was the other girls who grew to become a bit more mature-looking.

Speaking of which. After two years, the looks of Emily, Chloe, Jade, Layla and Freya had improved to almost match Audrey's.

The two younger girls weren't too far behind and would probably reach the same level in a year or two.

Looking at them gave Muku a headache.

He realised that now he not only had to give Audrey a veil when meeting new people, but almost all the other girls had to have one too.

Imagining the scene gave him the chills. Like was there anything more sketchy and screamed "cult" than one dude travelling with almost ten girls who were wearing veils to hide their faces?

Such a scene would definitely turn heads negatively. Hell, if it were him who saw such a group, he might run away.

Unfortunately, he was part of the group, and as the leader too. So running away wasn't an option...

Maybe he should also wear a veil when the time came?... Pfft, what was he thinking? It wasn't the time for such things.

"Now if you two are done with your mother-daughter bonding can we get on with it? We have readers to satisfy after all..." Muku spoke after getting his head out of the gutters.

"Oh. Hehe. Almost forgot about that. Sure, let's continue" Audrey who was now hugging Chloe with a blissful smile on her face replied embarrassedly.

"Great! Now, I could tell you all about the Force Technique. But I think it would be better to do that when everyone is around during training later on. For now, can you all tell me why none of you have reached R5 yet? Better yet, why is no one at PR4 at least? There should be plenty enough beasts to reach that in a year, right? Is there a matter which got in the way of your ranking up?" Muku continued.

He brought up a topic which surprised and impressed the girls.

"As expected of our leader. You've already figured out that something is going on without us saying anything. Anyway, you're right. There is a reason why we're not as strong as we should have been with the time we had..." Audrey replied as she and the other girls gave Muku impressed gazes.

While they knew very well that he cared, it always felt good to know that he cared so much to pay attention to every detail.

That was a thing with girls. They always needed assurance even when they had no reason to doubt.

Many men like the author have failed to give them that constant assurance. Fortunately for Muku, it came naturally to him. He did it without even knowing that he was doing it. That's how much he cared about them.

That's probably a big part of why most of them fell for him. He wasn't only good-looking, strong and smart, but he also paid sufficient attention to them without being overbearing.

The bastard was a natural-born lady killer!

"Oh? Do tell..." Muku replied as he got ready to listen intently, not wanting to miss a single detail.

He had a feeling that something big was going on...

"Right... So, it all started more than a year ago when weird people in weird clothes came too close to our base... Well, I guess it can be said that it began with NL base. Anyway, it went like so..." Audrey began telling Muku everything.

She told him about their first encounter with Tactoa. Then the explosion Jade caused. Then the black slime and Jade's big brother with his team. After that, she told him about the weird Monarch's brief appearance.

Layla, Emily and Jade had told her everything that happened back then, so she knew enough to tell someone else.

And Emily and Layla were there to correct her if she got anything wrong. But she got everything right, so they didn't say anything.

After that, she told him about how Chris and his group stayed with them for two months before going back.

"Hmm... What an eventful period you all had. I wish I could see that black slime and experience its abilities. Then there's my brother-in-law... I'm sure he said something bad about me. I would have wanted to meet him too and "talk it out" Muku commented after Audrey stopped to catch her breath.

"Who's your brother-in-law?" Suddenly a voice rang out from the stairs.

"Oh? So the sleeping beauty is finally up?... Or should I say sleeping beast?" Muku teased without looking back.

"Tsk. You're lucky I'm out of power right now or I'd make you regret that..." Jade who was obviously the voice's owner spoke as she came to sit beside Muku.

Audrey had long returned to Chloe's side when she was teasing her, so the seat was empty.

"Don't worry young miss, you'll regain your power and we will run it back" Muku refused to back down.

"Tsk. Such a bully" Jade replied while laying her head onto Muku's lap as if it was the most natural thing ever in the world.

She even closed her eyes. Then...

"I'm glad you're back..." Jade spoke softly then literally fell asleep on the spot.

Muku checked and confirmed that she wasn't faking it.

"Did she just..." Muku started a question.

"Wake up from her room just to come and sleep on your lap? Yes. That's exactly what she did" Hope finished the question and answered it too.

Her eyes were burning with envy as she wondered why she didn't think to do that.

The other girls also gave the sleeping Jade envious looks. However, none held any real negative feelings toward her. She was one of them after all.

In fact, they silently thanked her for opening the door. Now they can also shamelessly lie on Muku's lap later on and use Jade as an excuse.

If she did it, then they would also have to do it to balance things out, right? It was only fair...

With those thoughts swirling in their heads. The girls looked at each other with knowing glints in their eyes.

Muku suddenly felt a chill run down his spine but ignored it. There were more important things to deal with.

"Let's ignore Jade for now. Can you please continue, Audrey? From what you said, I'm guessing that it's only after Chris's group left that things took a turn for the worse, right?" Muku urged Audrey to continue.

"Yeah. That's when things took a turn for the worse. It didn't happen immediately actually. I think everything was peaceful for close to two months after that. Well, not peaceful, but you know what I mean. Anyway, one normal day..." Audrey went on to tell Muku everything that happened.

Chapter 333: Peak deduction

"Let me get this straight. So you're saying that you suspect the Monarch didn't leave the girls alone because it wanted to, but because it couldn't do anything at that time?" Muku asked for confirmation.

"Yes. If it wasn't for that then it wouldn't make sense for Chris' team to show up two months later with wounds all over their bodies and saying that they were running away from Tactoa. After all, other than our two teams, only the Monarch knew what was going on" Audrey replied.

"Hmm. That makes sense. So it notified its team to deal with them after they returned... So where are they now?" Muku asked.

"We're not sure. They didn't stick around for too long after finding us. They just warned us and left. Chris said he had received a message from his brother and was going to look for him. We of course asked him to stay but he refused. He said that we probably already had enough problems on our plates, so he couldn't bother us with more..." Audrey replied.

"How perceptive he is. Now I'm really interested in meeting him... Anyway, from the way you spoke, I'm guessing that wasn't the end of it..." Muku spoke.

"That's right. A month after Chris' group left, we ran into some Tactoa members. It seemed like a coincidence from their surprised looks. However, they also recognised us immediately and attacked on the spot... Of course, as you can see, they failed. Jade took care of them immediately. However, the moment they died, their bodies exploded. The group was different from the first one, so they had no guns. For that reason, Jade didn't have her guard up around them. So she was caught up in the blast. Fortunately, it wasn't anything serious so she wasn't injured. However, it seemed to have agitated her when she came into contact with the black gas which came out of their bodies... Come to think of it, that's when her condition started deteriorating..." Audrey paused to catch her breath.

"Well. This might be more complicated than I thought. Let me guess, after that time. The Tactoa members began showing up every now and then and were stronger or more in number every time?" Muku comment.

The eyes of all the girls widened. They were astonished by how Muku was spot on with his comment. It was almost like he was there watching...

"How did you know Big Brother? Were you spying on us from the other world and just pretending to guess?" Hope was the first to voice what was on everyone's mind...

"Hehe. Come on now. Don't be absurd. I just deduced a conclusion from the information I knew. You see, I already know that Jade reacts negatively to Monarch energy. From the slime incident, we know that the black gas was diluted Monarch energy. Since it came into contact with Jade's body, she has been agitated ever since, right?. So, it's safe to guess that there's some residue still lingering on her. And that's why her condition is getting worse. If I have to guess even further with what I know, I'd say, the

same residue is leading the Tactoa group to Jade. It can't be accurate, but can point them in the general direction... If I have to go deeper, I'd say that the Monarch is probably under some restrictions otherwise the residue would be enough to kill Jade let alone pinpoint her location..." Muku explained himself. The more he spoke. The more the girls were amazed.

"Wow, big brother! Have you gotten even smarter? None of us thought of that. Not even Layla who claims to be the smartest. Such a let down (Hey!)" Hope complimented her big brother while casually cursing Layla.

She was bold enough to give her a disdainful look as she spoke.

Layla called out angrily at the unprovoked diss. She had never claimed to be the smartest. And even if she had, wasn't it okay not to think about everything? If she did, wouldn't she be a god instead of a human? At the very least, she would have been Aizen... And she was neither!

Why was everyone bullying her these days? Was it because she let Jade go when she started it back then?

Or maybe she was too nice and they no longer respected her?

Yes, that had to be it. People never take you seriously when you're nice! Well, no more! She won't be nice anymore!

"Hope. If you have something to say, say it to my face. In fact, let's take it outside! Right now!" Layla called as chilly black air radiated from her body.

"Hiiii! No! No, thank you. If you want to take care of me. You should deal with Chloe first!" Hope replied fearfully while pointing at Jade as she hid her face behind Muku.

She wanted no part of Layla. Like at all. Getting frozen wasn't on her agenda for the day. So hell no!

Speaking of which, Hope was probably the wimp of the group when it came to fighting her teammates.

The reason for that was simple actually. The others knew her well enough to block her poison easily if they knew it was coming. So, she'd rather not risk the beating after that.

Sure, she had a fighting chance if she went all out but that would be too dangerous for the other party if she succeeded. The damage might not be something she could fix in time so it was better to avoid the battle completely...

"Hmm, I guess you're right..." Layla replied as she turned to Chloe.

Chloe instantly felt a chill go down her spine when Layla looked at her. She immediately raised her hands to signify her surrender.

She internally cursed Hope the traitor. Like weren't they supposed to be best friends? Like where did that sweet and kind Hope she met back then go?

"Umm. Sis, if you want to find trouble. It should be with Jade. She's the one who started everything..." Chloe mercilessly threw Jade under the bus just like Hope did her.

She couldn't help it. That black ice aura around Layla was just too intimidating!

"Well, sadly Ms Jade is out of commission for now. So I guess I'll have to deal with the two of you disrespectful brats in the meantime. But don't worry. It won't be an elemental battle. It will be physical. Don't you think it's a good way to train our new bodies?" Layla replied with a smile. She didn't even bother to look at the slumbering Jade.

"What a great idea! In fact, it will be a whole tournament!. I'm sure you didn't have anything like that since I left. And unlike the ones in the past. Everyone is equally strong!... Well, if we remove Audrey...and Jade after she takes her fruit. But it's okay, they can fight each other and the rest of you can fight each other. The winner will get another fruit as a reward. It won't improve your body anymore, but just the taste is worth it don't you think? And so you know, I only have one more..." Muku excitedly proposed a tournament.

The girls all gave him a deadpan look...

"You pervert. It's obvious that you just like seeing girls fight. And don't deny it. We noticed how excited you got before. I wouldn't be surprised if you cared more about seeing us fight than the experience we get from it..." Emily chimed in and viciously exposed Muku.

"Cough. Cough. In my defence. Many men like that so it's not my fault I'm one of them... And are you saying you're out?" Muku replied.

"What flawed reasoning. But whatever, it's expected from a man. And I didn't say that. Of course I'm in... Not for the fruit, but the experience... Of course, if I win. I'll accept it" Emily spoke in a "I'm superior" tone but still expressed her participation...

This made Muku and the others feel the urge to roll their eyes but they didn't. They all knew how easy it was for Emily to go from 0-100. And none of them wanted to deal with that heat.

"Great! What about everyone else?" Muku addressed the others. They all agreed except...

"Big brother. Why would you do this? Do you want to see me getting beaten so much?" Hope wasn't feeling it.

She realised that without powers and being the same physically... She no longer had a reason to refuse.

As someone who had never fought a day in her life(physically), she knew that there was a high chance of getting beaten up even when their level was the same. And that's not something she wanted to experience.

So, she did the only thing she could think to do. And that was crying to her big brother and hoping that she was excluded. Unfortunately...

"If you don't fight them, you're fighting Jade when she's better. Those are your only choices..." Muku replied with a smile while saying something which made Hope want to cry.

What kind of choice was fighting Jade? That wasn't a choice at all. That one would definitely break at least one of your bones!

"Big brother..." Hope wanted to try again, but Muku interrupted her.

"Nope. There's no negotiation like I said. Chose one. I'll give you time to think about it since it won't be today. For now, we still have an important matter to address" Muku replied.

He waved Hope off for the time being. He wanted to spoil his sister as much as possible. But she needed to learn how to fight for more protection.

And everyone knew that he didn't play when it came to the group's protection.

Hope deflated beside him after realising that she had no way out...

"Audrey, can you please continue?" Muku spoke as he focused on Audrey again.

"Right..." Audrey replied then continued...

Chapter 334: Rivals

"Like you said, we increasingly kept running into them. And their strength improved each time until it was their numbers after they reached PR4 in strength. Since we expected them and knew about the explosions. We managed to take care of them all without any complications. They usually show up within a few weeks of each other. And it has been a couple of weeks since the last group, so the next one should be close" Audrey continued as asked.

"It's good that you were able to take care of them... However, were they so dumb as to think that just numbers or a little more strength would win against you? If so, aren't they too dumb to keep on trying the same thing each time?" Muku commented.

"No, they tried different methods each time. Setting traps, sniping, swarming, ambushing, sending beasts... But most of that stuff is countered by Jade, the barrier and Hope. Despite her condition, Jade still has otherworldly senses and will immediately know when someone is looking in her way with malice. Which would make her more violent during her episodes. So catching us by surprise was out of the question. Then there's sniping... We only went out of the barrier after making sure that there was no one left. And swarming is probably the dumbest thing to do with that girl here..." Audrey explained.

She finished her explanation by pointing at Hope. Muku immediately understood what she meant.

Hope really was the worst enemy to have when you were uninformed. She literally only had to cast her Whisperless Death and whoever stepped into the covered area would die before they knew what hit them.

It was even worse when she knew a group was coming. She would cast it but reduce its potency until everyone is within range then... With a mere thought, they would all fall and never get up again.

Muku was immediately reminded of his experience with the spell back in the trial ground. A chill went down his spine. A flash of fear appeared in his eyes when he looked at Hope before disappearing.

It wasn't that he was scared of Hope. It was just a reflex caused by the horrible memory.

"What was that big brother?" Hope asked with a serious expression as she looked at Muku. She had noticed the flash in his eyes.

"What do you mean?" Muku asked confusedly.

"That flash in your eyes? What was that? I don't like it... My heart hurts for whatever reason..." Hope explained herself.

And she wasn't exaggerating, she really felt pained after seeing that look even though she didn't understand what it was. It only appeared for a split second, but it affected her greatly...

"Oh, that. Sorry. I'll tell you about it later. Please don't take it to heart. I promise you'll understand then..." Muku apologised without getting into detail.

"...Okay. If you say so" Jade looked at him for a few seconds without saying anything.

It was only after she was sure of the sincerity in his eyes that a smile reappeared on her face and she replied.

Muku sighed in relief internally for dodging the bullet. He couldn't help but commend Hope's perceptiveness. Most people probably wouldn't have noticed the look at all.

Well, then again, Hope was pretty much always looking at him and studying him when she could, so it was understandable. Honestly, the way she looked at him with glowing eyes full of life and interest sometimes made him wonder if... Nuh, there was no way...

"Anyway, that's the gist of what happened in our separation which is worth mentioning..." Audrey added.

"No, that's not everything. You haven't told me about your improved magic yet. You know, like Layla's chilly black aura. That's not something she could do before. I'm sure you all have your own surprises too... But I guess I'll find out eventually. So, let's leave that be for now. It can be something to look forward to as we get used to each other again" Muku expressed his interest in knowing about their improvements.

"Oh, you noticed that, huh? That's a blunder on my part. I also wanted to keep it a secret then surprise you when the chance arises. I knew it... Being around Jade too much isn't a good thing. I'm losing my calmness. Well, whatever, you technically haven't seen anything substantial yet, so I guess it's still okay" Layla replied to Muku's statement.

She casually threw shade at the slumbering Jade just because she could. Everyone has been disrespecting her because of Jade so it was fine. Just because she was the calm and collected one didn't mean that she couldn't be petty too right?

"Well, somebody is confident. Now I can't wait to see what you have installed for me. Don't disappoint me" Muku replied smilingly.

"Don't worry, you won't be disappointed. Enjoyment is guaranteed" Layla replied with a little mischievous smile on her face as she looked at Muku suggestively.

Muku couldn't help but gulp down some saliva as he remembered their make-out session from before...

"What is that supposed to mean you perv"

Suddenly the supposedly sleeping Jade spoke as she rose from Muku's lap.

"None of your business" Layla replied bluntly. She completely dismissed being called "perv".

"It became my business when you woke me up with that unprovoked cuss. Freaking Frosty! Always pretending to be proper then curse people behind their backs... Then again, with that shadow element, it's understandable" Jade responded.

She clearly didn't mind that she barely had any Beast Aura at the moment as she picked a fight with Layla. She clearly knew that Layla didn't like being called Frosty yet she said it and added some more things on top.

"Firstly, if you wanted to sleep, you should have stayed in your room. Secondly, call me that again if you want a fight. I don't pretend to do anything, you're the one who assumed what you wanted. And I never act unprovoked. So, whatever I do or say to you is your fault. How is it that someone who can't keep their own power under control is throwing shade at mine? Are you stupid?" Layla replied calmly.

Yet every sentence was designed to cut as deep into Jade as possible. Muku was honestly surprised by how much she had changed. The old Layla would have remained quiet.

Maybe she really had lost her calmness because of Jade, like she said.

If it were an animated scene, sparks would be seen flying between the two. It looked like they were ready to throw down.

Muku was flustered but the other girls looked on calmly. They had long gotten used to the verbal fights between Layla and Jade. Somehow the two had become the group's resident rivals always at odds with each other.

Thinking about their vastly different personalities which pretty much went the opposite way... Maybe their rivalry was inevitable...

"Okay, girls. Now is not the time for that. Especially you Jade, why are you so rowdy when you know Layla can squash you in your current state without breaking a sweat?" Muku spoke as he tried to break up the conflict.

He felt a headache coming in as he did so. Surely things always took a turn for the worse when Jade was around. The girl hadn't been up for even two minutes, yet she had already derailed the situation.

Sure, it can be said that Layla started it by mentioning her. But then again, if Jade didn't do some things in the last, then Layla wouldn't have been bothered with her.

"Hey! Why are you only calling me out? You jerk! Just got here and already showing favouritism! Hmph! It's because she seduced you isn't it? What a shameless pair! And as for why I dare fight back it's because I know you wouldn't let her beat me up" Jade, as usual, refused to take things lying down.

"What the hell?! I thought you said you'd turn it down and won't be so chaotic back in the trial ground? So what's this now? And who said I would interfere?" Muku replied while rubbing his head.

There was no real headache, but dealing with Jade always gave him the feeling that there was a headache. The feeling probably originated from their student-teacher days. She wasn't any easier back then either...

"Hehe. Well, I can't help it if I've got used to acting like this. Like they say, fake it until you make it. I faked it so long, I made it. Now this is me. And don't try to fool me. I know you would interfere. If I were just tired, the ruthless you, would definitely let her beat me up. Which is like to say is really horrible. Anyway, right now you know that there's an issue with me, so you won't stand by" Jade spoke proudly knowing that Muku wouldn't do something to her nor let anyone do anything either.

"Tsk. I hate it when you use your brain. Anyway, you're right. But you will get better eventually. After that, there's that spanking I promised..." Muku replied annoyedly.

However, an evil smile appeared on his face when he mentioned the spanking

"You monster!" Jade exclaimed in shock.

"Yeah, yeah. Whatever, we'll talk about that later. Let's talk about you for now... Tell us, what's going on?" Muku asked seriously as he sidelined the light-hearted bunter.

The mood instantly changed and turned serious...

Chapter 335: Burning desire...

"... Can we speak about that in private? It's not that I don't trust the others. Just that..." Jade replied after a moment of silence.

Then she trailed off at the end and as she didn't know how to put her words in a way that wouldn't hurt the others.

"Sure. We can speak in my room. I haven't been there in two years, so it's killing two birds with one stone. I'm sure they wouldn't mind. Would you guys?" Muku replied.

He saw that Jade was struggling so he decided to make it easier for her by replying ahead of time.

"No, of course not. We're certain you'll tell us when you feel it's okay to tell us. There's no need to force yourself. Do what needs to be done" Emily replied on behalf of the group.

As Jade's best friend, it was only natural for her to be the one to reply.

"... Thanks for understanding. I promise I'll make it up to you..." Jade replied with a grateful expression on her face.

"Ew. It disgusts me to see you acting like a normal person" Emily replied with a disgusted expression.

"Emily do you want to die?! Are you calling me weird?!" Jade exclaimed angrily.

All the good emotions she felt towards Emily vanished after that one statement from the golden-eyed girl.

"No of course not. I'm not calling you weird. Why would you even assume that?" Emily replied seriously as if she had been wronged.

"Good, at least you've come back to your (I'm calling you mad)... You bastard! Wait until I have recovered! We're running it back! Let's go Muku, I can't look at this jerk any longer!" Jade was praising Emily for coming to her senses when the girl called her mad.

So of course she exploded again. However, since she didn't have much energy at the time, she decided to do the next best thing. And that was dragging Muku away.

And even that wasn't easy as she practically had to pry him out of Hope's unwilling arms.

The scene looked quite comical. Hope didn't get up with them, however, she didn't let go of Muku's arm.

It was like she understood the situation however, she still wasn't willing to let go of Muku.

In the end, Audrey had to get involved for Hope to finally let go.

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A while later in Muku's room...

"Sigh. Why is everyone in our group so problematic?" Jade asked no one in particular as she slumped on Muku's bed tiredly.

"I don't think you of all people should be saying that" Muku replied with a wry smile on her face as he looked on.

"Tsk. Can't you support me just one time? Would it kill you or something?" Jade replied annoyedly.

"Now where is the fun in that? Besides, if you were in a supportable position, of course I'd support you" Muku replied jokingly.

"Whatever.... Now tell me why you are still standing by the door? Isn't this your room? Why am I more comfortable in here than you are?" Hope spoke as she looked back at Muku.

"What do you want me to do? Lie down next to you?" Muku replied as his eyes couldn't help but trace Jade's perfect body.

Despite being a physical-type Evolver of the highest order. Her body looked just as delicate as the others. A person who didn't know her could easily mistake her for a mage... Then again, her Beast Empress class is a weird one.

"Are you done checking me out perv? Anyway, yes, come lie down and let's talk. I'm not saying you should try anything though. If you do I'll scream" Jade spoke as she turned over a beaoned Muku with her finger.

Her skirt and risen up to the point of almost exposing her delicate parts. Coupled with her suggestive actions... It was a destructive combo to say the very least.

Muku couldn't help but gulp down some saliva then closed his eyes for a moment. He felt that if he didn't do that, something else instead of a talk would happen in that room.

"Oh please, if anyone is likely to jump the other it's you" Muku replied after calming himself down as he walked toward the bed.

"Yet you didn't deny ogling me" Jade replied arrogantly like she had won a battle.

"Well, why deny the obvious. And we both know that's what you wanted anyway" Muku replied while lying next to Jade like it was the most natural thing in the world.

Jade couldn't help but feel a little nervous seeing him act so naturally and smelling his body scent with their shoulders touching as they both lay with their back on the bed.

"You have no proof of that. And if I were to report you for indecent assault, do you think the police will care about who started it?" Jade replied playfully while turning over and whispering into Muku's ear.

She figured that since she started the act, she might as well go all out and win. She was sure that Muku would fold first then she could brag about it. After all, she had no chance of winning fights, so she might as well take the wins she could.

"Oh really now? Even if there were still cops in the apocalypse and they did their job instead of focusing on surviving. Do you think any of them would be able to do anything to me? Oh and, you mentioned screaming before. (Ahh!) So, I'd like you to tell me how anyone would hear you if I were to isolate this room and banish all sound with my Telekinesis field? Wouldn't I have thoroughly ravaged you by the time anyone thought to come and check on us out of their own volition?" Muku replied dangerously as he suddenly moved and got on top of Jade.

He looked her right in the eyes as he spoke. His eyes reflected a nervous Jade. But Jade didn't see that reflection, all she could see was the burning desire in his eyes threatening to burn her into ash at any given moment.

She had never felt so weak and defenceless. And yet Muku hadn't done anything other than get on top of her without even pressing down on her.

"I uh..." Jade's mind short-circuited and she stumbled on her words not knowing what to say.

And so she closed her eyes as chaotic thoughts plagued her mind. She was screaming at herself for starting something she wasn't sure she would finish.

But in her defence, if it was two years ago. Muku would have long backed off. Yet unlike then, instead of backing away when she cranked the heat to ten, he went even further and cranked it to a hundred. And from the looks of it, he was about to crank it to a thousand and finish it.

Which obviously caught her off guard. A cold chill went down her spine as she thought of what was likely about to happen.

Wasn't it way too sudden?! Sure she started it, but still!

"It seems you've had enough playing for today. Now can we get back to business?" Muku suddenly disturbed her thoughts with a calm voice.

The voice was so different from when he was speaking about ravaging her that she snapped her eyes open to see if it was the same person.

And as expected, it was the same person. However, the burning passion was gone from his eyes and what replaced it was nothing but calm with a hint of ridicule.

Before Jade could say anything, Muku got off her and lay down beside her again.

Oddly enough, instead of feeling relieved, Jade found herself feeling disappointed instead. Just when she was trying to make sense of that feeling, she felt a dampness in-between her legs.

Everything became clear to her because of that. She realised that she was actually turned on by Muku's boorish actions, and from the level of the dampness... She was more than turned on and was ready to go.

A wave of embarrassment stronger than she had ever experienced before washed over her body. Her face instantly turned tomato red. As if she could feel it, she immediately covered it with her eyes. Or she was just too embarrassed to look at Muku?

"Hehe. Well now, to think that even Jade can feel embarrassment. And I have to say, you look super cute when you're embarrassed. If I wasn't afraid of getting bitten, I would have definitely pinched your cheeks" Muku teased Jade a little more which made another wave of embarrassment hit the poor girl.

"Please shut up or I'm leaving. You bully" Jade spoke with her hands still on her face in a voice so sweet and feminine that Muku almost went beast mode.

Which would have been him ripping off her clothes then ravaging her on the spot. He didn't know why, but seeing the usually headstrong Jade act so girly really hit his weak spots.

As someone who didn't want to continue travelling down the dangerous path for the time being, he did as he was told by going quiet.

He felt that if he continued teasing Jade, then ravaging her was all but guaranteed...

But it wasn't the time for that. Jade still had a major problem which came first. So, even if he was unwilling, he couldn't let himself go... Yet.

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A few minutes later...

"I have calmed down now. Let's get to business. And please don't do that again..." Jade spoke seriously after recovering her nerves.

"Sure" Muku replied simply even though he wanted to remind the girl that she was the one who stated everything...

Chapter 336: Dreamy visions...

Jade began talking as Muku listened intently. Neither played around anymore...

"So, you still remember how everything began, right? During that time with the glowing green Monarch. It's what triggered my transformation and turned my Beast Aura and hair red... But that wasn't all that happened. It obviously made me stronger and more aggressive at times. The aggression drove me to leave the group for a while since it was hard to control back then and I thought it would be better to be away... Of course, there was another reason I left, which was gaining strength without worrying about the others. So it was hitting two birds with one stone..." Jade exposed a truth to Muku that she had never exposed to the others.

While they might have guessed some things back then, the worry they felt wouldn't have been as controlled if Jade had told them everything. And Emily wouldn't have been so willing to let Jade live alone due to the possible consequences.

Like if she suddenly lost control and attacked a beast she couldn't fight. Which would obviously lead to her death.

It was actually one of the reasons why they didn't agree to let Jade go off on her own when she suggested it when she began having her berserk episodes.

"Okay... But I doubt that's why you brought me here..." Muku commented.

"Tsk. Why did you have to know me so well? Can't you think of me as a dainty girl who makes mountains out of molehills for once?" Jade complained.

"Well, you do make mountains out of molehills though... Just not in this type of scenario" Muku replied.

"Sigh. What did I ever do to deserve such an unromantic man? Like, you specifically choose to say the stuff you know I don't want to hear... Anyway, let's continue before this takes a turn for the worse..." Jade complained but dismissed the matter as she didn't want to go off track.

As for whether it was over instead of paused... Time will tell.

Muku quietly agreed to continue. He didn't say anything, not wanting to risk saying something which would trigger the girl. He knew himself and Jade enough to know that it didn't take much for the two of them to start arguing...

"In case you didn't get it from when I implied it, you were right when you assumed that I didn't bring you here because of the things I've already said. I brought you here because of the visions I had... Or should I call them dreams? Let's say it's a combination of both since some happened when I was awake while others happened when I was asleep. Anyway, these dreamy visions, yeah, I'll call them that. Aren't I just so smart?... Cough. Almost got distracted there. Let me continue then. I saw a world which was bleeding from the sky. The earth was barren and ruined. An unknown number of beings stronger than anything I could possibly imagine were attacking the sky. They were being led by a figure bathed in white light I

couldn't see clearly. Before I could make sense of that, it ended and another scene in which a red-haired lady with cat ears and black stripes all over her body... At least, the exposed parts all had stripes. Anyway, she was smiling at me while holding me in her arms. Honestly, she looked exactly like me, just an older version. It felt quite creepy to look at her because it was like I was looking at the future version of myself. Anyway, that was cut too. Then another time I had a vision in which a large golden ape ambushed the lady who looked like me and injured her severely. The ape seemed familiar for some reason. But that didn't last long either. Another time I had a dream in which the same ape attacked what looked to be a village full of red-haired and black striped people. It killed everyone but the lady who managed to escape with me in her arms... The running went on forever. Spanning a few dreams and visions. Then she finally reached her destination..." Jade paused to catch her breath.

"Her destination was a majestic-looking castle surrounded by greenery. It almost seemed unreal. Like it was out of a dream. Anyway, she met up with the white figure from before. I'm not sure what they spoke about since it wasn't too clear. However, I heard words like Monarch, Origin, Stolen, Can't be saved. Don't interfere. Daughter, Revenge... It was a mess honestly. Anyway, the lady handed "me" to the figure bathed in white light then fell and likely died. A wave of anger unlike any I've ever felt hit me when I saw that. I think it made me more violent than before. After that. The next vision didn't happen until after the Tactoa members exploded on me and covered me with the unknown Monarch's energy" Jade paused again to let everything she had said so far, sink in.

"The dream seemed to be a continuation of the last. As I found myself inside the castle in the white figure's arms... Speaking of which. I don't think the figure was really covered in white light. I think something is blocking me from "seeing" them... Which would be crazy and OP as hell. Anyway, inside the castle there were many faces. But one stood out to me. It was the face of a little boy... Not that there was anything wrong with him or anything. Just that the boy looked familiar... He looked like a three or four-year-old version of you... I know it sounds crazy but that's what I saw. Anyway, he stuck to the figure like glue since they entered the castle. And a black and silver egg round the size of a soccer ball never left his arms. The dream ended there. My violent urges got worse after that until the berserk episodes began. Then I had my last one which was another vision of a bleeding sky. The white figure and many other figures seemed panicked in their actions. I was then taken to a weird room which was purely white in colour. Beside me was the boy who was crying while holding the egg. The figure hugged us and left the room..." Jade paused and looked to her side to see if Muku was still paying attention.

She was met with the desire in his eyes to learn more. Which made a small smile appear on her face then she continued...

"I heard the words, world separation, mana exclusion, future, destiny and Blue Planet. Then a white light flashed... The next moment, the me who was probably still a child who could barely move found myself on a doorstep... The doorstep looked awfully familiar to my house before the apocalypse. Just that it looked a lot better in appearance, like time hasn't taken its toll on it yet. Anyway, my mother opened

the door and picked me up in surprise. I saw a reflection of myself in her eyes. And it was a red-haired baby. Then something weird happened. My hair turned from red to green to match my mother's. She looked very surprised and a little scared. But she didn't drop me or leave me there. She took me inside and the vision ended before I could see the interior... So what do you think?" Jade finished her story by asking Muku a question.

"What do you think?" Muku asked her the question back instead of answering it.

"I think I am an alien baby from the past who found her way to my mom's doorstep... And you are probably the same. Now tell me what do you think?" Jade replied nonchalantly.

"Whoa! I might not remember the first few years of my life. But that's understandable since many people forget and it's normal. It could be because of a traumatic event. And I think you're overthinking things. Maybe the "visions" are just your bloodline playing tricks on you. Or maybe they did happen. But not to you and your mind just created fake images which support your assumptions after the visions you got from your bloodline. I mean, even the most average person can have fake memories. Or maybe, the first Monarch did something to you which the second Monarch reinforced and this is all just a sick joke to them..." Muku gave her multiple possibilities.

"Or it could be exactly as I said it and you're just in denial... You know what, I just remembered something. Do you remember the first time we met? Even though I had never seen you before, or ever heard of you. You felt familiar to me. And I was comfortable around you from the get-go... How do you explain that? In fact, what about you? What did you feel when you saw me for the first time?" Jade refused to listen to Muku's logic.

"Okay, I will admit that you did feel familiar back then. But I had seen photos of all my students before they appeared in front of you. So that might be the reason. And as for you, maybe you saw me on TV once since I was popular back then. And you just forgot but the feeling of familiarity remained" Muku argued again.

"You know, despite what you're saying. I can sense that you know in your heart that in this matter. What I said has a higher chance of being true than what you said. I mean come on... With all the weird things we've encountered and can do... Is it really so impossible?" Jade pressed on.

"..." Muku remained quiet not knowing what to say.

What Jade was saying made sense after all. And as they say, reality is sometimes more unbelievable than fantasy...

Chapter 337: I want a divorce!

"Fine, let's say what you said is true... What are you planning on doing about it now?" Muku relented and asked a hypothetical question.

Honestly, he 90% believed Jade since her "dreamy visions" kind of made sense considering the weird things that happened around them.

But since he wasn't completely sure, he couldn't commit to anything. And so, he decided to hear out Jade and know what she was planning.

"Hmm. Nothing for now since, like you said, we can't be sure yet. So, I'll let it flow until it's confirmed. If it's never confirmed, then we can forget about it. However, if it is confirmed... Then I guess I'll set out on a revenge mission with that golden ape being my target if it's still around. But honestly, I kinda hope it's not true since the bleeding sky part was horrible and that's not something I want to experience..." Jade replied calmly.

"Great plan. I support you... And yeah, I wouldn't want to see a bleeding sky either..." Muku supported Jade's way of handling things.

Which was obvious considering that that's how he also handled things. Was it wimpy? Yeah, probably. But it wasn't without reason.

The thing was, from Jade's description. It was obvious that the beings which starred in the visions were way beyond them in power. And the bleeding sky seemed to be even worse than that.

So, forcing a search for answers wouldn't only be incredibly hard without having a starting point and sufficient strength... It would also be extremely dangerous if they did manage to find something.

In fact, they weren't informed enough to even think about looking for answers. As they say, "let sleeping dogs lie". Their looking for answers might be what brings a catastrophe upon them all which they can't deal with.

Was that way of thinking a bit too pessimistic and extreme? Well yes, but it was also safe. Sure, from the visions, there seemed to be grudges which needed to be taken care of. But those were ethereal for the time being.

They weren't confirmed yet, so they lacked substance. Making them insufficient in motivating any radical actions. And it came back to strength again... Without strength. Nothing could be done. There would be no point in looking for answers only to get killed...

"Yeah. Let's focus on getting stronger for now. I think I can relax now that I've shared it with you... After all, if it's true. You're just as involved as I am... So knowing that I'm not alone is great" Jade replied calmly as she raised her hand into the air and formed a relaxed fist then opened it again like she was letting go of all her worries.

"Yeah. I guess you're right... Though I thought you would say your main agenda would be fixing the issue with your bloodline. Or did you forget that you can literally go berserk at any moment?" Muku replied with a wry smile.

He felt that Jade got too relaxed way too quickly...

"Oh no, I didn't forget. But that's not my problem now is it?" Jade replied in a relaxed voice as she brought her hand down.

"What do you mean? If it's not your problem then whose is it?" Muku asked confusedly.

However, he felt a terrible feeling rising in his heart as he thought about what Jade said.

"Hehe. Yours of course. I'm your girl aren't I? And if I could take care of it, I would have done so long ago don't you think? So yeah, I'll be in your care Honey" Jade continued speaking in her worry-free voice.

Then she started teasing Muku again by calling him "Honey" sweetly as she turned to look at him and hugged his arm lovingly.

"You brat! How dare you casually ditch your problems on me?! And when did I become your Honey? In fact, that doesn't matter. I want a divorce!" Muku exclaimed as he tried to pull his hand away but Jade wouldn't let go.

"I told you to stop calling me a brat damn it! And if you didn't want to be my Honey you should have refused me two years ago instead of being wishy-washy. Now it's too late. Whether you want to or not, you're my Honey and if you don't want the mother of your children to be a mindless Beast Empress then you'd better start looking for solutions! Divorce is out of the question! If you want to split, then the only way is for you to die right now!" Jade exclaimed spiritedly as she clung to Muku's hand like she had glued herself there.

Clearly, there was nothing Jade wouldn't dare say...

The two's struggle kept getting more and more intense until Muku was on top of the girl. Their faces were a few inches away from each other as they looked into each other in the eyes.

You know, like they do in those ecchi but extremely unrealistic anime scenes.

"W...what are you looking at?" Jade asked nervously as she noticed a familiar desire start to resurface in Muku's eyes...

"What do you think I'm doing?" Muku asked in a rough voice as he tried his hardest to hold on to his sanity.

"I don't know, that's why I'm asking you" Jade replied nervously again.

Her nervousness increased when she felt something hard pressing down on her stomach.

She couldn't help but gulp down some saliva as she immediately realised what it was.

Something immediately clicked in her mind... And that was that maybe teasing Muku in their current situation was a bad idea.

The man probably held himself back for years. So while he never showed any signs of breaking. That didn't mean he couldn't break at any moment. He only needed the slightest stimulation. And she had provided it on two different occasions in one meeting.

She could tell that this time he was more unstable than before.

Hell, it was even getting hard for him to speak as he batted with himself.

The way he was looking at her was changing too. If before he looked at her like a girl he held feelings for. Now his gaze was turning to that of a predator looking at its prey...

"Get out right now if you don't want things to get dangerous..." Muku who had been building up sexual frustration for years spoke in an even rougher voice than before.

"Y...yes" Jade replied meekly.

However, when she tried to move... She realised that she couldn't.

Not that Muku was holding her too tightly. No. It would have been easy to push him off since he was compliant. Even though he couldn't get off himself.

The problem was that Jade realised that all her strength was gone. She literally couldn't even lift a finger at the moment.

All she could feel at the moment was burning heat in her lower region.

Something immediately dawned on her... Muku's gaze had made her go into heat!

She had never experienced it before, but she was certain of it. That's what her instincts were telling her. And her body was echoing that conclusion.

She immediately panicked. What was she supposed to do now? Was she going to get ravaged just like that?! But wasn't it too sudd... Wait. Those thoughts felt familiar.

That's exactly what she thought before wasn't it? And back then she was even ready to accept anything Muku wanted to do to her. However, he backed off at the last moment and mocked her.

Yes! That had to be it! He was definitely messing with her. Did he really think he could trick her twice with the same prank? He must be joking!

He was looking down on her. She was Jade damn it! The Beast Empress! Sure she couldn't move but she most certainly wouldn't be scared by his act again.

Even if it was very convincing...

And so, after making up her mind that Muku was trying to prank her again. Jade's confidence returned.

Sure, she still couldn't move because of her body's state. But there was no need to fear. He wasn't going to do anything.

And so, she looked at Muku arrogantly in the eyes with a little smile on her face. There was still a little bit of wariness, but she wouldn't let it control her.

"Why aren't you moving girl?" Muku asked in a voice which seemed more like a muffled roar than a voice.

He had been trying to focus on himself to give Jade the chance to leave but the dumb girl wasn't moving at all.

Unlike last time, he didn't have everything under control. He realised that his bloodline was playing a part in his current actions when he did an internal search.

It was driving him to claim Jade at any cost... He didn't know why, nor was it the time to think about it.

But it should stop if she leaves... However...

"My name is not girl. It's Jade. And I changed my mind. I'm not leaving. You're the one with a problem. So you leave" The obviously stupid Jade answered arrogantly.

"I can't hold on much longer you idiot!" Muku roared again.

Internally he was cursing Jade intensely. Why was the girl being so difficult at such a time?!

"Well then don't. Whatever you want to do... Do it" Jade replied arrogantly again.

And she even caressed Muku's chest as she spoke.

All Muku heard was, "Do it" then...

Krrrrrr!

"Ah!"

Chapter 338: Beast Emperor (18+ish)

A long time ago, Jade thought about her class. The name "Beast Empress" made her wonder some things.

The major thing she wondered was. Since it was obviously related to beasts. Did that mean there was a Beast Emperor as well?

But what would happen to her feelings for Muku if the Beast Emperor appeared?... Would they be overridden?

However, that one look from Muku made everything clear, which made her lose all strength. And it was set in stone when he ripped off her shirt unexpectedly.

It didn't matter if there was a Beast Emperor out there. For the fact of the matter was, Muku had long overridden that code if it existed.

Now, no matter what happens. There was one and there will always be one Beast Emperor in her eyes. And that was Muku. From that day onwards he would be her first and last mate until the end...

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A few moments ago...

"Do it..."

Krrrrrr!

"Ah!"

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Now...

Jade screamed reflexly due to being caught off guard.

She didn't expect Muku would actually do such a thing. She looked into his eyes again as she was about to question him...

However, her heart skipped a beat when she did. She instantly realised that she screw up.

All sense of reasoning was gone from Muku's eyes. Which meant that he wasn't playing around before when he told her to leave.

"Mhmn!!!?"

Jade was about to say something to calm Muku down when her mouth was blocked by his.

She couldn't help but moan in surprise.

In the next second. All her remaining clothes were ripped off and thrown away. Which left her completely.

She immediately felt the room's chilly air on her naked skin and goosebumps instantly formed as her mind went blank.

Muku didn't give her any chance to recover as his hands began running all over her body.

He continued kissing her furiously as his hands played with her boobs. After a few moments of doing that. One of his hands went down.

It was obvious where it was going and it immediately brought Jade who was losing to the pleasure back to her senses.

She instinctively, like any virgin girl, tried to cover her most delicate place with her hands.

Unfortunately, Muku was way stronger than her. Without even putting in any effort, he grabbed both her hands with one hand and held them above Jade's head.

After that, he took his hand away but Jade's hands were stuck. That's right, he has used his Telekinesis to lock her in place.

It seemed that despite having mostly lost his mind. Muku knew what he was doing...

Jade had never felt so powerless and at the mercy of somebody else. But she oddly didn't dislike it. Hell, she was loving every moment of it.

So much so that she was practically flooding the sheets. Her legs squirmed all over the place as she was long ready to receive Muku.

However, she wasn't getting what she wanted. Muku was still focused on appreciating her body. He kissed her lips, her neck and sucked her breasts. Then kissed her tummy with emphasis on the belly button.

One of his hands never left her lower region all this time. The hand teased Jade until she didn't know what to do anymore. It would circle around her flooding cave then pinch her little button gently which made her go crazy.

It took everything she had not to beg him to put it in. She really couldn't take all the teasing anymore.

It made her wonder if Muku had really lost his mind or if he was pretending so that he could torture her with unfulfilled pleasure.

Just when she was about to completely lose it. Muku's clothes finally came off his body on their own and fell into the distance.

Jade's eyes glowed with excitement and expectation as she was finally about to get what she wanted. What she needed even...

Looking at Muku's chiselled physique made her even more horny. Now she could also see and admire it as she touched it. Unlike before when she could only feel it through his clothes.

All reason flew out of her body when she felt his snake kiss her throbbing cave. She even raised her legs up a bit to signify how much she was ready to receive him.

Muku didn't disappoint, he also couldn't wait anymore. He slowly proceeded forward. It seemed that he was still aware enough not to ram it inside at once which could hurt Jade.

Unfortunately, even if he did it slowly, it still hurt Jade a lot. However, she was resolute in continuing and taking it all in no matter.

Which she made obvious by wrapping her legs around Muku's waist and pulling him down when he stopped.

From her actions, one would think that she was the one who had lost it instead of Muku...

And so, Muku popped Jade's cherry. As expected, blood came out and stained the sheets below the duo.

It seemed that no matter how much they evolved or improved their strength. Some things, like the bleeding of a virgin, never changed...

"Ahn... Ahn... Ahn" Jade began moaning in a voice mixed with pain and pleasure as Muku began moving slowly inside her.

The moment her moans leaned more on the pleasure side... Muku's thrusts quickened.

"Ahhn! Ahhn!. Ahhn!" Jade's moans became louder and longer as she drowned in pleasure.

Fortunately, the rooms in the mansion were all soundproof otherwise, everyone in the mansion would know what was going on.

At that point, the rest of the ground was still downstairs being kept busy by Raya who was telling them about hers and Muku's experiences in the Beast World...

They had no idea that Muku and Jade who they thought were having a serious conversation were busy having intense sex...

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Back in Muku's room...

"Mhmnnnn!" Jade moaned loudly as she reached climax for the tenth time in just thirty minutes.

Muku ruthlessly continued going without caring about giving her a break. At that point it was obvious that he was back in control but so what?

Jade felt so good that he just couldn't stop. And one had to know, he had been desiring her for years. So going all out was understandable.

And Jade wasn't complaining. She quite liked his style of doing it even if it was her first time.

She liked how he treated her as he wished. He literally switched positions at any moment he felt like it. From good old missionary, to the popular doggy, then cowgirl among many other styles.

The girl felt like she was in pleasure heaven as he hit her G-spot over and over again.

His hands never stopped playing with her body like it was his favourite toy. And he kept on marking her body by biting her lightly which drove her crazy.

Though she wasn't just receiving as she also dished her own hits. She scratched his back, bit his neck and devoured his lips with her inexperienced kisses.

If it wasn't for Muku's super-strong body, he might have required a hospital after the act...

Jade fought valiantly, but unfortunately, Muku had her beat in both stamina and experience. So she eventually lost the battle after more than two hours of trying her best.

Even if Muku had only done it once. That time was more than enough for him to be Jade's senior in these matters...

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Thirty minutes later...

"So..." Jade began a sentence she didn't know how to finish as she lay tiredly in Muku's arms on the bed they would have destroyed if it wasn't reinforced...

"So?" Muku said it back.

He was also at a loss for words. He never expected that things would end up like this when he brought Jade in for a serious talk.

Though he didn't regret it. It was only a matter of time anyway. And she started it, so he was completely innocent in the matter...

"What do you mean so? Aren't going to... Wait. I feel weird..." Jade was about to curse Muku out for being wishy-washy then she felt something.

"What's wrong?" Muku asked worriedly as he sat up to get a proper look at her body.

He couldn't help but gulp down some saliva again as he was met with the sight of a devastatingly gorgeous body. His little brother instantly stood at attention again, ready for action.

But of course, he controlled himself. It wasn't the time for that. There seemed to be something wrong with Jade after all.

"My tummy feels warm... And it's spreading" Jade replied absent-mindedly as she focused on her body.

She failed to notice Muku's rising horniness. Which was fortunate for Muku as it would have led to some trouble for him if she did notice. He'd be branded a horn-dog who didn't care about anything else forever!

"Really! Does it hurt?" Muku asked as he tried his best to ignore the rising horniness.

"No... But it's still weird... I can feel an unknown energy suppressing my bloodline" Jade replied with her eyes closed.

"Oh my! Isn't that bad?!" Muku asked again. This time he felt legitimately worried.

"That's what I thought at first. But it seems to be good actually. My bloodline which has almost completely gone out of my control is coming back into my control because of the energy..." Jade replied with a little excitement in her voice.

Which was understandable since the problem which plagued her the most for years was seemingly getting fixed just like that.

"Oh... I guess that's..." Muku was replying when...

BOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOM!

Red Beast Aura suddenly exploded out of Jade's body with intense force.

Fortunately with Muku's R5 strength. He managed to react in time and contain the blast.

If he hadn't acted in time. The mansion might have been destroyed instantly. And maybe even some of the girls if they were caught by surprise...

A few seconds later the Beast Aura was completely sucked back into Jade's body.

The sight Muku saw made his eyes go wide...

Chapter 339: New form! (With a little "18+" action)

"I can't believe it!. I'm fixed! My bloodline and Beast Aura are back to normal! What's going on?" Jade exclaimed in delight and confusion.

"..." Muku didn't say anything as he continued to just look at her.

"Hey. Why aren't you saying anything?" Jade spoke as she looked at Muku.

He still didn't say anything but a shiny reflective metal which was as good as a mirror appeared beside him.

Jade immediately took notice and looked at it. Her eyes widened just like Muku's did before.

"What's going on?!" Jade asked no one in particular as she looked at her reflection.

It wasn't that she grew a second head or anything. However, she had unknowingly transformed into her cat-girl form.

But calling it a cat-girl at that point didn't seem accurate anymore. Her hair was still red and her eyes still green. Her Beast Aura was also still red in colour but it was a lot calmer than before to show Jade's absolute control over it.

The different thing which shocked both of them into silence was... The red stripes which now covered her body. Her tail was red with black stripes and her claws were also red with black stripes. Everything went well with each other. She not only looked cooler than before but also deadlier...

In a normal situation, that alone wouldn't have warranted such an exaggerated response. Sure, it was amazing to look at but they had seen quite a lot of such things by that point.

What made the transformation so outstanding was how it looked exactly like what Jade described from her visions and dreams.

"Impossible!... But this means... Why are you looking at me like tha... Ah!" Jade spoke as she turned back to Muku.

However, before she could finish speaking she noticed the dangerous look he was giving her. Before she could make sense of that, he suddenly lunged at her and pinned her to the bed.

"No! No! I'm still tired! Please don... Mmmm?!!" Jade tried her best to plead for her life as it was obvious that Muku wanted to go again.

However, before she could finish. She felt something getting stuffed into her mouth.

She subconsciously licked it. It tested great and so, she took a bite!... Muku kept on feeding her until it was all finished. Which didn't take long...

(A/N: I'm sorry about this note since I said I'd stop. But I just couldn't resist... You definitely thought of something else when you read about something being stuffed into her mouth didn't you?. If you didn't, you're doing it now. So you're not innocent either! Haha)

Jade immediately felt a warm feeling all over her body accompanied by an unknown energy. The energy seemed to be improving her body as well as restoring her stamina and healing her special area from the damage caused by losing her virginity and immediately doing it intensely.

Just as she was doing her best to feel the changes happening in her body...

"Ahn!" Muku suddenly made his move.

His snake completely filled up her unsuspecting cave in one shot...

"You.. Ahn! Ahn! Ahn! Mhmn..." She wanted to complain but Muku didn't give her a chance.

He went harder than since he no longer had to worry about hurting her. And so, in a few seconds, Jade was again consumed by the pleasure and surrendered her body to Muku to do as he pleased with.

The duo did it for another two hours before Muku had to stop because Jade couldn't take it anymore.

The energy she had gotten from the fruit was all spent. Her improved physique didn't help much either despite now being beyond PR4.

It could not be helped since Muku not only had a much stronger body than hers after the trials, but he was also a legit R5. And the difference between their ranks was too much despite their seemingly close proximity...

"Huff! Huff! What...was that?" Jade asked Muku as she tried to catch her breath.

For a second there she thought that he was going to f*ck her to death. What was even worse was how the thought made her hornier.

So she had mixed feelings about the whole ordeal...

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean to. But you just looked so hot in your new form that I couldn't hold myself back. I mean, I might have had fantasies of doing it with you in your cat-girl form. So when an even better form came along... I'm sorry" Muku apologised full of shame.

"Tsk. At least you know you were wrong. You have no idea how much it burns down there right now. I don't know if I'll be able to walk for the next few days. And I don't need your apology. You have to make it up to me if you want us to be even" Jade complained in a coquettish voice which sent chills down Muku's spine along with what she was saying.

"Umm, Ms, I advise you to stop using that tone of voice if you ever want to walk again" Muku looked down at Jade who had her head on his chest as he spoke seriously.

Hearing those words Jade blushed and nodded her head in agreement. She dared not show her usual defiant personality lest she pay for it again. After all, it had already gotten her into trouble once that day. Hell, it probably started everything.

Since she really couldn't take any more, she didn't test him.

"Good girl" Muku spoke while patting her head gently.

"Aww! You've never patted my head so gently before" Jade spoke as she hugged Muku tightly with a wide smile on her face.

That act alone almost made her as happy as she felt from finally sealing the deal with Muku after years of waiting.

Muku smiled joyfully as he looked at her. She looked so cute that instead of feeling lustful, he felt protective instead. He wanted to keep that smile on her face forever. At the very least, he never wanted to see her sad.

"So what's next?" Jade asked Muku after calming down... But she didn't loosen her hug.

"Hmm. What do you think we should do? Should we go inform everyone about our new relationship? In fact, yeah. Let's do that..." Muku replied as he prepared to get off the bed.

"Whoa! Wait! Let's talk it through first! I'm not ready!" Jade replied hurriedly as she used all of her remaining strength(which wasn't much) to hold Muku down.

Fortunately for her, he chose to do what she wanted or she would have been dragged along with him when he got up.

"What? You don't want to?" Muku asked confusedly as he settled back down.

"No, not that. Nothing would make me happier. But now isn't the time. We came up here for a serious matter. I mean, that matter says that we aren't supposed to be here if it's true. And it explains why we sometimes felt out of place... So, going from that to sex and making things official cheapens the reason why we came here. For that reason, let's hold off for now. We'll tell them another time" Jade explained herself.

"Oh. That's your reasoning? Okay. If that's what you want. Then I don't mind. I'll wait until you're ready. Just tell me then and even if it's in the middle of an intense battle, I'll tell them everything" Muku replied.

Seriously at first but jokingly at the end.

"Hehe. Never thought I'd see a day when you'd talk to and treat me like this. I quite like it... But you have to go back to the old way you spoke to me if you don't want them to catch on" Jade spoke happily.

She really wished the moment would last forever. But knew that it couldn't. For that reason, she chose to enjoy and treasure it as much as she could.

"No can do. Why I won't make it obvious. I don't think I can go back to speaking to you like before. Our relationship is different now after all... Anyway, enough of that. Tell me about your bloodline. What happened? I mean, I might have a hunch but I want to hear your side first..." Muku changed topics after partially refusing Jade's request.

"Tsk. Fine. Do what you want as long as we don't get caught... And as for the bloodline matter. It went just like I said before, I felt warm in my belly then my bloodline was suppressed until it was under my control again. I don't know how or why though. Now tell me about this hunch of yours" Jade replied.

"Okay. Sure, my hunch is that my bloodline is the one which suppressed yours" Muku spoke.

"Oh... Aren't you going to tell me why?" Jade asked while rolling her eyes. Like why would he suddenly stop without going into detail??

"Of course, I was being dramatic. Anyway, the thing is... Well, when I creampie'd you before. My bloodline power was mixed into my essence..." Muku told her while avoiding eye contact.

They had been looking at each other in the eyes until that point.

"...Wait what?! You did it inside?!!" Jade's mind lagged for a bit then she exclaimed loudly as she sprang up...

"What do you mean?! Didn't you feel it?!" Muku replied in surprise.

"I don't know! It was a new experience. I was overwhelmed and out of focus okay!" Jade exclaimed loudly again as she tried to defend herself.

"Well, I don't know why you're so hyper. But it can't be changed now that we're already done" Muku replied nonchalantly.

"Why are you so relaxed?! What if I get pregnant?!" Jade exclaimed angrily with a pale expression.

How could he be so calm when they were talking about something so serious?...

Chapter 340: Serenity!

Muku's room...

"Simple really!. We'll first come up with baby names, then make a plan on how to get baby clothes. Of course, we'll have to tell the others too. It would make no sense to hide it when your stomach will eventually give you away. Oh and let me toss a name in there to get us started. If it's a girl, I want to name her Serenity. As the oldest, she'd have to have a calm and reliable personality after all. Hopefully she won't have your troublesome pers..." Muku began blubbing on and on.

His words made Jade so speechless that she forgot how to speak for a moment.

"Shut up!" Jade cut Muku off with a shout.

"What? What did I do?" Muku replied with an exaggerated confused look on his face.

"You don't know what you did?" Jade asked while trying her best to hold herself back from exploding in anger.

"Pfft. So easy. Have you forgotten that time Mom said that the stronger we are, the harder it becomes to have kids? At the minimum, we would have to try for ten years before succeeding. So there's really no need to worry. Just breathe" Muku finally stopped trolling Jade.

"Oh... I had forgotten about that. You meanie!" Jade replied in realisation as she playfully hit Muku.

"It's not my fault that you made it so easy" Muku defended himself.

"Tsk. Whatever. But you shouldn't relax too much. If I remember correctly, she also said that there's a chance of insemination even on the first try. Just that it's highly unlikely. So you really should be more responsible. You can't cu... You can't do it inside just because you think nothing will happen" Jade spoke.

Surprisingly, she was the voice of reason for once between the two of them.

"Yeah, you're right... But I still meant what I said if you got pregnant" Muku replied nonchalantly.

He clearly had a thing for doing it inside so pulling out didn't sound too appealing.

"OMG. How selfish of you! Who told you I was ready to be a mother?" Jade replied angrily.

"You know, you'd be more believable if you weren't blushing when you spoke... And if you don't want to risk getting pregnant. We can just not have sex in the first place" Muku replied while his hand slithered toward one of Jade's inviting boobs.

Pa!

Jade slapped the hand away.

"Tsk. You animal. Haven't you had enough yet? It doesn't matter. Let me tell you this, if you try something again, I'm screaming or making a scene with my Beast Aura... And how could you threaten me like that you bastard! You clearly know that there's no going back now. In fact. Whatever, we'll do what you want. I hope I get pregnant with ten babies at once and we'll see how you'll like raising them all at once. In fact, it's possible with my beast-like constitution. In fact, it would be better if the others also gave you multiple kids at the same time. Then we'll really see" Jade replied with a ruthless expression on her face.

Muku couldn't help but break down in cold sweat as he heard Jade's words and thought about the possibility.

"Please don't curse me like that. I like kids, but they can't all come at once. I might leave for some milk if that happens..." Muku replied while wiping away a thin layer of sweat.

"Ha! Boy please. We both know you'd stick it out no matter what... On another note, no matter what. Only my child can be named Serenity okay? I mean, I'm the first one to hear it, right? So now it's mine. Even if she isn't the oldest. If my first child is a boy, then we'll try again until we get a girl got it? So you better think of other names for the others..." Jade changed the topic a bit.

"Tsk. Why did I have to be so responsible!... Anyway, fine. Serenity is reserved for our future daughter. I promise" Muku agreed.

He could have tried to reason with her that it was supposed to be for the oldest daughter but he felt like refusing her would be asking for war. So he chose to give in and think of other names.

To think Jade was already giving off mama bear vibes before even having a child. Or being pregnant at least.

He could only imagine what she would be like when she does become a mother.... A cold chill went down his spine thinking about it.

She's seemed like the type to destroy a whole school because one kid gave her child a dirty look...

"Good that you agreed. Anyway, let's not ignore the obvious anymore" Jade spoke as her tone changed from joyful to serious.

"... Yeah. I know. Your new form practically confirms your visions. Does that change anything for now or are we going to do what we agreed upon before?" Muku replied seriously.

"Yeah, it does confirm things. However, I'll have to talk to Chris first before being completely sure. He is eight years older than me. So if I really did show up on their doorstep back then. He should know about it. If I did, then... But that wouldn't change anything though. It would just set things in stone. Which would be gaining strength then avenging that lady and tribe who sacrificed themselves for me even if I don't hold deep emotions for them... Of course, that's if I can find that golden ape. I feel like finding it will be easy for whatever reason" Jade replied seriously.

"Hmm. That makes sense. And I'll support you on every step" Muku replied with short statements.

He didn't need to say too much to show his care after all.

"Great. Hehe. It really feels good when you talk nicely to me... Ow! Only if you treated me as nicely during sex" Jade spoke as she tried to place her leg on top of Muku's.

However, a stinging pain from in-between her legs made her give up on that idea on the spot.

"I'm sorry. You're just so hot that I couldn't control myself" Muku apologised with an embarrassed expression on his face.

He knew that he had definitely gone overboard. Especially when he jumped her the second time.

"Well, I can't say I disliked it. Anyway, I think you should go downstairs. We've been here for way too long. I'm sure they are suspicious by now. Honestly, I'm surprised no one has come budging in already" Jade said to Muku unwillingly.

She didn't want to let him go, but she had to.

"It's kinda obvious that no one will budge through the door don't you think?" Muku replied with a weird smile on his face.

"What do you mean?" Jade asked as she was genuinely confused.

"Well, don't you think that the person most likely to do such a thing is you? And since you're here..." Muku replied.

"... You know, I want to get angry but I'm not that shameful. So I'll admit defeat this time. Just don't get used to it" Jade replied as she tried her best not to lash out at Muku for indirectly calling her unmannered because she knew that he was being truthful.

And if she made a scene, they'd only delay things more.

"Anyway, I have some things for you from the Beast World I'm sure you'll love" Muku spoke as she tried to change the topic.

Jade played along and so, Muku took out the clothes and phone meant for Jade. She happily accepted them. More of, looked at them as Muku made them float in front of her since she couldn't get up yet.

She didn't even make a scene about the lingerie like the others. Which was probably because she wasn't as sensitive as the rest in that regard. She had grown up with two brothers after all.

After that Muku told her about the immediate plans he had made with the others. Which were teaching them all how to use the Force Technique and how to fight, among other things.

Of course, Jade had long developed her own fighting technique suited to her beastly form, but she was also interested in learning how to fight from Muku.

They had sparred before, but Muku had never taught her how to fight. They were always quarrelling back then, so his teaching her how to fight never appeared in either of their minds.

After that Jade urged Muku to leave.

"So, how are you planning on explaining your current state and the ruined sheets when the others come to see you?" Muku asked as he got off the bed.

He used his mana to clean himself of any and all impurities then his clothes came back to him.

"Oh, I... Had completely forgotten about that! However, tell me about the clothes you're wearing. Why do they give off a creepy feeling and that string which always connected the two of you..." Jade replied.

"Oh, you noticed that, huh? Well, I'll tell you in detail later. For now, just know that there was a time I was completely locked in armour and couldn't get out. But now I have more control and can manipulate the form but still have to be connected to the armour, no matter the form it is in" Muku replied.

"Oh. Okay. Now tell me, how are we going to explain this message?!" Jade accepted Muku's short answer for the time being.

There were bigger issues to deal with after all...

"I thought you had a plan since you couldn't wait to get rid of me. But okay. Fortunately for you, I've got the perfect plan" Muku replied as a cunning smile appeared on his face...