

## **Few Wives 511**

Chapter 511: KP Farming!

A while later...

The two were back in their seats, eating snacks and enjoying the view as they searched.

Of course, they didn't forget why they were there.

Chloe felt a bit embarrassed after the kiss, but she calmed down after a while.

Around thirty minutes later, they received a call from Raya. She had located the planet. And so, Muku tracked her with their soul link.

The other used GPS. Yep, Mrs C had added that feature too. She basically added everything after all.

Anyway, they didn't immediately go back after locating it. They decided to visit the closest planet to them. And that was the Red Planet, a planet that was basically the opposite of the Blue Planet.

It was mostly desert while their planet was mostly water.

The reason why was simple. They could sense life on the planet. Something that shouldn't have been possible considering past revenge.

It made them suspect something. Something quite horrifying honestly.

But before jumping to conclusions, they decided to check it out...

And so, they went.

When they entered the planet's atmosphere, they were assaulted by a rather violent mana wave.

However, they were strong enough to instantly tame it, so it wasn't a problem at all.

But that was already unexpected.

As they got closer to the going, they saw something even worse.

Two groups of R6s... yes, R6s were fighting. Both groups had more than a thousand members.

One group was made up of humongous green and black snakes. The other group was made up of similar-sized sandworms.

The battle was brutal. And it looked super brutal.

Interestingly enough, neither side was using elemental attacks... was it a choice? Did they not have any? Or what?

Muku immediately summoned a small blade. And it appeared as easily as usual. However, he felt a slight resistance that wasn't there initially.

This immediately put his mind into overdrive as he thought about the matter.

"Hmm. So it seems the apocalypse really is affecting more than just our planet. And on this planet, the longer you stay, the more your elemental capabilities are suppressed. Probably to the point of being unable to use it outside of your body. I mean, I'm just guessing at this point. But let's assume it's true for a moment. What do you all suggest we do next?" Muku revealed his thoughts and asked the girls for their input.

"Why are you even asking? Isn't our next move obvious? We should clear up this planet before we're completely suppressed and leave. Do you know how much easier it is to beat an opponent who can't use projectile attacks?" Jade replied before anyone else.

She was fired up and ready to go.

"You read my mind" Muku replied.

The others agreed. Of course, the beasts would have stronger bodies than usual. But since when was that an issue for his group?

More often than not, they had ways to deal with that. The most obvious case was Layla. She was definitely gonna have a field day there.

Chloe instantly took out a few more beast cores. They were R5 but that didn't matter. Quantity over quality was fine in matters like this.

Before she was mostly going for the natural route, but now she didn't have the luxury. After taking the cores she went into the embryo to recover faster in less time.

Technically it was still the same recovering time, but time moved faster in the core so...

Anyway, while she did that, the others jumped in immediately. They didn't need to wait.

Their starting point was the very mini war between the two species in front of them.

Attacks of all shapes, colors, and sizes began raining down from the sky.

It required a little more effort to kill the beasts with normal attacks but that was okay.

They had time and mana.

After a while, a fully recovered Chloe came back and joined in.

The area was soon cleared up after that. They then went all over the planet cleaning out beasts left and right.

When they felt the suppression get too strong, they would retreat into the embryo. When they came out, the suppression effect had been completely reset.

And so, they continued their KP farming.

It was a happy time for them. If they came across a beast that was too strong for them to quickly take care of alone, they'd gather together and bully it to death.

With all of them gathered together, these physical beasts weren't their opponents.

So in just two weeks. They had cleared up the whole planet. And everyone had long reached the peak.

That's how many beasts were on the planet.

It was quite ironic how they had turned a previously inhabited planet back to that state. And they would have destroyed it too had they not controlled themselves.

At the same time, they couldn't help but wonder if this was what Mrs C meant by go to the sea... Did she know that it would lead them there?

Knowing her, she definitely did. She just didn't like being straightforward the damned old lady. Maybe she was spying on them at that very time, laughing at how they were easily manipulated.

That had to be the case, after all, there was no way there were so many R6s on their planet.

Not after they tampered with the main portal. So this is definitely where Mrs C was directing them to.

Anyway, with the planet cleared up and everyone having reached the peak. They left happily.

They didn't want to spend a second longer on the damned planet that kept on suppressing them even after helping it.

Even the Blue Planet wasn't as ruthless as the damned Red Planet. It had nothing to offer but dared to be so arrogant!

They didn't know whether it had a World Spirit or not, but they didn't care. They were likely never going to return there again anyway.

And if the spirit existed but didn't come to say thanks, then forget it. They had their own ungrateful brat back home to deal with...

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A few hours later...

"Hey, why didn't you teleport us here?" Muku suddenly asked Raya.

"Because it's unnecessarily wasteful?" Raya replied in a slightly rude way.

She wanted to say something more rude but the girls were there so.

"..." Muku decided not to say anything else. He had better things to do than argue with the brat.

"So now what? Should we wait for mother-in-law inside the embryo?" Emily asked Muku.

Their target had been reached way sooner than they expected, so they were at a loss.

"Sure... however, we won't just be waiting. I'm sure you all know what the next step is" Muku replied.

The girls all nodded.

The next step he was talking about was the combination of domain armour and their avatar.

This would give them a new and advanced close combat mana armour. It was almost like getting a humanoid beast transformation.

As for Raya, she didn't need to do anything. It seemed beasts needed to refine their humanoid forms to look more human instead. Hers was already perfect, so she immediately went to the peak of Pseudo-R7 after reaching PR6.

It was quite enviable. But such was life. There was nothing they could do about it when Mrs C liked her.

And so, the group went into retreat and started working on their avatar battle armour.

Two months later, no one was done.

Even Muku, that's how hard it was...

But they were all making steady progress.

As for Raya, she hadn't broken through yet, she felt that the belief energy she had wasn't enough yet.

However, she hadn't been idle these past two months.

She had gone around the world on her own. Her agenda was to help as many people as she could.

And she managed to do so with resounding success. She made the blood essence contract with all of them and was currently saturated with Belief energy.

This meant that she was ready to advance.

Another thing that was different about their advancement was that Raya only needed to do one more thing at that stage but humans will need to do two.

Was it unfair? Not really. Humans had advantages over beasts in some other areas so it was okay for beasts to also have their own advantages.

"Hehe. How does it feel to know that you're behind me in advancing again? Does it make you want to kiss feet and take me as your lord?" Raya taunted Muku who was currently busy with his cultivation in his room.

She was bored so she came to bother him.

As for why she wasn't advancing, she decided to wait until Mrs C shows up. Going from R6 to R7 felt more significant than all the other ranks up before it for whatever reason. So she wanted to share it with Mrs C, who was like a doting grandma to her.

"Get out of here brat. Go play somewhere else" Muku hissed.

"How dare you! I would have slapped you to death already if we weren't linked. I definitely made a mistake linking myself to such an ungrateful fellow like you. How can you treat your dragon goddess like this?" Raya spoke in an aggrieved manner.

"Brat! Just because the people you saved called you that doesn't make you a goddess okay?" Muku at the end of his patience with her.

Chapter 512: World's strongest?

After bickering with Muku for a while Raya left...

The days after that went by slowly as Muku and the girls focused on reaching the peak of Pseudo-R7.

Raya was so bored that she went out with the embryo's residence on hunts as they guard.

Of course, she wouldn't get involved until they were about to die. She quite enjoyed seeing them struggle, much like a human watching ants fight.

Normally it wouldn't be worth noting, but when you're bored? It was great!

Of course, it got old quickly. So she turned to surfing the internet. Unfortunately for her, her phone was child-protected so she couldn't do anything over the top and spicy with it.

She also went out looking for R6s to fight in the ocean.

With her current strength, she was confident in facing anything on the planet. So she didn't need to be cautious.

She encountered a few and successfully took them out. But she felt like something was watching her.

She couldn't sense its location, just got a vague feeling.

After that, she decided to give up on going out alone.

Then she went to bug Tracy. Or at least she tried, but Tracy was in a dormant state after consuming a few R5 cores a while back.

She didn't kill, but that didn't mean she didn't accept cores from other people's kills. She also wanted to get strong after all.

Anyway, maybe because she had taken too much at once, it was taking her ages to break through.

The others went from LR5 to beyond PR6 while she was still dormant.

She will definitely have the shock of her life when she wakes up.

Anyway, seeing that Tracy was still out of action, Raya went back to her phone.

She was the only member of the group active at the time. Which sucked a lot. She not only had to deal with her boredom, but she also had to take care of the matters the residents of the embryo had.

Most of the stuff she left to Sarah, but she needed to appear from time to time to make sure that the belief energy the others got didn't decrease.

After all, at that point, they were saviors and celebrities, they needed to be seen somewhat regularly to keep the emotions strong as humans are quite fickle.

Even one member was enough. And Raya being the rumored strongest, was perfect for the job.

Of course, she would go complain to Muku from time to time to decompress.

Muku unwillingly took it since she was doing a lot for them....

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Around two months later...

Muku and the girls had all reached the peak of Pseudo-R7. They only needed to give the mental command and the breakthrough process would start.

Like Raya, they chose to wait for Mrs C. She said she would appear soon enough and they were in no rush.

The current world also seemed unable to take the breakthrough. It was still capped at R6 after all.

Even outer space seemed to follow the same principle.

Anyway, they all went out together once and completely cleared out the planet of all R6s they came across. Which weren't many.

At that point, they could probably wipe all the beasts out.

But they chose not to for the sake of the other people on the planet seeking power.

As for those who didn't want power, they were taken into the embryo which had now grown to the size of the old planet.

And most people were long dead, so it was more than enough space. Hell, it was enough even if all lived.

Anyway, at some point they realised that if they wanted to, they could achieve Klaus's dream and rule the world.

However, they decided not to. They didn't even tell him through phone that they could do such a thing at that point. It was better for his confidence.

Besides, they avoided a few places in their clearing mission.

One was the Tactoa Headquarters. That was for obvious reasons. Despite having gained so much strength, they dared not find trouble with that one until they were Monarch level at least.

For now, they will only react when attacked at most. It was the wiser choice since they didn't know what the Monarch could do when pushed.

Then there was the area Ares frequented. As for how they knew that, it was all thanks to past experiences and Jade who could track Ares now.

If they wanted to, they could definitely take out his current avatar completely.

However, that would likely lead to reckless actions from him. He might even send down an R7 and destroy the world or something.

So yeah, that hot potato had to be avoided. However, they did mess up whatever plans he had by killing off all his minions that had his aura.

Which were unsurprisingly, scummy humans.

Interestingly enough Ares knew it was them even though he had no proof.

That was likely because of their heavy enmity. Whether or not it was them it didn't matter. To Ares, it was always them.

Anyway, on top of those two places, there were a few more they avoided. A thick forest they could literally not access despite their strength, a desert oasis that couldn't be reached, and a deep pit at the centre of the ocean that gave off a sinister aura.

So there were five "Don'ts" they had decided on. Other than that, they could walk sideways everywhere else.

On a happier note, Tracy finally woke up. And she had advanced to R5. She now had a human form almost as good as Raya's. The only problem was the two beast horns sticking out of her head.

Interestingly enough, she chose a "Milf" form, cough, a mature lady's form. Then again, she was a mature beast, unlike Raya so the form made sense.

However, as expected, she was shocked by their strength. So she immediately took a batch of R6 cores which were many due to the Red Planet event, and went back into retreat.

This time she didn't expect to catch up after coming out. She just wanted to keep the gap as close as possible as a less talented being.

While she had a mystical power, it didn't give her unreasonable talent like everyone else in the group.

Honestly, if it had, she would have long reached R9 or something.

Anyway, soon after that she left, Mrs C appeared.

Well, a portal opened up in the embryo and that was enough.

They all happily went over. They were tired of waiting. If the portal hadn't appeared, they might have gone to explore space instead.

There was no way only two planets were affected by the apocalypse right? Well, maybe that was the case, but they'd rather find out on their own.

Anyway, on the other side of the portal, they appeared in a familiar room. The same room where they reunited the last time Muku was still in the beast world.

"Hello everyone! Welcome to my humble abode!" Mrs C spoke happily while walking towards them and giving them all hugs.

After that, they went to sit down at the dining table where food was already prepared.

Muku practically ran there. His mom's food always tasted great... even though it seemed to pop out of nowhere instead of being cooked...

After the meal, they all sat with satisfied looks on their faces. It had been the best meal they had had.

"I'm not going to ask about how the food was because you obviously enjoyed it. Instead, I would like to congratulate you all on reaching your current strength. And you don't know how lucky you are that you didn't break through on your planet..." Mrs C said.

"What do you mean?" Muku asked, sensing a heavy bomb about to be dropped.

"Oh, it's nothing much. Just that the moment the first R7 appears on that planet is the moment the real war begins" Mrs C spoke casually.

"I guess you need more details. Well, you're strong enough anyway. So let me tell you. In the last great war between the two worlds. It ended in a stalemate but with conditions. Most of those don't matter at this point. What matters is that the moment an R7 appears, the world will instantly evolve to be able to accommodate beings up to R9... Beings that can destroy stars many times bigger than the planet with such ease it's not different from breathing. So basically, whoever reaches R7 won't even be at the peak of power for a second as old monsters will start to awaken while the real experts from the beast world will also appear and they won't be limited by a portal's short usage period like before... Was that smear enough?" Mrs C explained as nonchalantly as before.

Completely ignoring how the more she spoke, the paler the expressions of everyone got.

They all screamed in their heads. What the heck did she mean the real war would finally begin?

And as R7s they would be weak? How was that fair?

"Hehe. Don't look like that. It's only a what-if at this point. I mean, you didn't do it after all" Mrs C consoled with obvious amusement in her voice and words.

"Do you have a solution?" Muku got straight to the point.

"What do you think? I'm your mother, how can I not have a plan to help my son and his wives survive this?" Mrs C replied with a little smirk on her face.

Muku and the girls sensed bad intentions but there was nothing they could do. They needed her help more than anything else at the moment.

And so, they waited to hear what she wanted to say...

Chapter 513: Advancement

"Firstly let me tell you about what would happen a bit more. As I said, all hell would break loose the moment a R7 appears.

But the monsters won't appear from the beast side only. Humans also have their experts. They will also appear simultaneously.

That isn't completely good news, as you know, people's way of thinking is constantly changing. So it's unknown whether they would be allies or enemies.

Yes, even in such a situation, some would still have the time to discriminate, because that's what humans enjoy doing the most.

Now as for what I suggest you do... I suggest you go to the Beast World right now and rank up until you're at least PR9 before returning to the Blue Planet. With how you've cleared out the strangest, you have at least five years to reach PR9.

Which should be enough time if you're dedicated enough. Though there's a way higher chance of dying and of course Muku can't use his bloodline power throughout the whole process... That sounds fun right?" Mrs C finished her explanation.

"We have a very different definition of fun. Our lives which were just stabilizing were randomly turned upside down. If that's what's going to happen why must we risk our lives? Can't we just stay in the Embryo or stay with you?" Muku replied.

"You silly child. Of course you can't. Are you even a man if you aren't willing to die for your land? Besides, if the beasts win, they'll eventually find a way to get into the Embryo since it's still connected to the main world. I can't protect it forever after all. Staying with me is also out of the question right now. It's worse than fighting in the upcoming war if anything. And don't bother asking me to kill all the beasts.

That's not my responsibility but yours, besides, I have bigger fish to fry, as I told you before. Anyway, make your choice. Are you going to leave your fate to other people or are you going to grab it by the horns and tame it?" Mrs C asked seriously.

"I'm in. Send me to the Beast World please" Jade was the first to speak up.

"Me too"

"Me too!"...

The rest of the girls joined in too. They were uncertain about the future. They were scared even. However, some fights just couldn't be avoided. And this was one of them.

Only Muku was left sitting there silently with a troubled look on his face.

"Just say yes. I know you're hesitating because it puts our lives at risk. Much more than what we have ever faced before. But you must understand, we are not weak. And together we're even stronger. We can do this. Believe in us as we believe in you" Audrey spoke gently while holding Muku's hand.

The others nodded in agreement.

"Even if you say no, I'm going so you know. So you better say yes or my reckless death will be your fault for not being there to stop me" Jade suddenly added.

"That was completely unnecessary you crazy thing! I was about to say yes!. So you know you're reckless? Good good, I'll be there. But not to save you. I just want to personally witness this death of yours!" Muku snapped at Jade.

"Y-you, you! How can you say that to a beautiful lady like me? How can you wish me death? Such a ruthless character!" Jade replied in a wronged tone.

"Beautiful, yes. Lady? No" Muku replied simply.

At that point, Jade wanted to fight it out with Muku. The others had to get involved to stop her.

Besides that, everything was actually going well. The tension in the air had been dispelled and they were all in high spirits despite the deadly situation they were facing.

That was the effect Jade had on the others. She was good at raising morale when she wanted to.

Mrs C looked on with a little smile on her face pleased with the family her son had gathered around himself. It was almost like fate was on his side. Then again, knowing his origins, maybe it was.

"Now that that's over with. Let's talk about the details. I'll drop you off in the Middle Zone. It will give you some time to get used to the area as you advance. But first, it's breakthrough time! Thank you all for wanting to involve me. I'm really happy" Mrs C continued leading the meeting.

"Wait. What about the trials?" Are we not doing those?" Layla asked in a somewhat disheartened voice. She was really looking forward to getting the same boosts Muku and Raya got.

"Oh yeah! I almost forgot about that. Let's start with that then..." Mrs C replied gleefully.

After that, for the next few days, she put the girls through the same grueling trials Muku went through before.

Of course that didn't mean that he and Raya were chilling. They were given a new set of trials to do. And this time it was mind trials. Their minds were messed with so much that they even contemplated giving up a few times. From painful illusions to ones so perfect they seemed like dreams. But of course, they were traps made to keep your mind forever imprisoned. Fortunately, they all passed the trials. The girls were made to do the mind trials as well. Then there were avatar trials, elemental trials, control trials, and so on. Anything and everything that could be tested on was tested on. And it was hell.

Of course, the benefits were amazing too. The rest of the girls finally got rings. Everyone's power was boosted further without breaking through.

And they unlocked new ways of using their powers under Mrs C's guidance.

She also helped them improve their force technique even more. Muku's insights were still limited compared to hers after all.

After that, they were finally done. Mrs C looked at them with a proud expression on her face.

Their auras had completely changed when compared to before. Almost like different people in an unchanged shell.

"Okay. With that done. Let's get to the fun part. I really can't wait anymore. I want to see you all as R7s already!" Mrs C spoke after a moment of silent appreciation.

"Raya" Muku called out.

He was unwilling to waste time either.

Raya stepped up. Went into the distance alone with a serious expression on her face.

She sat on the ground in a meditative position with her eyes shut.

Her mana started radiating out of her body. But that wasn't all. A mystical golden energy was mixed in with her mana. It was belief energy of course.

Soon the 3 energies synced and then mixed into one. It was a dark golden energy that gave off a very powerful pressure. But everyone was strong enough to take it, so no problems arose.

After that, golden clouds began forming above Raya.

This reminded the group of her bloodline rituals. However, the clouds were not only different in color but also in function.

These weren't meant to suppress, they were purely for testing and strengthening.

They even gave off a holy and pleasing aura. However, everyone knew that they were still very dangerous. So none took them lightly. Raya's body tensed up as she sensed them. But she didn't open her eyes.

She just observed everything with her mana sense then...

CRACKLE!

BOOOOOOOOOOOOM! BOOOOOOOOOOOOM!

BOOOOOOOOOOOOM!...

Golden lightning struck down one after the other. It actually didn't seem to be focused on Raya. But her energy instead.

The more it struck, the more Raya's energy was purified. It also seemed to be going through a very significant change with each strike.

This went on for a few hours and the bolts kept on getting stronger and stronger. Ray kept on taking them. She had made enough preparations after all.

A while later they finally stopped.

At that point, Raya was completely covered by a golden energy that the others couldn't see through. They couldn't even sense through it.

Interestingly enough, they couldn't sense it despite looking at it. But they knew that it was something special. They could just feel it.

After that, the energy suddenly started spinning like it was getting sucked into something.

As that happened, it started disappearing.

However, Raya wasn't revealed even after it was completely gone.

At least not in the way they were used to.

They could only hear her pained screams but there was nothing there.

They resisted the urge to run over and see what was happening.

Since Mrs C wasn't doing anything, then things were probably fine right?

She even had a smile on her face.

After a while, the screaming stopped.

Then a golden figure with no features at all was revealed.

After that...

BOOOOOOOOOOOM!

The energy exploded everywhere. Everyone instinctively closed their eyes.

When they opened them, there was nothing there apart from a ruined ground.

They couldn't see or hear Raya. Even Muku who was connected to her couldn't sense her at all.

They all wondered one thing...

{What the hell was going on?}...

Chapter 514: Advancement (pt 2)

"What? Aren't you going to say anything? Are you mesmerized by my greatness?" Raya's arrogant voice was suddenly heard.

But there was one problem?

"Where are you? We can't see you and your voice seems to be coming from every direction" Muku spoke while looking all over the place.

The girls were doing the same. It really sounded like Raya was everywhere.

"What do you mean? I'm literally standing in front of you" Raya replied confusedly.

"Ahem! Let me help you out with this. You see, the reason why you can't see her is simply that you are too weak. Mortals have no right to see the divine beings without permission" Mrs C spoke from behind the group.

There was an amused smile on her face as she looked directly at Raya. Obviously, she could see the dragon girl flexing her non-existent muscles in front of the group.

"What?" Muku asked in confusion.

What the hell was she talking about? And wasn't this something she should have mentioned before Raya ranked up?

"Exactly as I said. Well, let me explain a bit more then. You see, from unranked to R6, you're what's called the mortal stages. From R7 and beyond, you become divine. R7-R9s are the semi-divine stage to be exact. But that's still not something any of you can go against. With Raya's current power, destroying 30 solar systems in a single attack is relatively easy. She'll be able to destroy at least 300 at her peak. A new R8, can destroy 1000 at least. Then maybe 10 000 after that. R9 is definitely galaxy-level. As for beyond that, let's talk about it when you reach R9" Mrs C gave them more context.

"Oh... But what do you mean we'll talk then? Why not now? Isn't it obvious that they'll be able to destroy multiple galaxies at once?" Muku asked.

"You would think so wouldn't you? But it's not that simple. Think about the difference between you and Raya right now. You can't even destroy a solar system in your best state yet she can destroy 10. That should give you an idea of the power differences between stages. It goes beyond ranks. Anyway, that doesn't matter right now. What you want is to see Raya right? I'll help you since she can't do it herself yet..." Mrs C clarified then pulled the conversation back on track.

Snap!

With a snap of her fingers, Muku and the others were able to see Raya. Then...

"Aghhhhh! My eyes!" Muku and the girls began screaming in pain while grabbing their eyes the moment they looked at Raya.

They couldn't even see her clearly before the excruciating pain hit them.

Snap!

With another snap, Raya was invisible to them again, and their eyes were also fixed.

"And that's why Mortals can't see Divines. It's for their safety. You're all lucky that you're R6s. If it were R5s and below, their heads might have... no, they would have definitely exploded. Anyway, Raya should be able to control her divinity soon enough and be able to allow mortals to see her but not right now. Hell, if your mental states were weaker, just hearing her speak would have driven you mad. It sounds crazy right? But as you know, mentioning a Monarch in the Besst World will immediately get you killed if

you have no permission, so it shouldn't seem too crazy after that" Mrs C continued speaking after they were healed.

Her words horrified them all. What kind of power was this? Just them existing was a weapon?

"What about you? What special effect is linked to you? Apart from all the ones you mentioned of course" Muku asked curiously.

"You don't want to know" Mrs C replied without getting into detail. But the smile on her face suggested something absurd which Muku was sure he definitely didn't want to know at the moment.

"Okay. But did you have to cause us so much pain? I mean, you could have just told us" Muku complained.

"I figured a live demonstration would be more practical" Mrs C replied honestly.

She definitely didn't do it because she enjoyed seeing them in pain.

"Whatever. Since she's done, I'll go ne..." Muku was about to go next when someone sprinted ahead of him.

It was Jade of course.

"Hehe. I refuse to wait any longer. I want to be stronger than you just for a little while!" Jade said childishly.

"Fine. Did whatever you want" Muku spoke with a deadpan expression on his face.

There was no need to compete when everyone was going to advance soon anyway, besides...

"Mother, can you make it so that we can all advance at once without getting in each other's way?" Muku asked with expectation in his voice.

"Smart kid. Of course you can. However, I suggest waiting until after she advances. Her advancement will likely be the most interesting one today" Mrs C replied simply.

"Okay," Muku agreed immediately. If she said it was going to be interesting then it definitely was going to be interesting.

Everyone paid extra attention after her words. Even the invisible Raya. They all wanted to see what this interesting thing was.

The clouds didn't delay as they appeared as soon as Jade promoted the trial to begin.

They were the same golden clouds as before. But this time, no attack came even after a few minutes which confused everyone.

Snap!

Before they could ask anything, Mrs C snapped her fingers and a huge screen appeared in front of them.

An interesting scene was being shown on it. It was Jade merrily enjoying beating up Muku.

"This is Beastie's soul tribulation. It seems we are a bit late and missed the beginning. Anyway, it probably started with her getting tempted by "Muku" with something almost irresistible. If she had agreed, she would have failed the advancement and be stuck at R6 forever if she doesn't find some special means to help her break through after that. But that's clearly not a problem for her" Mrs C spoke with a hint of being impressed in her voice.

"..." Muku didn't say anything.

He didn't know what to say when looking at himself getting beaten up like that. It reminded him of that time Layla sneak-attacked him and beat him up. Which was a terrible and dark memory he didn't want to remember.

So of course his expression wasn't too good.

The girls on the other hand were happily supporting Jade with giggles and "kick him harder" chants.

It seemed as if they secretly harboured the desire to beat him up. Which was new to Muku and it scared him greatly.

On that day he promised to always be the strongest not only to protect them, but to protect himself from them too.

As for Raya, he just needed to threaten her by hurting his soul if she tried anything. So she was no problem.

Yup, their soul link was like that. If one soul got hurt, both share the damage until they can't. Which was honestly an advantage when facing soul attacks, but it can also be used to threaten the other.

Anyway, a few minutes later, the soul tribulation Muku was beaten into non-existence.

Worst of all, Jade looked unsatisfied. This was noted by Muku. He would make her pay for it later. To dare harbour such thoughts about her husband, she definitely deserved a spanking... No, he didn't have a spanking fetish and was always looking for a reason to do it. It was strictly for punishment. He can even swear on his mother's life.

"How dare you wish me to die?" Mrs C suddenly shouted at him angrily.

"What?... Stop reading my thoughts! And I have no interest in that okay? So how would you die?" Muku replied with equal anger.

"Tsk. Only you know that for sure" Mrs C replied unconvincedly.

"What's that supposed to me... You know what, whatever. Let's not do this right now" Muku replied in defeat.

He realised that there was no way to prove his innocence when the other party had already painted you guilty.

Plus Jade had woken up and the clouds were stirring, so he needed to pay attention to that.

The others were a bit confused by the exchange but didn't ask. They chalked it up to the usual mother-bunter the two always had.

Though honestly, they behaved more like siblings at such times...

Anyway, Jade looked up at the clouds expecting lightning to rain down on her as it did with Raya.

However, something different happened. Instead of raining down lightning, it rained down beasts instead. Huge beasts of all shapes and sizes.

Everyone was instantly surprised and shocked. What the heck was happening?

"Isn't it interesting? Oh and don't expect this for all of you. Her trial is different because her energy is Beast Aura instead of Mana. In fact, those clouds are filled with divine beast aura instead of divine mana. And as a strictly beastly energy. It works differently from the all-encompassing mana" Mrs C dispelled their confusion.

"Oh... Speaking of Beast Aura. Can you tell us more about it? What exactly is it? And why is Jade literally the only person we have come across who uses it? In fact, we have only seen it being used by Monarchs when it's not her" Muku asked curiously.

"Oh, that. That's an interesting story actually..." Mrs C replied with nostalgia in her voice.

Clearly about to tell a tale...

Chapter 515: Advancement(final)

"You see, Beast Aura is very much an energy exclusive to Monarchs. Which I'm sure you have noticed if you ignore Jade. Anyway, a long time ago, a Monarch fell in love with a human. I won't get into detail. That's something for you to find out on your own. But just know that that's how humans who could use Beast Aura came into being. Even in the lineage, only a few members could use it. The rest used mana like everyone else. Now only Jade can use it and she might be the last to do so... Unless you give me grand babies with her" Mrs C explained vaguely then plugged her desires in at the end.

Muku rolled his eyes at the last part but took what came before that to heart.

He could sense that there was a tragic story involved there. Likely the one Jade was already trying to uncover.

Speaking of which, they should try to dig into her memories some more after she advances. Maybe with R7 strength, she will be able to uncover it all and finally put the muster to rest.

Anyway, they didn't continue talking after that. The clouds were making their move so they had to pay attention.

As was mentioned before, all manner of beasts rained down.

Instead of just sitting there waiting to be pummeled, Jade chose the proactive approach. Which was to be expected honestly.

She jumped up and met the first beast with a strong punch that destroyed it on the spot. The golden beast aura it was made out of was then absorbed into her body.

She didn't stop there as she moved on to the next. It was quite the show seeing her dance around in the air with countless beasts.

Running on huge beasts while punching the smaller ones into oblivion. Then punching the huge ones after.

All with a gleeful smile on her face. She was clearly having a good time. In fact, the others wanted to join her. Unfortunately, it was a trial so they could only watch wishing that their tribulations were as fun as hers.

Even though they already heard from Mrs C that Jade's was by far the most intriguing. They could still hope, right? After all, hers being the most interesting didn't mean theirs won't be interesting at all right?

For now, they could only watch Jade killing beasts left and right and getting stronger with every kill.

After a while, she started turning transparent. Which she didn't seem to notice at all. Or maybe only they could notice it being so weak.

Anyway, after a while, she completely disappeared from their sight. They could only hear her mad laughter as she continued her slaughter until all the divibe beast aura beasts were gone.

Of course, she could only contend against it due to belief energy otherwise the first beast would have vaporised her with no difficulty at all.

That's why R6s needed Belief or Hatred energy before attempting to advance to R7. Trying it without was simply seeking death.

Muku remembered how Scary embushed Spikes from what he was told. He had to commend Scar's guts for doing such a thing without belief energy... Or maybe he had it, and Mrs C suppressed that too in their fight.

Anyway, a familiar explosion occurred though it was a bit different since Jade had already disappeared unlike Raya who turned into a glowing figure first. Maybe it worked differently between beasts and humans.

Anyway, after that, Jade had successfully advanced.

And like Raya, she couldn't be seen, sensed, or located through sound as it sounded like she was all over the place.

And she went an extra mile when compared to Raya as she pinched Muku to make the others know where she was standing.

Interestingly enough, the spot she pinched didn't heal instantly as it should have. Instead, it kept getting more and more painful despite there being no visible injury.

The reason for that was the brief contact Muku had with divine energy. His body simply couldn't take it. That's how op it was.

Everyone now believed in the destruction Mrs C said it was capable of.

Anyway, if Mrs C wasn't there, Muku might have had to take the pain until he advanced.

Anyway, after that was taken care of and he promised to settle scores with Jade, he and the others stepped forward and went to advance at once.

They were interested in seeing the advancement process of the others, but they couldn't wait any longer, so they requested Mrs C to record everything for them, which she readily agreed to do. She was going to record it anyway.

She literally pulled out a movie camera out of nowhere after that...

Everyone just looked at her with deadpan expressions before going on their way.

They all thought that it must be really fun to be her and have all her powers. She literally had the power to pretty much do whatever she wanted.

When will they be that strong? Wait, will they even be able to reach her rank?, whatever that was?

Anyway, Muku and the girls, took their spots that were many kilometres away from each other as not to interfere with each other, but due to Mrs C's space warping, it looked like they were close.

Golden clouds simultaneously appeared above all of them. Stirring threateningly but not moving. Just like what happened to Jade.

The onlookers immediately realised that they were going through the soul tribulation.

And as expected, all of them passed successfully.

Other than Lisa who struggled a bit but eventually succeeded. Her tribulation was a bit different from the others who were tempted with a solo life with Muku or something related to Muku in some way.

Like Muku's death, betrayal, and whatnot.

Lisa's tribulation was losing all her power and being ditched in the mindscape by Muku and the others.

She wasn't completely abandoned and understood where they came from as she had become useless, but that fact almost broke her.

Her life only felt fulfilled when she was with them. So being separated from them and knowing that it wasn't anyone's fault was really hard on her.

Fortunately, her willpower was strong enough to allow her to pull through.

She pulled through by accepting that fate and choosing to manage the embryo's people instead of chasing after what she couldn't do anymore. After all, nothing could be done.

She could either fall apart and wither away, or channel her energy in another direction, where she could still be useful.

And she chose the latter.

The moment she accepted it she broke out of the trial.

As for Muku's trial, it was losing all the girls to Area and the other Monarchs. They ganged up on them and killed them all while he was pinned down and couldn't do anything.

Surprisingly enough, he wasn't moved. He just looked on indifferently.

It was weird that the "Area" in the trial asked him why he wasn't moved.

And he simply said, "It's because I know such a thing would never happen. If they were really in danger. No matter how strong the opponent is, I will win"

His voice was free of arrogance as if he were only stating a fact.

"...You're crazy..." The tribulation "Ares" commented before disappearing.

All this was shown on a big screen. The others couldn't see it, but Jade could. And she couldn't stop the tears from rolling down her cheeks. She didn't know why, but his words really hit her at her core.

And they made her go into heat. Of course, she tried her best to hide it. But the first chance she gets, she's definitely going to jump Muku for some loving.

Anyway, with the soul tribulations done, they moved on to the lightning tribulation.

As mana users, their tribulations were like Raya's.

That didn't mean Jade's was stronger. It was just different.

There was a detail the onlookers noticed about the lightning tribulation.

Muku's lightning was a lot stronger and thicker than the others.

The rest were almost identical though. They might have been a bit different, but it was too close to tell.

Which was understandable considering their class level.

"Still not as strong as mine though" Raya commented while looking at Muku's lightning.

"True. You're the most talented being to exist after all... Well, maybe there was one a bit better than you before, but you're definitely better than Muku. However, as for who will be stronger in the end, we can't tell. He still has his bloodline after all" Mrs C spoke with a little smile on her face.

"Speaking of his bloodline... If it's so overpowered, why isn't his tribulation a lot crazier? I mean, I'm not wishing him death, but I expected something more from a high-profile person than him" Jade spoke before Raya could.

"Oh, that. I can see where you're coming from. However, these tribulations do not involve bloodlines, just a person's natural talent. So no matter how many special extra features you have, they do not matter here. If they did, they'd all likely have a crazy tribulation one way or the other" Mrs C explained.

"Oh... I guess even main characters have normal days" Jade commented jokingly.

"Fufu" Mrs C laughed lightly in response.

Internally she was thinking, {If we looked at it like that, with your tribulation, wouldn't you be today's main character?}

But she didn't say it, choosing not to tease this brash daughter-in-law of hers...

Chapter 516: I am absolute

Soon enough everyone was done with their advancement and became invisible.

Then again, they could all see each other, so they became visible?

Anyway, they held a mini party to celebrate the milestone. After all, they were now semi-immortal, which was never a bad thing.

After that, they returned to business.

"Now kids, with that done, I won't hold you back anymore. It's about time you set out into the Beast World" Mrs C spoke in an unwilling but resolute voice.

"I guess so. Any tips? I mean, I've been there before. But I roamed around the edges and barely saw the middle zone. Now we're going to the central area which is completely unknown..." Muku asked for tips.

He wasn't as emotional about the separation as his mother was. Then again, she's the one who said he needed to work hard, so he was simply doing what she wanted.

She looked a bit displeased by his unfeeling response but whatever.

"Sigh. I guess you're right. And I won't tell you much. However, I will tell this... The central zone is probably not what you expect. And there are actually two polarized central zones. One at the center of the forest, the other at the center of the ocean. But that doesn't matter. Just be careful. Remember that there are still R8s and R9s above you in the immediate vicinity. And even stronger beings are lurking around. Oh, and good news, from R7 onwards you can cultivate and improve your strength by absorbing divine energy instead of killing for KP. So don't be as crazed about killing as before. It will also be hard to take care of all loose ends as the opponents will be harder to kill. So think thoroughly before acting" Mrs C advised them.

"Okay. Thank you. Does that mean killing won't give us KP anymore?" Muku asked.

"Oh no, it still does. But it's so insignificant and dangerous you might as well cultivate yourself after finding the perfect spot with pure divine energy. In fact, if you're going to kill, it should be for a cultivation spot rather than KP. But you're free to do whatever you want. It's your life after all. Just don't die, okay?" Mrs C replied with a shrug.

"We'll keep that in mind then" Muku replied understandingly.

In fact, most of the people in his group were okay with the change. Probably only Jade disliked the situation. But hey, the majority rules, so she'd better get in line or get beaten up until she does.

There was no way they would let her go around seeking death when it wasn't necessary after all.

"Are there no cultivation techniques?" Chloe asked with glowing eyes.

"Girl, you've definitely read way too many fantasy novels. And no, this isn't spiritual energy or whatever, it's just mana. It's simply using divine mana to evolve your body's various attributes. That's something that's up to your talent and mana manipulation capabilities, so there's no need for techniques" Mrs C explained clearly.

"Oh..." Chloe replied with some embarrassment in her voice. She was way too excited before.

"With that said, I think we should be going. We'll see you soon, Mom. You're free to pop into the embryo whenever you want" Muku spoke up so that Chloe wouldn't feel too embarrassed by staying longer.

"Tsk. Do you think I need your permission to visit my daughters-in-law? I'll come whenever I want. Just give me grandkids and shut up already. Now girls, come give your mother a goodbye hug" Mrs C snapped at Muku then gestured the girls over for a hug.

They all hurriedly went to her with tears in their eyes for a group hug.

And they stayed like that until Muku separated them. It seems women will always be emotional creatures.

After that, they went through the portal Mrs C created...

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Soon after the group left...

"Why are you putting him through this dangerous and unnecessary war? You could fix it all with but a finger snap. Or send one of your subordinates to take care of it. That Dragon Girl's mother even requested to be sent right?" A familiar male voice was heard in the room Mrs C stood alone.

"Do you have nothing better to do?" Mrs C spoke in a cold voice Muku and the girls knew nothing about and will likely never know.

"..." The voice's owner didn't know what to say.

"If he can't take care of this, then how do you expect him to take care of the real threat? You know what I went through back then right? The many insurmountable situations I had to deal with. Victory seemed impossible but here I am, victorious. And you think my son who is even more gifted than I am can't pull through? Don't look down on my blood, you hear me? You might have been the absolute being once upon a time, but I'm the absolute being now. My words are law. Don't ever question me again, understand? Understand, Overseer?" Mrs C suddenly became very aggressive and overbearing in her speech pattern.

The Overseer wasn't angered though. It could tell that she also didn't want to put her child through such a dangerous situation. But it was necessary for everyone's eventual survival.

Not to mention that she has been carrying the universe's fate on her back for billions of years. So losing it now and then was understandable.

Hell, she could be bad-tempered every day and everyone would understand.

But she actually chose to suppress her emotions most of the time. Which they all appreciated and felt bitter about.

"Undertook My Lady. I believe in your vision for the young prince. I'm sorry I misspoke" The Overseer spoke in a submissive voice.

His glowing red eyes even dimmed down to show that he meant no threat.

Of course, he wouldn't want to find trouble with her. She was the only one who rose and did something even he couldn't do as the multiverse's number one protector.

"Good. Now leave. I need to be alone" Mrs C spoke coldly again. But a lot less hostile.

The Overseer left silently in response and acknowledgement.

"Son... I wish you luck and success on your mission" She spoke softly with warmth returning to her voice.

After that, she disappeared from the room and went back to repelling the danger the Devourer posed like she had done for billions upon billions of years...

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In the Beast World...

Whether intentionally or not, Muku and the girls appeared in the same spot where he and Raya appeared before.

And like before, it caused an uproar in the area.

The beasts in the area still remembered his appearance back then.

However, there was a twist this time...

The portal was seen, lively voices were heard, but no one was seen.

And as you'd expect from any sentient being in that situation. All the beasts made a break for it. Getting as far away from the place as they could.

There were tales in the Beast World that if you heard voices you couldn't relate the source of, there was a high chance you were going to die soon without leaving a body behind.

And R6s were quite social. So they were all aware of this tale.

Which was why they all made a break for it on sight. No one said anything to anyone... Maybe because they were black beasts?

"Well, that's unfortunate. I wanted to ask about the local specials. Like food, attractions, and whatnot" Emily spoke disappointedly.

"Say less" Jade spoke then held out her hand then said, "Come"

And a gorilla-looking beast which was the first to hear her voice flew back and into her open hand that was ready to hold it by the throat.

Of course, it struggled with all its might and threw all its best attacks but nothing happened. It could not break free.

The others looked on in horror from afar. They were secretly happy that they weren't the unlucky ones.

"Stop..." Jade's voice was heard by the gorilla.

And as if by law, it stopped. It simply let her hold it by the neck.

However, horror filled its eyes. It couldn't control its body or mana anymore. They had completely submitted to the voice.

"Well now. I guess my Empress's authority has leveled up. They can't even resist now. Anyway, ask away Emily" Jade spoke.

"I've been here before. While I didn't explore this area much. I'm pretty sure beasts don't care about stuff like that. They'll eat the first creature they can catch and don't care about scenic views" Muku spoke before Emily could say anything.

"You might be right. But it doesn't hurt to try right?" Emily spoke, unwilling to give up.

"Fine. Do what you want" Muku replied.

And as he said, the beast barely understood what she was asking. It was really stuff they didn't care about. They might be as smart if not smarter than humans, but they had way better things to do than care about beautiful places and such.

Besides, letting your guard down will get you killed on the spot. So who dared care about beauty?

In terms of food, they were as simple as Muku said they were.

So Emily was completely disappointed...

"Now that that's over with. Let's go..." Muku spoke then they went in the direction where the mana was coming from.

Which was the opposite of what he did last time. And he was a lot more excited too despite the caution and fear.

Then again, he was a complete ant last time...

#### Chapter 517: Beast World

The group wasn't in any rush to get to the central zone. So they took their time getting there, taking in the sights, and everything.

Despite having been told about the average scale of things in the beast world, which was extremely big, they were still shocked by the trees.

What was even more interesting was how they actually couldn't reach the top of the trees beyond the clouds no matter how much they tried flying up.

It was clear to see that there was a space barrier in the way.

Something so strong that even Raya a R7 space elementalist couldn't sense it.

It was a truly humbling experience when they were all still feeling themselves despite the warnings from Mrs C. After all, they felt like the world was within their grasp with their current power.

It was an unavoidable time period after every breakthrough. And they knew how to control it, so it wasn't a serious problem.

Anyway, they didn't waste too much time despite their cruising speed.

After all, their perception of the world was countless times more advanced than that of normal people.

Unlike when Muku was weak, he didn't see a thick layer of mana blocking their way.

Not that it wasn't there, but it was so insignificant to his advanced senses that it was invisible.

They could sense it and see it if they wanted to, but they chose to focus on Divine mana instead. That was more important to them anyway.

Even if it wasn't as plentiful as mana and advanced mana, it was still plentiful enough...

They soon reached the central region.

And it wasn't like they expected at all. They explained to find many R7s and so I'm loitering around like they were used to.

However, all that was there was a huge circular portal that went up into the clouds.

All the mana, advanced mana, and divine mana came out of it.

"Well, I guess she was right again. We definitely didn't expect this..." Freya spoke with wonder in her eyes.

"Tsk. That old lady is always right, so I'm not surprised about that at least" Muku replied.

"Don't address her like that, please. It sounds so disrespectful" Audrey chided.

She really looked up to her mother-in-law even if the lady seemed a bit unreliable at times.

"Fine. But she made me do it with her behaviour though" Muku accepted the reproach but defended himself.

"Can we go now? I can wait to see what's on the other side" Jade impatiently spoke.

"Can't you sense that those statues aren't normal? And you're supposed to have the best senses of us all?" Layla spoke calmly.

Sometimes it really seemed like she was always looking for a reason to fight with Jade.

"Please don't start" Audrey shut it down before anything could begin.

Because of this, Jade and Layla just glared at each other and then looked away.

"Now, how are we going to proceed? There are two statues. Should we send two people or four just to be safe?" Muku asked for the others' input.

"I suggest four just to be safe" Audrey gave her opinion.

"Why don't we all go together? Isn't that the safest way?" Chloe suggested.

"Hmm. That doesn't sound bad actually. I mean, we're not trying to get KP here, so that's actually the best plan. I'll take Audrey, Elsa, Lisa, and Chloe. The others will go to the other one. But if they do not activate when we get closer, let's just ignore them. It's best to avoid trouble if possible. We aren't here to make headlines after all" Muku agreed with Chloe and made the teams.

"Understood" the girls agreed and they moved out.

Even Layla and Jade put their squabble aside for the time being. They knew when to be unserious and when to be serious.

They cautiously advanced towards the gate.

The statues in question were identical armoured knights that looked to be around 10 thousand metres tall. Yeah, everything was simply huge in the beast world.

Oddly enough, they looked like human knights instead of beasts.

This raised questions in everyone's minds but it wasn't the time for such things. Besides, who would answer them anyway?

Iris had been too silent since the incident with Mrs C. Almost like she was too scared to say anything now in fear of being misunderstood.

Anyway, no one bothered with her since they were too busy with other things. Maybe later on.

Well, Freya of course tried talking to her, but after being ignored once, she backed off.

She cared for Iris, but she also wasn't free enough to try to coax her or something.

The old her might have done that. But the current one, a combination of the group's influence, personal experiences, and Iris' own grooming wasn't like that.

She was still a good girl, but just like Emily, she just wasn't that completely pure girl who saw the world in bubble colours and always put others before herself.

If it was necessary, she would. But it wasn't at that point in time.

Anyway, they soon reached the foot of the giants. And it was like they were looking at Mount Everest, in terms of height. And Ryan mountain wasn't even this tall.

"They aren't moving. So I guess we can just go through" Muku spoke and they quickly passed by the huge statues.

"Well, that was disappointing. I can't believe I let you get my hopes up like that" Jade spoke when they got back together.

"...." Muku didn't say anything as he felt like something was wrong.

He was so focused he didn't even hear what she said. Well, his mind completely ignored it.

"Hey, I'm speaking to..." Jade snapped.

However, before she could finish as they were about to go through the portal, the eyes of the two giants lit up.

And everyone including them disappeared in the next moment...

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In some weird dark space...

The group appeared in what looked like a mini dimension with nothing but empty space.

So they were just floating there.

Opposite them were the huge statues.

"This is why you do not comment until the situation has been completely dealt with" Layla suddenly spoke.

Seemingly to no one in particular. But it was obvious she was aiming at Jade.

It seemed she was really on Jade's case that day.

Everyone noticed this and gave her a weird look.

"What?" She asked confusedly.

"Purification!" Emily suddenly shouted and everyone was bathed in golden flames.

It was so sudden that they were all caught off guard.

Before they could ask what the heck was going on. They heard a shriek of pain in Layla's direction.

It sounded inhuman, and Layla's mouth was closed so it definitely wasn't her.

Just then, a small bug appeared from the back of her neck and flew away.

At least it tried to. But the flames got even more intense the moment Emily spotted it and it was burned to ash.

"Interesting brat. You actually sensed that?" A feminine voice was heard just before the bug was burnt into ashes.

It did sound angry or even bothered, as you'd expect.

Instead, it just sounded amused. Which was definitely odd.

But they didn't care too much about that. Everyone looked at Layla with worry in their eyes.

She was currently grasping her head with a pained look on her face.

"Are you okay?" Emily asked worriedly.

Her asking seemed correct as the only one who seemed to know what the heck was going on.

"Yeah. Thanks..." Layla spoke.

"What was that though?" Emily asked.

Hearing this everyone was surprised. Didn't she know what it was? Wasn't it the reason why she attacked?

"I have no idea. I suddenly felt a tiny prick at the back of my neck that time Jade called over the gorilla beast. From then on, I couldn't control my body or any part of me to show that something was wrong" Layla replied.

Everyone instinctively looked at Jade.

"What? Are you suggesting that I had something to do with this?" Jade snapped.

"No. We just feel that it's your fault that we didn't notice. As for what that was, it was likely a Monarch's familiar or something like that. Your shenanigans just allowed it to latch onto Layla unnoticed because we were all distracted" Muku spoke while the others nodded in agreement.

"What? How would I have known such a thing would happen? Fine. It's my fault. Can we put it aside for now? Those guys look like they won't watch for longer" Jade replied then directed everyone's attention to the two statues that were slowly coming their way.

"Fine. But you have to make it up to Layla when the time comes" Muku spoke while they all turned their attention back to the statues.

"Whatever" Jade replied to end the conversation.

"I don't think our current size is good for this fight. I mean, it doesn't affect the fight at all. But still, I feel insignificant right now. And that sucks" Lisa spoke while looking up to see the statues' faces.

"Hmm. I guess it's time our new Avatar forms see battle..." Muku agreed and summoned his avatar...

Chapter 518: Five versus One

"What do you mean by new forms? They are literally the same avatar in a larger scale" Emily commented.

"The size is new enough okay? Additionally, the power output is now significantly higher. So much so, they are worlds apart" Muku defended his statement.

"Sigh whatever. Let's just do this already" Emily didn't have the energy to fight with him so she gave in.

With that said, she and the others summoned their avatar forms.

After the rank-up, they gained more than a 10× size increase.

They went from an average of 500 metres to an average of 5 500 metres.

It was simply humongous.

But when compared to 10 thousand meters, they were still far off in size.

However, it was a lot better than their human height which was less than two metres.

If they fought as humans, it would basically be like microorganisms fighting against humans.

Which was way too comical even if they had the power to compete despite the size.

At least now it was like a group of kids fighting against adults.

With that said, Muku's group charged at one statue while the other group charged at the remaining one.

He was going to be the front fighter for his group while the others through long ranged attacks. If it was too much, then Lisa would assist him up close since she was also very steady due to her element.

Anyway, they soon reached the beasts and immediately attacked.

Muku's dragon roared and created huge blades all over the place that flew towards the statues at once.

Clank! Clank! Clank!...

The blades did nothing at all.

Which surprised everyone. It wasn't a completely serious attack, but it was strong enough to destroy a planet easily, so they expected a chip at least.

But nothing at all happened.

No one said anything. They just took the fight more seriously than before.

They realised that they really might need to work together to win this instead of it just being for safety.

Muku signalled for Lisa to come assist him up front.

There was no need to first get beaten up before calling her over.

The two of them started working together to keep the statue busy while Audrey, Chloe, and Elsa prepared their strongest attacks at the back.

Yeah, they weren't going to hold back for this one.

Clank! Clank! Clank! Clank!

And so, Muku and Lisa kept on throwing their strongest instant attacks at the statue. And nothing was happening to it at all.

In response, it just swung its heavy sword that made the space tremble wherever it passed.

The sword was significantly fast. But for the duo who had gone through heavy training and were generally better than most in fighting, they could avoid it easily enough.

Soon enough the trio behind them was done preparing their attacks.

Audrey's attack was a huge blood spear with a faint grey aura around it.

It was reminiscent of Muku's Mithril blade. It even had characters that seemed to mimic the blade, but they weren't complete. Seemingly to suggest that it was an incomplete copy.

Anyway, it still looked very threatening. And it was definitely dangerous enough to cause major damage.

In fact, it's something she hadn't been able to create until that point.

And it didn't only imitate his mithril, but also the erasure effect of his bloodline. But that was so thin that only Muku and Audrey herself knew it was there.

Anyway, Chloe was up above the statue. She went so far up that she couldn't be seen anymore. And the dimension seemed to go on forever, so she had more than enough space for that.

Yup, she was definitely preparing a [Kamikaze]

The greatest one to date by far. In fact, her allies were ready to run away the moment they saw even a hint of blue.

That's how it scared them.

After all, unlike before, there was no one strong enough to safely protect everyone.

So while she now knew how to handle it in a way that kept her safe, anyone who dared be too close would definitely get vaporised on the spot. Even Muku and Raya on the other team dared not take it lightly.

In fact, Muku had already communicated with Raya to teleport everyone away the moment she spotted Chloe.

And Raya agreed without hesitation. Some things weren't meant to be taken but avoided.

Then there was Elsa. Her ultimate was just as devastating if not more devastating than the others.

This is because she concentrated a solar system-worth of water into a small sphere rotating in between her hands.

Just a slight loss of focus on her part would definitely make it explode in the spot and likely take her out.

So it was a huge risk, but no one stopped her since she had proven to be really good at doing that over the years.

In fact, in the whole group, no one was even close to being as good as she was at concentrating energy.

Most of them could concentrate the same energy into the size of a moon and that was it. And she could make it a little sphere smaller than a soccer ball.

That's how much more talented she was in the art compared to the others.

Yes, at that point it wasn't a matter of being generally talented, but specifically talented, which she was in that regard.



What was revealed was the statue with its midsection almost destroyed.

Only a few parts were holding it all together.

"Sigh. It doesn't have blood. But then again, I guess that's to be expected" Audrey spoke in a disappointed voice.

Which was understandable. After all, the attack was only half as strong as it should have been.

This was because it wasn't only the spear that was to explode. But the blood in the target's body was supposed to explode along with it after being instantly corrupted upon contact.

That's how strong her corruption was now. But that didn't matter when the target didn't have any blood at all.

So her attack was affected. However, it was still amazing that she could do so much with an attack that was only half of what it should be.

And considering that fighting beings within blood was quite rare. She really didn't need to worry about such situations in future battles.

"What the? It's recovering! Elsa attack now! Don't give it time to recover!" Lisa noticed the statue regenerating and immediately shouted to Elsa.

Elsa didn't disappoint as she immediately shot her attack forward.

The sphere was also really strong and reached the statue almost instantly.

It then went into the opening Audrey created before it was completely closed.

"Explode" Elsa spoke calmly then...





"Damn it! Again? Raya, get us out of here..." Muku shouted while looking at the hole in space.

"No. Look. It's closing up. It seems this place has a stronger recovery system" Raya spoke after taking a closer look..

She was also more sensitive to space for obvious reasons.

She could sense that the void was being pushed back instead of advancing.

And unlike before, they could still love despite being hit by the void's pressure.

They might not be able to survive contact yet, but at least they could run away if they wanted to now

Anyway, the others no longer panicked after she spoke.

As if to back her words. The void was completely pushed back and space was restored.

"Did Chloe's attack really do that alone? Isn't that a bit too exaggerated?" Lisa spoke in awe.

"No. It wasn't her attack alone. In fact, it was a group effort including the statue. All of you destabilised the space together with your attacks that didn't give it enough time to recover. Her over-the-top move was just the last straw. Though it was definitely something special since that last resistance is really hard to breach" Raya the resident space expert explained.

"Oh. Okay. We'll make sure to never let her use such an attack in an area that has already been destabilised. Of course, we can't sense that so it's your duty to warn us from now on" Muku replied.

"Sigh. Fine. Can we go back to our fight now? It already doesn't feel good that we were beaten despite having more people. So can we not make the difference longer for no reason?" Raya spoke in a slightly annoyed voice.

The competitive Layla agreed behind her. She didn't like losing either... As expected really.

Though they were actually just about to finish off their statue when they had to run away from Chloe's attack.

If they weren't disrupted they might have finished within a few seconds after Chloe.

But now all their progress has been reset. So they had the restart.

You'd think that with Raya's space element added to the mix, they would have finished sooner. But the statue seemed to be specifically immune to that element alone.

So when she tried cutting away the space it stood, nothing happened. So she could only use her other elements.

They weren't weak, but they were definitely not as quick to end the fight.

Anyway, that didn't matter now. They were going to change their way of fighting after all.

"So we've decided to give each other a chance now right? Attacking together just made the fight longer" Emily spoke to her teammates.

"True. Our sustained attacks just made it recover quicker turning it into an undying monster. If it were a creature that felt pain then maybe I wouldn't mind torturing it like that. But this thing was expressionless from start to finish so I just want to end it as soon as possible" Jade supported in a bored voice.

As for why she wasn't insisting on fighting it alone. Well, she, like the others had long realised that it wasn't something they could defeat alone.

While they wouldn't lose either. That was only in the short run since the statues seemed to have endless power. So in the long run, their side would get tired and lose.

Their current strongest attacks couldn't take it out in one go. And it would recover almost instantly after that. So a one-on-one fight was out of the question for the time being.

It sucked for the group that was used to dominating in solo fights, but they were willing to do what needed to be done.

While they had preferences, that didn't mean they couldn't accept anything else.

"I'll take a defensive position" Freya who believed in her mecha-like avatar's defence stepped up.

"I'll join her" Raya who didn't like not being able to dominate decided to try out being a distraction where she didn't have to worry about dominating.

That way she can tell herself that it's not that she can't dominate but just doesn't have to.

Deep down she knew the truth but so what?

"I'll throw the first ultimate" Layla spoke next.

"I'll go after that" Jade stepped up.

"I'll go after you" Emily added.

"Well... I guess I'll finish it. If there's anything left..." Hope spoke in an uncommitted voice.

Which was understandable as the likelihood of there being anything left of the statue after the others were done was pretty low.

"Great! Now let's get into position" Emily led the team forward.

Muku and the other girls just watched from the sidelines.

Like always, he prepared seats and snacks.

The girls could swear that he was always looking for a reason to pull out seats and refreshments.

And they were right. It was an important part of watching the show for him. Like popcorn when watching a movie.

Anyway, the girls were soon in position. Raya and Freya were already distracting it with normal light and dark attacks and energy beams.

Of course that was normal to R7s but any single one of the attacks could easily destroy a planet and have some power left over...

Behind them, the others were gathering mana for their attacks.

Layla was preparing a huge black spear that looked awfully a lot like Audrey's crimson spear from before.

But she actually wasn't the copycat. Audrey was. But she didn't mind.

And it had already been recognized by everyone that Audrey would shamelessly copy your move if she could. She wasn't even shy about it too.

Maybe because she was already a mature lady before the apocalypse. She had long abandoned her imagination and focused on work and raising Layla. So now, it was harder for her to think of new moves, so she just copied.

But that wasn't an everyday thing since she had her own moves. They were few but each one was deadly.

And the ones she copied her own twist to them. Like the spear from before. Hers exploded while Layla's didn't.

Of course, their different elements played a part in that. But still, what mattered was that it was different.

Another thing was the name. Layla's had a name and hers didn't. Yeah, she couldn't think of anything. She will definitely have to look into that later on.

"Shadow Charged: Unstoppable Spear"

Yeah, she changed the name after advancing. She took inspiration from the immovable shield and unstoppable spear story.

In fact, she has wanted to use the name for a while now. But it felt presumptuous until now.

She figured that having the power to destroy a solar system gave her the right to claim such things even if she was far from being the strongest...

As soon as her words fell, the spear moved so fast that it practically disappeared. Which was to be expected at that point. After all, she herself could travel faster than the speed of light, so what about her attack that was obviously faster than hers?

BOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOM!

It destroyed the obstacle in its way upon impact.

It wasn't as loud as the attacks from the other team. But that didn't make it weaker.

This was because she targeted the statue's head and completely destroyed it before the spear continued forward.



She cleared up the energy immediately after to see the damage she had done.

And she was pleased with her work. Only the lower body was left. She had successfully destroyed the upper body.

It was almost like they had given each other sections to take out.

Anyway, with that done. It was Emily's turn.

What she did wasn't something any of us expected.

Instead of some huge attack that erased the remainder, her avatar's golden eyes started glowing. Then...

SHOOO! SHOOO! SHOOOOOOOOOOO...

Golden beams flew at the statue's lower region and diced it into thousands of pieces in less than a second.

"Hope?" Emily called out.

"Sigh... Fine" Hope replied then summoned her erasing poison and erased the tiny pieces left over of the statue.

She did it while rolling her eyes. She understood that Emily did it so that she wouldn't feel left out. But she felt it was completely unnecessary.

Like there was literally no benefit to it.

But then again, Emily has been especially careful with her since that tournament incident so she could only accept it for now until Emily's guilt completely disappeared.

"Finally over. What no..." Muku asked no one in particular.

But before he could finish, they all disappeared...

Chapter 520 Arrogant young nobles?

Back in the Beast World..

Two R7s could be seen observing the huge portal from a distance.

They were in their humanoid forms. One was a birdman and the other a lionman...

"Hehe. The statues are back but those brats aren't back yet. It seems they died in there"

"What did you expect? Strong beings like us couldn't pass through the trial and you think they could do it? Defeating those statues isn't something anyone can do. Even if there's a whole army. If they aren't strong enough. They won't win"

"True. But don't you think that those brats seemed to be human?"

"There you go again with your conspiracy theories. A whole back you said a subordinate of yours spotted a human in the Middle Zone going to the outskirts. Yet when we went to check we saw nothing"

"I accept that mistake. But this time we saw them ourselves. And they didn't give off any beastly scent or anything"

"I get that. But they are probably of noble descent. That's why they have such perfect forms and know how to hide their scents and completely imitate humans in every way. And even then, didn't you sense a slight draconic presence among them? That's proof enough right?"

"Well, if you put it that way. But if they are really of noble descent, how are they not in the higher realm already? Even if they are down here. Where's their escort?"

"They probably ran off or something. Or maybe their parents were too arrogant and trusted their capabilities. You know how high and mighty those bastards are. They are probably the ones who prepared these statues to stop us from going there. They think they own everything just because they were born before us and happen to be a bit more talented"

"Okay okay. Calm down. I hate them too. But at least so many of their children died this time. I just wish we could eat the bodies. But I doubt anything was left of them even if we had the chance to collect the bodies after the fight".

"True. It's such a... Huh? Impossible!" The birdman was replying when both their eyes snapped into the distance just as Muku and the girls appeared.

To say they were shocked was an understatement. Both turned to each other to see the shock in the other's eyes.

"They bastards made it" The lionman spoke in a disbelieving voice.

"Come now, friend. We don't know each other and you're already calling us bastards? Isn't that a bit too rude if you?" Muku's voice was suddenly heard behind the two beasts.

The two turned around and saw him standing there with a disapproving look on his face. Beside him were Raya, Chloe, and Layla.

All of his group's fastest members. Of course the rest, especially Jade and Audrey weren't slow, but compared to the roaster Muku had, they were a bit slower.

"..."

"..."

The two beasts looked at them silently, not sure what to do.

"Son you won't even say anything to me? You really are rude huh? Well, whatever. It doesn't matter whether you're rude or not. Just tell us which Monarch sent you here to spy on us? Of course with any other valuable information you have. If we like your answers, then maybe you'll leave here alive" Muku threatened so overtly that the beasts were enraged.

But neither rushed to make a move.

They weren't some dumb idiots who started fights when they were outnumbered.

For that reason, both instantly put on their best fake smiles.

"No brother. You misunderstood us. We aren't rude at all. We were just flabbergasted by your majesty just now and couldn't say anything. As for what we said before, we apologize, we didn't mean it. It's just that we tried beating those statues so many times before but couldn't do it. So we were jealous at how you managed to do it in one try" The lionman spoke fawningly.

It was rather odd to see a lion face smile but that's what Muku's group was seeing.

"Yes, yes. That's exactly what happened. And we do not understand what you mean by being sent here by a Monarch. We are nothing special as you can see. How could any Monarch leave a task to use? And who would dare mention any Monarch's name even if we were sent? I'm not saying that we were sent, but I hope you understand us. We really have no idea what you're talking about. We got here just when you were about to go in after noticing the disturbance with the trial statues. We would never lie to esteemed noble beasts like you" The birdman, who also had a very weird smile added.

Their plan was obvious, they were going to bootlick Muku's side as much as they could. Maybe run away after finding an opening if it's necessary.

They felt a bit wronged after being accused of colluding with a Monarch when they knew nothing about that at all.

And why were these brats mentioning Monarchs so casually? Was it because their backgrounds made them arrogant?

Did they think their parents could contend against Monarchs?

Was this the stupidity of youth?

Yes, it had to be. Otherwise, there was no way any normal beast wouldn't be scared to even bring up Monarchs in general.

After all, some of them were psychos who were known to kill for less. Like that golden nightmare Ares.

"Hmm. You seem to be speaking the truth. Okay, let's forget about it. Those matters. Tell us about this portal. What do you think is on the other side of them?" Muku asked.

As established before, high-ranked beings could easily tell when they were being lied to.

Of course, similarly ranked beings could probably lie without being caught.

But that would require some noticeable effort. Something this odd pair wasn't doing.

Anyway, hearing Muku's question the two beasts were enraged again.

How dare he mock them by asking something he clearly knew more than them after coming from there?

But of course, they dared not show their anger. Their smiles didn't leave their faces. They were in a weaker position, so they couldn't be too rash in their actions. Everything had to be measured.

"Well, we have never been there since we constantly fail the trial. But from what we have gathered. At the other side is the Higher Realm. A place where all R7s go after passing the trial. It's the perfect place for cultivation for beings at our rank unlike here, where advanced mana is predominant along with normal mana. Oh, and it's supposedly run by twelve noble beast families that have ties to the twelve rulers of the Beast Realm, who seldom appear as they are constantly in retreat in their private domains.

After going through the portal you will be received by R7 guards that will give you a choice on which beast family you want to join. Am I right?" The lionman spoke and asked for confirmation.

"Oh ho. So you really are well informed huh? Now tell me how to confirm your entry after passing the trial. Do you just walk through the portal or is there something else you need to do?" Muku replied.

Of course, he had long caught on that the other side had misunderstood their background. But he had no intention of correcting them. It made gathering information a lot easier after all.

Now he just needed to pretend to be an unreasonable second-generation beast that was asking questions just to gloat about his great background and get the answers he needed.

"Surely you must jest young master. Everyone knows that trying such a thing will get you vaporised even after passing the trial. One needs to touch the statue they defeated first and say "Request entry" then it will say "Entry granted". Only then can one go through" The birdman replied with a crooked smile.

It was getting harder and harder to entertain these bastard seconds gens. They were clearly messing with them by asking such dumb questions.

But there was nothing they could do. They were extremely outnumbered with it being two against eleven.

Besides, who knows what would happen if they dared to fight the other side in the first place? What if hidden soldiers suddenly pop up and kill them?

So yeah, they could only answer the dumb questions.

"Well now. I wonder who is circulating this information. Well, whatever. We're done here. You're free to go. Next time try your best to hold your mouth when speaking about those you don't know. Some young masters are not as nice as I am. In fact, some of these girls wanted your heads. But I stopped them because you seem like upright beasts" Muku spoke in an arrogant tone despite saying "nice" things.

"Yes, yes. Thank you young master. We're forever in your debt. We will take your words to heart and will never speak so randomly again. We will not waste your time anymore. Bye," The lionman spoke with a genuine smile this time.

It wasn't that his impression of Muku had reason. But he was just happy that it was finally over and they didn't lose a leg or an arm like how such encounters usually went.

After that, the two of them sped off into the distance without looking back.

The way they ran was so dedicated you'd think they were being chased.

It looked quite comical to Muku and the girls...