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Chapter 501 Settling in

Around an hour later...

Sarah was nervously making her way towards the mansion.

They had finished work much earlier than expected, which was understandable considering that Lisa's group were now experts in the building department.

Anyway, she wanted to stay away for longer to avoid the awkwardness of being surrounded by such great people as long as she could. Unfortunately, that was out of the question for a mother who couldn't stay away from her child for too long.

So she bit the bullet and went.

Honestly, she was kinda regretting agreeing to Audrey's proposal. After all, whether it be the mansion or the new settlement they just built, her baby should be equally safe. Maybe she won't be able to give him the highest level of living but it would be easier on her heart.

With that thought in mind, she made her way through the magnificent-looking gates. She wondered how this place looked so great even after so long. And was it even the same structure? This didn't look like a mansion at all.

Well, whatever, it was none of her business.

Soon she walked into the castle which had the huge doors wide open since there was no need to keep them open during the day. No wind would get in and it was surrounded by walls, so no one would be able to peel inside... Not like anyone would dare try anyway.

And the main reason was Jade who kept kicking it open every time she found it closed.

She held her strength but it was still damaged to the point of needing Freya's mana to fix it. So for the poor girl's sanity, everyone chose to keep it open. Muku tried telling Jade to stop but of course, she didn't listen.

Anyway, currently only Audrey was sitting in the lounge with the baby in her arms. Everyone else had gone back to training with their clones. Which had become their favourite thing to do in recent history.

They figured they might as well put in a little more training before they set off on the next day. Now that Jack's matter was done, albeit not in the way they expected, they could move on to the next matter on the agenda.

The ocean was waiting for them.

Honestly, they were all a bit excited about it. They had never done water Battles before.

They had fought with water users and been hit with storms and waves, but the battlefield had never been water.

Of course, Elsa was the most excited one of all. Being a water elemental, she will definitely be able to display a lot more power than usual...

"Who's a cute boy. You're a cute boy! You're Auntie Audrey's cute boy!" Audrey teased the laughing baby in her baby voice.

Seeing this warmed Sarah's heart. What mother wouldn't be pleased by seeing their child being loved by others? Especially people they viewed very highly

In fact, she became so emotional that she cancelled her initial plan to leave the castle. After all, her son was clearly a lot happier here.

In their group, due to the gloomy air, he's always crying. So this much lighter air must be doing wonders for him.

"Oh, you're here. Did everything go well?" Audrey asked without turning around.

In fact, she has been overseeing everything from the start. Everything Sarah and the others did was seen with her mana sense.

She wasn't spying, just curious...

"Ah, yes. It all went well. Ms Lisa is really good at what she does..." Sarah replied in a slightly nervous tone. Still not used to Audrey yet.

"Oh, okay. That's great. Now let's go choose you a room. Do you want the first floor, second or third? We're all on the second floor by the way" Audrey said.

"I'll take one on the first floor if you don't mind" Sarah answered.

"Of course I don't, why would I mind? Well, whatever. First floor it is. Though I would have chosen the second floor since everyone else is there..." Audrey replied.

"No, the first floor is fine. I would feel too suffocated being too close to you all... Respectfully of course" Sarah spoke candidly.

"Fufu. I never knew people could be respectfully suffocated. But I get what you mean. We aren't too familiar with each other yet, so of course you wouldn't want to be too close to us. Honestly, I'm surprised but glad that you accepted my offer. I was expecting a rejection..." Audrey spoke in a jolly voice while still playing with the child.

At that point, she had gotten up and come to Sarah who was holding her items which were likely all her luggage and stuff that reminded her of Jack.

After that, the two ladies and a baby went to look through the residential rooms on the first floor before Sarah chose one.

Honestly, the rooms on the first floor were far worse than the ones on the higher floors. They were meant for workers and such after all.

Muku and the others weren't planning on having workers but they kept the rooms because removing them was unnecessary work.

But while they were smaller and not as good as the higher floor rooms, they looked more luxurious than five-star hotel rooms. So Sarah was more than happy with her room after choosing it.

After all, it was around three times the size of her old room before the apocalypse.

Anyway, after that, she settled in and chatted with Audrey for a while about general stuff just to know each other a bit more.

Funnily enough, Sarah and her baby would get dazed every time Audrey giggled. She was just that beautiful after all. So beautiful she affected babies and ladies as well as men.

Anyway, Audrey who didn't want to intrude too much left after a while.

But not before agreeing to organise a meetup between Sarah and Muku.

She wanted to thank him in person officially. She knew that he was doing it because of his old friendship with Jack, but that didn't mean that she could take everything in stride. He was helping them and she had to show gratitude.

Audrey told her that it wasn't necessary, but she refused to back down from it. She had to say it or she wouldn't feel at ease.

It was only then that Audrey agreed. Honestly, it also improved Sarah's image in Audrey's mind. It wasn't bad, but it wasn't anything special. If it wasn't for the baby, the two of them might not have spoken at all.

But now, because Sarah showed that she knew how to be grateful, Audrey finally started seeing her before her child.

Even her smile became more real. Something that was noticed by Sarah. And again she was dazed.

She wondered how a human woman could be so beautiful... Unbeknownst to her, Audrey was technically a vampire now, a version that basically had all the benefits and none of the weaknesses, so maybe a human really couldn't be that beautiful.

After all, in the group, only Raya will compete with her when she becomes more mature.

While the other girls were also heavenly beauties, they were slightly lower than Audrey and Raya.

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A few hours later...

The time was around 7pm. Audrey, Sarah and the child had already had dinner. Of course, Audrey didn't need it, but she didn't want Sarah to feel lonely.

So she joined her for what was by far the best meal Sarah had ever had... And it would have been even better had she been able to eat more than one bite before feeling full.

But it was understandable that she couldn't. After all, it was R5 beast meat. And up to that point, she had only seen one R5. Which was that worm that took away almost everything she had?

Now she was eating another one. It made her tear up a little bit like she was having a little revenge even if it wasn't the meat of the beast that took our Jack.

As for everyone else. Time wasn't a concept to them. They could see as well as they could during the day, even at night. So they didn't stop training.

But of course, because of the meeting, Audrey called Muku over.

After that, she took the sleeping child to bed while Sarah spoke with Muku.

"So, I heard you wanted to speak to me about something..." Muku spoke first.

"Yeah... Can we speak in a private place please? I don't know if I can say it here..." Sarah spoke while fidgeting a bit.

"Umm. Sure. Let's go to my office. This also gives me a chance to use it for the first time" Muku raised his eyebrows a bit before replying then directed her to his home office.

He felt like he knew where it was going. But he didn't want to assume wrongly, so he didn't voice his suspicions....

The two soon found themselves sitting across from each other with a table in between them.

"I don't know how to say this but... You've done so much for my people and me. So much so I don't know how to repay you, or if I can" Sarah spoke then paused as if thinking of what to say next. There was a conflicted look in her eyes too.

"No need, I'm doing this because of my friendship with J..." Muku wanted to wave her off but before he could finish she interrupted him.

"Please use my body as you please. It's not much but it's all I have. This was I can thank you a little bit at least" Sarah suddenly spoke while getting up off her seat and stripping without a warning...

Muku froze...

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"Umm. What are you doing?" Muku asked while trying his best to stop looking at Sarah's huge boobs.

He had never looked at her like that before, and he had to say. She was definitely worthy of the title Milf. Unlike Audrey who was partially so because she never actually had a child, Sarah was the real deal.

She had the body, the proper circumstances, and everything. Not to mention the taboo situation of cucking a dead friend... No no, it wouldn't be cucking anyone. Just keeping his widow happy, that's all.

"I uh... I'm giving myself to you" Sarah forced herself to speak even though it was embarrassing.

She had thought of everything she could do to show Muku gratitude, and this was the only thing that came up. He had more than enough women, but from what she heard, men are always looking to taste a new flavour. So even if she wasn't as attractive as his girls, he should be okay with it. After all, she wasn't bad-looking.

She was at the level of models in the old world actually. Because of evolution most people had their looks improved a lot and she had already been pretty so yeah...

"Please put your clothes back on. Don't be so quick to give up your body like this. And I told you before. I did what I did because of my friend Jack. All you need to do to thank me is to take care of yourself and his child. I'll look away now" Muku spoke while handing her her clothes with his telekinesis.

Fortunately, his bloodline was now under control or who knows what would have happened. After all, even now while in control he could barely stop himself from eating the juicy meal that served itself to him.

Sarah wanted to say something but stopped herself and did as she was told. She felt the seriousness in his voice. Not to mention that she wasn't exactly eager to do what she was offering to do.

She was willing to do it. But it wasn't something she wanted to do. It was just the only thing she could think of.

So since he seemed interested, she wouldn't push him further. Who knows if it backfires and she kicks her out. Wouldn't that be the worst?...

A while later...

"I'm not gonna ask why you thought that was a good idea. But please, respect yourself and me a bit more. I know my having many women makes you think that I'm loose and with them I definitely am. But that doesn't mean I'll jump any woman when I get the chance. So please never do that again. Such an option is never the only choice no matter what. It might seem like it at times, but it never is. If you ever think that it is, sit down or maybe even take a nap then think again until something else pops up in that dirty mind of yours... Understood?" Muku lectured Sarah in a semi-serious voice.

He wasn't too angry because he knew that her mind wasn't in the right place. She had recently lost her man but didn't have time to properly grieve before having to move on for her child.

So making rash decisions was understandable.

If Muku had taken advantage of her, he would have been a real scumbag... If it were Lisa though. No no, he wouldn't do anything either. He wasn't the type of person to take advantage of another's plight like that. Not to mention he'd get murdered if the girls somehow found out after.

Even Audrey who always supported him would probably join the hunt for his head in such a situation.

"Ye..yes. I understand" Sarah replied with her head down. She felt embracing and regretful.

She agreed with him. She should have thought about it more instead of doing something so rash.

At the same time, her opinion of Muku rose by a few levels.

She had to admit that while he was her saviour and all, she didn't think too positively of him because of the many girls he had.

He seemed like a lecherous bastard who happened to be nice enough not to force himself on girls despite his strength. However, he wouldn't say know if they offered... That was part of the reason why she was so willing to try. It seemed like the thing that would please him the most.

While it would likely make her hate herself and him forever after. It would at least settle some debts after doing it enough times. Yeah, she was willing to do it as many times for as long as it takes until Muku is fully pleased...

But now it wasn't necessary. While Muku was definitely a lecher, he was one with integrity at least.

"Good. Now to stop you from having any more bad ideas. I have a proposal for you. From now on you'll be this castle's sole cleaner. All the tens of rooms will be yours to take care of. And after you improve your strength a bit more, you'll become our reserve member who'll help us in battle whenever called upon. If I remember correctly, you have support magic right?" Muku proposed something that was definitely a much more ethical way of showing gratitude than Sarah's idea.

"Yes! Yes! I have support magic and I'm ready to start as a cleaner right now..." Sarah was ecstatic with Muku's proposal.

It sounded tough on the cleaning part but one had to understand that Evolvers had mana that could clean a room in one burst if their control was good enough. So it wouldn't be too hard for her.

As for helping in battle, it made her feel even more useful. No matter how dangerous it was, she was willing.

"Good. You can leave now. I need to do something. Oh and tell Audrey to come here" Muku ordered.

"Understood leader. And I'm sorry about what happened. I won't do it again" Sarah apologised as she went out.

Muku just waved her off not wanting to talk about it any longer...

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A few moments later...

Audrey walked in. She had a curious look on her face.

"So, what did you two talk about? She looked a bit embarrassed when she came out and could barely face me." Audrey asked. There was no need to suppress her curiosity after all.

"Ah! You wouldn't believe what she did" Muku spoke exaggeratedly from his seat.

"She tried to seduce you huh?" Audrey replied.

"Yes, that's exactly what she... Wait. How did you know? I didn't sense you peeking." Muku asked confusedly.

"Fufu. I'm a girl. So I can easily see through the thoughts of other girls. Especially ones in situations like her's. I might have tried the same if I were her honestly..." Audrey replied with a mischievous smile on her face.

"Oh hell no. Even if I'm dead. I forbid you from trying that. You'll become a nun instead. If you dare try it then I'll come back from the dead and kill whoever dares try to lay their hands on my woman!" Muku replied possessively.

His aura was even rising chaotically from just thinking about it.

"Relax. I was just joking. I'd never let another man touch me no matter what. You're the only one who'll taste this body in this life and any other. But maybe I will try it if it will bring you back" Audrey replied while walking around the table to Muku's side and hugging him from behind.

This instantly calmed him down as he melted in her warm embrace.

"Well... Cough cough... good. And you'll never have to do that because I'm never dying. If I do, I'll take over the underworld and be back in a few minutes. I could never leave you alone for longer than that" Muku replied in a way designed to earn back the brownie points he might have lost because of his possessive actions and words from before.

Though it didn't seem like Audrey was bothered by them.

"Hehe. Good. Because if you die and don't return quickly I'm coming after you. Anyway, there's another thing that made me suspect that she tried something..." Audrey spoke into Muku's ear giving him goosebumps.

"And what's that?" Muku barely managed to ask with his eyes barely open as he enjoyed Audrey's naughty touches.

"This..." Audrey answered blatantly out of nowhere.

However, she did something that brought Muku back from his dreamy state. He looked down and saw Audrey's hand wrapped around his completely erect member that had been exposed by her at some point.

"I can explain" He spoke immediately while cold sweat began forming on his body.

"It's okay. I know it's just a biological reaction. I would have been mad if you did something. Which you didn't. So as a reward I'll help you take care of this disgusting thing that dares covert it's friend's wife" Audrey began speaking dirty while moving her hand up and down Muku's shaft.

His mind immediately went blank as he completely fell prey to whatever she was doing. He felt like a little mouth trapped by a python unable to get out.

So he did the only thing he could. And that was to let her do whatever she wanted...

A few minutes later naughty sounds could be heard from the room.

Fortunately, it was soundproofed or Sarah would have definitely heard it...

Chapter 503 Enjoying the ocean

A few days later(in the embryo)...

Muku and the others helped everyone settle in. This included getting them livestock and seeds for those who wanted to give up on the Evolver life.

Of course, normal animals no longer existed. However, unranked beasts that resembled them existed, so those became the new livestock.

Seeds were a bit troublesome to get, but they were found soon enough. And with the help of plant elementalists including Freya, they were made to fully grow in a few minutes.

This was a major advantage that people got from the apocalypse.

While that happened, Lisa and her crew started planning a city that would be built later on when there are more people and the embryo has grown bigger.

This was commended by Muku and the others as they'd definitely get tons of KP from that.

They weren't sure if Belief energy would stop being useful after they reach R7, but it was better to be safe after all.

Anyway, after all the internal logistics were taken care of, the group finally went back out. It was time to go to the ocean.

As for how they knew where it was... Their mana sense could now cover the whole world so it was pretty easy to spot. But they didn't do that as who knew who or what would be pissed off by that. They weren't strong enough to take on the whole world after all.

In fact, even R6 beasts didn't dare try it as it was basically placing a target on your back from all sides.

Instead of that risky method, the group relied on Elsa and her water fairy. She was extremely sensitive to bodies of water after they got to a certain amount.

It was something she got after getting the fairy.

Fortunately, she could freely manipulate it or it might have sucked as most of the plant surface was water.

Anyway, she led them to the biggest source she could sense.

With their strength and speed, it only took them half a day to reach the source which was halfway across the world.

Some sources were closer. But considering the size of R6s. They'd definitely gather more in the largest source...

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After arriving they didn't immediately start hunting. It would be dumb to do so without scouting the location first. A rookie mistake they would never make.

Plus...

"Wow! So beautiful! I've never seen the ocean before. I feel so small. And look at that beach!... Can we first enjoy this place before going to hunt?" Jade was the first to speak.

Her eyes glowed with wonder as she looked at the beauty of nature that almost made her forget that they were in an apocalypse.

Plus there were at least a few thousand beasts ranging from R1 to R3 hiding close to the shoreline ready to pounce on anyone who dares jump into the water.

Of course, those weren't a problem for them, but it showed that things weren't as peaceful as they seemed.

"What do you think?" Muku replied with a question.

Before Jade could say anything else. She saw his clothes turning from typical clothes to swimming shorts.

Yup, that's right. Muku was wearing his nightmare armour which made everyone quite envious.

Anyway, he quickly jumped into the water after that.

Something that brought the girls back to reality as they had been entranced by his chiseled body.

Even Elsa who was always trying to convince herself that she wasn't interested couldn't help but be dazed. She felt shame after though.

At the same time, all the weak beasts in the area were scared off.

Even when his aura was completely suppressed, their instincts still shouted at them to run. And so they did.

Weak beasts like them lived mostly thanks to their instincts after all.

Whenever their instincts said run, that's what they did. And all that hadn't done so usually ended up dead.

Unfortunately for these beasts, they had met Muku's group after they found out that every life on the planet contributed to the timer until the next evolution.

For that reason, he casually captured all the beasts. Destroyed those that seemed useless and kept the rest as seafood for the people in the embryo.

As for his group, they will eat whatever R6s they kill.

Anyway, the group then enjoyed the rest of their day. Playing water sports and beach games including volleyball.

They did it all like unranked people to completely enjoy it.

What they didn't know was that their actions were horrifying to the people who were spying on them.

Of course, the people had long been spotted. Muku and the girls just chose not to do anything about them.

This was obviously because they were mostly paying attention to Muku. If they were paying attention to the girls instead, they might have been dead by that point. At the very least, they would have had their legs broken.

As for why they were doing this. It was likely because of what they saw Muku doing before.

He has cleared out the whole place in such a mysterious way.

It was possibly also why they weren't getting close. After all, the strongest of them was only a Pseudo R4. And they had seen many beasts with strength equal to theirs getting taken care of at once by Muku.

Their spying went on for a few hours before they left.

It seemed they had chickened out.

Which was understandable. After all, a lot of people in the apocalypse had turned evil. Instead of making humans gather together, the apocalypse had just enhanced the qualities that already existed.

So meeting strangers, especially ones stronger than you was a gamble.

And this group chose to avoid the encounter instead.

Something Muku admired about them actually.

No matter what, they were at least smart. Their weakness likely played a part. But that didn't matter. It didn't change anything that they were smart in backing off.

And so, Muku's group enjoyed the rest of their day.

That was until it was almost evening.

The group appeared again. This time they were joined by a few more individuals. All the new individuals had late R4 strength. Which was quite an impressive honestly.

It was really hard to evolve past R3 after all.

Since Muku's group was done with their fun and was just chilling on the beach. They didn't mind the visitors.

And the group didn't give off threatening auras, so it was safe to say that they weren't looking for a fight.

Muku even guessed that they had waited until now to come because his group would be done with their fun.

And the R4s were likely there as the leaders instead of a show of strength... even if that might also be part of the reason why they were there....

"Hello. How may we help you?" Muku spoke as soon as the group got close enough to hear him.

"Hello, Sir... we come in peace. So please don't be alarmed. We would like to speak to you for a moment if you don't mind..." The man who seemed to be the leader replied respectfully.

"Okay. Come and speak then" Muku replied as he turned around. His swimming trunks turned to normal clothes as he did that.

The opposite side was shocked and awed. Seeing this Muku smirked a little. Clearly pleased.

The girls on the other hand rolled their eyes. They had all returned to normal clothes but Muku had refused.

It was only now that they realised the reason. It seemed he just wanted to look cool in front of complete strangers.

It was so childish and yet on brand for him.

Of course, they didn't call him out. Instead, they returned to the embryo and left him to deal with the group.

As for how they could do that... well, Muku has given them the authority. Of course, it used their own mana. Which was the major reason he did it. He was quite cheap with his mana after all.

Seeing the girls disappear made the other side even more shocked. So shocked they didn't know what to do. After all, they had never seen anything like it and they couldn't figure out how it worked no matter how much they thought about it.

"Don't mind them. They had other matters to take care of. Instead, take a seat and tell me why you're here... well, you don't have to tell me why you're here since that's none of my business. But what do you want with me?" Muku spoke while gesturing for them to sit on the metal chairs that appeared in front of them as he spoke.

The group thanked him and sat down.

"Where should I start..." The leader seemed confused about what to say.

"We're the Ocean tribe. We formed soon after the apocalypse began. We realized that the beasts close to the ocean on both sides aren't too strong so we took it as our home..." a young man beside the assumed leader spoke...

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"Well... as he said" The leader spoke after the young man spoke.

"Oh. I commend your intelligence then. However, I don't see how that's any of my business. I'm just passing by after all. And why did you choose to see me anyway? I could be evil for all you know" Muku replied casually.

"You're right. Our situation doesn't concern you. And as for why we're here. It's because we know that our scouts would have long died if you wished. For it doesn't matter how well they hide in front of true power" The leader who seemed to become a bit more confident after noticing Muku's willingness to speak.

"Hmm. Makes sense. You still haven't told me why we're having this talk through" Muku replied.

"Ah. That... Well, you see. We have a request. I know we're strangers so I won't ask you to do it for free. We are ready to..." The leader was about to say what they offered. But Muku raised his hand to stop him.

"Wait wait. Before telling me what you're offering, don't you think you should tell me what you want help with first? Are you trying to trick me into doing something dangerous with a reward that seems good but actually isn't? I'll have you know. If you try to trick me, you will definitely regret it" Muku spoke in a slightly threatening tone.

"No..no. That's not it at all. I misspoke. I'm just really nervous right now" The leader immediately apologized in fear.

"We want your help with killing a MR5 beast that recently moved into the area. It doesn't appear daily. But when it does, it kills a few of us for sport then leaves. We've already lost thirty people" The young man from before spoke again.

"Gusty young man you have here. To speak so casually with strangers" Muku spoke in amusement while looking at the young man who looked to be around his age.

"Oh shut up Muku. I can't believe you still don't recognize your old friend. I'm really hurt. Were those years we played together at the orphanage worthless to you?" The young man suddenly had an outburst.

The leader and everyone from his group froze in fear. They all thought

{What is this bastard doing? Is he trying to get us killed?} Some even got ready to get beaten up if not killed.

After all, in an apocalypse with no laws, nothing was stopping Muku from doing whatever he wanted with them.

Unexpectedly, none of that happened. Instead, a look of realization appeared on Muku's face as he looked at the young man, followed by a broad smile.

"Hahaha, Matthew?! It's you right? Matt bro! How have you been? It's been so long bro, damn!" Muku spoke excitedly as he got up then gave the young man he called Matthew a tight bro hug.

"Tsk. You finally remembered you bastard" the young man confirmed Muku's

After that, the two started laughing together while recalling the past.

It turned out Matthew was Muku's one and only friend from his days in the orphanage.

They were inseparable in those days until Matthew got adopted.

After that Muku's many talents started showing. Then he went all over the place. From acting, singing, martial arts, dancing, and many more. Then eventually he quietly settled at the school as a teacher.

All before the age of 18. Anyway, because of their circumstances, the two had lost contact. They were also busy with their own things.

And they weren't the type of dudes to flip the world upside-down to find the other so...

It turned out the leader was actually Matt's adoptive father. The old man was usually quite reliable. He was just terrible in situations that involved people he viewed as being above him.

That's why Matt had to get involved. Also, Matt had recognized Muku from the start. So he was pretty confident that nothing would happen.

Anyway, it all worked out in the end.

To think the two who couldn't find each other before the apocalypse found each other so late in the game. After all, it was practically impossible to meet people you know in the apocalypse.

"Okay. Now we have gotten that out of the way. Tell me more about this R5 you're talking about. And forget about the reward. You're my bro after all. Plus I doubt y'all have anything that can interest me" Muku spoke after they calmed down a bit.

"Tsk. Still humble as always I see. And I can't believe you're still doing better than me in the apocalypse. Can't you let me win at something once? Well whatever, as for the beast. It's a water type. It ambushed us from time to time. Which is obviously just for fun. After all, it can easily wipe us all out. It appears every three days. It should appear again tomorrow morning" Matt explained.

"Oh. It seems there was a chance we would have taken it out even if you didn't appear. After all, our hunt is starting tomorrow morning" Muku replied.

"Oh really? Well, I guess I don't have to feel like I owe you one then" Matt replied in a pleased tone.

"Also who were those ladies and where did they go?" He added.

"Yeah. You don't owe me anything this time. But I took the fall for you many times before. You still owe me for those... The ladies are your sisters-in-law" Muku replied calmly.

"Tsk. You didn't remember me a few minutes ago. Now you're trying to settle old accounts like they happened yesterday. And what do you mean they are my sister-in-law?" Matt asked.

"I only forget faces and not accounts. And you know what I mean" Muku replied.

"Tsk. Whatever... you don't mean..." Matt didn't finish his statement but the implication was pretty easy to guess.

"Yes. That's exactly what I mean" Muku replied with a smirk.

"... All of them?" Matt asked with a deadpan expression on his face.

"All of them" Muku replied. His smirk deepened.

Jealousy instantly appeared on not only Matt's face, but on the faces of all the dudes in his group.

Muku rejoiced. There was nothing that a man enjoyed more than showing off to other dudes. Whether it be women, gadgets, strength, or everything else in between.

"What do you mean all of them?" Suddenly a voice spoke from behind Muku.

It was Elsa who had come out of the embryo at that time.

"I ah... I meant all but one" Muku corrected himself in embarrassment.

"Lisa?" Elsa asked.

"All but two..." Muku corrected himself again.

He thought of Lisa as his at least. But he dared not admit it yet. She was still too new to the group. If he rashed it, she might be disliked by the others.

"Hahahaha. I knew it. There is no way you have so many girls even if you're stupidly good-looking. That's just impossible" Matt spoke while laughing.

He finally felt a bit better about himself.

"You do know I still have like 8 right? How many do you have?" Muku asked with a sour look on his face.

Elsa had completely ruined his aura farming moment.

"Of course I have some too. I have... one. But I will definitely get more and surpass you!" Matt defended himself.

"You'll what?" A pretty lady from his group suddenly asked.

"I ah. I misspoke baby. You're the only one for me. I swear! Who needs many when I have you?" Matt immediately retracted his words.

"Hahaha," Muku laughed. And he laughed the hardest as the last one.

After that, the two friends became a bit awkward in their interactions. Which was understandable as they were both embarrassed by the two girls.

But it didn't last long. Dudes were generally shameless anyway.

"So Elsa. Why are you here?" Muku finally asked the little ancestor who had casually embarrassed him.

"Emily told me to tell you to come for dinner..." Elsa replied in a calm voice as always.

At that point, she had definitely replaced Layla as the group's coldest person.

After all, Layla has been getting warmer for a while now. Especially recently since that encounter with Muku and their movie nights.

"Too late. Are you all still taking?" Emily appeared beside Elsa and spoke.

"No, we're done here. But I'd like to invite a few more people to dinner. Is that okay?" Muku replied.

"Oh? I guess there's no problem. Feel free to invite as many as you want. We have enough food" Emily happily accepted.

As for why she didn't mind. Well, she didn't need to prepare more food. After all, they'd be eating R5 meat as the main dish. One bite was enough for all the weak people Muku was inviting so there was no trouble at all.

"Great! Matt, are you and your people free for dinner?" Muku turned his attention to Matt.

"He's free. He and his wife Jane. You can go with them right now. The rest of us need to get back. I hope you come to our home for dinner next time" The leader named Josh spoke before Matt could.

Without waiting for anyone to say anything. He left with the rest of the group.

He felt comfortable doing that after finding out that Matt and Muku were friends.

"Welp. Let's go then. I'll show you my place today and you'll show me yours tomorrow..." Muku spoke then dragged Matt and Jane into the embryo with the two girls...

Chapter 505 Serious talk with Matt

Muku, the girls, Matt, and his wife had a great dinner and got well acquainted.

It was a bit awkward for Matt and Jane because they were full after one bite while the others were still eating.

But other than that it was all good. They had a great time before Muku sent the couple back.

Of course, it was after showing off the castle and making Matt extremely envious. The girls just looked on while rolling their eyes.

After Muku sent the couple out, the girls had a small discussion.

"So what do you think about this friend of his?" Emily asked the others.

"I'm just glad it's not a female childhood friend with feelings for him like all those cliché anime situations" Surprisingly it was Elsa who replied.

And her reply seemed quite suspicious for someone who supposedly didn't care about Muku romantically.

"No no, don't misunderstand me. I said it for you all. I figured you wouldn't want any more competition right?" She immediately defended herself with some embarrassment in her voice.

"Sure. That's definitely why you said it. We totally understand" Emily replied with an "I don't believe you" look on her face.

"I somehow doubt that" Elsa replied defeatedly but didn't try to argue.

The other girls just giggled without saying anything.

While Elsa seemed to be oblivious to her change, they saw it clearly. The girl was also falling.

It had taken her a while. Way longer than the others but she too couldn't escape Muku's grasp.

What was so angering about the whole situation was how he wasn't even trying to get her. He never tries to get them yet they still fall. What a dangerous person to be around.

Though honestly maybe that was for the best. If he did try, maybe he would have had a hundred girls by then.

Just thinking about it gave them all a chill...

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The following day...

Nothing worth noting happened. At least not worth noting to Muku's group. After all, he spent the morning looking for the beast Matt described.

It took a little while since it didn't actually live close by. And it was obviously Jade who tracked it down.

She still felt bad about how she spoke about Jack's death, so she didn't complain like usual when she did it.

Muku had completely forgotten about that occurrence since he had gotten used to her personality, so he was confused. However, he wasn't complaining about it either

If anything, it kind of made her seem a bit more enticing than usual. He promised himself to reward her that night... Though honestly he was probably just using her as an excuse to do what he wanted to do.

Anyway, they eventually found it. Yup, Jade's senses were so overpowered that they worked just as well in water.

After the beast was found, it was taken back to Matt in a half-dead state so that his people would be the ones to end it.

Of course, it wasn't the only one that suffered that day. All the water beasts Muku and Jade came across were killed.

Accept the unranked ones which honestly weren't too much different from normal animals.

And since animals were mostly extinct, someone had to take their place right?

Anyway, after that, they started looking for R6s close by while killing all the R1s-R5s they came across.

It was a bloody day for the beasts. The oceans were painted red.

You'd think that all that rampage would draw out at least one R6. But no, it seemed beasts were just like humans.

As long as they weren't personally affected, they wouldn't care if the world burned. Hell, they were more honest about it since they wouldn't toss around empty words while pretending to care.

So yeah, while it was an uneventful day for Muku and the girls. It was anything but that to everyone else.

It was a matter of different perspectives at the end.

Honestly, it was kinda expected. After all, they were still on the outskirts of an ocean so big it was unimaginable in old world views.

After that, the duo called it a day. Muku was planning on saying goodbye to Matt before leaving. And he didn't want to rush it. So they'd have a little get together that night at Matt's place...

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In the evening...

Everyone was enjoying themselves at the party.

Matt's side was doing their best to curry favour with Muku's side without seeming too desperate. This made Matt extremely embarrassed but he couldn't do anything about it since many of them were his elders.

Fortunately, Muku and the girls didn't mind. They understood where the other side was coming from.

Of course, there was some bias in the mix. If Matt wasn't part of the group, they might not have been so understanding...

"So bro. Can you tell me more about that little world you took me to yesterday?" Matt asked Muku as they sat away from the group having some juice.

"There's nothing much to say. It's my personal world" Muku replied without getting into details. Obviously seeking a rise from Matt.

Unfortunately, it didn't succeed as Matt wasn't moved. He just rolled his eyes and continued speaking.

"I know that man. What I want to know is if you're willing to accept my people. I sensed that there were two settlements outside of the castle. We're willing to do whatever it takes"

"Oh? So that's why you asked. Okay, I'll answer you seriously then. My answer is, yes. I'll take as many people as you're willing to give. Hell, they don't even have to come out after going in. They can just start living like the apocalypse doesn't exist at all and won't ever have to face it again. As for the cost... Well, actually they'd have to accept my partner's blood essence. It won't affect them negatively. It will also give them a chance to summon her once in their lives. And that's all. Are you willing to accept that?" Muku replied seriously.

"What? Really? That's all? Are you doing this because we're friends? Because if that's it, then I refuse. I have my pride as well. I refuse to accept so many favours even if I know they are nothing to you" Matt suddenly turned around on his request.

"Pfft haha. As expected of my friend. Such pride. It might even rival mine. However, you're thinking too much bro. While your people won't lose anything or actively give anything. It will still benefit my group greatly. You're a bit away from it right now but you'll get there eventually. So let me tell you a bit about what it's like to be an R6 and a little thing called belief energy..." Muku replied in an amused tone. Clearly enjoying the situation.

After that, he went on to tell Matt everything he needed to know about why he said they'd benefit from his group even without actively doing anything.

"Actually, I was planning on asking y'all to come with me later on even if you didn't come to me. Fortunately, we felt the same" Muku finished off his explanation.

"Oh, so that's how it is. Truly a wondrous thing. And to think I thought you were all PR5s at best. But to think you're actually R6s... All of you. The world really never ceases to amaze me. Even after all the crazy things I have gone through. There's always something new. At this point, I wouldn't be surprised if there are people who can come back to life and others who are omnipresent. Maybe even those that can take over your body... Anyway, I guess if we're providing you with belief energy it's really a fair trade. No wonder you're so willing to accept them despite your dislike for humanity" Matt spoke in an awed tone.

He didn't know just how accurate he was on those guesses about people with crazy abilities. After all, they were all present in Muku's group.

The girls who were listening in couldn't help but smile weirdly.

Of course, Muku didn't say anything about that. He was afraid it might give Matt a heart attack even though Evolvers should be above such things.

"Wait. How do you know about my disdain for humanity?" Muku was surprised. He didn't remember making any comments that suggested such since they met. So how did Matt know? Everything else could be set aside until he got his answer.

After all, maybe it was written on his face.

"Bruh. You used to curse humanity almost every day back then. It all started the day you learned how to surf the internet. I don't know what you saw, but I have never seen a kid who hates humanity more than you did back then. As for now, I figured it was likely still the same. From your response I guess I was right" Matt replied with a smug look on his face.

"Oh..m I forgot about that. Not the hate or what I saw. But the part where I was so vocal about it. Anyway, that doesn't matter now. Are you going to tell your people today or tomorrow? We're leaving tomorrow so..." Muku changed topics. He didn't want to remember his embarrassing past.

Especially when those vixens were eavesdropping, they'll definitely tease him later.

"I'll tell them tonight so that they prepare. I don't want to delay you after all. And really thanks for this. It might be a small matter to you and you'll get belief energy or whatever. But you're giving my people more than just hope for the future. You're giving them a guarantee. Not many can do that. Hell, I don't think any other can do it..." Matt spoke seriously.

"Anytime bro. I know you'd do the same for me" Muku replied simply...

Chapter 506 First R6 battle

The following day...

As expected, Matt's people were more than happy to move into the embryo and live a stable life under Muku.

Since Muku credited every member of his group, as always, they all got some belief energy.

At the same time, Raya took the blood essence route with them as she did with the ones before them and got a major boost in her KP. Honestly, she had enough to try for a breakthrough.

But of course, she wouldn't do such a thing before reaching as far as she could within the R6 rank.

Muku and the others weren't too far behind with their steady flow. So everything was going well for the group.

Anyway, with those matters taken care of. They finally took off to sea. This time it was for real instead of the previous minor exploration.

They didn't fly in the sky. Instead, they traveled in an air bubble Elsa created. It practically cut through the water.

They could easily go months without breathing, but that didn't mean that they liked it.

As humans, they were used to it after all.

Around an hour later they found their first R6. Everyone was pretty excited.

It was their first R6 since they evolved. And it was just a LR6 one too. Perfect for newbies like them.

Now they just had to decide who would fight it.

It was a huge megalodon-like beast with thick arms and legs just casually prowling the oceans.

They had stacked their concealment techniques, so they couldn't sense them at all.

Maybe if it had been cautious, it would have sensed something. But it wasn't.

Anyway, while the others were doing rock-paper-scissors to decide on who went first, Raya disappeared.

She had waited way too long for this. While she was lazy, her beastly nature still required hunting from time to time after all.

So with her terrible luck, she couldn't risk this chance.

The others could have easily reacted but they chose not to.

After thinking about it, they felt she deserved to take this one. She had taken care of them for too long.

And who dared get in Raya's way when she wanted to hunt? She normally didn't like such things after all.

Anyway, her tiny body appeared beside the beast's eye instantly.

Before it could react, she held her hand out and then...

BOOOOOOOOOOOOM!

She hit it in the eye with a light blast. This wasn't just to blind it with light, but to blind it by destroying the whole eye. Hell, it might even destroy the brain too, and end the fight.

Oddly enough, the megalodon-like beast that Chloe decided should be called Kong Meg, dissolved into the water instead of having its eye turn into bloody paste.

Raya disappeared from her spot. Immediately after, a huge water spear flew by.

The King Meg had appeared a distance away. Completely uninjured with anger blazing in its eyes.

Yeah, it was way harder to take out an R6 even for Raya.

And that was when she ambushed it too.

Then again, R6 wasn't a rank any randos could reach. So it was understandable if all of them were difficult to deal with.

The fact that Raya managed to get close even by using space travel was already amazing.

Anyway, Raya appeared in the opposite protection of the King Meg.

The two looked at each other for a second then...

"Are you seeking death, Dragon Child?" The Meg spoke in a deep voice full of anger.

"And who said I'm the one who's going to die?" Raya spoke as she shed her human skin and took on her massive dragon form.

The two monsters looked at each other silently again. Then...

"Die then" The Meg spoke the the water around Raya compressed around her trying to crush her in place.

At the same time, the Meg opened its mouth and started gathering energy. Clearly trying to end it as soon as possible.

Which was understandable, who knew if another R6 was close by. They might take advantage if the fight took too long.

It was a very common thing.

What the Meg didn't know was that Raya had a whole team behind her...

"ROOOOOOOOAR" The energy blast that looked like it was made out of boiling water flew toward Raya who was seemingly still trying to free herself from the water locking her in place.

In no time at all, it had appeared in front of her.

However, just then, what looked like a light purple portal appeared in front of her.

All of the energy blast was sucked inside. Then another one appeared behind the meg.

BOOOOOOOM!

An explosion rang out.

It didn't take long to clear up though.

This revealed the meg which was completely unharmed.

"Do you really think you can use my own power against me? If that's all you've got you might as well drop dead and let me eat your meat" The Meg taunted.

Its words were valid though. If you were R6 and still don't have total control of your power, then you're wasting your time.

Of course, a few out there didn't. But they were so few they might as well not exist. That's how skilled the average R6 was.

Raya didn't say anything back. She didn't expect it to work anyway. She was just trying out new moves.

Speaking of which, she had recently learned how to change the colour of her space element. And she really liked purple, so that became its official colour.

Anyway, black energy seeped out of her body and all the water restraining her was instantly pacified.

It was already healing and generating water. It seemed it had become more proactive in keeping its "life" in recent times.

In the past, it would have taken around a month or more for everything to be fixed, but now, it only took seconds.

Fortunately, Raya wasn't always fighting or it would have definitely been working overtime...

Raya looked at the destruction she caused with a slightly embarrassed look. She didn't expect that it would be so disastrous actually.

And she had been truthful when she said she was only using a little bit of power.

That attack was at most 15 percent of what it could have been. And the space element wasn't even in the mix yet.

This is why R6s were certified planetary beings. Or star level if the planet hadn't evolved.

Anyway, she decided to never be so careless next time.

She looked at the spot the Meg was before.

Surprisingly, it was still there. In a hideous and completely mangled state, but there nonetheless.

It looked at Raya with its remaining eye as the other one had been destroyed along with that section of its face.

"Y...You... Lied" It spoke in an aggrieved tone then died.

"I didn't okay! I just didn't expect to be so strong..." Raya retorted despite knowing that the beast was already dead.

She then licked her lips, swam forward, and began eating merrily.

So what if she just killed millions? That didn't mean that she had to starve herself right?

Muku and the girls appeared soon after and saw her enjoying her meal.

They looked at her with deadpan expressions. Muku had seen what she did in her memories then showed it to the others.

So even if it looked like she barely did anything now. They knew that it was anything but that. Not to mention the residual energy in the air.

Not to mention the absence of any other creature within millions of kilometers around them.

"What?" Raya asked innocently.

"Don't what me you brat. You know what you did!" Muku angrily retorted.

"Ey, it's not my fault my opponent was weak and I didn't know how strong I am. These things happen" Raya defended herself.

"Well, she's not wrong. And now we can at least say that her power is definitely above LR6... maybe even MR6. I'm truly jealous of her talent" Audrey chimed in to diffuse the situation.

"Yeah. Anyway, let's get away from here. Who knows how many creatures this one summoned" Muku spoke tiredly and led everyone away after Raya finished her meal.

[Alert! Alert! Due to a recent event. The World Spirit has decided that all R6s battles will be held in space from now on]

A message suddenly rang out in everyone's minds.

They all thought one thing...

"What?" ...

Chapter 507 Gaia

"So Raya got us all hated by the planet huh?" Muku commented with a deadpan expression on his face.

"Hey! How's this my fault? I didn't know it would react like this! And how is that your takeaway from the situation instead of the fact that the world is conscious? Besides as long as we aren't fighting we won't be kicked off" Raya defended herself.

"Pfft. Like anyone would be surprised by the world being conscious at this point. Besides, haven't you watched enough anime and read enough novels to expect that? And even if you defend yourself with technicalities, it's still your fault" Muku shut her down.

"Tsk. Fine" Raya didn't argue anymore. She had already said all she could.

"Hey, let's look at the bright side of this. Now we can go to space. I'm not the only one who has always wanted to go, right? We can even confirm if those moon landing photos were real" Jade spoke up excitedly.

"Tsk. Of course, you would be happy about this. Though I kinda agree with you" Emily replied to Jade.

"I wonder if I can destroy the moon with one punch" Jade suddenly added.

"What the heck?! Are you trying to make me regret supporting you? Because it's working!" Emily angrily shouted at Jade.

"Actually, I don't think it would affect the planet at all at this point. With mana, it has long become self-sufficient. The moon is still so small, while the planet has changed so much. Yet, nothing has changed in its gravity... Well, it did become stronger, but again, that was from the evolution with no input from the moon. So even if she destroys it, it likely won't do anything" Layla surprisingly defended Jade.

Though it was probably just coincidental as she was just analysing the moon.

[Alert! Alert! Anyone who dares destroy the moon is banned from the planet for life. It doesn't do its job anymore but the World Spirit thinks it's cute]

Another message rang in everyone's heads.

This time they weren't surprised. At least not in a shocked way like before. Deadpan expressions appeared on their faces instead.

"So the World Spirit is a pervert that's always eavesdropping huh?" Chloe commented.

"It seems so" Muku replied.

"Fortunately we have the embryo. Otherwise, I don't know how I would have been able to sleep on such a creepy planet that's always watching us" Freya added.

[Alert! Alert! The World Spirit isn't a pervert. It's not always listening to you. It just happened to be in the area. So please don't misunderstand] The voice was heard again.

This time a bit flustered and aggrieved.

"Shut up! If you're here just speak normally. Why are you copying the IA's voice? Are you trying to ruin its reputation?" Muku couldn't take it anymore and snapped.

"Y...you you meanie! After I so graciously let you all do what you want without any punishment! Do you know I could have permanently kicked you all off a long time ago if I wanted to?" Suddenly a different and rather childish voice was heard.

Muku and the girls looked ahead of them and saw a little girl who looked around ten a few metres away from them.

She was angrily looking at Muku with her hands on her waist.

She looked so cute that Audrey's habit kicked in. However, Muku grabbed her hand before she pounced on the little stranger and started pinching her cheeks.

He wondered if he should work harder to give her a child. Maybe that would fix her weird quirk.

If the child were normal, he might have let Audrey do what she wanted. But the child was green in colour wearing an earthy brown dress giving off a rather soothing and motherly aura.

Definitely a weird combination.

Honestly, Audrey needed to be checked. How did she ignore so many weird factors and just see cuteness??

"I'm assuming you're the World Spirit. Sup..." Muku spoke calmly. However, he was ready for a battle at any moment. That or to retreat into the embryo with everyone.

He couldn't sense the little girl's strength just her aura. So being cautious was a must.

"Don't sup me you meanie! Yes, I'm the World Spirit. Now apologise and kiss my feet before I kick you off the planet" The World Spirit demanded.

"Hmm. I think I'll call you Gaia. Yes, Gaia. That's a perfect name for a World Spirit" Muku completely ignored the World Spirit, or Gaia rather.

"Hey! Don't ignore me! And who gave you the right to name me? Are you worthy? I'll kick you off!" Gaia shouted angrily.

The others just looked at the interaction between Muku and Gaia with awkward expressions on their faces.

They could tell that Muku was tense. Yet he was making Gaia angrier by the second. Was he crazy?

"Do you not like it?" Muku asked.

"Of course I like it, it's gre... Shut up! I'm really going to kick you off now!" Gaia was almost sidetracked.

"That's good. I was planning on giving it to my first daughter. But I figured it works better for you. Anyway, can you stop threatening us with that? It's pretty obvious that you can't kick us off randomly. Certain conditions must be met. I mean, if there weren't, why are beasts still here destroying everything?" Muku replied calmly.

Even his tense nerves were relaxing. He had realised that Gaia wasn't an immediate threat. Just an angry brat.

"Tsk. I hate dealing with smart people. Anyway, I'm done with you. But just know that the moment you mess up, I'm kicking you off the planet. And I'm keeping the name. Bye!" Gaia spoke one last time then disappeared.

"Well... I guess that takes care of that" Muku spoke after a moment of silence.

"Aww. I really wanted to hug her just once" Audrey spoke disappointedly.

"Girl, do you only care about cuteness even if it kills you? And don't worry, I doubt this is the last time we see the brat. So you'll get your chance someday" Muku spoke while flicking Audrey's head playfully.

"I hope so... And do you really want to name your first child Gaia? Such a pretty name. What are you going to name them now?" Audrey asked while rubbing her forehead.

"Don't worry about that, I have more. Way better than that. At this point, I have an encyclopedia of names... For obvious reasons" Muku replied seriously.

With so many girls, he knew that he would eventually have at least a football team's worth of children. So he already thought of many suitable names for both genders. Gaia was just one.

"Okay. I won't ask now. We'll talk about it after someone gets pregnant... I hope it will be me" Audrey replied.

At the same time, the other girls thought the same. For whatever reason, having Muku's first child was rather appealing...

Chloe, Freya and Lisa gave Muku side glances as if asking him when he was gonna make a move.

Yeah, at that point they had figured out who had slept with him and who hadn't. Apart from Hope of course. The girl was doing her best to hide it, and it was working for now.

Anyway, the group continued on their way as they dove back into the water and continued their search.

A few minutes after they left, a shadowy figure rose from the water.

Its huge deep blue eyes looked around thoughtfully for a few seconds before looking in the direction of Muku and the girls went in.

It then went in the opposite direction.

Clearly not wanting to find trouble with them for the time being...

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A few hours later...

Muku and the girls were faced with another R6... Two actually.

It was a pair of Stingray-like beasts. Of course, they were humongous like all R6s with threatening features.

And it seemed only R5s liked being in their humanoid forms. R6s preferred their beast forms.

At the very least, that's how it was on the blue planet.

This was because Muku had that encounter with them where they accompanied him through the Beast Forest to the outskirts.

Anyway, the two beasts were actually MR6 in power. So they shouldn't be so easy to take care of.

Maybe Raya could do it, but the others might not be able to.

"So who's taking these on? Rock-paper-scissors again?" Muku asked.

He wasn't in a rush since his mom already said that there were enough R6s for everyone to reach the peak on the planet.

The planet was definitely big enough to house them... As long as they weren't fighting. If they all started fighting. The world would be destroyed in less than a second.

No wonder Gaia decided to hold battles off-world.

"Why not pair up to be safe? I'll go with Elsa and Mom will go with Layla? If such a situation arises again the others will go" Chloe suggested.

"Sounds good to me. Everyone?" Muku agreed and the others agreed too.

The two beasts looked at the cocky group silently then...

"ROOOOOOOOOOAR!"x2 They attacked.

However, before they reached the group, everyone including them, disappeared...

Chapter 508 Space battles!

Somewhere in space. Millions of miles away from the blue planet...

Muku, the girls and the two rays appeared.

"Welp. It seems the brat meant it..." Muku spoke while transmitting his voice around with mana.

As for why he wasn't panicking, well, R6s were quite comfortable in space, it seemed.

They could do whatever they wanted as long as they had mana. And another interesting thing he noticed was the unbelievably high levels of mana around them.

He couldn't help but wonder if this had leaked from the planet or if it had always been there.

He even had a crazy thought. Could it be what people called space radiation back then because they didn't know what it was?

Well, whatever, it turned out to be a good thing that they were tossed into space. It was great for their practice.

It didn't give them KP, but it was great for purifying mana and gaining better control of it.

"If I knew it was going to feel this great, I would have come here a long time ago" Jade spoke with a dreamy look in her eyes.

That's right, even her Beast Aura production was boosted in space.

From all angles, it seemed like the planet was limiting them. They all felt like a huge weight had been lifted off their backs.

Raya felt even better than everyone else as a space elemental. She felt her space elemental control and purity improving without any input from her. It was truly magnificent.

"Anyway, let's deal with them first" Audrey brought everyone's attention back to the two beasts that were brought there with them.

"Oh yeah. Them... Do we still need to team up? I feel like I can take one on my own" Chloe who originally suggested teaming up before had changed her mind.

She didn't feel like coordinating with anyone after being "freed" from the planet.

"You can go ahead. I also don't want that anymore. I'll get the next one" Elsa agreed with her.

"You too Layla" Audrey said.

"Okay", Layla replied simply.

And so, the battle went from two versus one to one versus one. Which was for the best since KP was rather thin the further one advanced...

Without delay, Chloe and Layla flew forward. Each heading for their own beast.

"Let's see who wins their battle first" Chloe spoke to her sister.

"Don't use Kamikaze then" Layla replied.

"You won't use Omnipresence either" Chloe shot back.

"Fine" Layla agreed.

After that, they split.

The two beasts were still confused by what was happening. However, seeing the two ants coming their way made them forget that confusion for the time being.

They were going to take care of the bugs in front of them first.

Foosh!

Both rays charged at their targets at lightning speed. They sliced through space like they were slicing through water.

Like Muku's side, they were also quite comfortable in space.

It would be weird if they weren't when they were technically stronger as MR6s.

Anyway, both Chloe and Layla were ready. Chloe's body was instantly covered by lightning. Her hair stood straight on her sculp then she vanished from the Stingray's path.

As for Layla, she just disappeared and appeared behind the beast.

That's right. She had used [omnipresence]. It wasn't done intentionally. Her body reacted on its own before she could think of what to do.

"Haha. I won since you broke the rules" Chloe's happy voice was heard from the distance.

"Tsk. Whatever, I'll still kill mine first" Layla grumbled in response.

After that, both girls were completely locked in on their targets.

They didn't rush to summon their avatars despite looking like literal ants in front of the beasts if not smaller.

After all, their size didn't affect their spell potency or size.

In fact, it was advantageous to them. They were tiny targets while their opponents were huge. So they were in a pretty decent spot...

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Chloe's battle...

The girl blitzed all over the place with two huge fists made out of lightning floating beside her.

The fists would punch the Stingray every chance she got. They were obviously inspired by Jade's Beast Aura fists.

Jade was laughing like a mad person while seeing this. Saying that she was everyone's idol and that's why they were copying her.

Completely ignoring that it was only one person taking inspiration from her.

The others rolled their eyes silently and continued watching the fights...

The Stingray soon noticed that its way of fighting wasn't working. Even if it cast an AoE attack, Chloe would completely dodge it with her speed or defend herself with a normal attack since a spread-out attack was a bit weaker than concentrated ones so breakthrough through was easy enough.

Anyway, with that realisation, the Stingray finally took its humanoid form.

It looked pretty weird though.

It looked like a snakeman for whatever reason. Maybe because its head had the cobra hood.

Though its skin was a smooth dark grey. It had a lean arm with blades at the end and thin legs too. Then there was the thin and long tail behind it.

"It's time for you to die" it spoke to Chloe for the first time.

Its body was immediately encased by a blackish domain armour. The water it used also changed from bluish to black.

As for how that was, only it knew.

Well, whatever. This also increased its speed to almost match Chloe's.

Honestly, it should have been able to catch up at least considering its rank, but it couldn't. Which was quite embarrassing.

This made it angrier as it pursued Chloe.

Fortunately, she wasn't interested in a game of cat and mouse. She wanted a fight. Had that been exactly what she was going to have with the Stingray now that they were the same size?

BOOOOOM!... BOOOOOM!... BOOOOOM!...

And so, the duo began exchanging punches that sent shockwaves through space. This went on for a few minutes.

And they were so strong that the first connection would have destroyed half the world... No wonder Gaia kicked them off.

Fortunately for Chloe, her body was upgraded by the fruit from before otherwise she wouldn't have been able to keep up with the physical exchange even if her mana was strong enough.

However, the upgrade wasn't enough. She couldn't do it for much longer. So she had to change tactics even if she liked this way of fighting.

And so, she created some distance between the two of them.

The ray didn't want this, but as the slower party, there was nothing it could do...

It was really frustrating as it could be seen that it would have won had they continued.

Anyway, that didn't matter. It can always use ranged attacks right?

After all, as the higher-ranked being, it should have a bigger mana pool. So even if the battle is drawn out, it will still be the victor.

It had completely forgotten about the group of spectators that could step in at any moment.

Which was understandable when Muku hid everyone with his telekinesis' invisibility. They also suppressed their auras to the absolute limit.

So it was easy to completely overlook them in such a heated situation.

Anyway, the ray started gathering energy for one of its stronger attacks.

But it wasn't alone, Chloe had the same idea. She was doing the same in the distance.

The two had eyes on each other as they did this. Their opponent's every move was seen by them.

And so, clouds appeared in space for the first time ever due to Chloe.

And a floor of violent water that would rip anything that it consumed appeared too.

Which was another first.

Speaking of which, it seemed water users really liked floods more than anything.

Even Audrey who was technically not a water user liked using floods.

Though this flood was definitely the deadliest the group had seen.

Hell, Audrey and Elsa were analysing it closely for pointers. They were definitely gonna steal it.

It's not like they could be sued for plagiarism after all.

Anyway, the two were soon done preparing their attacks but neither made a move. Almost like they were waiting for the other one to do it then react.

But this deadlock didn't last long.

Both soon made a move at the same time.

The flood actually split apart and created a huge oval around Chloe before she could escape then began closing in on her at unimaginable speeds.

Unlike the prior AoE attacks, this one wasn't so easily cut through.

But at the same time, Chloe's attack was also unleashed. A rain of thick lightning bolts rained down onto the ray.

They were many and dangerous but it didn't flinch. It had expanded this from how obvious it was, so it had prepared a barrier already.

However, something unexpected happened. As it focused on what was raining down...

PEW!

A concentrated beam of lightning pierced through the spear that had completely trapped Chloe.

The ray barely managed to react before the beam was upon it.

Fortunately, it got out of the way.

It looked where the bolt went and saw Chloe breathing a bit heavily. But there was a little smirk on her lips.

It then looked down at its body and noticed that something was wrong...

It was missing an arm. And a significant part of its midsection as well...

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"Aww, it seems I missed..." Chloe spoke in a seemingly disappointed but obviously gloating voice.

She had expected that the ray would behave similarly to how it had after facing Elsa and Audrey.

Liquid users tended to want to enclose their opponents in a water sphere.

While this water sphere was by far the strongest and deadliest she had been trapped in, it was still weak when enough force was put in.

As for her feint, well, she figured that an attack from the sky would be obvious. So why not switch it up and use the obvious attack to draw attention?

And she almost succeeded too. Just that the ray managed to react in time. And even then, it barely preserved its life with a heavy injury.

As Chloe spoke, blood began pouring out of the wound as well as the mouth of the ray.

It didn't say anything but from its eyes, it was obviously very pissed. It instantly charged at her, its abdomen glowing a bright blue.

That's right, it wanted to detonate its beast core and take Chloe with it into the afterlife.

And honestly, if it succeeds in exploding close to her, there was nothing she could do but die.

Chloe immediately noticed this problem. But she didn't panic. She expected something like this too.

And so, a dense blue glow enveloped her completely. Leaving behind a featureless being in her place.

It was clearly made of lightning but there was no crackling. Just focused pure energy, then...

"..."

There was no sound at all.

Chloe disappeared and appeared behind the ray. This time she was holding a glowing beast core in her hand which was losing its glow as she sucked it dry.

The ray turned around and looked at her in confusion. Then it looked down. Its whole lower region was missing. In its place was dust floating in place.

Chloe had turned it into dust. And the dust that could be seen was just the remaining dust that managed to avoid complete destruction.

"..."

"..."

"..."

Everyone looked on in silence for a moment. All their eyes were wide shut in shock.

What did they just see? Since when could Chloe do that? Sure, she always had the most destructive element but this was way too much!

"Are you not gonna tell us what happened like usual?" Jade asked Muku. Even with her hyperactive senses, she only saw the beginning and the ending of what happened.

The middle section was a complete blur. Hell, it wasn't even a blur. She sensed nothing at all.

"Yeah, you're gonna have to ask Chloe on this one. Maybe if I had been expecting it, I would have caught a glimpse. But I wasn't expecting whatever that was" Muku admitted to seeing nothing for the first time.

And that was understandable. After all, it looked like Chloe teleported.

"..." Hearing his response left everyone even more shocked.

Their all-powerful leader actually didn't see what happened either?!

Just how impressive was Chloe to achieve that? Did that mean she could take out Muku if they were to fight now?

"Hey everyone. Why do you all look like you saw a ghost?" Chloe asked after coming over.

"Tell us what you just did first" Jade replied. She didn't like not understanding what was going on.

"Later... I'm tired..." Chloe replied then to everyone's surprise she fell into Muku's eyes and fell asleep.

Everyone then noticed that she was now extremely pale after the move. It seemed it had taken an extremely heavy toll on her body.

Which was understandable. After all, that move was beyond an ultimate move. It was legendary.

Anyway, Muku gently held the girl who had completely fallen into recovery mode using the core she had just gotten still clutched in her hand.

He could have sent her back into the embryo to rest or prepared a metal bed for her to rest. But why would he do that when he could hold her warm and extremely comfortable body himself? Not to mention that scent of hers that drove him crazy for whatever reason.

He was surprised by how he hadn't jumped on her already actually.

Yeah, he was definitely not a good guy for thinking like that at such a time, but so what? He never said he was. And the girls already knew that their man was a pervert who would definitely take advantage of them any and every chance he got.

And they were okay with it. They chose to take it as his weird way of showing that he loved and desired them.

Anyway, everyone soon ignored how Muku was sneakily feeling up Chloe and focused on Layla's fight.

It was also close to ending...

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Layla's battle...

Before Chloe's battle ended, Layla's battle was one of attrition. Both sides threw attacks and the other side defended.

But after Chloe ended her opponent, things took a turn. The ray became way more violent and reckless in its actions.

It had seen its partner getting executed by Chloe.

It had actually wanted to assist, but Layla prevented that. This left it feeling helpless.

In normal situations, R6s can easily create attacks far away from them.

However, it was almost impossible when another R6s has taken over a certain space with their mana, then it was almost impossible to do such a thing.

And there was no way an experienced fighter like Chloe wouldn't do such a thing so...

Anyway, since it couldn't get to Chloe for the time being, it chose to focus all its anger on Layla. It was her fault it couldn't go help anyway.

"I'm going to kill you so that the bastard who killed my partner knows what it's like to lose a loved one"
The ray which was also in a humanoid form hissed in an angry voice.

Its skin shade was lighter than the one Chloe fought and its voice was feminine. This suggested that it was the female of the two. Likely a wife who had seen her husband being killed.

While it was definitely the unhappiest creature in the area at that moment, Layla wasn't too happy either.

Not only has she used a move she said she wouldn't use, but she was slower than Chloe in finishing the battle. And Chloe didn't even use Kamikaze.

Plus the realisation that had Chloe used the move she used just now in their duo before, she would have likely died if no one interfered.

That's how deadly that nameless move was. Even with [omnipresence] she might have been caught.

Unless maybe it was within her domain where every minute detail was tracked.

Anyway, while she was facing the wrath of the female ray, the female ray was also facing her wrath.

At that point in time, she hadn't used her shadow-charged attacks yet. After all, they were still not serious, and she was never one to show all her cards too early in the game...

At least she thought they were still not serious, she couldn't speak for the ray.

Anyway, unlike the male ray, the female one actually used ice instead of water. This made this Layla's first-ever ice versus ice battle.

She was excited initially, which likely led to her taking so long without finishing the match.

Beating Chloe's time wasn't guaranteed, but she could have definitely saved some time had she been serious from the start.

Anyway, the ray didn't waste time. It isolated the two of them in an ice sphere bigger than the moon... Yeah, the pair of rays seemed to have similar tastes in attacks.

Anyway, from every direction ice wyrms formed and charged at Layla.

When she destroyed some, they would be absorbed by the domain before being spat out again in Prestine conditions.

When Layla tried attacking a certain spot to escape, the ice would gather there, making the area impenetrable.

At the same time, the sphere glowed brightly eliminating all shade. Even the attacks glowed, no shade was created.

This meant that Layla had to defend as she couldn't get away with the shadow element.

And that was all. Random spikes would shoot out at random from random places as well. And the ice got thicker with time too.

The space inside kept on decreasing without losing mass. Which meant that it would become harder and harder to escape with time.

Honestly, after it advances to a certain stage, Layla will definitely be unable to break through no matter what she does.

Though even now, escaping seemed rather impossible.

This was the very effect the ray wanted. It wanted Layla to feel despair as she saw her demise quickly approaching without being able to do anything.

Maybe then it will feel better about the death of its partner.

There was also supposed to be a painful freezing cold effect, but Layla was an ice mage, so that was off the table. But it didn't matter. The rest was enough.

The ray also didn't stop attacking Layla with all its might inside the sphere.

It really would have been a horrendous situation for a normal opponent. Worthy of the move's name, [Execution ground]

But was Layla a normal opponent? Of course not. The situation looked dire. And as much as she didn't want to admit it, if it was solely an ice battle. She might have lost.

But that it was...

"Shadow charged:..." She finally spoke, calmly too.

Things were about to get real...

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"Shadow charged: Execution ground"...

That's right, Layla was feeling a bit sadistic that day. So she used the very same spell the ray used. However, hers was black.

And... It couldn't be blocked. It steadily made its way toward the ray, while it tried its best to attack and destroy it.

Which was going horribly as its attacks mostly faded through the ice.

Dodging was the only viable choice. However, that was extremely challenging when you were being attacked from all sides.

So, in no time at all, the ray was missing several chunks of its body that had been bitten off by the black wyrms.

It screamed in pain every time a piece was bitten off as it struggled.

Honestly, it was a bit sad to see. However, Layla was just reversing its attack really. So what was happening was partly its fault.

Though hers was obviously the hell version. Hell, she even decided to call it, [Shadow charged: Hellish Execution Ground]

As that's what it was. Even encasing yourself in a thick ice sphere wouldn't keep you safe.

At some point, the ray tried risking it all by trying to charge in one direction and escaping.

Unfortunately, the more it pushed forward, the more it got hurt.

So it had to stop.

However, it wasn't done. Resolution appeared in its eyes then... Its ice turned darker... Just like the male ray before it.

Layla's eyes narrowed slightly. Unlike Chloe, she took notice of the change.

She felt a sinister energy mix into the ice and taint it. However, it did make the ice stronger.

It was quite apparent to her. Maybe because of her shadow element which was a branch of darkness.

Surprisingly it could also completely touch her black ice now.

This was definitely something unexpected. As for what was happening, she immediately came to a conclusion.

What she was witnessing was definitely hatred energy. Though the quantity didn't seem to be that much.

But that was beside the point as that minuscule amount was enough to fight her ice back.

This gave the ray some breathing room. Though it looked like it would drop dead at any moment now.

Interestingly enough, it didn't take the chance to escape but made its way toward Layla instead.

Its chest area was glowing a sinister blue.

"Tsk. So unoriginal" Jade cursed from the sidelines.

However, Layla didn't say anything, the calm expression on her face remained...

Then she created a short blade. It was black like all the other ice. It even looked too detailed and beautiful to be a weapon honestly. Especially with the weird holy glow around it that contrasted with the sinister aura below.

Anyway, before the ray could understand what was going on, she disappeared. Then everything went dark for the ray.

It was dead before it even registered.

Layla knew how though. She was currently looking at the reason why. The short blade in her hands. It still looked pure like it hadn't been used yet.

But that was far from the truth. After all, in front of her, the dead ray lay. Both pieces of it... That's right. She has split it in two in one swing.

"So that's what happens when you add belief energy to a shadow-charged weapon huh?" Layla spoke to herself.

She then reached down to pick the core that was now floating in space.

Just like Chloe before her, she had killed her opponent before they could successfully detonate their cores.

As for which way was more brutal, that's for you to decide...

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"Nice kill. I didn't know belief energy would be so strong. That looked like you were cutting butter with a hot knife. I can't wait until I try it" Muku spoke after coming over with the others.

"Can you move your hands?" Layla said while looking at Muku's hands that were firmly on Chloe's butt.

"This is how I'm keeping her steady okay. I didn't want to do this either" Muku defended himself with no intention of moving his hands.

"..." Layla didn't say anything else.

She knew him well enough to know that he wasn't gonna back down unless Chloe woke up and got off, herself.

As for the fact that his reasoning was super flimsy and could easily be debunked, she chose to ignore it.

After that they all watched Raya collect the leftovers for snacks later.

After all, beasts return to their original forms after death.

Then they split up to locate the planet. Gaia had definitely thrown them as far as she could the brat.

And there was no repatriation system in place after they were done fighting. So they had to look for the planet themselves.

It sucked as they had no experience in such matters, so they didn't know where to go.

Muku swore that he would find a way to get back at the brat eventually. How dare she disrespect the planet's strongest defenders?

So what if it wasn't confirmed? He felt that there was no way there would be stronger people than them out there. So they were definitely the strongest.

Though he wasn't too mad about it. After all, he had Chloe in his arms as he searched so he wasn't bored in the slightest.

"When are you going to stop pretending? I know you've been up for a while now. Or maybe you really like having your butt groped? If that's so, then just say it and I won't stop" Muku suddenly whispered in Chloe's ear.

A chill went down her spine as her face turned red.

"N...no! That's not it at all. I thought it would be awkward if I woke up while you were doing that. So I decided to wake up after you stopped. How was I to know that you wouldn't stop even after an hour?" Chloe defended herself feeling wronged at the same time.

How was she the one having her character questioned when he was the one groping her?

"Oh... Well, then it was a misunderstanding. I was doing it to make you reveal yourself... Mostly" Muku replied.

The latter part was in a lower voice. But Chloe heard it and rolled her eyes.

"Okay, I understand. Can you stop now? And couldn't you have carried me on your back or something? Why did it have to be your front? Your banana has been poking me for a while now... Wait, banana? Ahhh! You pervert! Let me go!" Chloe screamed while replying after realising something.

She hadn't thought about it clearly before since she was distracted but now? How can he be so shameless? And wouldn't it have entered long ago had there been no clothes between them? Such a shameless fellow!

"Okay okay. But have you recovered enough?" Muku replied while letting her go. However, he still supported her with his telekinesis.

As for the obvious tent he had pitched. He didn't care. She already knew about it after all. And why would a husband hide such things from their wife?

Especially when she was the one who caused it. Sure they hadn't done it yet, but that changed nothing!

"Let's continue like this from now on" Chloe replied.

She couldn't support herself yet, but she refused to be carried again.

"Fine. But I have something better" Muku spoke then created a silver disk with two luxurious chairs on it and a table. He then took out some fruits and placed them on the table.

After that, he helped Chloe into her seat before taking his own.

Chloe obediently did as she was told out of curiosity. She wanted to know where he was going with it.

"What do you think? I figured since we're here anyway, we might as well have a space date. The very first people to do so, gazing at stars up close and whatnot. Maybe if you ask for a star, I'll get one for you. Doesn't that just sound romantic?" The more Muku spoke, the more Chloe's eyes glowed.

She really liked his idea. If she had the strength she might have gotten up and given him a tight hug for being so thoughtful.

Unfortunately, she could barely move her arms. The move really had taken everything out of her. Her body was pushed to the limit.

"This is great! You're the best! I'm really happy. I don't know how to show you my gratitude" Chloe spoke excitedly with a beautiful smile on her face.

"Hmm. I have an idea" Muku spoke then leaned over to her, touched her chin gently then went in for a kiss.

Chloe didn't resist, she was more than happy to go along with it at the moment. Her shyness has been blown away by the gesture.

And so, the two shared a romantic kiss in space.

No, Muku didn't jump her after that. He was better than that. At least now that his bloodline was under control. If it was before, then yeah, he would have ruthlessly jumped her.

But in his sane state, he knew when to, and when not to do something...

Chloe appreciated the fact that he didn't go for more at such a time... Though honestly, she wouldn't have refused had he made such moves. She was getting more and more interested in it knowing that a few of them had already slept with Muku and were doing it regularly.

Even Layla had tasted the forbidden fruit. Now she was glowing every day.

Which left Chloe wondering... {When will it be my turn, huh?}...