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Chapter 541 New age

Two years later in the outside world...

The blue planet had gone through further changes over the last two years.

The major changes were the size increase which was now two times that of the sun. Which had somehow kept up and was still bigger than the planet. The moon too grew along with the planet. The other planets also trailed behind though they weren't nearly as big.

So the Blue planet went from being on the smaller side to being by far the largest planet in the solar system.

Anyway, another change was the emergence of kingdoms on the planet. And not all of them were led by humans.

That's right, beasts had also claimed land on the planet.

Despite the human experts being enough to cause a deadlock, they weren't enough to gain victory or absolute dominion over the planet.

Fortunately, they had ancient techniques that made sure they didn't lose despite being outnumbered. From offensive and defensive magic arrays, forbidden techniques, and artifacts. These were the reasons they didn't lose the last round otherwise one Monarch would have wiped them out.

Then there was the appearance of sub-humans or demi-humans. No, they weren't all humans with beastly features. Those existed but there were elves, vampires, dwarves, and orcs.

Yes, they were real. Then again, if f fairies could exist, why couldn't they?

Besides, their origins were pure humans who got twisted into those forms by their magic. Like how Audrey turned into a vampire when she awakened.

Though unlike her, most vampires couldn't walk during the day. The other weaknesses like garlic and whatnot were false though. If someone thought not inviting a vampire inside would stop them, then they were stupid. And would likely die soon after.

Then elves were just as long-lived as the legends said. Even the unranked ones. And they were all extremely attractive. Then again, who wouldn't be attractive after being perfected by evolution and mana?

The dwarves were again, craftsmen just like in the legends.

The orcs were barbaric also, but they weren't dumb. They just preferred fighting it out rather than thinking and talking it over. Like Jade most of the time.

And yes, not all the subraces were awakened. Those who were in secret realms had actually started their own small civilisations there. While there weren't many, they weren't too few either.

As mentioned before, modern humans were taken in by these races as well as "pure" humans from the past.

But of course, it wasn't all that good for them as they were looked down upon for being weak and letting the world fall to such a state before the experts came in.

At least the various races that didn't get along with each other too much were together in that regard. They all dislike modern-day humans and made them suffer a little when they could.

Most didn't go too far with light bullying and cursing but some extreme ones completely stripped them of their human rights.

From forced hard labour, sexual abuse, slavery, blood banks(vamps of course), and so on. Some even got killed for sport.

So yeah, it was a trying time for modern-day humans who were already struggling.

Of course, not all were in such terrible situations. Some experts treated them properly. Especially when they were capable. Like Klaus and Chris for example.

They were currently residents of the Mayan Kingdom led by heroic humans.

They were part of the elite knights despite being just MR7s at that point.

Their talent was recognised, and in the kingdom, discrimination against modern-day humans was probably the weakest.

Anyway, Klaus had given up on his dream to be the absolute leader of the world. After all, what could he do with his little power when so many powerhouses had appeared?

He had also finally realised that he was too small for the game that was being played. He definitely didn't have enough time to be a leading figure.

And so, he left the matter to his brother-in-law. Now that the fellow and his group might have a chance.

While he didn't know where they were and they weren't picking up his calls, he was sure they were fine and preparing something big.

He trusted them that much. So what if the world has suddenly gone into insane mode when it was in hell mode before? That wasn't enough to stop his brother-in-law.

That man was probably chatting up a Monarch at that very moment and getting them onto their side... Okay, maybe that was a bit too wishful. But there must definitely be a plan that will shock the world in the making.

"Brother-in-law. I hope you finish up whatever you're doing soon and save the world. Even if you said you don't care about it. I know that you definitely will. I dare say it's your destiny and you cannot escape it!" Klaus spoke to himself while sitting alone on top of a defensive wall.

"Tsk. There you go again speaking to yourself like a maniac. And do you think he can do anything in front of this absolute power? Even if he's better than us, he's probably PR7 at most right now. KP doesn't come easily these days and cultivating is slow" Chris spoke as he flew towards his brother.

"All this time and you are still a hater. I kinda want him to beat you up at least once now. Maybe that will set you straight" Klaus replied without looking back.

"Whatever. I'll believe it when I see it. The commander called for you. It seems there's a mission for us. It's probably on the forbidden zone" Chris replied and changed topics.

"Oh? The Tactoa headquarters?" Klaus asked.

"Yes. And stop calling it that. It exploded two years ago and turned into a pitch-black zone that kills all who get too close so calling it that doesn't work anymore" Chris corrected.

"Yeah, yeah, yeah. Whatever. Do they want us to go scout again? Why do they keep doing this under the excuse that we're the most familiar with it? Like hell we are, neither of us has ever been there. Even when you were in the organisation you did go. After that, we barely had any encounters with them after those few hunts. Which we already told them in detail about. So why is?" Klaus complained.

"Shh. Can't you lower your voice? What if someone overhears you?" Chris warned.

"Oh shut up brother. Whispering became redundant the moment the first Evolver appeared. If someone is listening, let them listen. They already know that I hate this. They are only making us go because we're too weak for the real missions and they don't want us to feel useless. Which I hate. We're not children. We understand our weaknesses. So why treat us like weak chicks like this? Nothing has changed there. If you don't go too close you're fine. And it neither expands nor retracts so what's the problem? You know what? I don't want to go!" Klaus complained left and right.

He really seemed frustrated with the whole situation.

After all, while he couldn't save the world. He could still do something that helped right? But this helped no one. So how could he not be pissed?

Who cares if the king thinks that his talent is the best around and needs to be protected until he is "properly grown"? Let a man fight when he wants to fight okay? How else will he grow?... Okay, sure, cultivating didn't need fighting anymore since divine mana was everywhere now, but his skills definitely did. The whole situation sucked.

"Should I call Gene?" Chris threatened with his sister-in-law's name.

"Fine. Let's go. Damned traitor" Klaus got up as soon as his wife's name was mentioned.

That scary lady was always looking for a reason to nag him. And he dared not give her one.

"Good. And it's really not too bad. What if there are changes? Then we would be the ones to discover them first and save lives. As you know, that thing can even take out R9s with ease if they get too close so this is important work" Chris reasoned dutifully.

"I already said I'm going so can you shut up?" Klaus replied annoyed. He really wondered how he and his brother were twins and so different.

No just in looks but personality. He would like to think of himself as a carefree but effective person. His brother on the other hand was quite lacking. So rigid and easily willing to follow orders. Definitely not a top leader kind of person.

"..." Chris didn't say anything else not wanting to annoy his brother more despite not understanding where he was wrong.

His argument was sound and nothing but fact after all... Right?

Maybe he needed to seek Scarlett's input later. She's the only one who truly understands him.

Well, his sister did too. But it has been so long since they last met, so maybe that wasn't true anymore.

When was she coming back anyway? Couldn't she at least tell them where she had gone?

It was definitely that bastard brother-in-law's fault for sure. Corrupting his sister like this...

As Chris cursed Muku, the man was slowly opening his eyes after twenty years of cultivation in the embryo.

His current strength?

"Peak R9... Finally. We can go back..." Muku spoke in a slow and calm voice as his grey eyes glowed brightly. Ready to face the new age...

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Soon enough the girls all woke up too. It took them a few more months than him but it was fine.

Of course, Raya finished around the same time as him. She would have finished a lot sooner if she were as serious as the others.

After all, she felt no pressure at all. She had no attachments to the planet or its inhabitants. She will help only because she's part of the group and her schedule is pretty free. Otherwise, she felt nothing...

"Great. Now that everyone is done we can go back to your world!" Althea spoke excitedly, standing conspicuously as far away from Muku as possible.

And it wasn't without reason. The shameless bastard would wake up at random times and come to bother her.

Since it was his domain and she couldn't hide from him, she could only escape each time.

Though even then she was caught off guard a few times when she was on her phone. He would suddenly appear on top of her and press down on her then whisper naughty words like "I want you" into her ears.

She tried threatening him with telling the others but he didn't back off at all saying that even if they get angry, they will eventually forgive him and he will pursue her even more furiously from then on.

So she gave up that plan and they could only play cat and mouse. After all, if she felt him coming then he had no chance of catching her even if it was his domain.

Which is exactly what she did the last few years, she placed a marker on him that notified her every time he stirred so she could prepare.

Anyway, that wasn't important for the time being.

"What do you mean by 'we'? I thought Monarchs couldn't go there yet no matter what portal they use?" Muku asked.

"So you want to ditch me? How ruthless of you. Hmph! I don't want to talk to you anymore. Now for the rest of you, while what that bastard said is true, I don't think it includes the embryo" Althea cursed Muku and then ignored him like a spoiled wife.

This made the others narrow their eyes a bit but none said anything.

After all, it was too crazy to think that anything could possibly happen between the two no matter how good-looking or good Muku was. Althea was just way out of his league... Only if they knew that the two had been having a secret tug-of-war behind the scenes for the last twenty years then they wouldn't think like that.

"So what you're saying is that if you stay in here and Muku goes back, then you can just come out on the other side right?" Emily asked rhetorically.

"Exactly. Now get ready, I can't wait to finally go to the so-called origin land" Althea spoke excitedly.

"Well, it's worth a try" Muku didn't refuse. He didn't mind taking her there. What could possibly go wrong right?

"Umm, before that, don't you all think that we're ignoring the elephant in the room?" Chloe suddenly spoke up.

"Huh, what's that? I don't see any problems here. We should go" Muku replied in a slightly panicked voice. Clearly trying to cover something up.

"Don't pretend. We all see Hope. Do you have something you want to say to us?" Chloe asked with an eye roll.

"W-what. What could possibly mean? I'm completely fine" Hope chimed in a completely unbelievable voice.

"Girl when was the last time you looked in a mirror? Chloe asked with a serious expression on her face.

"Huh? What do you mean? Hope asked. This time genuinely confused as well as glad that it seemed their secret hadn't been discovered.

"Elsa. If you don't mind" Chloe requested.

Snap!

Without saying anything, Elsa snapped her fingers and created a water mirror in front of Hope.

"Oh my?!" Hope almost jumped in surprise after seeing her reflection.

Her fit and toned look was long gone and she currently leaned towards the chubby side and her tummy was significantly protruding.

Her body was practically screaming, "I'm pregnant!"

"What's going on?!" Hope asked in confusion.

"Don't pretend girl. It's obvious that you're pregnant. And I know you already knew. Considering that there's only one man in the group and you haven't interacted in private with any other man since the apocalypse began, I'd like to think he's the father. What do you think?" Chloe asked calmly.

She was releasing an unfamiliar pressure that suffocated Hope a bit.

"What are you implying? And even if I am pregnant, what if I did not do it on my own? With mana everything is possible. So why not this?" Hope still tried to fight back.

"It's over Hope. It's okay. We have kept the secret long enough. I told you back then that we should tell them about it before they found out for themselves. Anyway, everyone. Hope and I decided that we felt for each other in a way that wasn't very sibling-like. So we decided to stop being siblings and be lovers instead. Nothing was stopping us since there were no blood or legal ties after all. And before you ask, this started that day Emily angered her. So I'd say it's Emily's fault" Muku calmly explained everything then casually pulled Emily under the bus with them at the end.

Emily who was about to explode was instantly diffused. Then again, that anger wasn't that deep anyway, so it didn't take much to diffuse it.

After all, it was obvious to her and the other than Muku and Hope would definitely end up together long before it was clear to either of them.

The sexual tension between the two had been high ever since Muku returned from the beast world. And maybe Hope actually liked Muku long before that because her clinginess was definitely suspicious.

What pissed her off was how it was kept a secret from them for so long.

And they had long noticed the pregnancy between their breaks. They had expected someone to say something between the duo. But neither of them did. Now that just angered everyone present.

Accept for Audrey of course. The first wife was always aware of everything after all.

Of course, she would never reveal it even if she were beaten to death. She loved Muku as Hope to death but she refused to throw herself under the bus with them.

And so, she expertly pretended to be shocked and angered along with the rest.

Seeing this made Muku's lip twitch.

On that day he finally realised that beautiful women were definitely something to be feared.

How could the sweet Audrey be such a snake all of a sudden?

Sure she did nothing, but that didn't mean that she was innocent!

Hell, she was the one always encouraging him to go after the other girls. Yet she dared ditch him like that when everything was found out??

Not on his watch!

"Oh, and Audrey knew too. She knew from the first day. Whether it be the relationship or the pregnancy. She knew" Muku yanked Audrey from the sidelines and placed her beside him and Hope under the bus.

Dying as a trio is more fun than a duo after all! #Couple goals!

Audrey didn't know what to say so she just lowered her head in shame.

And the other girls were shocked, who thought of her as the most trustworthy person around.

Then again, considering that she didn't reveal Muku's secrets over the years, then maybe she really was that trustworthy... Right?

Even Hope was shocked, she didn't know that Audrey knew.

Embarrassment instantly hit her when she remembered how she borrowed Muku from Audrey with random excuses every time she wanted to do it. And it was a lot.

To someone who wasn't in the know. They wouldn't have thought too much of the reasons since they were reasonable enough.

But to someone in the know, it was obvious what was going to happen.

No wonder she always got those weird looks and smiles from Audrey every time.

{OMG I just want to drop dead and die right now! She must think that I'm an insatiable pervert!} Hope thought to herself as she covered her face with her hands and knelt to the ground and buried her head into her legs.

She wished the earth would just open up and swallow her up. Maybe she should ask Lisa to use that one spell?

"...." Chloe was speechless at that point. She didn't know how to continue after Audrey was brought into the matter.

"Well, when is the baby due? And why is she the only one pregnant and not me huh?!" Jade suddenly chimed in angrily.

Quite frankly it was obvious that she only cared about when the baby came and being pregnant too. Everything else was of no consequence to her.

"It's due when Hope wants it to be due. Of course, she only has a few more years to draw it out now. So maybe in 5 years maximum. As for why you aren't pregnant too, well you already know that this is like winning a lottery right? And it gets harder the more we advance so..." Muku replied seriously.

"Ah... So that means I have time to catch up?" Jade understood it in the way she wanted to.

And apparently, she wasn't the only one. The eyes of the other girls started glowing as they looked at Muku like hungry wolves.

Even Audrey who knew everything was not an exception. She had given up on having the oldest child or at least one born on the same day as Hope's until that day.

"Come here" Chlose suddenly grabbed Muku's hand in front of everyone's shocked eyes and walked off to her room.

It was obvious what she was planning on doing.

And no one stopped her. They all knew that she hadn't done it with him yet, so she was entitled to this much at least.

Freya and Lisa felt a bit regretful for being too slow and not as bold as her. If they were, maybe they would be the ones in her place.

Elsa looked on from the side with conflict in her eyes.

At that point, she was a mature lady like all the other girls. So the reality of the situation was starting to finally sink in.

The confusion was clearing up...

Chapter 543 Muku and Chloe(18+ ISH ISH)

In Chloe's room...

Muku and Chloe sat on her bed awkwardly while looking at each other.

What did you expect when she impulsively pulled him away without a plan on what to do after that.

"Umm. Aren't you going to do anything?" Muku asked after a while of silence.

"Shut up. I'm still angry with you. Don't rush me. I know what I'm doing!" Chloe immediately snapped.

She then pounced on and started taking off his shirt with a cute pout on her face.

Muku silently looked at her trying his best not to laugh.

He was discovering this side of her for the first time and he loved it. So awkward yet willful.

Anyway, with his cooperation it didn't take long for her to remove his shirt.

And she immediately froze, her face as red as a tomato while looking at his toned, almost inhuman upper body.

She didn't know what to do next. They had made out a few times before. But she always followed Muku's lead, so she had no idea what she was doing.

And to make it worse, Muku just sat there and let her do whatever she wanted without doing or saying anything.

"Are you just going to sit there and let me do all the work?" Chloe finally gave up and complained to him while indirectly telling him to take control.

"You don't have to tell me twice" Muku replied as he pushed her down.

She looked so cute that he had barely been holding himself back. Hell, it could be said that he had long wanted to push her down, just that there was always a matter to deal with.

"Ah!" Chloe screamed in surprise but she didn't struggle.

Her excitement was already rising. She has been waiting for this for a long time after all.

Muku didn't waste time. He kissed her passionately and his hands began their journey.

Since they had made out a few times already, he already knew the places to touch her for the best result.

And so, in no time at all, she was ready to go.

By that point, her clothes were already off. She had no idea when that happened but her twin peaks with their hard tops were now completely exposed to Muku's hungry gaze.

He was already playing around with one while sucking the other.

His free hand was battling with her two down below as she blocked her most precious area.

She wanted it, but she was still too shy to let him touch her there.

But of course, Muku was a seasoned warrior, so he wasn't daunted by the minor failure.

He changed his tactics. He retreated from the region for the time being and focused solely on her upper body.

"Mmhn"...

"Ahn"...

In no time at all he had her moaning from just her breasts getting played with and sucked.

She lost herself in the pleasure until she brought her hands up and held his head.

That's exactly the opening Muku was waiting for.

He immediately went for the kill.

Before Chloe realised, a foreign finger had invaded her private region.

It didn't immediately dig, just started circling the opening and teasing her cherry.

She tried to fight back, but it was too late. Each touch was stripping her of her power to the point she completely gave up and let him do whatever he wanted with her body as she enjoyed the pleasure.

Soon enough the slight dampness in the area had turned into a flood.

At that point, Muku knew that he could advance further. He carefully and slowly pushed one finger into her cave to test the waters.

It was so tight that it took some effort on his part to go in. Which he expected.

And as he did, Chloe gasped in surprise as it had happened so swiftly she didn't expect it.

She instinctively wanted to fight back again but she was too far gone. Her hands were easily restrained above her head and her lips locked in a battle of tongues with Muku while he continued exploring her cave.

Of course, the exploration was shallow as there was a barrier in place that a hand shouldn't be the one to breach.

He soon got her breathing heavily, looking at him with unmasked lust with pleading eyes and squirming to his every touch.

She was clearly ready for the main course. And so was he. He had also gotten naked in preparation, but at some point, Chloe didn't notice as well.

Then again, her eyes were mostly looking upward since they began as he made her cum a few times already. So not seeing some things was understandable...

Muku positioned himself on top of her while she looked on both nervously and excitedly. Her eyes were a little glazed over.

"Are you ready?" Muku asked so softly that it was almost a whisper.

Chloe nodded in agreement. All the moaning had made her too ashamed to make a sound afraid that she might moan instead.

Muku didn't mind. That was all the confirmation he needed.

His raging python immediately advancing forward. Slowly but surely.

Soon enough it reached the barrier. It didn't draw it out as it pushed through and broke it.

Blood immediately started coming out and Chloe winced in pain.

He paused for a bit. In no time at all, the blood stopped and the injury healed. Being an Evolver was definitely great for times like this.

She then gestured for Muku to continue and he did.

He slowly started pumping in and out, continuously increasing his speed as soon as she got used to it.

"Mmhn mmhn..."

"Ahn ahn ahn..."

"Mmhn mmhn mmhn... Ahn ahn ahn!"

At first, Chloe tried to suppress her moans but she failed just like all those who came before her.

It was simply impossible to do when experiencing such pleasure. Especially when Muku was now very experienced and knew just where to touch and where to aim for inside.

He literally found her G-spot in the first 30 seconds. And he kept at it from then on making her scream louder and louder.

If she were a normal woman she would have long lost her voice and maybe even fainted from the pleasure overload as well as the loss of too much liquid from all the many times she came.

Of course, she wasn't the only one who came. Muku filled her up a few times. He might not have done so nearly as much as she did, but it was more than enough to impregnate her instantly had they been normal people.

Her belly had even become a bit swollen from all the baby juice he had pumped into her. And they weren't done yet.

The two kept at it for over seven hours. With their R9 strength, it was an easy task.

And Muku was extremely happy about it as he didn't like doing it for just a couple of hours or so.

But the girls couldn't go the distance during their first time so he had to stop. But that wasn't the case with Chloe. She was strong enough for seven hours at least.

But of course, even she had her limit as a newbie to pleasure.

After another two hours, she fainted from a pleasure overload.

Muku could only stop helplessly at that point. He could continue with her unconscious right?... Though he did think about it.

That's how good she tasted. The others were just as good but they were different. And as we all know, people are especially excited about new things.

Anyway, after she fainted out of nowhere as soon as she came for probably the 30th time in that hour alone, Muku stopped and started the cleanup.

He was an expert in that too.

By the time Chloe came to, the room and bed were completely clean with no trace of what had happened.

The only proof left was her naked body in Muku's arms with her burning, slightly painful, and recently deflowered cave as a constant reminder.

"How are you feeling? Should I call Hope? I'm really sorry for going overboard" Muku asked in a concerned voice.

No matter how many times he does it. Sex with the girls is so good that he can't help but lose it a bit every time, even when he tries to hold back.

"N-no, no! Please don't. I'm fine. And there's no need to apologise. I would have told you to stop if it was too much. If anything, I'm sorry for not being able to satisfy you. Let's just stay like this for a while as I recover. Who knows, maybe I can recover enough for us to continue" Chloe replied.

Shy at first as she didn't want Hope to see her in her current state and daring in the end as she remembered how good it felt.

"Okay. It's okay, it's your first time after all. Really?" Muku asked with eyes glowing.

"N-no. I'm just joking. I can't do this again for the next two days or so. You really did a number on me. I don't think I'll be able to walk properly for a day or two. I guess one girl really isn't enough for you" Chloe replied as she backed down and made a joke to subtly change topics.

"Haha. Yeah," Muku laughed awkwardly not sure how to reply. Though he kinda agreed with the notion...

Chapter 544 Preparation for the return!?

"So, do you think I'm pregnant yet? Or do we need to do it a few more days?" Chloe suddenly asked.

Excitement in her eyes. It seemed she, like the others, was really taken by the idea of being a mother, especially after knowing that Hope would be one soon enough.

Hell, she might have already been one had she not held herself back all this time.

"Ah. I don't think it works like that. If you remember what mom said back then. It's all about luck at this point. More than when we were normal people honestly" Muku explained awkwardly.

How could he not be when Chloe should already know this? And what was that enthusiasm?

"Ah. I had forgotten it for a second there. Such a bummer. But I'm sure if we repeat what you did with Hope I'll definitely get pregnant so we'll do that. Now tell me the schedule so I don't miss the window" Chloe was bummed but she immediately moved on and came up with a crazy plan.

"I don't think it... Umm, we did it whenever there was time. She sought me out whenever she saw an opening" Muku replied.

He wanted to repeat his prior statement that it did not work like that. But Chloe squeezed him a bit as he spoke and he could feel a lightning current lightly tapping his skin.

She was blatantly threatening him with electrocution if he dared burst her bubble.

And so, like any manly man, he backed off instantly and told her what she wanted to hear.

He has never experienced this side of her. Then again, that day was practically all about discovering new things about her so...

"Oh my! I expected you to be a horn dog. But Hope too? Cute innocent Hope? I never expected she would be so insatiable. She's even worse than you. How could you corrupt her so much you jerk!" Chloe spoke annoyedly and even pinched Muku as she did.

To which he yelped in pain but he didn't say anything. It was clear she was more jealous about Hope having enjoyed so much while she still hesitated all this time.

"Well, whatever. I'll definitely catch up!" Chloe spoke to herself in a motivational way.

Muku looked at her silently again. He dared not tell her that Hope had her healing abilities to thank for doing it so many times otherwise she definitely wouldn't have been able to do it nearly as much.

After all, even Audrey and Jade with their stronger bodies couldn't last as long as Hope or do it as frequently as their bodies needed to recover.

Not that they would be injured or anything. But they would have been pushed to their limits.

Maybe the reason why Hope got pregnant over the others was the frequency? Well, whatever, there was no way Chloe would be able to do it.

He decided to let her experience it and understand on her own instead of telling her lest she get too stubborn to stop even when she can't take it anymore...

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Sometime later...

The two finally got out of bed after cuddling and even taking a nap together. It wasn't necessary but it was good bonding.

After that, Chloe put on her clothes and ran out of the room with a red face.

It seemed her shame had returned.

It was quite funny to see her running so awkwardly for obvious reasons.

She wasn't hurt or anything, just the aftereffects of what had happened showing themselves.

The other girls who could see her from their rooms through their divine sense didn't come out to tease her. After all, most of them had gone through the phase. Those who hadn't didn't have it in them and knew that it would happen to them too eventually.

Even Elsa thought the same. That's right. After the moment of clarity from before. She realised that she hadn't been able to escape Muku's clutches as she had thought after all.

It was just her mind being in denial. Something she couldn't do anymore.

Now she was even thinking of how to seduce him. At the same time, she was mentally apologizing to her sister and the other girls for calling them crazy for falling for one man and sharing him.

After all, she was about to join their club.

The only ones who weren't remotely bothered with what was happening were Raya and Tracy who were now a PR6 so had a humanoid form.

Hers wasn't as human as Raya's as she still had minor beastly features like two horns and grey skin. But it was better than most. She looked like an exotic alien Milf if anything.

Muku might or might not have stolen a few glances at her. Which any straight man would do after seeing her explosive body.

Anyway, she, like Raya wasn't entertaining any romantic feelings or even acknowledging their existence. Which was probably part of why they weren't caught in the same trap as the others. Not to mention they were beasts, so unless they let themselves be, they will generally not be attracted to humans.

Raya was more interested in napping and eating than anything else. And Muku was like a piece of gum stuck at the bottom of her shoe. So developing a romantic interest in him was out of the question.

While having technically lived for close to 30 years up to that point, if the time they spent in the embryo under increased speed was considered, she was still as simple as ever.

Tracy has completely closed off her heart after the betrayal. And looking at humans romantically wasn't easy for her like it was for Althea as she had actually lived a richer life than Althea despite living for only a fraction of the time.

Which was why despite having lived so long, Althea gave off the air of a young maiden in her early twenties. Tracy on the other hand gave off the air of a middle-aged lady who had experienced everything life could offer...

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Muku only left his room after gathering his thoughts.

He needed to prepare for the storm of questions surely to come.

After he was ready he went out and sat in the lounge.

He didn't call anyone down from their rooms.

And h3 didn't have to. They all soon showed up. Except Chloe of course. She was too shy to come down.

The fact that she ran out of her room added to the shame. She couldn't face anyone at the time, as she knew that they knew.

She had sensed them all before.

Anyway, that's her problem to deal with which she was currently thinking about in a random guest room...

"So, what's our next step leader?" Audrey asked after everyone gathered before anyone could say anything.

Though it didn't look like anyone was willing to speak anyway. The awkwardness was getting too thick. She had to cut it down.

"Good question. As we established before. We're going back. So now we need to figure out the situation there before going. I'm sure it's completely different from what we remember at this point" Muku replied happily at the question this cute little snake of his asked.

Yeah, he hadn't forgotten how she tried to shirk responsibility before. He will definitely make her pay later... in bed of course.

But since she was still so considerate, maybe he won't go too hard.

"Ah. That makes sense. However, are we going to do it?" Audrey asked.

"Jade" Muku replied with one word.

"Yes?" Jade asked confusedly. Did he want her to go and scout or something?

Because if that was it, then she refused. He and his invisibility and nightmare armour that was still great for concealment were definitely better options for the job.

"Can you call your brothers and ask them about the current situation there? I would do it, but I think they'd rather speak to you. And honestly, you could have called them a few times over the years. They must be worried sick. And I'm sure Chris is cursing me to death at this point" Muku replied.

"Oh... Meh, it would only get in the way of my practice. They would definitely insist on talking for longer than necessary. And I didn't want to deal with that. Not to mention it has only been like two years for them right? That's nothing" Jade replied.

She was a bit embarrassed by what she assumed and how she didn't think of something so obvious. But that was hidden in her explanation of why she didn't call or accept their calls.

"Well, they are your brothers after all" Muki didn't argue.

He dared not when they were all probably waiting for a single crack to attack him because of the Hope matter.

It looked like they had moved past it, but he was sure they hadn't. Just waiting for someone to start and they can gang up on him...

Jade nodded, pulled out her phone, and called Klaus. Chris was a man of few words while Klaus was chatty, so the choice was obvious.

"The prodigal daughter finally retains her father's calls" Klaus's cold voice was heard as soon as the call connected.

Which happened almost instantly.

He didn't sound too happy. Which was pretty understandable really...

Chapter 545 All hell broke loose

"Tsk. Like you'd ever be pissed off like that" Jade replied in an unbothered voice.

"You're right. I normally wouldn't be bothered. But normally I wouldn't have lost a brother trying to find you since you disappeared without saying a word" Klaus replied. His voice was as serious as before.

Hearing his words made Jade's heart skip a beat. Even the others who were listening in couldn't help but start to get worried.

"Huh? What do you mean? What happened to big brother Chris?" Jade asked in a completely different tone as if she was about to jump into the phone and appear on the other side.

"Oh, now you care. Well, what happened is completely your fault. What were you trying to accomplish by just disappearing like that?" Klaus added in a blaming voice without clarifying.

His voice even cracked a bit to show how emotional he was as he was obviously blaming Jade for whatever it was.

"What do you mean? What happened damn it!?" Jade asked in a voice that suggested that she had completely lost it.

And she had. She just wanted to know what had happened and Klaus was constantly beating around the bush and not saying anything.

"Don't shout at me! This is your fault! You want to know what happened? Well, what happened is that... I'm messing with you. That's what happened! So how are you doing little sis? How's brother-in-law and the others?" Klaus replied heatedly.

"You bastard! I hate you! I thought Chris was dead or something" Jade cursed angrily.

She should have known that it was a prank from the start. There was no way he would have spoken like that if something had really happened.

If it was in the past she would have picked it up. But it seemed she was out of practice due to the 20 years they spent apart.

"Hahahaha. I know! It sounded like you were ready to rip me apart for not telling you what you wanted to know. I was actually surprised that I managed to fool you so easily actually. Has it really been that long?" Klaus replied in a pleased voice.

"Tsk. So Chris is fine?" Jade still couldn't relax until that was confirmed.

"Oh, he's completely fine. He just lost a leg a while back on a mission but that happens to all of us right?" Klaus continued speaking in a cheery voice.

"What?!" Jade really felt like strangling her brother at the moment.

It seems she had forgotten how annoying he could be due to the long separation.

"No it's not! When has that ever happened to you or anyone you know?!" Jade exploded angrily on the call.

"Ah. I suppose you're right. But he's alive isn't he? He was healed after and the leg grew back so..." Klaus replied in a completely unbothered voice.

"...." Jade cut the call before she completely lost it.

On the other side...

"Hello. Hello? Jade?... Oh, she cut the call. Hehe. That was fun. Exactly what I needed on this boring day. It seems they are finally coming back into the picture. I wonder how they will change the playing field. I can't wait!" Klaus spoke to himself while looking at his brother outside the semi-transparent black and white barrier he created around himself.

That's right. Chris was actually there. But Klaus blocked him out with a barrier while he started messing with Jade.

The barrier might not have been as strong as Chris' specialised barrier at the same level, but he was stronger than Chris so he could keep him out.

It was also specially soundproof. It blocked out outside sound but let inside sound go out. So Chris could hear everything.

This of course made him fume as much as Jade.

But Klaus didn't care. Nothing made him happier than pissing off both his siblings at the same time.

A few seconds later his phone rang again.

This time it wasn't Jade but Muku. Which he kinda expected really.

Hell, he was already thinking of how he was going to bribe Jade into forgiving him when they met next since that's the least it would take.

She might even try to beat him up the moment they meet. Fortunately, he was pretty confident in his running away skills....

"Hello, brother-in-law. How have you been?" Klaus asked as soon as he answered the call.

"I'm good. You?" Muku replied in a slightly awkward voice since Jade was giving him a death glare.

Probably because she didn't want anyone to talk to Klaus after what he did to her.

But unfortunately, Muku had to talk to him. Chris hated him and the two of them just didn't click. Scarlett and Genevieve were out of the question. Not only did they not have phones but even if they did, they were less familiar with him than Chris.

On the other hand, Klaus is his sworn brother and also the best source for any information they might want. So it was unavoidable.

"I'm great now that I know that you're all fine. You kinda disappeared on us for 2 years without saying anything and wouldn't pick up calls in case you didn't notice" Klaus replied in a cheery but slightly hateful voice.

It seems he was genuinely holding a bit of anger because of the situation. Which was completely justified.

"I understand. That makes complete sense. And I want you to know that it wasn't intentional. We kinda had to lock in for a bit. No one thought to contact anyone actually. As for not answering calls, that wasn't intentional. We haven't actually used our phones at all in the last two years so..." Muku explained.

And that was the truth. Other than that time he taught Althea about phones, he really hadn't used it at all.

And Klaus along with Chris only contacted Jade, so he wasn't in the know. Maybe if they had contacted him, he might have gotten back to them at that point.

"Is that so? Well, this definitely sounds like a tale I'd be interested in. Let's talk about it as soon as you get here. When can I expect you? We're currently in the Mayan Kingdom. What about you?" Klaus asked curiously.

His negative emotions completely gone. It seems he only needed that little explanation.

Then again, he was a man. And that's all men need.

"See that's the thing. We're off-world. Been off-world for the last two years. I don't even know what this Mayan Kingdom you're talking about is... Can you tell me everything that happened since the first R7 appeared if you don't mind?" Muku explained.

"Oh my. It seems the tale is juicier than I expected. Now I really can't wait. But fine, we'll discuss that later. For now, I'll tell you all you need to know so you can get here sooner..." Klaus replied with a voice tinged with curiosity.

Muku waited silently for him to continue.

"What happened after the first R7 appeared... Who shockingly wasn't any of you, which I'm now thinking might not have been the real first, was quite interesting. An announcement rang out in all our ears like usual when the damned AI is announcing how shittier our lives are about to get..." Klaus didn't waste time explaining....

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Flashback of the day (not just of what Klaus knows)...

Legion reached R7 after harassing, destroying, and consuming all Tactoa bases apart from the headquarters.

All the bases had many individuals with traces of the Monarch's power. And it all made Legion stronger to the point of breaking through on that day...

As soon as it did, its monster-like appearance changed.

It turned more humanoid. Almost human in fact. Just that its skin was still obsidian black while real humans were shades of brown and a few ones that were pinkish and yellowish.

And its eyes were completely black with no irises. Its body was almost bone thin. With arms slightly longer than humans with sharp claws at the end. Then there was that red line that went down its midsection that didn't go away. Of course it was genderless... It looked like an evil spirit honestly.

Anyway, after it advanced, the sky turned pitch black.

Then more than a thousand portals appeared all over the planet.

Most of the portals started pouring out R7s. Then came out the R8s who were a quarter of the R7s.

After that came a hundred R9s. Their auras instantly suppressed all life on the planet and spread to all the planets in the solar system and beyond.

In fact, most of the galaxy was covered by their suppressive auras. That's how strong they were.

But it didn't stop there. Before they could start causing mayhem, cracks appeared in space, and random solid grounds all over the world started collapsing.

From which humans, elves, vampires, and orcs ranging from unranked to R9 started popping out.

Their numbers weren't as much as the beasts, but they had tools and formations that made them just as oppressive.

Immediately, all hell broke loose...

Chapter 546 Adventurers?

For the next few weeks, space was chaotic as the two sides clashed to see if they could gain an advantage over the other while also fighting over territory.

The four human-kin didn't like each other but they joined together in this stage as they weren't enough in number if they stood alone.

Anyway, after the battle the territories were decided upon. The human-kin were only able to secure 50% of the planet while the other 50 went to the beasts.

Then they divided that into four parts. Since they were equal in power, they divided the space into four and each took theirs and seldom interacted with the others.

This gave birth to the Mayan Kingdom led by pure humans, The Great Forest led by elves, The Blood Kingdom led by vampires, and Nayam led by orcs who literally reversed the Mayan name because they were too lazy to think about a name themselves.

Anyway, after that they began recruiting the modern-day humans for different reasons. And it was a very competitive event.

The reason was that unlike modern humans, they had lost the ability to directly absorb KP after a kill since they weren't covered by the IA.

During their period they were covered but it passed. Now they could only advance the hard way. Through cultivation which was extremely slow for most.

It was even worse than beasts that only needed to devour and absorb internally.

So they needed modern-day humans to hold the fort lest they get overrun.

Unfortunately, despite that importance, modern-day humans were still not seen as important in most cases.

Vampires turned those they found worthy and kept the rest as food. Elves took them in but kept them on the outskirts of the forest while providing little assistance.

Their reasoning was that providing a safe place to live was already generous enough. But the problem with that reasoning was the fact that it was barely safe as the places would be hit first during invasions.

So expecting the humans to feel grateful was way too entitled and out of touch.

Yup, elves were just as prideful and racist as they say in stories. They looked down on anyone who wasn't an elf. So at the very least they were fair in that way.

Then there were the humans. While they treated the humans the best. They were still limited in how high they could climb in society unless they had undeniable talent like Klaus.

But then again, it was wartime, so maybe there was nothing wrong with that situation.

At such times, one fighter is better than a hundred talkers.

And there were other opportunities like working in logistics, house help, and agriculture since not everyone could live without food. Hell, even prostitution was back in the streets. It wasn't a good thing, but that's just how life was. People had to do what they had to do to survive.

Of course, there were other choices if one wasn't too lazy. So anyone who did was purely choosing the easy way out since it was never the only choice when they could be adventurous.

This was a profession Klaus introduced. Of course, he pitched it and it was accepted.

The job description was basically registering with the guild, accepting missions, and getting paid in various beast cores.

The jobs ranged from beast clearing, escorts, gathering rare ores, plants, and so on. The usual thing one can expect from an adventurer system.

But of course, it has risks, so not everyone was willing to put themselves through that.

It was really in demand too. After all, considering the size of the planet now, the Mayan Kingdom was actually many times bigger than the blue planet's surface area before the apocalypse.

So there was a lot of land that needed to be covered.

R7s,8s, and 9s could easily cover the whole planet with their divine sense and monitor everything. But it leaves them exposed to mental attacks.

None of them was willing to do it for that very reason.

So they needed the little people to go around taking care of that.

Not to mention that they also needed to manage other planets they owned.

That's right, the land they claimed wasn't just the tiny part on the blue planet but many other planets in the whole galaxy.

R9s were easy Galaxy-level powerhouses, so claiming planets was easy enough.

Hell, they would have gone beyond had they not been stopped by some invisible barrier that contained them inside.

Then there were their fights. Those actually occurred in a mirror world they were sent to by the world spirit otgrwiees even if it's who knows how far away. As long as it's within the galaxy, it would destroy everything.

The shockwaves and noises actually leak over from there.

The battles that happen in space are R6 at best.

While the planet could easily take that damage now, the spirit refused to take it to avoid the cleanup process.

And no one minded really. After all, they were fighting for it, so why would they want to trash it?...

Anyway, this should have covered all the necessary things that needed to be covered. Now we can get back to the story...

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Present time...

"Whoa. You all went through a lot. I'm kind of glad we weren't there honestly. It would suck to suddenly fall from the peak to the very bottom like that. After all, what's an R7 to a R9?" Muku expressed his true thoughts while the girls nodded along.

"Exactly. I envy you. But then again, you're returning soon right? So we will be in the same situation. That makes me feel a bit better. Hell, I have already gotten used to the situation but you haven't yet. Hahaha. I can't wait to see the powerlessness in your eyes" Klaus spoke happily as he imagined what he was saying.

He was really curious to see how Muku and the girls looked without that quiet confidence that came from always being on top of things.

They might not have noticed that they carry themselves differently from everyone else in the apocalypse who has an element of despair to them. But everyone else could see it clearly.

Which was understandable really. After all, the group has barely had to suffer compared to others. Sure they almost died in some cases. But those situations were rare.

On the other hand, the common Evolver couldn't even blink without making sure that they were safe on a normal day.

So of course they would carry themselves differently from each other.

"Ah... Yeah..." Muku didn't know how to respond.

He thought of telling Klaus that they were already R9 so they would still be at the peak of the current food chain. But he decided against it and let this sworn brother of his celebrate for a bit longer.

"Where are you anyway?" Klaus asked.

"We'll talk once we return. You said you're in the Mayan Kingdom right? In fact, send me your location. We'll follow that..." Muku asked and then suggested.

"Ah, that's probably for the best. And try not to be too high profile when you come. The current world is way above our pay grade. It's simply too dangerous" Klaus advised seriously.

He remembered how the group went around in a floating castle. That was definitely asking to get killed now more than ever.

Especially when you're a pitiful R7. Or even R8 which he suspected they had reached since they were even more talented than he was.

He could already see them taking his place as the most favoured modern-day person by the Kingdom.

But he didn't mind. It was still in the family after all. And honestly, it would take the unnecessary heat and smothering he was facing.

The more he thought about it, the more he looked forward to it. That's how much he disliked being the centre of attention.

The worst part was that he still hadn't met the damned king who smothered him so much...

"Yeah, we'll keep that in mind. See you soon brother-in-law. Please greet my sisters-in-law for me" Muk replied.

He pettily didn't mention Chris. If Chris was going to be petty, then he would accompany him until the end!

"Sure. You do the same. Oh and put in a good word with my sister for me. Let her know that I was joking and I love you. I'm glad you are fine. We were really worried for a moment there" Klaus replied seriously.

"You wish. We are definitely settling this when I get there. You'd better say your prayers!" Jade shouted before Muku could say anything.

"You petty brat! I was trying to be the bigger man here. But fine! I'll accompany you as far as you want. You want war? I'll bring you war!... Hello? Hello?" Klaus instantly exploded.

The mature air he was building up vanished the moment Jade spoke.

Unfortunately for him, she cut the call as soon as she finished speaking. So what he said was heard by only him and Chris...

"Tsk. That brat... Still as hot-blooded as ever. See you soon little sis. And welcome back..." Klaus cursed before breaking into a warm smile...

"Couldn't you let me at least say hi?" Chris asked as soon as the barrier was brought down.

"Don't you have your own phone?" Klaus asked with an eye roll.

You know mine needs fifty times the amount of mana to use than yours...

"Oh yeah. Hahaha. It must be broken or something. Hahaha," Klaus gave a schadenfreude-filled reply.

Chapter 547 Local invaders?

"Well, I'm sure you all clearly heard what he said. The playing field is completely different from what we remember. So what is the game plan?" Muku asked the girls after cutting the call.

"Umm, what do you mean? Aren't we just going back to meet up with my brothers then join the human side?" Jade asked confusedly.

"Only if it were that simple" Layla commented before Muku could say anything.

The others looked at her waiting for her to explain.

"What I mean is that unlike the typical modern-day humans they are familiar with, we are pretty much equal in strength to their leaders. So they can't influence or control us as they do the others. At the same time, they won't feel as secure since our strength is impossible. Honestly, if we aren't attacked on sight it would already be great. At this point, we're practically invaders on our own planet the moment we show up. Being human doesn't help at all. We all know that our race was never a nice one anyway..." Layla tried breaking it down.

Some of the girls had looks of realization on their faces. They had not thought of it that deeply before. But it really was as Layla said.

Since all the land was claimed and they weren't there to claim their own, they were currently homeless.

Even if Klaus vouched for them, they would likely still not be accepted.

"Well, that's simply unfair. We're the latest inhabitants of the planet so how are we homeless?" Jade complained.

"I have an idea..." Muku spoke up.

"Why should we go and try to fit in? Since when did we become such people? Why not cut out our own place? The beasts have more than enough land don't you think? And it will give us leverage when speaking to the others. We could attack them too. But let's not make enemies on both sides for now. Of

course for this crazy plan to work, we would need to first cultivate until the very peak. This will definitely hold us back a bit more. So are you all willing?" Muku pitched his plan.

"I'm on board. The situation seems pretty stable right now anyway. Before we weren't sure what was good on. But now it's different..." Jade expressed her willingness to go with it.

The other girls agreed too. They were also not willing to try to tie themselves down to some unknown people after coming so far with their freedom.

And who knew what the other party would try to do.

After all, they weren't in a position of absolute power like before.

With that decided on, the group returned to secluded cultivation. This time they told Klaus that they would be delayed a bit.

It was over a text and by the time he replied they were already inside cultivating...

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A few months later in the outside world and a few years in the controlled time room...

"Okay, now that everyone has reached the required level, it's time to set out..." Muku addressed the girls.

"Now Iris, tell us about that method of yours again" Muku continued.

"That only works from the other side," Iris replied simply.

Freya had given her control of her body.

"Well... that sucks. Speaking of which. We still haven't gotten your cores huh? Althea, can you get me a few R7 and 8 plant types magic cores if you don't mind?" Muku replied then turned to Althea who flinched a bit from being called.

That's right, Muku had continued harassing her over the years...

"Sure" She didn't ask anything and just left the embryo and returned in a few seconds. She was holding 2 R9 plant-type beast cores.

"I'm sorry. I don't have weaker ones. But these two should be enough right? Plant-types are extremely rare so..." Althea spoke as she handed over the cores to Muku like a dutiful little wife.

The girls looked at the interaction with odd expressions on their faces but none said anything.

They figured Althea just couldn't wait to go to the Blue Planet

"Yes, they are more than enough. One would have already been enough. Two will help me recover up to R7 at least" Iris replied excitedly after Muku gave her an asking look.

"Great" Muku replied then handed over the cores.

Iris accepted them and sat down immediately and started consuming and refining the energy inside them.

As she did, Freya's body was quickly enveloped by a gentle green light. Everyone looked curiously after retreating some distance away.

And to their surprise, a human figure started forming in front of Freya.

They couldn't perceive the details due to the light and no one tried to use their divine sense since they would find out anyway.

The process didn't end as quickly as they expected. So of course Muku abused his ability to speed time in the embryo and sped up the time around Freya.

In a few minutes, it was done. It would have taken days otherwise.

After that, the green glow slowly disappeared. What was revealed was two Freyas looking at each other.

The only differences were the eye colour, one had brown eyes and the other had green ones.

Then there was the air they gave off. One seemed reserved and the other seductive.

Not to mention that she was naked...

"Ahhhhhhh! Stop looking you pervert!" The naked one screamed as she summoned plants from all over and attacked Muku with them.

Muku didn't even budge or blink.

What happened next is exactly what you'd expect to happen in such a situation. And that was the plants disintegrating before even reaching him.

They were PR7 attacks against a PR9 after all.

That's right, after reaching R7, the attacks of a lower-ranked being weren't qualified to even reach a higher-ranked being.

So now, more than ever. A lower-ranked being stood no chance against a higher-ranked one.

After all, how can you fight back when your attacks can't even touch your opponent?

"Tsk. Why are you getting mad at me for? I practically gave you that body. And you're the one who chose to do it out in the open" Muku spoke while rolling his eyes.

He still didn't look away. Though at that point the green-eyed girl who was clearly Iris was now covering herself with a plant dress.

There was even a hint of disappointment in his eyes. After all, Freya's body was simply a work of art. He had never seen it before until that moment.

Technically he still hadn't seen Freya's body, but since Iris had literally recreated it, it could be considered the same.

In fact, while Iris was glaring at Muku angrily, Freya had her face hidden between her hands in embarrassment from being indirectly exposed. How could she not instantly recognize her body?

Not to mention that she had permitted Iris to copy it. The reason being that Iris had gotten used to it over the years and she didn't want to change it.

Freya saw no harm in it so she accepted. And it kinda felt like she now had a twin sister. Even if the soul in that twin sister was a bit evil and untrustworthy.

But they were still connected, so she could keep her in check.

"Shameless brute!" Iris cursed before running away. Or at least trying to.

"Hold on, before you go. Now tell us how to return. This is what you wanted before you would speak right?" Muku addressed her while pulling her back with his telekinesis as she struggled to get away.

Of course, she was failing miserably.

"Damn it, let me go! I would have stayed in the mindscape if I knew you'd trouble me like this! Argh! And I wasn't lying, the method I know only works from the blue planet to here. If it worked from her too, wouldn't the beasts have invaded a long time ago whenever they felt like it?" Iris replied while still struggling even though she knew she wouldn't be able to free herself.

"Oh. Sorry for holding you back then. You're free to go" Muku spoke as he freed her.

"Hmph!" Iris gave him a hateful look then turned to leave

Pah!

"Ah!" Iris screamed but didn't look back. She even increased her walking speed and soon disappeared up the stairs.

"..."

"..."

No one spoke after she left as all the girls gave Muku deadpan looks.

He looked down awkwardly.

"Cough. Sorry about that. It was a reflex. It will never happen again" Seeing that no one was saying anything Muku finally couldn't take it anymore and awkwardly apologized.

He only realized what he was doing after he had already smacked Iris' butt. He couldn't help himself, her reactions made her so easy to bully.

His intrusive thoughts won at the worst time possible... in front of all the girls. There was no way even a seasoned liar like him could lie his way out of this one.

So he could only apologize and hope they were in a forgiving mood.

"Sigh. Fine. Let's forget about it for now. We still need a plan on how to get back" Audrey spoke with a tired look on her face.

She felt that maybe she had indulged Muku too much. Now he was too impulsive when interacting with girls.

Maybe she needed to have a talk with him about it later.

"What do you mean for now? You know what, fine. You're right, if not Iris then..." Muku was speaking when he was interrupted.

"Then me of course" A voice interrupted from beside Althea....

Chapter 548 Sinister lady!

"Hello, Son. Did you miss me?" The voice added teasingly.

Althea instantly felt a chill go down her spine. She didn't notice the person's presence until they spoke.

Hell, even when they spoke, she noticed nothing.

She instinctively wanted to fight or run. But her body refused to do both. Like she was faced with her natural predator she had no means of resisting.

All she could do was sit there and wait for death.

"Oh hello... Ah, sorry. Let me do something" The person who was obviously Mrs C spoke again before anyone could say anything.

As soon as she did, Althea who was frozen in place could finally move again. She even started gasping for breath like she was being choked before even though Monarchs can live without air. So even if they were choked it shouldn't do anything at all.

Anyway, now that she could move she immediately got up and under everyone's shocked gaze she ran to Muku's side and hugged him tightly with her eyes closed and shaking in fear.

It was as if she felt that he was her only salvation and running away was out of the question.

"Hello, mother... What did you do to her?" Muku asked tiredly while hugging Althea as a way of trying to calm her down.

"What? Why are you accusing me? I didn't do anything to her. In fact, I think very highly of her. It's just that I left my aura at a wavelength she could catch a glimpse of. And well, that's the reaction. So for that I apologise. Anyway, what kind of reaction is that? Shouldn't you run into my arms like a normal child when their parent returns home?" Mrs C replied.

"Oh. I guess it can't be helped then. I just hope she calms down soon. And I'm not a child anymore okay?! It would be extremely weird if I did that! Also, I tried contacting you so many times and you ignored me. Not even a message in years. You don't know how worried I was" Muku replied with reason, then raged then vented at the end.

The girls looked on like they were watching a drama.

At the same time, Muku surprised them with his words. They had no idea he was so worried about his mother since he didn't show it.

It made them wonder what other worries he had that he kept hidden from them..

Especially Audrey who even felt a bit betrayed. She prided herself on being the one he told everything to, only for this to happen. She will definitely talk about this with him later and make him spill everything if there's more he's hiding.

After all, why be together when you don't share your deepest worries? She told him everything after all.

"That's also my fault. But in my defence, there was a complication, so I couldn't even spend a second to send a text. That would have led to a disastrous situation. And I came as soon as I could. You don't know how happy I was to see those messages and missed calls from you. Now you might not admit it, but I know for a fact that you definitely missed me. Hehe" Mrs C explained then teased Muku again.

"Tsk. Whatever. You didn't have to come right away if you had to take care of such a big matter. You could have rested first or just sent a text" Muku tried to sound nonchalant but his words were having the opposite effect.

He was clearly being considerate of her.

"I could have. But it's not necessary. I can rest here right? Anyway, let's return to the portal matter. Seeing you being so emotional is getting weird" Mrs C replied.

Her words almost made Muku rage again. How dare she want him to be emotional but when he is, she is weirded out.

The girls couldn't help but hold back their giggles. It was always fun to observe the interactions between the mother and son.

"Fine. We are planning on going back now. We would appreciate it if you could get us back" Muku chose to go along with it. It saved everyone some time and himself some face.

"Ah yes, that's simple stuff. Just tell me when you're ready to go" Mrs C replied straightforwardly.

"Great. We are ready to go now. But before that, can she come along?" Muku asked.

"Sure. That is if I seal her power to match yours. If you had tried to bring her there some other way and worked she would have been struck down by the heavens within thirty seconds and turned to ash... Soul included. It's simply not the time for Monarchs to appear. That's why that Tactoa guy is still in hiding

under his barrier. If that green one hadn't been a remnant soul, he would have been erased by the heavens as well" Mrs C replied casually.

The words sent a chill down everyone's spines. After all, at that point, Althea was a much-loved companion. So the thought that they might have witnessed her die later on was less than thrilling.

They were a group that prided itself on not losing a single member up to that point. Well, technically they lost Emily once, but she came back so it's fine.

"Please seal her power right now" Muku instantly spoke up.

"Wow. Zero hesitation. You didn't even think about leaving her behind huh? Good son. Girls love that! But I think this is something she should decide on her own. So let's wait for her to calm down first ok? For now, I'd like to say congratulations! And thank you, I'm finally going to be a grandmother? About time too. I was honestly starting to question your ability. Oh and hello girls. However gave you been?" Mrs C replied approvingly before turning her attention to Hope and the other girls.

She was already in front of Hope before she stopped speaking and looked at her stomach with glowing eyes.

"I promise to always be there for you little one. Something I unfortunately couldn't do for your father" Mrs C suddenly got serious as she spoke.

A sad atmosphere instantly appeared as everyone could clearly see the regret in her eyes.

"Anyway. How are you feeling Hope? Are there any cravings or complications? Tell mother-in-law everything. I can give you the world if you want it. If you want Muku to lick your shoes I will make it happen" Mrs C turned the mood around

She wasn't giving anyone the chance to say anything or keep up.

"Hey!" Muku finally couldn't stop himself from complaining.

"Oh shush. You're now useless to me. Get outta here!" Mrs C replied disdainfully while rubbing a shy Hope's belly.

What embarrassed Hope wasn't what she was doing or saying, well, that was part of it, but the major part was how she noticed that Mrs C wasn't shocked by the pregnancy.

This meant that she knew that her relationship with Muku was no longer that of siblings before they saw each other last.

Then again, she should have expected that from this seemingly omniscient and omnipotent mother-in-law of hers. But still, it was embarrassing...

"N...no. I don't have any cravings. I'm eating everything. And he doesn't need to do that. He's great as is and is taking care of me properly" Hope spoke in an embarrassed voice.

"Ah. That's good. But you're an R9. So the fact that you're eating everything doesn't mean that you have no cravings. It simply means that you're craving food in general. After all, R9s only have food when they decide to instead of desiring it. You actively seek it right?" Mrs C replied.

"I didn't think of it like that. I guess I'm craving everything then..." Hope realised that she was the only one in the group continuously seeking food.

The others only join her when she mentions it to them. They obviously didn't want her to feel out of place.

To think she assumed they were just being forgetful.

But why was she even craving food? Her mana should be enough to completely satisfy the baby's every need right? Well, whatever, pregnancy was always weird anyway.

"Then take everything" Mrs C spoke then...

Snap!

Countless different kinds of foods appeared in Hope's ring. Its size was also made countless times bigger.

Mrs C was clearly favouring the pregnant lady. But then again, with how she's always asking for a grandchild. Everyone kinda expected it...

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A few hours later...

Everyone was sitting in the lounge with a cup of juice Hope had made for them.

She has completely embraced her current foodie persona after being made aware of it.

"Now that she has calmed down. I think it's time for introductions right? Anyway, I'll start. Hello young Ms, I'm Ms C, Muku's mother, and possibly your future mother-in-law if everything goes according to plan. What's your name?" Mrs C addressed Althea playfully.

Putting Muku in a troublesome situation was her favourite thing to do so she had to add that unnecessary information.

Muku didn't even say anything or react this time. She clearly knew that he was secretly going after Althea. So he was afraid she would directly say it if he reacted.

Hell, she already said that she knew who Althea was before, so this whole thing was probably just to mess with him.

Such a sinister lady!...

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"Please mother-in-law don't joke like that. Ms Althea has no interest in Muku. So you're putting her in a difficult spot" cock blocker Emily who sadly fails every time, chimed in. Though this time she was really doing it for Althea's sake as someone she respected.

While there were some sus moments, she didn't think that Muku and Althea would really end up together. They were from different worlds and species after all... Okay, Muku would definitely not mind, the pervert, but Althea would, right?

"Is that so? Okay, if you say so. Then I apologise" Mrs C backed down with a slight smile on her face that hid a lot.

It got bigger when she looked at Muku before returning to normal.

Muku really wanted to kick her out before she really spilled the beans. But he dared not try.

Not only would he fail miserably, but it might be the reason she needs to snitch.

"I-ah, I'm Althea. It's nice to meet you, mother-in-la... I mean Mrs C" Althea replied hesitantly after seeing the expectant look on Mrs C's face.

She was still a bit scared... Nope, she was more than a bit scared. But she understood that the lady meant her no harm otherwise she would have been dead before she even knew what was going on.

As hard as that was to accept, she had to accept it.

She who a few hours ago thought of herself as the strongest being in the world was now facing someone who could practically treat her like an ant. Hell, an ant was even better as it could bite a little and be noticed, she probably couldn't even do that. It was rather stifling.

Her senses told her that much. After all, she couldn't sense Mrs C's depth. She kept on sinking deeper and deeper into the abyss the more she tried until she gave up.

Then again, she couldn't sense anything at all so...

Hearing her mistake the girls had giggled at her nervousness. It was fun to see the ever-confident Althea be nervous like this.

None thought too deeply about it.

"Hehe. Good girl. Now that we're all acquainted. I guess you should tell her about what she has to do if she wants to go with you" Mrs C replied happily before turning her attention to Muku.

Muku immediately explained to Althea about how she would have to seal her power if she wanted to go with them.

And surprisingly she readily agreed. She even had some excitement in her eyes. This confuses everyone present including Mrs C.

After all, she didn't go around reading everyone's mind even though she could. She only did that to Muku, and even then, it was always when he knew and she was teasing him...

They didn't know that Althea actually felt bad about how she couldn't grow together with the others. It had been a regret of hers for a while now.

So now that she would be locked to match them, it would be like they are growing together.

She can also participate in the fights there now.

There was no downside to this at all... It so she thought...

After she agreed they didn't delay and Althea's power was sealed with a snap by Mrs C. She still had use of her Beast Aura of course.

It was just weakened to R9 level. So she was essentially like Jade in how she used Beast Aura instead of mana.

After that was taken care of, they held a feast to celebrate Mrs C coming back as well as their progress and eventual return to the Blue Planet.

Of course, Hope ate the most. Again, it seemed that being made aware of her cravings made her awaken to being a real food-devouring monster.

Everyone just looked on with smiles on their faces as they tried to hold back their laughter.

After all, the girl practically had a hill of meat in front of her and was humming along as she merrily ate.

Sure the food was instantly processed in her body with no waste and she could probably eat a whole R9 beast on her own but still. Seeing such a small figure eating so much will always be funny.

Anyway, after that they toured the embryo since Mrs C wanted to.

It was only after that that she created the portal. Again, it was done with a finger snap.

Like when she was sealed just as easily, Althea was awed.

Everyone else had long gotten used to Mrs C's casualness while doing amazing things so they didn't even flinch.

In fact, Mrs C was pleased by Althea's reactions. She had missed having someone be awed by her power.

"Now before you go through the portal. I want you to know that it leads to the beast region. So enter stealth mode first. I mean, you need to do some investigation before attacking right?" Mrs C instructed.

"Ah. That makes sense... But aren't you coming along?" Muku asked.

He didn't even ask how she knew about their plan, which they had discussed when she wasn't there. That was simple stuff for her. There were too many ways.

"As much as I'd love to charge into battle with you, I actually have to get back. So maybe another time" Mrs C replied with a little smile on her face.

She always liked it when he showed concern.

"Ah. Okay. Stay safe. And I promise that I will definitely get strong enough soon to relieve you of your duties so you can retire in peace" Muku spoke with conviction.

"Tsk. You cheeky brat. I still have a lot of fight in me. So don't speak like you're writing me off. Also, I added a portal feature to your phone that can get you back here as well as go back to the Blue Planet. Of course, you'll have to use your mana to do it. Now bye" Mrs C replied with a gentle smile, casually shocking Althea again then sent them through the portal before they could say anything.

The next time they enter the embryo it would be from the Blue Planet...

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After the group left...

"You know, you could have accompanied them for a while longer right?" The overseer spoke after casually appearing a distance away from Mrs C again.

Mrs C gave him a side glance that said "Bro, do you have nothing better to do? Why are you always hovering around me like a fly?"

"I could, but they would instantly relax" Mrs C replied. She was in a good mood so she might as well answer him right?

"Makes sense. What about that Althea child? You didn't have to seal her at all. Your authority is beyond the heavens after all. So..." The overseer added.

"Simple. I want as many grandkids as I can get" Mrs C replied before disappearing to a place not even the overseer could trace.

After all, if she didn't want to be found, no one in the universe had the power to find her.

"That cunning brat. To think she was such a heroic soul once" The overseer being a dinosaur even older than Mrs C instantly understood what she meant.

She was actually assisting her son in acquiring Althea. Acquiring her at her full strength was unlikely despite her interest in him until he caught up.

So she suppressed Althea to Muku's level. Knowing him, he will definitely capitalize on the opportunity. Hell, he probably already figured out the assist and was figuring out a game plan.

"Well, whatever. It's none of my business how deceptive this family is as long as they can save our existence. However, I can't help but wonder what the world would be like with more than ten of them if not twenty or thirty third generations of them running around. Such a day will definitely be one for the record books" The overseer spoke to itself before disappearing as well.

Despite the conversation having taken place inside the embryo, Muku wasn't aware of it at all.

Even if he was technically the supreme being in the universe(embryo), the two were beings beyond it and him. So of course they can ignore the rules as casually as they want...

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On the blue planet...

Mrs C's portal appeared undetected in an obscure place then Muku and the girls fell out soon after.

"Tsk that old lady really doesn't know how to treat people with respect" Muku complained as soon as he landed.

"She just doesn't like overly emotional moments okay? Besides, we're back here safely aren't we? Home sweet home" Audrey defended her mother-in-law gently.

"You're too nice. But I guess you're right... And this doesn't feel like home anymore to me. I feel like we're still in the Beast World" Muku replied.

"Well the greenery is basically the same at this point so... Also we basically have been away for over 20 years. And we're in the beast region, I'm sure the human region is more developed" Audrey replied as gently as always.

"True again. Now what's our first move?" Muku agreed then got back to business.

He was already looking around and scanning the nearby area mapping it.

It was going to be ground zero of their territory if it was good enough...

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"You're the leader" Jade replied with an eye roll.

"I know that but maybe you have some suggestions that are better than what I think. And this isn't even close to the first time I've asked that question" Muku retorted.

"I just never thought about it back then" Jade replied with a shrug this time.

"Sigh. Fine. Can we get back on track now? If no one has anything to say, I think we should split up in teams of two and scout around before launching our attack" Muku wasn't in the mood to argue with her so he let it go.

Seeing his reaction, Jade clicked her tongue. It seemed she was up to something and the plan failed.

With that said, the group split into pairs and carried out the task.

Muku insisted on going with Althea and the girls saw no problem with it.

Althea wanted to refuse but she couldn't think of a good reason so she could only look at herself getting consumed by the beast that was Muku.

That's how she saw him at that point.

After all, she had realised a while back that resisting him was a lot harder now that she was at the same level as him.

Sure he wouldn't force her if she said no. But the problem was she wasn't sure whether she would be able to say it. She kinda wanted it too after all...

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As the group scouted their surroundings stealthily and Althea was close to a mental breakdown, all the R9s all over the galaxy felt a slight shift in the air the moment the group returned.

They couldn't tell where it originated from or what it was about but they could feel that it definitely meant that the current calm would soon be disturbed.

And so, they all started quietly mobilising their manpower getting ready for whatever would come.

It was the intuition of R9s at play, and none of them ignored it...

Muku's group didn't know that while no one expected them, they were expecting them at the same time.

So the surprise attack might not be as easy as it should have been...

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A few hours later....

Muku's group had gathered back together after finishing their mission.

They all sat down together discussing their next move and sharing what they found out.

While most of them were locked in, Althea was distracted. No, Muku didn't do anything weird.

In fact, he didn't do anything at all. Well, apart from speaking to her in relation to the task at hand of course.

He didn't get too close, touch her weirdly... Nothing.

It was almost like he wasn't the same person always trying to get with her back then.

This confused her greatly. She even started doubting herself. Did her looks decline after she was sealed? Or maybe he only liked her overwhelming power?

Did he have some weird fetish where he wanted to be dominated or something?

But no matter what theory she came up with, the answer was no.

And that confused her even more. She found herself stealing more and more glances at Muku trying to figure him out.

No one noticed this as they were locked in on the task at hand. No one but Muku of course.

After all, his actions were intentional. As Mrs C thought, he instantly went on the attack the moment he realised that getting her was now more possible than ever.

But he didn't continue using his prior method. That was for an overwhelmingly strong Althea. He had to be a bit forceful to be noticed then. But now? Hehe. The playing field was even.

And he knew that she liked him as much as he liked her. He had also gotten used to being chashed. So what would happen if he suddenly stopped?

What she was doing was exactly what would happen.

He was manipulating her into making the first move. Or at least initiating something. And the moment she does... She will be done for. He will go for the strike right there and then and finish her before she can even react.

Thinking about this made an evil smile subconsciously appear on his face.

"Ew. What the heck? Why are you smiling like that? So creepy!" Jade who noticed the smile that came out of nowhere while they discussed an important plan asked with a disgusted look on her face.

"Cough. Don't make it seem like it's a lot. I was just thinking of how the beasts will react after we take a potion of their territory before they can react" Muku replied in a slightly awkward tone trying to cover it up.

Fortunately for him, it worked since he had smiled like that before when dealing with beasts. So it didn't seem like a lie. Again, he was a pro liar.

Althea with her unsealed strength would be able to tell that he was lying even without paying close attention to him. But now no one could, so they all bought it.

Accept for Raya who was connected to him more intimately than anyone else.

In fact, every time he lies, she can tell and she knows. She just chooses not to say anything.

Not because she was nice but because it's blackmail material she can use later. It's always about benefits with her after all.

"Whatever" Jade replied annoyedly again.

For some reason, she was trying her best to annoy him recently. And she kept on failing.

"Cool. So from the information we all gathered, the beasts currently have 30 R9s positioned here and only 5 of them are PR9s. And since they have to worry about the other kingdoms, they can't easily deploy them all to end a fight. So if we were to attack, we would at most have to face maybe 15 opponents and since we're all peak, any of us can easily take two MR9s or lower at once. At the very least we can keep them busy long enough for others who have one opponent to finish and join. With that established, we will attack the main base closest to this place. Considering how quickly those of our power level can travel, reinforcements will be there instantly. So the battle will start immediately after. When that happens and everyone has their opponents I suggest not holding back. Try to finish as soon as possible. But be careful. We haven't faced outsiders for over twenty years now. So we might have gotten rusty. I doubt it but it doesn't hurt to play safe right?" Muku summarised everything.

The girls nodded in understanding and agreement.

"Great. Now let's set o... Oh, Althea, do you have something to say?" Muku was about to tell the group to go attack when Althea raised her hand awkwardly.

"Um, I'm participating in the fights right?" She asked in a low voice lacking confidence.

She wanted to fight but wasn't sure if she was allowed. And no one specifically told her that she could join so she wasn't sure.

"What kind of question is that? Of course, you're fighting. You're part of the team aren't you? I mean, isn't that why you had your power sealed? But I could be wrong. So let me ask you this. Do you want to

fight with us? We would be more than happy to have you. In fact, the plan included you so if you back out, we would have to adjust it" Muku replied seriously.

"Umm, you're kinda pressuring me into joining now. But yes, I want to fight too" Althea replied.

Looking at her made everyone wonder where the majestic and ever-confident Althea they had met had gone.

What they didn't know was that she was good with strangers but bad with close ones. After all, she has only ever known one close one and it was a very long time ago. So she was rediscovering everything.

"Are you sure? You're technically on the same side with them as a Monarch after all. So if you want to back out, we will understand. In fact, I should have asked before making that plan. I'm sorry for that" Muku asked again.

"Tsk. I already said I will fight. And I'm not on the same side as them. None of my people are here. We already established this a long time ago didn't we? So why are you asking now?" Althea replied annoyedly.

Her confidence seemed to have returned after being associated with the other beasts even though they were technically associated even if she didn't want to be.

"Ah. Sorry. I will never make that mistake again. Of course, you're one of us. With that said, let's not delay any longer. Let's go and attack now while everyone's blood is still boiling for battle" Muku apologised then changed topics.

Althea nodded along with the others.

The group finally set out.

And they arrived at the target in less than a split second. They were countless times faster than the speed of light at that point, so of course they traveled that quickly even when they weren't trying.

The base they attacked was actually on the outskirts of the beast territory. There were no R9s stationed there. It wasn't necessary when they could travel instantaneously after all.

In normal cases it was fine, but not now. Muku's group launched an attack as soon as they arrived.

It was Emily who attacked for obvious reasons.

And that was her selective attack.

In an instant, she wiped out all the beasts R7s and R8s included without harming a single plant or any random thing there.

Only the beasts were erased out of existence leaving their cores behind.

Which was to be expected. Such was the difference between the higher ranks. R8s couldn't even process what was going on before they were destroyed by R9s...