

RAISING A FEW WIVES IN A BEAST APOCALYPSE

Chapter 51 Cuteness overload!

"It's a love hotel!". Jade screamed.

"Shut up!, how does a kid even know about that anyway!?". Muku snapped back.

"Hmph!, only you think of us as kids". Jade refused to back down.

"Whatever, let's rest here, there doesn't seem to be a better building close by anyway. And we shouldn't keep on walking around in our current conditions". Muku said, giving up arguing with her.

"Hmph!" Jade unwillingly agreed. The others couldn't help but have their faces redden a bit, except Hope who was confused, she was also the one who suggested the building, only seeing it as a normal hotel. She grew up as a sheltered child who always did everything her parents said and never bothered with looking into things she was told not to until she was an adult.

All she saw was a tall building with a sign that said "Heavenly Pleasures Hotel" and suggested it. Although she felt the name was a bit weird, she always tried not to judge how other people lived their lives. All she thought on the matter was...

{it's their building so they can name it whatever they want, I don't know if their facilities are enough to be called heavenly though, but it's their life I guess}

With that, the group advanced toward the building that had three floors. The first floor had the reception area which was obviously unoccupied and five rooms.

"So are we going to stay on this floor and upper floor?". Emily asked, she really didn't like being in buildings ever since she got her element...for obvious reasons, so her expression was a bit dark.

"Well, considering the broken down front door and the blood stains all over the floor, I'd rather we go to an upper floor." Jade gave her opinion, which the others agreed to. Although they were rather used to the sight of blood by now, they'd rather not see it if they don't have to.

"Jade, you're our vanguard and Ms Audrey, let me carry Chloe and you'll take the back." Muku gave out his orders. And everyone did as he said.

At this point, although he was still capable of fighting 1, he didn't want to always be the one doing everything all the time. So while Jade turned cat, he created a sword and gave it to Audrey who really just didn't want to make feel useless. As for why they were doing this, it was just in case a small but strong beast was hiding here or even if there were other people here. You can never be too careful after all.

[Wow, she's really soft! And she really does smell grea....I should stop, where's my dignity as a teacher!?!..... Was she always this cute though?, To think she isn't wearing anything underneath this t-shirt, I can even vaguely make out two little buttons on her ches....Noo!, what am I thinking!!!!...]

Muku's thoughts were all over the place as he princess carried the unconscious Chloe. As a healthy man, he really couldn't help but get hot and bothered by what was happening.

"Perv"

"Huh?" He suddenly heard a voice, looked in front of him and noticed Jade looking at him from the corner of her eye. She was the one who spoke, she had noticed him checking out Chloe, and quite frankly she was jealous, all of them had long noticed that the one who seemed to have the best chance with him right now was actually Chloe due to how he was always throwing comments her way every now and then. If course Chloe herself hadn't realised it, and neither did Muku either and of course Hope was also chilling on that list. As for Audrey, she hadn't been around long enough to realise anything.

Anyway, seeing this scene, Jade couldn't help but get jealous and call out, making everyone look Muku's way.

"Idiot, focus on the task!". Muku called out with feigned anger to cover up his embarrassment. Luckily everyone bought it and continued their ascent. He breathed out a sigh of relief and dared not look at Chloe again.

They checked the second floor and it was clear. But they chose to search the whole building just in case. Of course the others would stay on the second floor while only a few continued, for efficiency.

Muku chose a room to place Chloe before continuing upstairs. He first removed the dust covered blanket and threw it aside.

(A/N: Don't ask or even think "how, when he was holding a girl in his hands?". With all the things he can do with his telekinesis, tossing a dusty blanket to the side wouldn't be hard now would it?)

A slowly placed her on the bed and couldn't help but be mesmerized by her pretty face again. And that just happens to be when Chloe's eyes open....

The two look at each other in the eyes again unmoving. Then both of them couldn't help but think of an earlier incident that left Muku shirtless as he was now and Chloe wearing his t-shirt and nothing else as she was now.

Remembering all this, Chloe's face slowly reddens until it becomes so red Muku couldn't help but worry about her health.

"I was putting you down to rest while me and Jade go check out the upper floor. Goodbye for now and rest well." Muku explained and got out of the room with a serious face as if nothing was wrong...well technically nothing was wrong. But unlike his outside appearance, his heart beat so fast it felt like it was going to jump out of his chest.

{Ahh!, why is she so cute!?!}. He thought as he got out of the room.

While Chloe thought... {He was so close!, and those muscles!. His eyes! I'm wearing his shirt! His scent! I wish I could wear it forever!...why do I feel drafty down there? Oh right...I have no underwear!! Ahhhhh! What if he saw everything again?}... Her thoughts were all over the place again.

Outside the room, the opposite door was open with Jade, Emily and Hope in it messing around with the things in it. The drawers that probably had some 18+ stuff were luckily locked.

"Hey Emily, look what I found!". Hope called out holding an....un opened condom!?.

"Oh, let me see".

"Hey!!"

Seeing it, Emily replied with a smile. As soon as Hope handed it to her, she burned it to ash prompting a shout from Hope.

"We don't need that now do we?". Emily said still smiling, but the smile didn't seem like a smile to Hope so she only nodded not daring to say anything.

After that, Emily's gaze happens to look at the door and there she sees Muku looking at them. Definitely having seen the scene that just happened. Remembering how she just said they didn't need condoms and how it could be translated in two ways, her face couldn't help but redden in shame.

"Ahh!, I didn't mean it like that!".

Bang!

She screamed then ran to the door before shutting it in Muku's face unable to face him. Which made him speechless and could only go to the room in the side where Layla and Audrey where. A new thought in his mind..

{So cute!}

(A/N: Hope might be innocent but that doesn't mean she's unaware of sex and condoms. That stuff is taught at school after all. What she didn't know about was "legendary stuff" like love hotels, sex toys and such other things you likely know about ^_^)

In Layla's room, she and Audrey were sitting on the bed after throwing out the dusty blanket. Now they just looked at each other in awkward silence.

"Umm, Layla, why is it that you never hated me over the years?...I adopted you and ignored you afterwards after all". Audrey couldn't help but ask the question that has troubled her for years.

"I think the correct way would be to say, you tried to ignore me....but you failed, quite greatly too actually". Layla replied, with a calm voice like usual.

"What do you mean?". Audrey asked in confusion, she felt she had done a pretty good job at ignoring her.

"You see mother, you're a nice person, you're so nice you don't know how to not be nice". Layla replied again, this time smiling a bit.

"Whenever I asked for anything you bought it saying that you didn't want people to think you didn't take care of me. Even when I didn't ask for it and you somehow found out, you'd get it and give the same reason, apparently too lazy to come up with something else. Then there were the school events that required you there like sports days, you always came, even when I didn't tell you. Wearing an easily identified disguise that I would find in the laundry the next morning. When I got a little sick you'd rush me to the hospital saying you're afraid that you'd be implicated if I died...who dies from a cold?. Not to mention your eyes everytime you looked at me, they were never cold, I could see the love, yearning and pain in them and....". Layla was speaking on and on, giving Audrey one reason after the other before she was interrupted.

"Okay stop!, I get it!, I didn't realise I was so obvious!. Ahh, how embarrassing, it must have been hard to hold back from laughing at me all these years". Audrey interrupted her and spoke while covering her red face with her hands from all the embarrassment.

"No, I never felt like laughing, I really appreciate everything you did for me. What bothered me was not knowing why you were doing it when you clearly didn't want to. I only kept up the act since I thought you must have a real good reason for doing it, and I didn't want to ruin our relationship by exposing you. And I knew it likely had something to do with sickness from how on some days you wouldn't get out of bed all day. But other than that, I really liked how we lived, I saw it as our special mother-daughter relationship like no other". Layla spoke again, this time hitting the very core of Audrey's heart.

"Ahh, my beautiful daughter!, I don't deserve you!" Audrey suddenly screamed as she lunged toward Layla and hugging her, pressing her face on her quite large bosom.

"You're squashing my face!". Layla cried out.

Muku who was watching this scene couldn't help but smile and then quietly walk away. A new thought in his mind again...

{Why are they all so cute!??}

"Jade, lets go" He says while knocking on the very same door that was shut in his face a while back.

"Okay!". Jade's voice was heard from the other side.

Chapter 52 Not you too!

"Are really up for this?". Jade asked Muku who was working beside her as they made their way up the stairs.

"Yeah, why do you ask?". Muku replied a bit confused.

"Well, you used such a big attack and it should have blown through most of your mana right?. I mean you were even breathing hard after it. I can do this alone after". Jade said, she was really worried that he was overworking himself.

"Aww, are you perhaps worried about little old me?...you couldn't possibly hold forbidden feelings for your teacher could..Ow! Jade you brat!". Muku was teasing Jade and before he could finish he got a kick on the leg.

"Hmph!, have it your way then. I won't care even if you work yourself to death". Jade said and looked away from him, now focusing on the task ahead but the faint blush on her cheeks didn't escape Muku's eyes.

"Don't worry about me, I wouldn't be here if I couldn't afford to be, I still have around a third of mana surprisingly. Probably because I realised more of my potential, I'm at 50% now.". Muku said trying to ease Jade's worries.

"I said I don't ca... what!!, we still haven't realised any at all and you're already at 50%! So unfair!, can we switch classes please!?". Jade shouted while shaking him by the shoulders, completely forgetting that she was supposed to be angry with him and also about their scouting mission.

"Let me go already, and quiet down, did you already what we're doing?, and I thought you didn't care...and I'm freaking shirtless, show some decency, what will the others think if they saw us like this?". Muku said while taking Jade's soft hands off his shoulders, luckily her claws weren't out of she might have even scratched him.

"Oh, let me go!. And it's not my fault if you're a pervert lusting over his students. Maybe the reason you're here to push me down away from the others....no, you wouldn't dare!". At first Jade spoke trying to spite Muku but the more she spoke, the more she felt it made sense. So she quickly jumped away from Muku and was now holding her hands in front of her modest chest giving him a wary look.

"What the hell is wrong with that head of yours!?, Do you think if I wanted to do anything to you I would have waited for the apocalypse?...sorry to disappoint you but I don't have a thing for kids". Muku said with a deadpan expression, this kid's imagination is so messed up!, who scares themselves with their own thoughts anyway?.

"Really?". Jade said, still visibly was still wary.

"Of course really!, you know what, if you don't want to come just go back already!" Muku finally snapped, the brat really was testing his patience.

"Hehehe, although you saying you aren't attracted to us is definitely a lie, I at least know you won't force yourself on us. And sir, you really need to find a shirt soon". Jade finally broke her acting. She just wanted to get back at him for teasing her.

"You!...you know what, whatever, we have things to do". Muku was again pissed off by her saying that she didn't believe him when he said he wasn't attracted to them. Sure, he was, but that doesn't mean he wants it to be known, especially by this brat.

"Not even gonna deny it this time huh?". Jade said, unable to hold herself back.

"Say anything else and I'll spank you right here". Muku said without looking at her. Hearing his words she couldn't help but remember the last time and quickly shut up.

With Jade finally behaving, they finally got things properly moving. They searched the last floor, room by room and found no one. Which wasn't too hard to believe considering that no one would really want to stay here for long. There was no food and no shops close by either. So even somebody from here survived, they would definitely go somewhere else.

"So should we move up a floor? These rooms are a lot more luxurious after all" Jade asked Muku looking at one of the rooms with sparkling eyes.

"If you want to, no one will stop you". Muku said, clearly not wanting to go through the trouble.

"Sir, I think I know why you're single and have been single for all your life as well" Jade said looking at Muku with a serious expression.

"Hey!, who said I haven't dated anyone before!?". Muku bellowed, she had touched a sore spot of his.

"It's painfully obvious actually" Jade said, now even wearing a sympathetic look.

"You brat!, like you have any experience" Muku said smugly.

"Well I'm still just a highschool student after all, I have to focus on school....Sir, are you perhaps encouraging me to get into a relationship at my tender age?". Jade spoke with a pure look that turned exaggeratedly surprised at the end, clearly making fun of Muku.

"Whatever, I'm not talking to you anymore, I'm going back. An adult like me doesn't argue with kids.". Muku said and unhesitatingly turned around and walked away. Internally he was thinking....

{Wtf!, when did this kid become so good at arguing, she basically had me dancing in her palm! She stripped me of all my face as a teacher and man!. I'll have to think twice before arguing with her next time. It seems she has been going easy on me all this time. I guess it was true when they said a man can never win against a woman in a battle of words}.any thoughts ran through Muku's mind but his face was as serious as ever.

"Hehehe, sir wait for me!". Jade laughed as she ran after him, clearly enjoying the situation.

And Muku was right, Jade really had been just playing around with him before. Women had a weird habit of pretending to be below the man they like in everything when in fact in some cases they are a lot better. But after seeing his risqué interactions with Chloe earlier in the day, she couldn't help but show him a bit of her "true power".

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"Oh, so there's no one here after all?". Audrey asked for confirmation.

"Yeah". Jade replied.

"Good, now we can all take our baths in peace. I'm really glad the electricity still hasn't gone even after so long, we really have to thank author-san for that". Hope said with a smile as she got up and went to take a bath. The others nodded in agreement and went to their own room bathrooms. Though they felt that there was something wrong with her statement, they just couldn't tell what it was.

They were sharing one room for two people. Layla and Audrey, Jade and Emily, Hope and Chloe and Muku was unsurprisingly chilling alone envious of the pairs... though even if there was another dude in the group, he would have still chose a room to himself. So while Muku and half the girls went to bathe, half waited for the others to finish. Audrey offered Layla to bathe with her, but Layla gave her a flat no.

Soon everyone was done bathing and were gathered in Hope and Chloe's room again. Chloe had refused to get out of bed and blanket for obvious reasons after finishing bathing.

"Umm....do we even want to know?". Layla asked as she and the girls looked at Muku oddly.

"What?...oh, this?, do you like it? I can make you your own if you want!". Muku said excitedly.

Right now, he was no longer shirtless but had something on. It was a cut off part of a blanket with a hole in the middle that his head went through. Although it didn't cover his sides, since it covered the front and back, Muku felt it was good enough, he was quite proud of it actually.

"No thank you, I just thought it was rather unique." Layla quickly refused, even if Muku could wear the thing, it would be totally different than if a girl like her wore it, especially if some wind blew by while they were in battle.

"Oh okay, your loss then". Muku said with a shrug.

"Well I think it looks cool, big brother". Hope supported her big brother.

"Good girl Hope, you know how to appreciate real fashion!". Muku said while patting her head as she giggled.

"They really got into their roles huh?". Jade said as she looked at the two acting like they were really brother and sister. The others nodded, though they all found it quite heartwarming.

"Now, for our plan for tomorrow...any ideas?". Muku asked for the opinion of the others. They could no longer half hazardly do whatever they wanted anymore. Not after facing the rat king and being certain that it was definitely not the only beast of its level in the city. They now had to properly come up with plans.

"Well, I say since we're already close enough to Jade's house, we might as well go there. We just have to be more cautious than before when engaging in fights, they shouldn't be too loud or too long if possible. And she did say there's a mall closed to it after all....some of us really need some clothes." Layla offered her input while looking at Muku and Chloe. Muku didn't even flinch as if everything was fine but Chloe couldn't help but look away a bit in embarrassment.

The others didn't even bother to offer another suggestions. Then they realised that they couldn't really change much about the way they planned, the best they can do was be more cautious.

"Well that settles that then, anyone with anything else to say?". Muku also agreed to the plan and asked for the input of the others.

"Umm. So I realised 30% of my potential earlier today". Chloe said in a low voice. Everyone then looked at her with a jerk, surprise in their eyes.

"Not you too!". Jade cried out a few seconds later.

Chapter 53 Despair and regret

The next morning, back at the school.....

The building was eerily quiet, blood stains everywhere...just as Muku's group left it. Though now there was a slight difference. The middle-aged lady was laying lifeless on a sofa in the teacher's lounge. Her eyes wide open, with an eternally frozen look of despair and regret in them. Completely naked, her body completely covered by a thick white liquid. Some more of it leaking out of her private parts.

"You...you killed her!". Mr Swindon screamed as he looked at the timid guy who didn't speak when Muku's group was around. His eyes were filled with anger, but not even a hint of remorse. Both of them were also naked like the deceased lady. It was easy to figure out what took place here.

"Stop screaming!, you're as much to blame for this as I am!. I was just unlucky that she died while it was my turn.". The man said, clearly more annoyed that she died before he was satisfied than anything else

"It was your idea though!". Mr Swindon was trying to shirk responsibility. Not because of the law or anything, but more fire his own conscience.

Last night around 8, the four of them were sitting around as usual with nothing to do. Then the timid man called Mr Swindon for a secret talk, in which he suggested r*ping the lady. Mr Swindon first wanted to refuse but he was soon persuaded, and in all honesty, he had also thought about it. All that happened left them feeling pent up and needing a release. They were too chicken to go fight the beasts outside but attacking a helpless woman?....The middle aged woman was unlucky to be there at that time.

They made their plan and approached the woman with smiles on their faces. They didn't straight up jump her, they were thick-skinned enough to actually ask her to do it with them. And of course the lady rejected. This became their fina trigger and so they quickly jumped her, ripping off her clothes left and right as she screamed.

Seeing this, the male student was overcome by fear and quickly split from the scene and disappearing into the darkness. Nobody had the time for him or even cared really, which made his escape quite easy. As for whether he'd survive or not, nobody knew.

Back in the school, Mr and Swindon and his accomplice managed to completely subdue the poor lady after a while and started to r*pe her one after the other like animals. They had gone berserk and their adrenaline pumped high, they continued doing it throughout the whole night, nonstop.

The lady screamed out at first but after a few hours she lost her voice or even the strength to scream. She then just layed there powerless as they kept on using her body anyway they wanted. Until that morning when she finally got the sweat release of death, putting her out of her misery, eyes left open. Her last thoughts were that of immense regret of not taking the chance to gain power when it was offered before by the young man who left them.

Although they all spoke to each other saying Muku's group likely got wiped out, deep down they all knew that they were abandoned for being leeches. But since they had food and the beasts had been cleared, she didn't care much. It was only last night she realised that the real beasts were always right beside her, not the ones outside she feared so much. But sadly it was too late for her. After those thoughts, she breathed her last. A final tear ran down the side of her face.

Mr Swindon and the timid man kept on arguing until they started fighting. As no one wants to really imagine two grown men fighting naked (which you just did). Let's just say after a while they stopped when neither got the upper hand (they were both quite weak after all)...As for what they would do from then on, only they knew.

Just outside the gate, the familiar portal could be seen. This time though, it was completely different. At least 90% of it had turned blue, the green having been mostly consumed. The aura radiating from it was something not even the current Muku would want to be close to. Even the rat king's overwhelmed aura seemed like an ant compared to what was coming out of the portal.

One thing was certain though. In a few days at most, the situation in the world will definitely get worse. And a lot more people will die.

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"I still can't believe even Chloe has realised some of her potential!, so unfair!". Jade grumbled.

The others couldn't even remember how many times she said it ever since Chloe told them. Of course they were also surprised, but it appears Jade was hit the most. Maybe because she felt that she was lagging behind the others, so Chloe going a step further was like a punch in the gut.

"We heard you the first hundred times damn it! Everyone has a great class here so it's only a matter of time before everyone also realises their potential too.". Muku finally shouldn't take it. They had left the hotel around an hour ago and Jade had been grumbling all thst time!

"Shut up, you definitely shouldn't say anything to me you cheating class jerk!, everytime you fight you pull out something new as if trying to piss us off! Hmph!". Jade was set off again, how dare he say that everyone was equal when his class was obviously a cheat?. Of course that's not what he said, but to Jade in that moment it was basically the same.

"You dare call your teacher jerk!?, it appears you've forgotten the lesson from before". Muku said, now giving Jade a dangerous look. Seeing it she shut her mouth and didn't dare say anything else, she didn't want her butt to suffer because of her mouth after all.

"Good, now tell me, how close are we?" Seeing her finally stopping her tantrum, he asked about how far her house was from their current spot.

"Just two streets away, also we'll reach the clothes shop before that". Jade didn't dare mess around this time and gave a straight answer. Hearing her mention the clues shop, Chloe was ecstatic, one his to know that...it was windy outside. In other words, she was going through hell, she couldn't even walk properly.

After a while they reached the clothes shop and Chloe sprinted toward the underwear section while the other girls giggled as they looked on. Then they also went to choose some new clothes, they all needed a change after all, especially Audrey in her baggy dress. Muku also went to the male section and change his. Although he liked the thing he made, he'd still rather have a real t-shirt.

Later on everyone came back together in new clothes. Chloe in a blue short skirt with tights and a blue t-shirt on. Which matches her blue hair and eyes. As for her eyes, they were actually brown before, but changed colour since she used lightning judgement beam, for reasons unknown. She was holding a bag full of clothes and underwear. (Once bitten...they say)

Emily the golden haired and eyes beauty now wearing a black short skirt and tights and a white t-shirt. Jade the green haired and eyed beauty, wearing a purple short skirt, tights and a pink t-shirt. Hope the purple haired and eyed cutie, wearing a black t-shirt and a grey track bottom(copied Muku). Black haired and hazel eyed Layla wore a simple long black dress. Audrey wearing a grey dress. Muku basically back to his old look...which looked almost exactly like what Hope wore.

"Wow ladies, you all look great, especially you Hope". Muku said while giving them a thumbs up. They all giggled while Hope now had a smug smile on her face, clearly pleased with herself for standing out to him. But she didn't know that he was basically complimenting himself, which made the others giggle again.

"Couldn't you change to a different style though sir?". Emily asked in curiosity.

"If it ain't broke don't fettle with it I always say". Muku said with a smile. His fashion sense has always been terrible so when he found a look no one was against. He stuck with it, it was quite comfortable too.

"If you say so". Emily perfunctory answer. Internally she was thinking of how she'll make him dress when he becomes hers prompting her ears to redden a bit.

"Everyone, I suggest you all get at least one change of clothing". Chloe said when everyone wanted to leave the shop. At first they wanted to refuse, but remembering Chloe's recent incident they all got one change of clothes. One can say that their powers weren't like Chloe's so they wouldn't face such a situation, but who knew Chloe's powers would do that before it happened?.

With that, they left the shop and went to Jade's house. As they got closer, Jade felt her legs become heavier. It was as if all the happy memories with her family were weighing her down, not allowing her to move forward.

"Jade!". Emily called out as she grabbed Jade's shoulder, the two of them have been friends the longest in the whole group. So she was the one to notice what was going on with Jade before anyone else and tried to pull her out of the state of overthinking.

"Huh?, oh, I'm fine, let's go". Jade said after noticing the worry in Emily's eyes and continued on, her legs no longer as heavy knowing that no matter what, at least she wasn't alone. Though the weird feeling didn't leave her heart, she felt like something bad was about to happen.

Then they turned a corner and got in through a mansion's front gate. Jade's house was now in view. What they saw was a lizard.

A giant lizard even larger than the ones they saw before. And it was napping on the roof of Jade's mother's boss' mansion. Beside the mansion was the cottage Jade and her mother lived in and it was smashed to pieces.

"Another half-step rank two..."

Chapter 54 Wrath of the Beast Empress!

Sensing their gazes, the beast opened its eyes and in that moment, dread hit everyone in the group. They could feel it, this monster was even stronger than rat king!. Well almost everyone felt dread....

"My house...it smashed my house, mom"

Jade spoke as she stood still, her expression unreadable. Her hair that now covered her face being the reason. Then suddenly, her aura exploded out. Green energy seeping out of her body, accompanied by thick bloodlust targeted at the lizard king. The others were surprised. Before they could react Jade had disappeared. Her speed so fast that not even Muku saw how she moved.

BOOM!

The next moment, they heard a boom sound from the direction of the lizard king. And their shock Jade was already on the mansion roof and had punched the lizard king through the roof and into the mansion. Well, they assumed she punched it, as right now Jade's body wasn't visible, all their could see was a dense green energy that screamed primal savagery.

"That's not mana..." Layla said, eyes wide open as she looked at Jade with both worry and shock. The others also sensed the same and were surprised. Except for Muku, he had long known that it wasn't mana from the day he used it to blow up a beast's face. It seems Jade's mana only fueled her transformation while this unknown energy was for fighting.

Boom!

Another boom was heard and this time, it was a huge earth spike coming out of the mansion aiming at Jade. And of course with her stupidly fast reaction speed and actual speed, the earth spike missed.

Boom Boom Boom Boom!

Four more came, and again, all missed. But they did manage to destroy the mansion. Now Jade was standing of the ruins of the mansion while the lizard king did the same. They were staring at each other unmoving, but if one looked closer they'd surprisingly see a trace of fear in the yellow eyes of the lizard king!.

Then as if on cue, both charged toward each other, but before the lizard king could travel half the distance, Jade was already in front of it and...

Boom!

The lizard king was given another punch and flew back, smashing into the debris. It seemed Jade's green aura worked like Chloe's lightning, it coated her hand for an attack.

Bang!

Another earth spike appeared right below Jade and surprisingly only managed to throw her into the sky, unable to penetrate her green aura.

"And she dared say I was cheating!?, what kind of bullshit aura provides both attack and defence?". Muku said looking on as Jade was sent into the sky. None of them interfered yet, as it seemed Jade had the situation under control. And she kind seemed to be going berserk and they'd rather not be punched in the face before they could even react.

Then suddenly, the aura around Jade started to disappear. It was going into her mouth!?. It was only then, Jade's body appeared in front of them again. And they couldn't help but gasp in shock.

Long green hair that reached her feet. Green cat ears, a long green cat tail. Body no longer covered in even a little bit of fur. Her eyes glowing green. Sharp fangs vaguely visible

from her mouth. And despite being unable to tell what, the others felt that something was weird about the current her. Other than the transformation of course.

She looked completely different from her normal cat form that had orange ears, fur and tail. Right now she really looked like she could pass for a real beast, albeit a humanoid one.

Just as the momentum that was pushing her into the sky ended and she was about to start falling down. She finished sucking in her aura and then she started sucking in some air.

"Don't tell me...". As soon as those words left Muku's mouth.

"ROOOOOOAR!!!"

A beatly roar escaped from Jade's mouth, it sounded nothing like the cat she was supposed to be. And accompanying the roar was a green beam of light that flew toward the lizard king at unprecedented speeds. The lizard king quickly hid itself behind five giant earth spikes it created, not wanting to have anything to do with that attack.

"A freaking breath attack!!, so cool!". Muku screamed like a fanboy from the side, losing the respect that all the members of his group had for him in less than five two seconds. Though he couldn't be blamed, growing up reading novels about dragons and their almighty breath attacks made him wish he had his on, or at least see it in person, and here he was, looking at it, so of course he was excited.

As Muku shouted, the breath attack reached the first earth spike. Which offered less resistance than that of butter to a hot knife, the rest not doing any better. And under the shock of the lizard king, the attack struck it head on.

BOOOOOM!

The beast had been standing horizontally while poking it's head out from the side of the spikes to look at Jade. So when the beam made contact with it, it struck its mid section from the side and cut it in half, before reaching the ground and exploding out. Leaving a giant hole where the mansion used to be.

[66 kills left.....]

The beast actually counted for twelve kill points!. It was actually stronger than the rat king, and yet Jade soloed it.

"Are we sure her class isn't a legendary one?". Hope asked jokingly and yet nobody could respond, they were really wondering if that really was the case. This level of distraction really was a bit too much after all.

"If my hunch is correct, she likely realised some of her potential to be able to do this, and quite a large chunk of it as well". Chloe spoke, she felt that this scene was a bit familiar to her own. Though Jade's was way more exaggerated.

As they spoke Muku quickly grabbed the falling Jade who wasn't moving and brought her to the rest of the group. As she got closer, her hair was receding back to its prior state of being short. While the rest of her transformation was also coming undone. By the time she was in front of them, she was back to normal, albeit her clothes seemed a bit stretched out. That's when they realised that her body had actually grown a bit when she transformed, which is why they felt something was weird before when they were looking at her.

"Okay really?, is this going to be a normal occurrence for you girls from now on?". Muku spoke with a wryly smile on his face after noticing that Jade was unconscious. And he couldn't help but think that she'll likely take longer to wake up than Chloe did.

Looking at her, Layla, Emily and Hope couldn't help but clench their fists. They realised that, just like Chloe, Jade was now a lot stronger than them. Especially Jade, as it was obvious she had realised some of her potential. They wondered when they'll have their chance.

Audrey didn't think much of it though, she was still working on accepting herself so she could properly use her current power, so realising potential was still a faraway goal for her. Chloe also didn't think much of it, she had realised that realising potential was not something they could control so was patient with it. She was even happy for Jade as she knew Jade was getting depressed when everyone else seemed to be improving while she didn't.

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Two minutes prior the battle, before Jade's explosion. Seeing her broken down house, Jade couldn't help but think of what could have happened. Then one thought kept on repeating in her mind.

{What if the beast broke down the house, pulled out her mother from the rubble and consumed her whole?}

The thought made her so angry and sad that it felt like her body was going to explode. Imagining her mother screaming as she was eaten alive. She started feeling an intense pain from inside her chest the....

[80% Beast Queen potential realised....]

With that prompt, she felt energy like none she ever felt before explode out of her body. And then her body felt like it was changing then started to feel lighter and foreign?. Her whole body was covered by a weird energy yet she could clearly see through it, her vision seemed even more clear even.

Before she knew it, she had jumped to the roof and punched the lizard king into the mansion. The the fight between them began, she actually hadn't gone berserk as the others thought. But at that moment, her focus was solely on killing this beast and nothing else, which she did. Everything she did, was by instinct throughout the whole battle, even the earth shuttering breath attack.

After using the breathe attack, her whole body felt powerless, like there was not the slightest bit of energy left in it. As she fell down, she felt a familiar invisible energy wrap around her, stopping her descent to her definite death. Making her feel safe and secure, as soon as she let down her guard though, she lost consciousness. One last thought went through her mind before she fainted, along with a single tear....

{Mom, I've avenged you}

Chapter 55 Half-step Rank Two!

"Rooooooar!" × 10

"Well, seems the cavalry has arrived...a bit late, but here still. So much for keeping a low profile...." Muku said while looking at ten PR1 giant lizards that were fast approaching.

"Should we go meet them halfway?" Layla asked getting ready to get into action. The others girls also getting ready.

"Normally yes, but not this time. Sorry girls, but due to the commotion, we have to leave here quickly. So I'll take care of these ones alone. We can't stick around too long, lest we draw in more than one half-step R2 and lose our lives". Muku said before speeding forward.

The incoming lizards were likely the lizard king's underlings that came to assist it. It seems the lizard king was not only more powerful than the rat king but had stronger subordinates as well.

Chloe wanted to assist, but to do that she'd have to use the "lightning coat" to be fast enough. Remembering how it went down the last time, she gave up the idea, he could handle it alone anyway.

As Muku sped forward, he held out his hand to the side and a huge sword like the one he used to kill the giant lizards when he took care of the punk gang appeared. It was the perfect weapon them in his opinion, of course, these ones were a bit stronger and bigger. To which he responded by making the sword even bigger than before.

"With my current strength, this should be quite easy.... Shooting Start Sword!" Muku shouted out the name of his spell at the end of his sentence, and the giant sword in his hand flew forward.

Slash! Slash! Slash! Slash! Bang!

[36 kills left.....]

Muku's sword managed to kill four lizards before it was stopped by the fifth due to lack of enough momentum. Each lizard actually gave 6 KL, not too different from the MR1s but he wouldn't complain about it either since there were just enough for him to meet the kill count!

"If one isn't enough, take two!". As soon as his words fell, two more swords formed and flew forward. This time none managed to block and were all wiped out. It was so easy to kill them off because after the death of the first four, the rest tried to flee, making them easy pickings for Muku's sword. It seemed, these lizards only go berserk for their mate and not any member of their race. That or the PR1s were whimpy after gaining more

intelligence. Well whatever the reason was, it only made things easier for Muku and he wouldn't complain. As soon as the last beast fell.....

[Kill count met. First condition for evolution to Rank two fulfilled. Last condition left: Realisation of 100% potential. Currently at 50% realisation. Individual has successfully stepped into the "Half-step Rank Two" stage]

When the IA prompt ended, Muku's aura exploded out. It kept on increasing, reaching middle stages, then peak and then beyond it. Right now he was outside of the gate and the girls couldn't see him because of the wall since he'd gone a bit to the side while fighting.

"Oh no!, Not another half-step!!". Hope screamed. Although they're team had successfully killed two of such beasts already. She knew that the lizard king was only so easily dealt with because of Jade's outburst of potential. Otherwise they would likely still be fighting it at that moment. So the appearance of another so soon was really not something she wished for. But to her dismay, the aura she was sensing was definitely beyond peak tier.

The rest of the girls also had uneasy looks on their faces. None of them wanted to face another R1 king-tier monsters. But like Hope, they were also sensing it, just outside the gate too.

"Muku is still outside!". Emily screamed out in fear, not even noticing that she didn't call him "sir" like usual. Though in the heat of the moment, no one noticed it either.

"Oh no!, big brother!". Hope also screamed in panic after realising it, her heart tightening in fear. She didn't want to lose her new family only a few days after getting him.

"Let's go assist him" Layla said as she prepared to run forward with no hesitation and ready to stake her life on the line. But her hand was suddenly grabbed by someone and she was pulled back. Before she could explode on who did it. A calm voice rang out leaving not only her, but the other three girls shocked.

"Calm down, Mast...Mr Muku is fine. Can't you sense that it's his aura out there and not a beast's?". Audrey spoke, she was the one who grabbed Layla's hand, her other hand was holding Jade in place on her back. And she subconsciously almost called Muku "master" due to their new relationship, but managed to stop herself or the situation would have gotten really embarrassing for her. Luckily for her none of the girls seemed to have paid attention to it. Their minds were still trying to process what she said.

"Is it really him?". Emily spoke, still unable to believe it. And as if to answer her question, the source of the aura walked in through the gate and it really was Muku.

"You..". Layla wanted to say something before she was interrupted.

"We don't have the time, lets get out of here, I sense something we definitely don't want to meet coming out way." Muku said after interrupting Layla. After his break through to half-step R2, he sensed an overwhelming aura in the distance. And it seems the aura sensed him as well as it was now approaching their direction. So he quickly ran into gate and took Jade from Audrey and started running in the opposite direction of the aura. Of course the others followed after him.

He even suppressed his own aura to reduce the chance of being tracked. Inside he was feeling really shocked, even after reaching half-step R2, there was actually still a beast in the city that could make him feel so small!?. He did sense another beast above PR1, but it

seemed to only be as strong as him so he ignored it, completely focusing on the overwhelming aura. It made him feel like, even if he joined forces with the two half-steps his group killed, they'd likely still lose!. So he did what any rational person would do, grabbed his group and split.

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Boom!

Twenty minutes after Muku's group left, the familiar monster made it to the battle scene. It didn't even look for the gate and directly broke through the mansion's surrounding wall. And it seemed so effortless, like it was going through a sheet of paper, yet it was a large wall made out of rocks and concrete.

This time though, there was a look of confusion in its eyes, it couldn't sense were the new half-step beast it sensed went. This was a first for it, as it could always tell were the strongest beasts in the city where at all times, just felt like it wasn't time to eat them yet. But this time a beast manages to escape it's senses, this angered it greatly, anger now visible in its eyes. Who wouldn't be pissed if their food tempted them with its scent and then ran away?.

As for why Muku managed to escape the beast's senses, it was because he had wrapped his whole group in a telekinesis bubble that didn't let any aura leak out. He had also erased their presence around the mansion area before leaving. Although he felt like he was just being paranoid, he didn't know that his paranoia saved them.

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"So are you going to tell us what happened? And why we left in such a hurry". Emily asked after they ran a few kilometres away and were now resting in some random mansion. They were still in the privileged area, so mansions were everywhere.

"Just take my word when I say, if we had stayed, there was no escaping death...and why are you suddenly talking so informally to your teacher?". Muku said the first part seriously then caught on to the way Emily was now speaking and asked while looking at her with confusion, she was usually his most respectful student after all, even more so than Layla and Chloe.

"Well this is how I am going to speak from now on, we're no longer in school, so I don't see why I need to still call you sir when we're now companions instead of teacher and student". Emily said with a serious expression, clearly not going to back down from her new position, surprisingly everyone greatly as they wondered what brought in the sudden change.

They were not wrong to assume, something happened that caused her to change, it was earlier on when she thought she'd lose Muku when they mistook his aura. Although it was clearly cleared up, she realised that their current lives weren't as guaranteed as before, so if she held back too much, who knows if she'll suddenly die without even making her feelings known to Muku. Which would be an eternal regret to her even after death. So she took her first step to making her feelings known, making Muku realise that their roles weren't the same as before.

Chloe and Layla narrowed their eyes a bit while looking at her, seeing the fire in her eyes. They then looked at each other, both of them had realised what Emily was trying to do. A fire started burning in their eyes as well, they refused to fall behind, and thought, if she was going to do it, they will do it as well. Audrey just looked on, a wryly smile on her face, she didn't know what to do in such a situation as a mother figure to all these girls.

"Whatever floats your boat I guess". Muku replied nonchalantly, as for whether he understood what Emily was trying to do, only he knew.

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"So you're saying that to evolve to Rank Two we need to realise all our potential?". Layla's asked for confirmation for what Muku had just told them.

"Yes, and the reason why Chloe and Jade lost consciousness afterwards is likely because their bodies were pushed beyond their limits by the power since they haven't even reached middle stage yet, were normally that's when someone should start realising their potential". Muku replied, his lip twitching a bit, Layla was also speaking casually like Emily did. But since he was too lazy to argue he just ignored it while plotting his revenge. One of these days they'll all know the pain Jade did...

"Oh, so fainting afterwards is like the body's self protection mechanism were all it's energy can be used to recover without being redirected to something else?". Layla continued, and gave her hypothesis, she sounded way more confident after seeing that he didn't rebuke her for how she was speaking.

"Very likely, and we might have to stay out here for a while, we can't afford to stay this weak any longer with the monster I sensed roaming around the area. If it didn't arrogantly let it's aura rampage around it, I likely wouldn't even have sensed it since a beast of that level should be able to keep itself hidden if it wanted to." Muku supported her theory and also made his plan for the future known.

Although the others hadn't sensed this monster he was talking about, they knew it had to be something really frightening if even Muku was nervous despite his new found strength. So no one disagreed to it, even if they'll have to face the constant mental drain of always having their guard up.

"But wait, why didn't you faint then?". Chloe asked.

"Hmm, maybe because my body is stronger because of my class?...that or I'm just that amazing". Muku spoke with a smug expression on his face, as for how Chloe was also being casual, he didn't even bother to acknowledge it this time, already thinking it might be the theme for the day.

Hearing his words and seeing his expression, the girls couldn't help but roll their eyes. Every now and his narcissism would leak out so they were used to it.

"Big brother, when do you think Jade will wake up?, it's already been a few hours more than it took Chloe". Hope asked Muku with a slightly worried gaze as she looked at Jade.

"Not sure, but her condition seems stable so there shouldn't be anything to worry about". Muku replied with a smile, at least this little sister of his was still respectful. He even patted her head as he spoke, causing a blissful little smile to appear on her face....as well as envious gazes from the other girls.

"Umm Mr Muku, I'd like to talk to you about something in private if you don't mind". Audrey's voice rang out after the other's finished talking. She had been mostly quiet for a while now, so everyone knew that something was going on with her. They could guess what it was but they didn't ask, waiting for her to speak up in her own. She was a grown

woman after all, so they didn't know how they could ask her about it, but luckily it seems she's made up her mind.

"Yeah sure, let's go to the other room". Muku replied with a smile as he got up. Audrey nodded and followed after him. The rest remained on their seats just giving them curious gazes as they walked out.

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In another room of the house....

"So Ms Audrey, what did you want to talk about?". Muku asked curiously, although he was almost certain of what she wanted to talk about, he couldn't be certain until he actually here her say it.

"R-right, I want to learn how to do it!" Audrey nervously calls out, her face reddening.

"What!?". Muku was shocked, his mind went blank. His student's mother came up to him and wanted him to teach her how to do it?, should he refuse?....does he even have the mental capacity to refuse?

"B-but Ms Audrey, is it appropriate, you're my student's mother! And the girls are just outside, wouldn't they hear us?". Muku spoke nervously, whether he was trying to deny her or get her to come up with a better place and time, even he didn't know. You have to

understand, in their group, Audrey was by far most beautiful girl...or woman rather. She had a youthful appearance with a mature aura, how can he resist such a thing?. And not taking mention she was the only one who was actually legal anyway.

(A/N: Don't jump to conclusions, author-san doesn't have a fetish for young looking Milfs, Muku might, but not me. In fact, I don't even know what a milf is!)

"No, please!, you're the only one who I can turn to right now, I need it!". Audrey loudly said again, her sentence making Muku's heart race.

"But I don't have that much experience". Muku spoke again, hoping she'd reconsider.

"It doesn't matter, I don't have any at all, so you're basically a seasoned pro to me. Please, it's a matter of life and death for me!" Audrey said, refusing to back down, she really needed it after all.

"Well, if it's that urgent, I guess I have no option, I just hope we can do it as quietly as possible". Muku said, while grabbing her shoulders. Audrey was a bit confused why he'd do that but paid it no mind, thinking it was part of the training in some way.

"Y-Yeah we'll do it quie... wait..I meant teaching me how to use my powers!". Audrey's mind finally got what was happening when Muku's hand grabbed her butt. As soon as her sentence rang out, both of them froze looking into each other's eyes, Muku's hand frozen on her soft butt, even dug into it a bit when she spoke. To with she reacted by gasping a bit.

After looking at each other like that for a few seconds, Audrey's face reddened and as if on cue, they both jumped back from each other. Audrey then covered her face with her eyes, she was thinking about everything she had been saying and how it could mean something else. Her face crimson red at this point from the shame.

"I- I'm sorry for causing such a misunderstanding!". She finally managed up some courage and apologised, though still not daring to look at him in the eyes.

"No need to apologise, it's fine, even I'm not without blame, I should have asked you what you meant instead of jumping to conclusions. If anything, I should apologise to you for assuming such a thing". Muku said with serious look on his face, seemingly unaffected by the whole situation. But if Audrey looked his way she'd notice that one of his hands was in his pocket and was covering up a certain situation. In fact he was even more embarrassed than Audrey, just that he'd long mastered the art of a perfect poker face. Inside he was thinking...

{Oh my god!, what was I thinking, if she hadn't cleared things up, was I really going to do it? How am I supposed to face her after this? Someone kill me now. No no, don't panic, out on a poker face and try to play it down, and hopefully she won't tell the girls}

"No-no, you don't need to apologise, it's really my fault". Audrey refused to accept his apology.

"Well is that's the case, why don't we pretend it never happened and get on with the real reason we're here". Muku said, his serious expression still present.

"O-okay". Audrey was starting to calm down seeing him being so calm about it and so agreed instead of running out like she wanted to.

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"Now, tell what's the problem exactly?". Muku asked after they had calmed down and sat down.

"Right, as you already know, I haven't been able to elongate my nails ever since that one time I did it I'm instinct. It even got worse after I dra..sucked that rat's blood I started feeling a bit disgusted with myself and it actually got worse, now I can't even sense the mana in my body". Audrey spoke, revealing her recently gotten secret.

"Well, that's certainly odd, didn't even think it was possible. But I think I have an idea on what might be happening. It seems you're rejecting your abilities, and the more you reject them, the less access you have to them. Which seems to stem from your class' relation to blood that you don't like Totally understandable.". Muku spoke, to which Audrey listened and nodded.

"But as you know, the world has changed, and if our mindsets don't also evolve with our bodies, we will definitely not have a good life in the current world.... Your case being a perfect example. In fact, let me tell you a secret of mine, you remember the punk gang right? (Audrey nods) Well I got them killed by beasts just to prevent possible future dangers for me and the girls if they ever got the power for revenge.". Muku said with a serious expression, telling her something he thought he'd never tell anyone.

And of course Audrey was greatly shocked, her eyes widening as far as they could. And yet, there was no fear or disgust for Muku in them. Instead there was admiration?.

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"Thank you" Audrey spoke, her words confusing Muku even more on top of the look in her eyes, he at least expected some form of criticism in some way after all. He didn't even know what to say in the moment.

"I'm not sure if this is because I'm your forever servant or whatever, but in any case, right now, I really admire you. You're willing to go so far for the girls. Like you said, unlike me, you're willing to evolve your mindset, I hope I can be like you one day, or even a fraction of you would do. I don't want to be forever protected by my daughter, I'm the mother, I'm the one who should be doing the protecting and yet..". Audrey spoke her mind, expressing her inner turmoil to Muku.

"Thank you for saying that, if I'm being honest, it had been weighing on my mind a bit. And if that's your wish, I guess we should get back to work. Let's first deal with the issue of you being unable to sense your mana. I'd like to try something if you're willing". Muku spoke and Audrey nodded in agreement, ready to do whatever he asks.

He then instructed her to sit on the floor and face away from him, which she did, albeit with a little confusion in her mind. Then she felt his touch her bare back. The dress she was wearing was backless. Feeling his cold hand, she couldn't help but shiver a bit.

"I'm going to channel my mana into your body and try to see why you can no longer sense your mana okay?". Muku's calm voice sounded just behind her. To which she nodded again, she felt too nervous to talk.

Then suddenly she felt a foreign, yet familiar energy invade her body, it felt a bit uncomfortable at first but then it started feeling...good?, the feeling was even increasing the more the energy spread within her body. It got to the point it felt so good that she had to clench down her cheeks as to not make any weird noises.

"Well this is odd, it seems your mana went dormant?. So this is what happens when a person rejects themselves huh, quite intriguing. But I suspect that it would cause problems for you if it stayed like this for too long. Anyway, let me try to rouse it from its sleep, I'll have to inject a bit more mana into you than before so don't get startled okay?". Muku spoke, but Audrey didn't respond to him, he thought that she was likely too focused on the situation within her body so didn't hear him.

Well he wasn't completely wrong, she was focused on the situation within her body. But she did hear him, just didn't dare to open her mouth as she knew it would definitely lead to her losing all her face in front of him. As she was stuck in her thoughts Muku suddenly increased his input when she was completely unprepared and....

"Aahnn". She let out a little moan. Immediately afterward she felt like digging a hole and burying herself right there and then.

To say that Muku was surprised would be an understatement, but after all that had already happened, he managed to keep his cool and continue. But it seems her mana was quite stubborn, refusing to continue circling around her body even after his urging. Muku was now considering sending in a torrent of his mana instead of the little streams he had been sending. What he didn't know was that what he was doing was actually super dangerous, sending your mana into another's body could easily kill them if you don't have enough control over it. Luckily for both of them, he seemed to have a natural talent for it

and not to mention, Audrey's body was basically tailored to be his perfect servant, so it was very welcoming of his mana.

"Okay Audrey, I'm going to increase the input by quite a bit. So get ready". Muku spoke but before Audrey could respond he had already sent the torrent of mana through.

"Aahhhhhnnn!". Audrey let out a loud moan that covered the whole house. Her underwear and the part of her dress around that area were now drenched with a particular liquid. That's right, unbeknownst to Muku, he had made the mother of his student orgasm with just his mana alone.

"Success!" Muku called out, her mana was now flowing again.

When he looked at Audrey he saw her, panting, with a rosy face. She looked drained, like all the strength in her body had been drained. Although he thought her scream before was a little sus, but remembering the misunderstanding before he stopped himself from thinking such a thing. Just chalked it up to "an effect of her mana reactivating". Then suddenly...

Bang!

The door was kicked open and a livid Jade stepped right through.

"What the hell are you doing in here you shameless bast...huh?". She came in screaming before noticing that the scene in the room was different from what she had been told or imagined.

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A few minutes before....

Just as Muku and Audrey left. Layla, Emily and Chloe tiptoed over after a few seconds, leaving Jade under Hope's care. The little brats wanted to know what was Audrey wanted to tell Muku in private.

When they got to the door, they heard Audrey say "I need it" and all their faces went dark. Their thoughts running wild, especially Layla, she wanted to budge into the room right there and then and ask her mother what she was doing. But Emily and Chloe pulled her away, dragging her back to the lounge.

There they sat with gloomy expressions on their faces not knowing how to proceed. Muku wasn't theirs so they literally had no grounds to stop him and Audrey from doing whatever they wanted. Hope kept asking them what happened, to which they refused to say.

Jade just happened to wake up then. And sensing something wrong with the atmosphere, she asked them. And since they and Jade were basically in the same boat they felt it was only natural to ruin her day as well. So Emily whispered it to her, turning her expression just as dark as theirs.

Just as they all gloomily sat there not knowing what to do. Even Hope was gloomy, though, for a different reason, these older sisters of hers were being mean refusing to tell her what was going on.

That's when Audrey's loud moan that covered the whole house was heard. And before the others could even register in their minds what it could possibly mean, Jade had already stormed off, aiming at the room. They could only run after her, they also wanted to see if what they thought happened really happened, they were still in denial after all. Thinking there's no way Muku and Audrey would do such a thing so blatantly. Which was correct...for Audrey at least, Muku would definitely do, after hesitating a bit but would definitely do it in the end. Why would a virgin pass up such an opportunity if it presented itself?

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Back to the present....

"Care to finish what you were saying?". Muku who quickly realised what she was suspecting from her words, asked her with a smile that Jade definitely didn't want to be directed at her.

"I...ah, sorry!". Jade didn't know how to defend herself so immediately apologised hoping he'd show mercy for her quick reflection. But sadly....

"I accept your apology, but as the shameless bastard I am, as you said. I can't just let you go now can I?". Muku spoke as his smile got wider. Jade wanted to escape right there and then and possibly skip countries and go as far away from him as possible. But she then realised something.....she couldn't move her body, only her head could still move. The devil had already captured her with his invisible hand.

"And the rest of you, are you with her?". Muku's smile still present but his eyes cold, looked at the girls behind Jade. They all flinched under his cold gaze. And even under Jade's begging look for help, they ruthlessly shook their heads and ran back to the lounge. How laughable, why would they willingly offer themselves to the devil?, for a friend?, bullsh*t, it's her fault for being a loose cannon. Jade's eyes widened at the betrayal, internally swearing that she'll never trust again.

"Now Jade, why do we go to the other room and have a little chat?". Muku said, his smile still present. Jade hastily shook her head in refusal but she was ignored and her body just floated behind Muku as he walked toward an empty room.

He changed rooms because he had noticed that for one reason or the other, Audrey didn't want to get up from where she was sitting. Well if course she wouldn't get up in anyone's presence, she knew what she'd done after all

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"Now for our little talk, you managed to escape it last time, but today..hehehe. To actually dare call your teacher a bastard, were really do have to get you back under control or who knows what you might do next" Muku spoke to the shaking Jade who was now laying on his lap with her stomach, her butt sticking out.

Pa!

"Ah!"

Jade let out a little cry of pain. The others who'd again come to eavesdrop quickly went back, afraid they'd be caught and subject to the same punishment. Of course he wasn't using too much strength, just enough for it to sting a bit. Jade's cries of pain went on for a few more spans the....

Pa!

"Aahnn!". A different sound came out of Jade's mouth.

"Oh my, what was that?, did you just moan!?". Muku asked in an exaggerated way, though he really was surprised, who would have thought she'd actually find some pleasure in such a thing?.

"N..no, you miss heard". Jade unconfidently denied it. Her face red with shame.

"Lets find out then!" Muku didn't argue with her and just...

Pa!

"Mmhnn!". Jade let out an even more audible moan.

"You really are enjoying this aren't you?, and yet you dared call me a pervert before?. Well sorry but I refuse to indulge a pervert like you, now it just seems like I'm doing sexual acts with a minor". Muku again exaggeratedly spoke and quickly removed her from his lap, leaving her the chair and left the room.

He felt that he'd taught her a good enough lesson for now. Definitely not because he felt that he might lose control of himself if she kept on making such sounds or because he didn't want her to discover the tent he was now pitching. Though sadly for him, she'd already felt the tent after the first slap, was even part of the reason the pain turned to pleasure for her in the end....she wasn't a masochist after all, well, at least not completely. But not like he could be blamed, he was a healthy young man. And her butt really was too soft and addictive, rousing all sorts of feelings.

Since he couldn't join the others immediately for obvious reasons, he could only go wait it out in the bathroom. Hopefully it won't take too long.

His mind was preoccupied with thoughts of Jade so didn't even knock in the bathroom door. Like the cliché situation, the one inside also didn't lock it and...

Their suprised eyes met....

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They looked at each other for a few more seconds, both their brains having short-circuited then...

"I'm sorry"

Bang!

Muku apologized, slammed the door shut, turned around and left. The girl in the bathroom didn't say a word from start to finish, likely too shocked to speak or even scream.

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Around 40 minutes later....

Everyone but one girl was back in the lounge. Muku just sat there lost in thought, likely thinking about what he had seen. Audrey who finally managed to regain some strength after a while was also there, also stuck in thought, sitting a bit away from the others. Jade who was subtly glaring at Muku from time to time and her face reddening each time, was also present, her nose twitching a bit when she looked in Audrey's direction sneakily. Chloe, Layla and Hope who were confused by the actions of the other three were also there, nobody saying anything.

"It's been so long, when will Emily finish bathing, I'm supposed to go next after all". Hope complained.

That's right, the girl Muku walked in on was Emily who was completely naked about to take a bath. And he saw everything, even noticed how much bigger her chest was compared to Chloe. The same Emily who finished bathing a long time ago but lacked the courage to leave the bathroom.

"Why don't you go check what's keeping her then". Chloe replied.

"You're right, I wonder why I didn't think of that!". With that reply Hope got up and sped off.

"Is it just me or does she seem to have become dumber compared to the time we met?". Layla couldn't help but ask as she looked at the door Hope left out of.

"Maybe she has the same disease as Jade of not bothering to think too much when she feels she can afford not too?". Muku who had finally escaped his thoughts spoke.

He had been thinking if it was a curse or blessing that in one way or the other he finds himself seeing more parts of his students that he should ever since the apocalypse began. All began with Jade's first transformation...well he wasn't particularly complaining. But how was he supposed to face Emily now? Should he play it off like he did with Chloe?.

"Hey!". Jade protested to his statement instinctually but after thinking about it a bit, she realised that he was speaking the truth and so didn't say anymore.

"Maybe..oh and, what were you and my mom doing back there again?...if you don't mind telling us". Layla spoke, from the way she spoke, it seemed like she had just been trying to find a way to ask her question. Hearing her question, Jade and Chloe's ears twitched a bit also wanting to know but pretended like they didn't, which didn't fool anyone.... Especially with Jade starting to randomly do pushups after the question was asked. In her mind it was a way to show that she really wasn't interested in the conversation, by acting natural.

The others who easily figured out what this dumb idiot by choice was thinking couldn't help but roll their eyes or slap their own heads in exasperation. Couldn't she do something that was even a little less obvious, like pretending to meditate or something like that. After looking at her for a few seconds they chose to ignore her. Who knew if her condition was contagious if you looked too long?.

Muku then looked at Audrey without replying to Layla, quietly asking for her opinion. It was her issue after all. Audrey looked back at him for a few seconds before sighing inwardly then nodded at Muku, signalling him to tell the girls. She only wanted to keep it secret because she thought it might turn out to be a big problem, not being able to sense her own mana and didn't want to worry the girls. But luckily for her, it wasn't, though quite frankly the major reason she wanted to keep it secret was because she felt embarrassed by being such a failure of a mother and adult when the girls look at her with so much respect.

"It was nothing major, your mother just needed some help with learning how to use her abilities. And her she couldn't sense her mana anymore, which apparently had gone dormant". With Audrey's approval, he answered Layla quite nonchalantly.

"Oh, so that's what she meant by "I need it". Chloe spoke under her breath.

"What was that?". Muku asked her.

"O...oh, nothing, nothing at all don't miind me!". She replied with panic in her voice, hoping he didn't hear her otherwise she might go through what Jade did. She definitely didn't want that, all of them could see how Jade was having trouble sitting and would wince a bit everytime she moved. Seeing Muku look at her with suspicion made her even more nervous, but seeing him look away after a bit she internally sighed in relief and cursed her loose mouth.

Jade was looking on couldn't help but be disappointed seeing him not pursue it. She knew what Chloe didn't after all, everyone in the room clearly heard her. Muku, Audrey and Jade herself had enhanced hearing while Layla was sitting close enough to Chloe so there's no way anyone didn't hear it. But unlike her, it seems Chloe was more lucky. Remembering how she and the other two ditched her before she felt even more disappointed and switched her glares from Muku to Layla and Chloe. Audrey didn't say anything but her cheeks were now vaguely pink if anyone paid close attention.

"Oh...what!". Layla kind of expected the former part of his statement but hearing the latter, she couldn't help but exclaim in shock. Even Chloe and Jade showed looks of surprise. They didn't know that a person's mana could go dormant. And the idiot Jade forgot that she was supposed to be doing pushups as she now came and sat beside Layla again looking at Muku with a look that said "hurry up and explain already!".

Muku rolled his eyes at her but still proceeded to explain what had happened since Audrey had already given her approval for him to tell them. When he was still not that deep into

the conversation, Emily came into the room and sat as far away from Muku as she could. He, seeing her, paused a bit, but as the king of poker faces and playing the situation down as he was, he managed to keep on going without his expression changing.

"So you're saying that if a person rejects their powers, it will lead to the powers rejecting them?. And there's a possibility that it will lead to a stronger backlash than just not being able to use them after a while since our evolved bodies seem to need to be constantly nourished by our mana?". Layla asked for confirmation, she was really worried for her mother. So much so that she had basically been asking questions every two seconds as Muku explained. This of course made the explanation take more time to finish, but nobody stopped her, they all knew she was only worried about her mother after.

At this point, Hope came back looking refreshed, appearing to have also taken a bath. Before anyone else could go, Audrey ran out of the room saying she'll bath next. While the group thought that she was likely just embarrassed to be in the room as her problem was discussed, she herself knew that wasn't the case at all. She just couldn't wait to wash herself and get rid of a certain smell on her body as well as the slightly damp dress. Though Jade looked at her with a suspicious look for a while before shrugging it off, it really had nothing to do with her after. So there was no need to confirm it or tell the others, she herself was also slightly da...never mind.

"Don't worry, I fixed the mana issue so she'll at least be fine in that regard." Muku assured Layla who was looking at the door Audrey left out of with worry in her eyes.

"Really?". Layla asked, though she already knew the answer, she couldn't help but still ask.

"Yes, I promise, the only thing that's left now is for us to help her with how to activate her abilities as well as properly use them". Muku spoke.

"Okay, so how are we going to do that?" Layla asked, wanting to know everything.

"Tomorrow we go hunting, with Jade up and your current abilities, we should be able to stay clear from the monster I sensed. And after she learns how to properly use her abilities, I'll take you all to the other strong aura I sensed which isn't as absurd as the monster's.

"Umm, what do you mean by new strength?" Jade asked, she was unconscious when Muku ranked up so didn't know yet. He has been completely covering up his aura with his telekinesis so she couldn't sense it, that's just how the monster scared him. He dared not let his aura even leak.

"Oh that, here...". Muku didn't explain but only just expanded his aura suppression field and covered the whole room, letting his aura out a bit. Within the compressed area it became so condensed and intense that the girls slightly found it hard to breathe. Noticing it, Muku reduced the field again. Of course, he won't always control it like this, just that he was still relatively new to it so couldn't properly control it yet, let alone retract it, so could only suppress it with his telekinesis.

"Wooooah, when did this happen!? No wonder I couldn't even react before and you caught me so easily. I mean, I couldn't react even before the rank up, but still, it felt worse today, like I was a powerless little girl under a middle aged uncle's grasp." Jade spoke up, the last part making Muku's lip twitch and the other girls giggle.

"Do you want a second round already?". Muku glared at her as he spoke.

"No please!, I'm sorry, my mistake, I'll never do it again". Jade immediately shrank back in fear and apologised. Internally cursing her mouth for being as loose as Chloe's. She shouldn't be so daring with her track record of being the only one who got beaten up for talking too much.

The others looked at her with amusement wondering just what Jade went through to become so meek. At the same time they couldn't help but feel a little scared at what could make Jade like that and how they were close to facing it as well.

"That reminds me, Jade, how much potential did you realize?". Hope asked out of nowhere. She couldn't understand what they were talking about when she came since she wasn't around when the topic began. So was just waiting for the topic to change then ask later.

"Oh that...80%". Jade said with a smug smile on her face.

"What!?" Everyone in the room screamed out in shock at her words, Muku included.

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Their collective shock was understandable, after all they knew what Jade didn't. Which was that as soon as she reaches the peak of rank one, she'll basically immediately reach the peak of Half-step Rank Two as well!. The others couldn't help but feel jealous, though Chloe and Muku weren't as intense as the others, they'd already stepped onto the path, so it shouldn't be too hard for them to catch on.

"I'm tired, I'm going to bed". Emily said and quickly left without waiting for anyone to say anything. She didn't yet know how to face Muku and now had to deal with the fact that Jade was already at 80% while she was at 0%?. They all knew Jade must have realised a lot of her potential, but wasn't 80 a bit too much?. And she didn't have an idea on how to do realise her own, so she'd rather go sleep than get depressed thinking about it.

Layla also got up, but since she couldn't sleep without bathing, she went to see if Audrey was done. She also didn't want to stick around Jade right now. The girl really left no room for others to breathe. The others looked at them leaving without saying anything.

"Big brother, I'm feeling really disheartened right now...can I sleep with you just for today?". Hope who was clearly not as broken up about Jade's advancement as the other two, took a chance to see if she can use it to her favour. And so spoke with a sad expression on her face while looking at Muku, but the excitement and expectation in her eyes betrayed her real feelings.

"No!"×2. Before Muku could speak, Chloe and Jade had already shouted in denial on his behalf.

"Hope, a man and a girl should never sleep in the same room unless they are married. Even if you're now like siblings, it's still unacceptable, got it?". Chloe spoke to Hope with a smile that was anything but warm on her face, faint sparks of blue lightning going off on her body as she spoke. Seeing this, Hope nodded in agreement, fear visible in her eyes. Chloe had always been the nicest to her since the beginning but seeing this side of her, she dared not argue or she was afraid she might get a lightning fist to the face.

"And how can you be so trusting of this pervert, what if he did something to you in the middle of the night after silencing and binding you with his telekinesis?.....oh shit!, I'm sorry sir, I didn't mean it!". Jade added a few words of her own before she even realised what she was doing, it had become natural for her to talk maliciously about Muku it

seems. She quickly apologised, but the damage had already been done as Muku was now menacingly glaring at her.

"My my, what a vivid imagination you have there, maybe I should try it out with you. What do you think? At least then you'd be certain that you're speaking the truth right?" Muku said with a smile that sent shivers down Jade's spine.

"Ahhh!" Jade screamed, got up and ran out of the room. Though what the others didn't notice was the vague blush on her face. She actually thought of the scenario and was curious how it would feel like, which brought the slight blush to her face. The others just looked at her leaving, Muku even had a slight smile of victory on his face.

"You two should also go sleep, I'll take first watch". He then spoke to Chloe and Hope who were the only ones left. Hope wanted to say something, probably wanted to stay with Muku but she was dragged away by Chloe before she could speak.

"Good night, Muku". Chloe said just as she was about to pass through the door, a furious blush on her face. This was the first time she straight up called him by his name after all. In fact, she was actually the first to do so among the girls, surprising both Hope and Muku, neither thought she was this bold.

And by this point if Hope didn't guess what was happening, she might have as well given up her brain. Before she just suspected it from her actions, but now she was sure that Chloe definitely liked Muku in a way she shouldn't. Along with the other the girls who behaved the same way, quite frankly she was surprised it took her so long to realise when it was practically so obvious from the start.

{Oh well, it's none of my business anyway, big brother can date whoever he wants. It's even better if it's someone from our group. I just hope he doesn't stop paying attention to me because of it though...} Hope thought while being dragged to their room by Chloe.

Muku on the other hand was left speechless by how bold Chloe suddenly became. But still managed to squeeze out a....."Goodnight to you too Chloe". Which made Chloe smile brightly as she was still close enough to hear him, she then quickly ran off still dragging Hope along.

"Sigh, these girls are getting bolder by the day, won't I end up getting molested by the end of the month then!?". Muku said to himself after being left alone. Though if he said that he wasn't happy about the development he'd be lying....not the getting molested part...well maybe that too.

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Next morning.....

"Okay everyone, today's mission is to help Audrey with her ability training. As well as swiftly move toward Emily's house and also find ways to realise our potential on the way. I suspect that battle situations shouldn't be the only way to do it" Muku told everyone the plan for the day.

Their initial plan was to slowly advance to Emily's house while getting stronger. But with that monster in the city, they couldn't delay anymore. Hearing the plan Emily's expression hardened a bit, she was wondering if she'd be unlucky like Hope and Jade who didn't find anyone, or she'd be lucky like Layla. But thinking of how even Layla didn't find her

mother at home, she couldn't help but feel pessimistic about. Even subconsciously preparing herself to be disappointed.

The others noticed her mood change, but didn't say anything since most of them had to go through it and knew it was something she'd have to figure out herself. Muku wanted to say something but the event from last night really left him not knowing where to start.

"Now, since we're deep into the city, we're likely to only find MR and above so it's going to be a bit hard for you Audrey, but don't worry, we're all here to assist if anything goes wrong". Muku said while looking at Audrey, not noticing that he'd dropped the "Ms" after the event last night. Maybe without being aware of it, he now saw her as Layla's mother..she was a gorgeous woman after all. Though the girls noticed the change, but remembering how they also changed how they address him, they could only pout and stay quiet.

"Okay, and thank you for slowing down for me. I promise to do my best and not let everyone down". Audrey responded with a pretty smile on her face that made Muku pause for a bit just by how pure and innocent it looked.

"No worries, we're a team after all...now I guess we are going to have to teach you how to use your blade like nails first. Which I think Jade would be the perfect teacher for obvious reasons.". Muku said while shifting his gaze from Audrey to Jade, signalling her to come forward and assist Audrey.

She did so without complaining, which surprised everyone, but remembering how this was more of an Audrey related task than Muku, they understood. As long as it wasn't Muku, Jade was usually nice to everyone else, well of course that only applied to the ground members, as for outsiders, they were nothing but grass in her eyes.

"Okay Ms Knight, first feel the mana circulating I'm your body, after that manipulate some of it to come out through your nails while envisioning your nails growing longer...well I'm basing this off how it works for me, so there might be some differences. But it should work along those lines.". Jade without delay, told Audrey what to do.

Audrey nodded and did what she was told while her eyes were closed as to focus better. The others just looked on in curiosity, waiting to see what happens. Though they were surprised by how what Jade said sounded almost like how their spells worked. They burn the mana in their body to get their desired spell which they would have imagined before had.

"Woah!, it worked!" Hope exclaimed as she and the others looked at the right hand nails of Audrey's hand grow longer and longer until they were more than a metre long. Though they looked like think silver blades attached to her fingers than nails.

Of course they weren't overly shocked or amazed, since she just relearned something she already knew, it was her base spell like Muku's two-threw swords in the beginning, Emily's flame burst and the likes. But they were curious to see what new spells Audrey would develop after this. After all the lady had a Unique Class equal to Pseudo-Legendary Classes in potential. Though for now, from how she was even able to cast the spell, it can be said that, Audrey was finally starting to accept her new self, which was great news.

"Ah, good, just in time for a test run as well.". Muku suddenly said looking in a certain direction. From there, a giant spider appeared. It was just a mid rank, so the perfect practice partner for Audrey.

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"Do you think you can take it?" Muku asked Audrey who was now also looking at the approaching MR1 spider.

"I'm not sure, but I want to try". Audrey replied with a resolute look on her beautiful face. She also didn't seem to mind Muku calling her so casually... well he was technically her master now after all.

"Good". Muku responded with a smile on his face. The girls just looked on, Layla was a bit nervous though, her mother was still at 98 KN after all. So she was like the earliest of Rank One, while the spider was a strong Mid Rank. This fight would have been difficult for even the best of them under such conditions.

"Kssss!"

The spider roared insectly as it charged forward after seeing them.

(A/N: Hahaha "insectly"...so what if it's not a word, as long as you get the point right? Hahaha)

"Haa!" Audrey screamed as she ran forward to meet the spider.

"Quite unexpectedly bold of her actually, based on her previous way of doing things. She really wanted to change it seems." Muku said while the girls nodded in agreement.

Clank!

Audrey attacked the spider's leg as soon as she reached, maybe trying to throw it off its balance. But sadly it appears she was still too weak to break through its defense and barely left a scratch on its exoskeleton. But Audrey didn't give up, she kept on at it, attacking and dodging, opting to wear down the spider since she couldn't brute force it like everyone else. The others offered to help after ten minutes when Audrey's breath got a bit laboured from the constant running around and dodging. The spider's silk attack really gave her quite some trouble.

"How unyielding!, so cool!". Hope said while looking at Audrey's battle with keen interest. The others thought so as well, they felt that they might have already asked for help after half the time.

"I agree, and this might be perfect for her actually, it accelerates the rate at which she gets familiar with her abilities as well as figure out her preferred battle style." Muku said with a nod. Unbeknownst to all, he had been keeping any beasts that can their way at bay as to not disturb Audrey. The power of a Half-step was basically the same as a god at the current stage of the apocalypse. He could sense everything within a city block quite clearly and smack it with his telekinesis. Could have even killed them but that would be a waste of resources in his opinion.

"Yeah, and is it just me who thinks she might have a lot more stamina than even Jade?". Emily added, she was slowly getting over the incident after realising that she wasn't the first nor the only one he'd seen naked after all. If Chloe could play it off, she can also do the same.

"Hey!, I just never got the chance to fight long battles okay!". Jade quickly defended herself, though internally she also felt that she wouldn't have been able to fight so long at Audrey's current stage. Maybe it was because of her vigorously blood due to her vampire class?.

"Freeze!" Suddenly their conversation was halted by Audrey's shout. Then something surprising happened. The large spider actually stopped moving and froze in place after her shout.

"Wha!?". Hope exclaimed in surprise.

"So she..." Muku spoke before he was cut off by Layla.

"Had a plan after all" Who finished his sentence.

Their are the only ones in the group who were laser focused on Audrey's battle. So they had noticed how everytime she managed to cut through the beast's exoskeleton she'd send a bit of her mana into its body.

They were wondering what she was doing that as from their experiences, foreign mana is usually attacked and eliminated as soon as it makes it's way into another's body if the person or beast is unwilling and strong enough. This beast was definitely strong enough and unwilling so what she was doing seemed like a waste of time, but they didn't say anything, wanting to see what she was up to. People had different abilities after all. Then....

"Blood explosion!!". Audrey called out.

Boom!

"Ahh!". And she was also the first one to scream after seeing the result. Spider body parts flew everywhere. If not for Muku, Audrey would have been painted in spider blood by then.

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"Well, that was quite...." Muku began speaking and again was interrupted.

"Gory?". This time it was Hope. Hearing her everyone else looked at the approaching Audrey hoping she didn't hear her or she might relapse. To their dismay, Audrey likely did hear it, as observed from her wryly smile. Now they were at a loss of what to say to Audrey. Layla was even glaring at Hope a bit, who quickly hid behind Muku. But she didn't do anything else, after all, what Hope said was the truth, she herself even thought that way.

"Don't worry, I won't cower away again, I promised to do what needed to be done and I still stand by my words. So don't look at Hope like that Layla, she didn't say anything wrong". Audrey said with a normal smile this time after arriving in front of the group.

"Oh and Jade, I found something for you, I heard you can eat this?". Audrey said, holding out her hand, on it, there was a beast core.

"Woah, these things are rare, are you sure you want to give it to me?" Jade asked though she has already snatched the core from Audrey's hand leaving everyone speechless at her lack of sincerity.

"Yes, not like I can use it after all". Audrey replied with a smile, already used to Jade's personality.

"I wonder what you'll get from this....wait, will you be able to shoot webs out of your butt like the spider did?" Hope asked with curiosity. Hearing her Muku couldn't help but sneaker, though honestly he and the girls also wondered the same, it was the only ability the spider seemed to have after all.

Hearing Hope's question, Jade who was about to consume the core froze with her mouth open. She quickly closed her mouth and held out the core to Audrey a spoke.

"You know what, I change my mind, I can't take something that's yours. Also, I'm pretty sure you can use it to recover your mana.". Jade hastily spoke, seemingly wanting to get rid the core as soon as possible.

"No, no, I can just recover naturally, you can take it". Audrey spoke, not accepting the core, after hearing Hope she kinda didn't want it either now, even if she didn't have the same ability as Jade.

Jade ended up forcing the core into Audrey's hand and walked away. Everyone else couldn't help but laugh at her actions. And also Audrey who seemed to be contemplating throwing it away.

"No don't!, try enveloping it with your mana and make it guide the mana in it into your body". Muku said when Audrey really was about to throw it away.

Seems despite knowing that there was basically no chance of her getting an ability from it, she didn't want to take the chance, she didn't know what her new body was capable of after all. But since Muku ordered her to do something, she had to. Of course he wasn't ordering her, but asking, just that he didn't completely understand his role as her master yet, which literally meant that anything he asked her to do, she will do it.

So Audrey did as asked and in front of everyone, the beast core really started losing its radiance while Audrey's almost exhausted mana level started to rise. Within a minute she was back to her peak mana capacity while the core now radiated half the energy compared to before.

"So it really works huh...this is good news, in the future when we get more cores, we will have a spare energy source. And I have a feeling that beast cores will be super important in the future." Muku said with his hand on his chin, clearly pleased by the result.

Though Layla was pouting a bit at how her mother was basically used as a test subject for something that very much could have led to the core exploding since they didn't know what was possible with it yet. But knowing that Muku could have likely contained the explosion or at least kept everyone safe, she didn't pursue the matter.

"Anyway, I think we should continue our hunt. It would be great if all of you can reach Half-step within the next few days. I have this foreboding that the situation will get worse soon.". Muku said as he led the way to their next target.

The others although didn't feel the foreboding he was talking about, weren't opposed to getting stronger anyway so merrily followed along.

"Mother, what an nteresting move you used back there, how did you get your mana to not be eliminated in the beast's body though?" Layla started a conversation with Audrey. She really was curious about how Audrey did it after all.

"Oh that, I don't know how I did it, I just knew it would work for some reason. Sigh, Only if it wasn't so gory". Audrey replied. Layla nodded in understanding, she too, had somethings she could just do not knowing how she could do it, and so could everyone in their group for that matter. Maybe Audrey's mana just had a special characteristic thad allowed for what she did. Yeah that was probably it....