

MY SLAYER SYSTEM: RISE TO SUPREMACY

Chapter 21: An Infiltrator

It was a Friday morning. Jake woke up early as usual for his daily exercise. When he got to the gym, he did all his exercises. After two weeks of daily training, Jake no longer felt the strain he once did. He started doing his exercises easily. After Jake was done and he heard a ding in his head, Jake decided to pull up his status screen to see what his rewards were for winning that duel.

<Status>

<User: Jake Lucas>

<Level: 5>

<Combat level: Novice>

<Skill level: Untrained>

<XP level: 70/200>

<HP: 30/30>

<Strength: 23>

<Agility:18>

<Endurance: 27>

<Free stat point: 1>

"System, pull of yesterday's notification." Jake said in his mind.

<Congratulations! User has done the impossible by defeating a strong opponent.>

<Rewards: An instant level-up; one plus stat point to all stats; a new skill.>

"Now this is what I'm talking about. A new skill and the increase in stat points. That battle has taught me a valuable lesson. Strength is useless without speed so I have decided to put the free stat point into agility." Jake thought. After putting it, he decided to check his status again.

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Satisfied about his stats, Jake decided to check his skills tab to see the new skill he got.

<Skill Tab>

<Melee combat: Level 1 (Deals 10 damage with basic weapons therefore removing 10% HP from enemy)

<Stealth: Level 1; Increases evasion chances by 10%>

<Inspect Skill: Level 1; Brings up information of an enemy>

<Frenzy Strike: a skill that deals rapid consecutive attacks for 2 seconds, with a cool down timer of 5 minutes.>

<Second wind (Lv1): Restores 5 points of user's HP. (Skill can only be used once a day)>

"Wow! This skill will be very handy to have in future." Jake said. "But the skill can only be used once a day. It is still okay anyway."

With his system exploration complete, Jake headed to his dorm to get ready for the day. After bathing and dressing up, the whole room decided to get breakfast together after a long time. They chatted happily on their way going to get breakfast. After breakfast, they went for their homeroom class together.

Jake's mind wandered during the dull class, his thoughts drifting to his future plans once the werewolf war was over. After what felt like an eternity, the class was finally over. They all moved to the training grounds for their training.

They did their physical training as usual but unknown to Jake, a pair of eyes were burning behind his back all through the training. And the pair of eyes belonged to Sebastian. After exercising for two weeks in order to complete his daily quest, he found the physical training relatively easy now.

While they were running, Jake was finally running past some people, he even started running side by side with Peter and Jack. He was no longer the one in the rear line.

"Woah, somebody has gotten a little bit stronger physically." Peter couldn't help but comment.

After the running, they moved on to basic training like push up and the likes of it. During the push ups, Jake surpassed everyone there by doing 60 push ups while Jack who was supposed to be the strongest, stopped at 55.

After the warm-ups were done, it was time to practice The Triple Threat' skill again. Lee wanted them to practice it so they could perfect it properly before he moved on to the next skill. After an hour worth of practicing the skill, Lee finally permitted them to spar with each other.

Luckily throughout the sparring session, there were no incident among the students or anyone targeting someone. The training for the day concluded without any problems. Since the next day was a weekend, it was the students day off to do whatever they wanted to do.

The whole friends went to their dorm to rest after a good day of training.

"Hey, Jake, what do you plan on doing tomorrow?" Peter asked. "Hope you are not planning on going to town again?"

"No, don't worry, I'm not planning to head into town anytime soon. About your earlier question, I don't know what to do tomorrow." Jake replied. "What about you, what are you planning to do tomorrow?"

"I'm planning to head to the academy's VR gaming room to train myself further."

"What!!! The academy has a VR gaming room? But why will they have a gaming room in an academy? We are in the middle of a war so what does gaming have to with training the students?" Jake asked.

"The gaming room isn't for fun and casuals, it's for training purpose. Don't worry, if you wanna see it, then why don't we pay the room a visit tomorrow." Peter asked.

"Why not." Jake said. "Vynn why don't you also tag along with us tomorrow."

"Sure, I was planning to anyway." Vynn answered.

"What about you girls?" Jake asked.

"I'm planning to train tomorrow to grow stronger and not actually play some silly games." Sophia said.

"What about you Kate?" Peter asked.

"I'm also going to train with Sophia tomorrow. I need to hone my skills further." Kate replied.

"Jack, what are you planning on doing tomorrow?" Vynn asked.

"Me? I'm going to head off with some friends to train hard." Jack answered.

They finally got to their dorm room and they decided to rest or probably sleep.

Meanwhile, in the staff meeting room, the whole military were having a meeting with one of the General present.

"So guys, that's all for the briefing. And lest I forget, we have a new staff. His name is Jim and he will be taking one of the homeroom class as a homeroom teacher." The General said.

They all welcomed the new staff. And then after a few minutes of more briefing, the meeting was finally dismissed by the General and they all left the room all except Jim that is.

"Kid with the orb, I have finally gotten here and I'm going to find you no matter the cost." Jim thought.

Chapter 22: VR Game

The weekend was finally here and Jake was excited than usual because today, he was going to check out the VR gaming room that was introduced to him by Peter. After doing his daily exercise and getting breakfast, it was finally time to head to the VR gaming room together with Vynn and Peter.

The VR gaming room was in the academy but it was another building off to the side that was used as the gaming room.

Entering the building, Jake could see some students in the building and off to the side, were shelves filled with different type of games. And off to the back, there was a type of gaming pod, not just one, but multiple.

Jake's mouth was wide open at what he could see. But he quickly pulled himself together.

"That there, is what I train with most times. The town that the orphanage I was in was located, had a VR gaming center so I always practice once a while." Peter said.

Before Peter said or did anything, he led Jake and Vynn to the counter to rent the capsules.

"That will be 20 credits per hour." The receptionist said.

"Yikes, that is a lot of credits." Vynn said.

Between the three of them, they contributed credits to pay for five hours which is 100 credits. After paying, they were given tag cards that had the number of the pod they were going to use. After some minutes of looking for the pods, they finally found them and before they entered, Peter decided to explain the basics.

"So for you newbies, this capsule, is a VR game that allows you experience the thrill and horror of battling a werewolf. It simulates the pain, sense of smell and even simulates somewhat of a real werewolves attack that bite and kill like the real deal. Oh did I mention that you could also play against humas?" Peter explained.

"Can we play this thing already? Time is running out." Vynn said impatiently.

"Fine. Without much further ado, let's play." Peter said.

They all got into the capsule and the door shut tight with them inside. Jake felt the softness and warmth of the cushions inside the capsule. That was when a pop up window appeared in his view.

<Welcome New User to RealityX! Would you like to?>

<Log in> <Register> < Play as a guest>

"Woah! This is just like my system." Jake excitedly exclaimed. "Let me quickly hurry up, am sure that Peter is waiting for me."

Quickly selecting the register button, Jake decided to register. And then a message pop up again.

<Please create a user ID>

Jake thought long and hard about the name that he should use but nothing was coming to mind. After a lot of deliberation, Jake finally settled on a name.

<User ID created Wolf hunter.>

The name was chosen for one reason and that was because of his hatred for werewolves and the need to hunt them. After creating the UID, Jake's consciousness was transported to a white space where there was nothing but an endless room of white.

After a few verification process, Jake inputted the UID that Peter gave to him and then Jake's consciousness was now transported to another white room but this time, Vynn and Peter were there.

However, Peter didn't look like himself. Both his hands were wrapped in bandages and on his face, he wore a scarf. He looked like an ancient Ninja.

"err, Peter is that you?" Jake asked.

"oh sorry." Peter said while changing his character back to his self.

"What was that? Because that was awesome." Jake asked.

"That, the game allows you to customize your character to look any how you want it. But mind you, it costs credits." Peter replied. "So do you guys wanna watch me play a few games to see how it works?"

They both nodded to which Peter created a party, where Vynn and Jake could both spectate. Suddenly in the white space, stands appeared forming an arena like shape and Jake and Vynn were teleported to the seating area in one of the stands.

The game tried it's best to allow spectators feel like it was the real deal. Peter quickly went on to select a match. The game matches you with people of your rank, like currently Peter was in rank Gold(Advanced level) meanwhile as Jake and Vynn were just beginners, they were given the lowest rank possible which is the Bronze rank.

The game had 6 ranks in total.

Bronze(beginner) inorder to advance to the next rank, users need to have 5 wins.

Silver (intermediate) 10 winning streaks to advance to the next rank.

Gold(advanced) 15 winning streaks.

Platinum(expert) 20 wins in total after leaving Gold, you have to restart again with 20 wins to advance to the next rank.

Diamond (master) 40 wins to advance to the next rank.

Legendary(highest rank) user must have 100 wins to be classified a high tier player.

After pushing the werewolves back, the world needed something to destress, so a VR game was invented with the purpose to destressing and also to learn to fight without hurting themselves in reality. The game was played in other cities and big towns that could afford it anyway.

Being a Gold ranked player, Peter could also be matched with a Gold ranked player to even the playing field. There was a quick search button where you will just be matched randomly with any ranked player. But since he wanted to battle werewolves rather than humans, he clicked a button that did just that.

After inputting his gaming rank, Peter waited a bit for a werewolf to appear. And then, a werewolf appeared. Seeing the werewolf, Jake couldn't help but shudder because it brought back bad memories, from the night his parents were murdered to the day he encountered a werewolf.

Seeing Jake's reaction, Vynn decided to calm him down.

"Relax, it's not real. It's just a game." Vynn said.

Immediately the werewolf appeared, a big countdown screen appeared and when it hit 0, the werewolf dashed towards Peter with a speed beyond human and swiped at Peter's face with its claws but Peter ducked avoiding the hit but the werewolf quickly turned around and hit Peter with its foot in his stomach sending Peter flying back a few feet before finally coming to a stop.

Not wanting to give Peter rest, the werewolf gave chase.

"Damn, this feels and looks so much real. How could someone create something so realistic?" Jake wondered aloud with amazement laced in his voice.

Peter seeing the werewolf coming, quickly stood up and slashed with his sword but the werewolf side-stepped and then gave Peter an uppercut to the face sending him flying up in the air but before he could fly up, the werewolf grabbed Peter's feet and swung him around and around and finally flinging Peter across the room causing him to bounce on the floor a few times.

Peter finally came to a halt and then stood up again with his customized character riddled with injuries from head to toe. The game was set to make the user feel like they are really fighting therefore the creators, added a pain sensation to the game making the users feel 2 percent of pain from the injuries dealt to their avatar.

Standing up, Peter looked the werewolf straight in the eyes and instead of waiting for the werewolf to charge towards him, Peter charged towards the werewolf and when he was two feet away from the werewolf, the werewolf swiped at Peter with

its claws but this time, Peter didn't duck instead he decided to use the 'The Triple Threat' skill by creating distance and then charging right at the werewolf.

Then Peter jumped up slashing the werewolf's neck therefore cutting off the werewolf's neck. And then a message popped up congratulating Peter.

<Congratulations Peter killer! On your first kill today. Get 14 more kills to advance to the next rank. Do you wish to>

<Play another match> <Take a break>

Peter decided to take a break to talk to his friends. After choosing the option, he was transported to the spectating stands.

"So how was it guys?" Peter asked.

"Well to be sincere, it looks realistic. I can't wait to try the game out." Vynn excitedly said quickly going out of Peter's game room.

The remaining duo decided to spectate Vynn's match. They went to Vynn's game room to spectate Vynn's match. Meanwhile Vynn selected the option to play against a werewolf. After a little bit of time, a werewolf appeared and Vynn wanting to prove he wasn't weak, he charged towards the werewolf to slash at the

werewolf but the werewolf twisted around and then grabbed Vynn flinging him across the room.

Vynn quickly stood up but the werewolf was already in front of him punching Vynn right in the stomach knocking the wind out off Vynn's mouth. Then the werewolf grabbed Vynn's hair and smashed his knee into Vynn's face.

Vynn managed to pull out of the werewolf's grip and after creating a bit of space, he decided to use 'The Triple Threat' skill. When he got close, the werewolf gave Vynn a strong uppercut that ended the game straight away causing Vynn's first game to be a loss.

Immediately Vynn's game was over, the capsule was shut down making the trio to come out of the pod. They have been playing for so long that they didn't know when the time was up for them to leave the pod. Jake was disappointed because he didn't get the time to play the game. But he was excited for tomorrow, he will have all the time in the world to play the game.

Chapter 23: First Game

The next day was a Sunday and Jake woke up as usual to complete his daily quest. And after completion, Jake decided to check his progress by glancing at his status screen.

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<User: Jake Lucas>

<Level: 5>

<Combat level: Novice>

<Skill level: Untrained>

<XP level: 90/200>

<HP: 30/30>

<Strength: 23>

<Agility:19>

<Endurance: 27>

"Man, if the XP bar keeps on increasing after each level up, it's gonna be a tall task to level up." Jake thought.

After closing the door to the gym, Jake went to his dorm to take his bath. After everyone had taken their bath, they all went to take their breakfast together as usual. After eating, Jake decided to pay the VR gaming room a visit.

After paying 60 credits for 3 hours, Jake hopped into the capsule to play his first ever game. Quickly logging in, Jake was transported to his own white space.

"The creators of this game really did a great job, they made everything seem so realistic with the Sense of smell and all that." Jake thought. "i wonder if my system works here."

"I think it does, because I can hear and see everything you do." Zee said.

Quickly checking his theory, Jake decided to open up his system screen and it worked.

"Wait, if I can open up my system screen here then that means I can also use some of my skills here." Jake thought.

Opening up his skill tab, Jake quickly closed it because the skills on his skill tab will require an opponent to use it on. So not wasting time, Jake decided to divide his three hours into three activities.

The first; Battle against the werewolves for one hour.

Second: battle against humans for one hour leaving him with one more hour.

Last hour; Use the quick match to match him with random human opponents from Bronze to Gold.

Without wasting much time, Jake decided to start the game quickly with the battle against werewolves. After searching for a while, a werewolf was found. Seeing a werewolf standing in front of him again, Jake froze, his heart thumping louder and louder.

"Jake, relax. It's just a game. A VR. Calm down. If you don't face your fears now, how will you defeat the real werewolves?" Zee asked.

Hearing Zee's voice of reason, Jake snapped out of his trance to face his fears and defeat the werewolf in front of him. When Jake was ready, the countdown clock again was seen counting down from five to one. And when it hit 0, the werewolf dashed towards Jake.

"Calm down Jake, control your breathing." Jake said to himself.

When the werewolf was close to Jake, the werewolf swiped again with its claws towards Jake head.

"Common, I have seen this trick once before, do you think I will fall for it again?" Jake asked while quickly sliding under the werewolf and slashing its legs with his sword. And then his back was turned towards the werewolf.

Jake quickly turned around but his face was met with a fist from the werewolf therefore flinging Jake's head back and causing him to lose balance and fall off.

"Damn! I'm such a fool." Jake said.

Quickly standing up, Jake moved back to create distance between him and the werewolf. The werewolf stood there looking at Jake as if observing Jake's moves.

"Huh!? They actually created this thing a little too real." Jake said.

Having enough of waiting around, Jake decided to run towards the werewolf and the werewolf reacted by running towards Jake, then Jake slid under the werewolf's leg causing a cut on it. Angrily, the werewolf turned around and gave Jake a kick in his ribcage therefore breaking it.

"Ah damn! Why is it so difficult to defeat a VR werewolf?" Jake asked in frustration.

"Because you are not keeping calm. You have something that others don't but you don't want to use it." Zee said.

Realizing his mistakes, Jake decided to give it a shot maybe it might work. First of, Jake used the <Inspect skill> to see if his other skills will work. And miraculously it worked.

"So I can use my skills in the game too." Jake excitedly said.

But his excitement was cut short for the werewolf was already upon him. The werewolf tried to punch Jake but he quickly cast<The Triple Threat'> skill to get away and moved behind the werewolf quickly. And then the final stage, he casted the <Frenzy strike> and <Melee combat: that deals 10 percent damage to someone> causing him to rapidly attack the werewolf with his sword for 2 seconds straight non stop.

The werewolf was unable to attack back for 2 seconds causing Jake to deal major damage under 2 seconds. When the 2seconds elapsed, Jake finally moved back to create space.

"Ah damn! Even with all that, I still can't deal any damage to it." Jake shouted. That was when he remembered one more trick that might do the job.

The werewolf charged right at Jake but before it could get close, Jake used 'The Triple Threat' skill closing the distance between him and the werewolf before it could do that. And then Jake gave it a strong punch with all the strength he could muster. That was when he heard a notification but this time not from his head but around him.

<Congratulations Wolf hunter! You have got your first win. Win four more times straight to advance to the next rank.>

"phew. That was very difficult and challenging. The werewolf although a VR, it still felt real, I had to fight with everything." Jake said.

"Yeah, you did great." Zee said.

"Alright, let's see how much time I have left." Jake said checking the time and thankfully, he only used thirty minutes to defeat the werewolf, meaning he has thirty more minutes before he needed to go onto the second phase.

Not wasting time, Jake quickly selected another game. This time he found it a little bit easier because he managed to get used to the werewolf's fighting pattern. After twenty minutes of intense battling, Jake decided to take a break before he moved onto the next phase.

Although he wasn't fighting physically with his real body, it was still mentally daunting fighting. So he was mentally tired that was why he was taking a break. Checking his gaming system, he saw he had two wins to his belt. Satisfied with this, Jake decided to go onto the next phase which is fighting humans.

Jake selected the button that had the words <Fight with humans> on it and he clicked it and then after a little bit of time, the game finally found him a match.

Standing opposite Jake was what looked like a fisherman, the avatar that Jake's opponent used was dressed like some sort of a fisherman. Not caring about that, Jake just wanted to get the match over and done with quickly. The big countdown clock appeared again and when the time hit 0, the match started. Will Jake win the match or not?

Chapter 24: A Defeat

When the timer hit 0, Jake's opponent charged towards him planning to slash at Jake but already facing the werewolf, his human opponent looked so slow so Jake managed to avoid the slash but his opponent quickly changed tactic and turned around and delivered an elbow hit to Jake's head causing him to stagger back.

"Damn! I forgot am not skilled and all this guys must have a good level of skill." Jake said.

Quickly regaining his footing, Jake checked his system and saw that <Frenzy strike> cooled down timer was off meaning he could use it. But Jake had to wait for the perfect time to use it. The opponent was using some sort of fishing pole with a sharp end as a weapon of choice.

Jake didn't relent, he quickly closed the gap between him and his opponent by using 'The Triple Threat' skill. The opponent was a little bit stunned at the use of the skill. But he couldn't be stunned for long because Jake was already upon him with a thrust of his sword but the opponent used his weapon to block the thrust Jake was intending to do.

And then he gave Jake a kick to the side of his ribs therefore sending him back a bit.

"crap! I forgot that humans and werewolves both have different fighting style. I was treating them the same." Jake thought.

"You are forgetting something important." Zee added.

"And what's that?" Jake asked.

"Your breathing you silly host. You are trying to rush the match quickly therefore losing control of your breathing." Zee said.

"Oh, I know what to do now. You know sometimes the way you talk and scold me make me feel like you're human not an AI." Jake said focusing on his opponent who was coming towards him.

Quickly closing the gap between him and Jake, the fisherman tried to wack Jake on his head with his pole but Jake quickly twisted and used his sword to block the attack and then quickly using 'The Triple Threat' skill again to get away.

When Jake finally created distance, that was when he suddenly fell on his knees panting. "What! What is going on? Why can't I feel my legs?"

"I think, your stamina has run out. Using that skill multiple times has taken up your stamina quickly." Zee said.

"shit shit shit! How am I supposed to win now if I'm on the floor?" Jake cursed.

The fisherman noticing that Jake was on the floor, decided to act cautiously by running towards Jake slowly to see if he will suddenly spring up and attack. But there was no reaction from Jake, he could only see Jake's face twisting as if in pain.

"Damn it! I mustn't lose. My winning streak! Just for five seconds please let my leg move for five seconds." Jake cried out.

The fisherman was finally close to Jake and he swung his pole towards Jake's head trying to finish the fight and suddenly, Jake's leg moved allowing to quickly roll away and got up.

Not wasting time, Jake activated <Melee combat> and <Frenzy strike> and then he dashed towards his opponent rapidly striking him continuously until the 2 seconds time on <Frenzy strike> was up and then he quickly moved back creating distance.

After moving back, Jake was now on his knees panting hard with his chest heaving in and out. Then he looked up to see the state of his opponent but Jake was given the shock of his life as his opponent was strangely standing fine. Then his opponent calmly walked towards him.

"You have strength and a little bit of speed but that is all useless without skills." The fisherman said and then he wacked Jake on his head with the pole therefore ending the game. Jake was now thrown out of the game room into his white space.

"Damn! The strange fisherman is right. What's the point of strength and speed when I don't have any skill." Jake complained.

"Have patience Jake, it's just a matter of time before you unlock a lot of skills." Zee added.

"Time? Patience? Are you kidding me? Time is running out. We don't know when and where the werewolves will attack. I need to be ready to protect myself and those I care about so that the werewolves won't take those I love again." Jake said gritting his teeth.

"Just calm down and have patience, I think you should rest a bit before you go into your next game." Zee said.

Jake just stood up from his sitting position and went to the game's interface. "I don't need rest." Jake said clicking on the quick match option.

"What are you doing? Are you nuts? The fisherman dude you faced was a silver rank if you didn't notice and you're here using the quick match, what if it matches you with a Gold ranked player?" Zee asked.

Jake shrugged and replied "It doesn't matter."

After a few minutes, a match was found for Jake and he went into the game with a face of determination. His opponent this time was dressed normal. When the countdown hit 0, Jake dashed towards his opponent, used 'The Triple Threat' skill and <melee combat> to deliver a powerful punch.

His opponent was too shocked to move because of the speed and aggression in which Jake used to attack him. And that was how Jake managed to land his powerful punch and ended the game therefore declaring him the winner.

"How did I do?" Jake asked Zee before he started his next match.

"Well to be honest, you did quite well but they were only two factors that made you win." Zee said.

"Which are?" Jake asked with a raised brow.

"Firstly, your opponent was a bronze player and secondly, you were the aggressor in the fight which stunned your opponent. That was why he didn't react on time." Zee explained.

"pfft. Who cares, I won that is all that matters. Anyway onto the next game." Jake said.

Jake used the Quick match option to start his next match for the next hour. Jake kept going against random bronze players and in each fight, he always starts off as the aggressor therefore ending the match quickly. Unknown to Jake, the opponents he fought with, they decided to stay to watch his next few games because they all had one thing in mind.

"This kid's speed is inhuman for someone in bronze rank."

Some of his opponents, even went as far as posting the videos of their match with Jake to the online forum so that people could find out if Jake was a Gold player In disguise.

After a few more matches, Jake finally gained enough wins to move onto the next rank. Satisfied, Jake decided to log off. Unknown to him that he had gained a few fans.

Chapter 25: Testing a Theory

When Jake left the VR room, it was already afternoon, so he decided to go to the gym to train a bit. For some hours. When he got to the gym room, he started exercising.

"Jake, you do know that you have completed your daily quest for today right?" Zee asked.

"Yeah, I know but I can't help but try to exercise." Jake replied already picking up weights. "What that fisherman guy said is true. All the strength and speed is totally useless without skills."

"How does exercising help with that?" Zee asked.

"It doesn't. It just helps to take my mind off some things." Jake replied.

Then Jake started lifting weights for thirty minutes straight. Immediately he was done, he heard a ding in his head.

<+1 stats point to strength.>

"Huh!?! What in the world was that?" Jake asked.

"I think the system decided to gift you the free stat point after your heavy weight lifting." Zee replied.

In order to see if the system was playing tricks on him, Jake pulled up his status screen.

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"woah, the system was serious." Jake stated excitedly. "I wonder if.."

Jake went towards the treadmill and turned it on then he started running on it. Jake ran and ran for 1 hour thirty minutes straight before he heard a ding in his head.

<+1 stats point to agility.>

Jake quickly pulled up his status screen again and truly he got a free stat point.

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"woah! This is awesome. But all these are useless without skills. I need skills."
Jake said.

Zee didn't reply because he knew that nothing he will say will soothe Jake so he watched Jake leave the gym dejectedly to his dorm room. Jake left the gym around 7pm, he got to his dorm 20 minutes later.

He entered the room, greeted his roommates and went to his bed to rest since the next day was a Monday.

"what happened to him?" Vynn asked noticing Jake's mood.

The rest just shrugged and continued what they were doing earlier. When it was 10pm, they decided to go to sleep.

The next day was a Monday, when it was 4am, Jake went out to do his daily quest as usual. This time when Jake got to the gym, he was shocked for the gym was unlocked.

"Huh?! Who could be in there by this time? I thought it was only me that comes here by this time." Jake said while making his way to the gym.

Jake got to the door, opened it gently, peeked his head inside and then his mouth was left wide open for a stunning beauty was inside exercising. The girl's proportions were perfect. Not too big and not too small. She had beautiful long silver hair. Currently she was using the treadmill machine to exercise.

Jake kept on staring at her until she got down from the machine and then noticed that the door was quite open.

"Who are you? What are you doing here?" The girl asked coming over to where Jake was standing.

"Wait what! I am supposed to ask you that question. What are you doing here?" Jake said snapping out of his earlier daze.

"What does this place look like? Isn't it a gym? What do they do in a gym?" She asked.

"I mean, since I got to the academy, I haven't seen anybody come here as early as this except me." Jake said.

"Well I usually come here but not as early as this. I just decided to come here early." she replied.

"oh, that's nice." Jake said already walking off to start his daily quest. But before he left, she called him back.

"Sorry, excuse me. Do you mind if I know your name?" she asked politely.

"Sure why not." Jake said pulling his hand out for a handshake. "My name is Jake, Jake Lucas."

"My name is Cindy clark." Cindy said shaking Jake's hand. That was when she glanced at Jake's watch and saw his power level. "So you are a power level 1?"

Jake quickly pulled his hand back and then replied. "Yes, I am." Jake said walking off to begin his exercise.

"You do know you don't have to be shy or embarrassed about your power level right? I am also a low level, well not that low actually." Cindy said smiling.

"That's great." Jake said starting off with his push ups.

"So what weapon class are you going to choose today?" Cindy asked while doing squats.

"I was thinking swords." Jake replied already on his 28th push ups.

"Swords huh? That's nice." Cindy said. "I'm also planning to attend the swords class too."

"Really?" Jake said already on his 48th push ups.

"Yes." Cindy replied smiling. "Anyway it's nice talking to you. I need to go prepare for the day." Cindy said while packing her bags to leave.

Jake quickly stood up after completing his 50th push ups. "Cindy wait!" Jake called out to which Cindy turned around. "If you don't mind me asking, why are you gyming? Because to me, you are already in perfect shape." Jake said with his cheeks all flushed up after taking another look at Cindy's body.

Cindy just smiled at the question. "I know that I'm in perfect shape but I'm just exercising because I wanted to gain more strength so I can also fight against the werewolves. And I noticed I can't do that without gaining a little bit more strength so I decided to improve my physical strength."

Jake smiled and then he remembered something. "Hold on, you know my power level but I don't know yours."

"It's nothing much, My power level is 4.8 and I'm currently ranked number 15 in the school's combat rankings." Cindy said already opening the door to leave while leaving Jake stunned by her ranking.

Chapter 26: The Hunt Approaches

After Cindy left, Jake finally snapped out of his daze and got back to his exercise. After some time, Jake was finally done with his daily quest and decided to pull up his status screen to track his progress.

<Status>

<User: Jake Lucas>

<Level: 5>

<Combat level: Novice>

<Skill level: Untrained>

<XP level: 80/200>

<HP: 30/30>

<Strength: 24>

<Agility:20>

<Endurance: 27>

Jake sighed and decided to leave the gym for his dorm to freshen up for the day, that was when he heard a ding in his head.

<Congratulations user! Your hard work has paid off>

<The system wants to reward you with +2 stat point to all your stats.>

"Huh!?! What was that about?" Jake asked while pulling up his status screen.

<Status>

<User: Jake Lucas>

<Level: 5>

<Combat level: Novice>

<Skill level: Untrained>

<XP level: 80/200>

<HP: 30/30>

<Strength: 26>

<Agility:22>

<Endurance: 29>

And truthfully, the system gave him the +2 stat points.

"Woah! This is truly awesome." Jake excitedly said. "But what is going on? Why is the system suddenly giving me stats points out of nowhere?"

"I think the system is feeling generous all of a sudden." Zee commented.

"whatever it is, I still like it." Jake said while exiting the gym for his dorm room.

Jake got to his dorm after a few minutes and proceeded to take his bath, he was ready for the day. After a few hours, the whole room was now ready for the day. They all head towards the dining hall for their breakfast. On the way there, they decided to strike a bit of conversation.

"So dude, what weapon class are you gonna attend?" Jack asked Peter.

"I'm not sure yet, I think I will head to the axe club. What about you?" Peter asked Jack.

"I'm thinking of the sword club." Jack replied.

"Well I'm thinking of joining the spear club." Vynn said. "What about you Jake?"

"I will join the sword club." Jake said.

"I think I will join the archery club." Kate said. "What about you Sophia?"

"I think I will also go for the sword club." Sophia replied.

"Great. So there are three of us that are going to attend the sword club. Good thing I won't be alone." Jack said all smiley.

After a few minutes of more talking and walking, they finally got to the dining hall for their breakfast. They all went to take their normal table for breakfast but they noticed it was already taken.

"Hey, dudes! This table is ours." Peter said.

"Huh? Where is it written that only one room gets to use a table?" The guy that looked like the leader of the group who turned out to be Sebastian replied.

"What the heck is your problem Sebastian?" Vynn said.

"Oh look, the weakest of the group has the guts to talk to me like that." Sebastian said. "If you know what's best for you, I will advise you to keep your mouth shut." Sebastian said while furrowing his brows.

"Sebastian why must you be a d***k? Can't you just move away and act mature for once?" Jake asked.

"You! How dare you call me a d***k? I'm really gonna show you what I am made of now." Sebastian said standing up about to strike Jake but he was intercepted by a military staff.

"No fighting in the canteen. If you got beef, settle it outside, not in here." Jim said and then he looked at Jake and his group. "I would suggest you look for somewhere else to sit."

"Sure. Thank you sir." Kate said quickly, pushing her group to another table.

After getting their food, they dug in quietly and there were no more run-ins with Sebastian's group. After a few minutes, they were finally ready for their homeroom class. The lecture was still a little boring for Jake and he didn't really pay attention because he was thinking about how he would handle Sebastian and his supposed brother who was in the upper class.

Jake was still thinking when something instructor Thompson said caught his attention.

"So class, as first years, you need to gain experience by battling beasts and so you could also craft your weapon from the beast crystals." Thompson said. "So next week, you will all make use of Portals to go to the beasts world in order to hunt for a week."

"Hunt? Isn't it dangerous for us that don't even have any experience in fighting?" A student asked.

"The academy knows, that's why we are taking precautions." Thompson said. "You will only hunt basic tier beasts and also two sergeants will be with you so as to protect you guys In Case you encounter a beast of a higher tier."

Beasts were classified into 5 categories or tiers.

Basic tiers (lowest and weakest beasts possible)

Intermediate tier(they can deal damage)

Advanced tier

King tier

Legendary (the highest tier of beast possible and stronger too)

Hearing that there will be two sergeants protecting them, the students' hearts fell at ease.

"Alright, you will all be needed to form a group of 7 members. I want the list of all the members of the groups before next week." Thompson said.

With the information all said and done, Thompson ended the homeroom class meanwhile the students decided to attend their combat class.

After a few minutes of walking, they finally got to the training grounds and started preparing for their daily physical exercise. After a few hours of physical training, they rested before sparring with each other. After sparring for an hour, Lee stood in front of them to say something.

"I'm glad to know that you guys have perfected 'The Triple Threat' technique properly." Lee said. "So we are moving onto the next technique but this one is actually a practice of different types of kicks. For three days straight, we will

practise one kick then we move to another." Lee paused to gauge the students' expression.

Some of them had smiling faces about the prospect of learning a new skill. Even Jake was grinning so hard that it felt quite creepy to look at.

"So today, we will practise the axe kick." Lee said getting in position to demonstrate the kick to them. "Pay attention carefully, for I will only demonstrate this kick twice."

Before Lee demonstrated the skill, he called out Jack so he could demonstrate how the kick looks when fighting against an enemy. After making sure Jack was ready, Lee proceeded to demonstrate.

Lee got into a stance and lifted his leg high, adopting a stance with his knee bent at a 90-degree angle. He balanced his foot, keeping it flexible, before unleashing a powerful axe kick. His heel sliced through the air, aiming for Jack's head with precision and force. The kick's trajectory resembled an axe's downward swing.

Jack felt the wind force closing in on his head. He could feel how powerful and strong the kick was gonna be if it connected with his head. But before it could connect, Lee reduced the speed of his leg and told Jack to go back to the class.

"So you see, how powerful the kick is. If it had connected with Jack's head, it would have been terribly bad except if he was using Qi to protect himself that is." Lee said.

"Qi?" Jake thought confused but before he could ask, Vynn quickly asked the question.

"Sir, what is Qi?" Vynn asked, "Because I don't think I have heard of it before."

"Qi, is our superpower but you will be taught all that when you are in your second year. For now, focus on your first year." Lee said and then he gave the class thirty minutes to practise the Axe kick before he could dismiss the class.

The students all eagerly practised the kick meanwhile Jake was stumped about the mention of this mysterious thing called 'Qi'.

"Zee, do you know anything about this thing called 'Qi'?" Jake asked.

"No. I have no record of anything called Qi." Zee answered. "But it's a good thing, if what he said is true about the Qi being this world's ability then it will really aid you in getting stronger."

"Yeah. I can't wait for me to get into the second year then." Jake said while practising the kick until the time was up for the class to be dismissed. And then, it was time for weapons class.

Chapter 27: Weapons Hall

The next and last class of the day was Weapons mastery. And Jake couldn't help but feel excited the more he approached the building that's going to serve as the weapons class. He was currently walking alongside Jack and Sophia. They were all quite because they didn't have much in common and they never talked to each other.

Meanwhile Jake was so bored out of his mind walking with the other two. He usually walked with Peter and Vynn and normally they were both talkatives so walking these two, felt different. After 20 minutes of walking, they finally got to the building that was the weapons building.

The weapons hall was detached from the main school building and off to the side in its own separate building. It was a single large-room building that had a Japanese palace style feeling to it. To enter the building, students needed to scan their watch into the scanner placed on the side of the door and then the two large doors will slide open. This is to ensure that students really chose the weapons hall and not just to come watch and then switch class later on.

Although the outside of the building gave off an eastern feeling, the inside was completely different. It was a large room with vast, opulent space. Where the ceiling was about twenty metres high. The room had no decorations apart from the mountains and mountains of different types of swords lined up on the walls in front of the class. And in front of the room, was a round raised platform.

In front of the room, was a man who had brown flowing hair and was in a sitting position with his legs crossed and his eyes closed. The man was wearing black leather armour and had a very long blade by his side. But the hilt of the blade was

jagged and rough and the back of the blade the same. It looked like it had been forged from an animal that wasn't on this planet.

The man remained silent with his eyes closed and Jake could only assume that the man was the teacher. Jake kept on looking at the man intently, searching his memory bank of where he had seen the man earlier because the man's face looked very familiar but he couldn't remember where he had seen him. After trying so hard, Jake gave up searching his memory bank.

And then slowly, the room was becoming filled with students. Jake, Sophia and Jack were almost close to the front of the room. After the room filled up and no more students were coming in, the man stood up therefore stopping any form of chattering from the students. The room was filled up with at least forty students.

"ATTENTION!" The teacher shouted. "My name is Von, and I will be your teacher for this class every weekdays." Von said.

The students were all quiet listening to what the teacher was saying.

"If you are here, it means that you want to learn the art of swordsmanship in order to defeat your foe, our foe. The werewolves. So I will implore you all to pay rapt attention in this class." Von said.

"So first of, before we start, I need all of you to go there and pick the type of sword you will use from now on and try to get the feel and weight of the weapon because your weapon will be your life line on the battlefield."

Immediately Von finished talking, the students all rushed towards the weapons lined on the wall to pick their own type of sword. Jake just kept looking at all the blades and didn't know which one to pick. That's when he decided to use one of his skills to make his decision easier.

<Inspect skill>

Jake kept using the inspect skill on all the weapons and it was bringing out some information about them.

<A rapier blade, made from a basic tier beast. Not suitable for host.>

"Huh?! This skill worked better than I imagined. This is good, it also tells me if it is suitable or compatible with me. Now my decision has become easier." Jake thought excitedly quickly moving onto the next weapon.

<Broadsword: made from a basic tier beasts; not suitable for host.>

Jake kept looking at all the swords not seeing one that was suitable for him. But he noticed one thing in common that the swords all have and that was that the weapons were all made from a basic tier beasts; the lowest tier of all beasts.

After a few minutes of intense searching and using of his Inspect skill rapidly, he finally found the sword that was compatible and suitable to him.

<Katana blade: made from a basic tier beasts; sword is suitable for host.>

"Huh!?! That is quite a surprise." Jake said. "I can't believe the skill finally found a suitable weapon. I was beginning to feel like I won't be able to find any suitable sword today.

The blade was 60-73cm long. It had a curved, single-edged and slender blade with a black hilt and also a type of scaly pattern on it. It looked perfect for Jake.

Immediately Jake said that, he heard a ding in his head. Pulling up the system, he was surprised for what he could see.

<Congratulations! Inspect Skill has reached Lv2.>

"Woah! I never expected for the skill to level up like that." Jake thought while grinning. "I think the repeated use of the skill, is what made it level up. Anyway that's good. Now let's see what this new skill can do."

<Inspect skill can now bring up more information about humans, beasts and objects. The skill can now bring up more information about things.>

"Well that is quite good. Anyway let's see what this weapon can do."

When all the students were done picking their weapons, they all stood in front of Von waiting for him to give further instructions.

"So from now on, you will all be using your chosen weapons to train and spar with each other. Since I'm a master swordsman. Well not to brag, I will be training you all. No matter the type of sword you chose, I can still teach you." Von said.

Meanwhile Jake was now standing beside Jack and Sophia and they also were with their swords. Sophia was holding a Scimitar; a type of sword that was 60 cm In length with a curved, single-edged and tapered with an ornate hilt. While Jack was holding a Tachi; a sword that was 70cm in length with a longer, curved and single-edged worn with the blade facing down.

The weapon looked good on them, after admiring each other weapons, they turned to face Von in order to listen to what he was saying.

"Mind you, you are not to keep the weapon. It is the weapons hall's property except when given permission to keep can you keep your sword. You can only keep a sword that was crafted by the beast crystals you hunted." Von said. "Now without further ado, let's start training. Shall we."

Chapter 28: Mastery and Mystery

The entire class was captivated by Von, who stood before them, excitement radiating from the whole students very being. The weapons class was about to commence, and Von began by explaining the technique he was about to teach them. "Today, we'll be learning a fundamental skill essential for mastering more advanced sword techniques. This skill is called the Primary Guard."

Von demonstrated the stance, standing with his feet shoulder-width apart, his dominant foot forward. He held his sword in front of him, the blade angled downward at 20-30 degrees. The tip of the sword pointed toward his opponent's chest or shoulder at a 45-degree angle. Von's knees were slightly bent, his weight evenly distributed between both legs. His back was straight, shoulders relaxed, and head held high. With a firm yet controlled grip, he grasped the sword with his dominant hand.

In a flash of movement, Von swung his sword with inhuman speed, unleashing a strike so swift it seemed almost invisible. The class watched in awe, eager to learn this powerful technique.

With the swift demonstration over, Von had to demonstrate the skill again but this time, a little bit slower so the whole class could see the steps. They were to practice this skill on the dummies that were at the back of the class. The dummies were made from a material that was harder than diamond so it won't break easily.

The dummies now were in the middle of the room, with all the students taking one dummy each to practice with. Von went around the room to see how all the

students were coming with the skill. While walking around, Von was impressed by the number of talents in his class.

Some of the kids were sloppy at first and then slowly, they were getting the hang of the skill especially Jake who was part of the first people to get the skill right on the third try. Jake couldn't hide the excitement on his face because he was worried that it might take longer to learn the skill just like when he was practicing 'The Triple Threat' technique but now, he learnt this skill perfectly.

After an hour of more practice, Von dismissed the class saying that the students will practice the skill for three days straight before they moved onto the next skill.

It was already evening when Jake, Sophia and Jack left the weapons hall for their dorm. Jake couldn't hide the excitement on his face after he learnt the skill.

"I can't wait to boast in front of the rest about how awesome our class was." Jake said excitedly.

"C'mon, will you calm down? Just because you learnt one skill, you won't let the rest of us rest." Sophia said.

"Just because you don't know how to use the skill, it doesn't mean that you will ruin our happiness." Jake said smiling.

"Who said I don't know the skill? Do you want me to demonstrate it on you instead of a dummy?" Sophia said.

"I would love to see you try. Without a sword that is." Jake said chuckling.

"You annoying brat!" Sophia shouted about to hit Jake.

"Hey! Will you guys just cool it down and stop fighting." Jack said trying to defuse the situation. "You guys are just behaving like a bunch of toddlers and am the babysitter."

"She's the one behaving like a toddler not me." Jake said.

To which Sophia glared at him while gritting her teeth back and forth trying to hold herself back. And just then, they finally got to their dorm.

Jack heaved a sigh of relief after seeing his dorm room. "Finally. Now I won't have to bear you guys bickering anymore."

Jack hurriedly opened the door and he saw that the rest of the room were in dorm chatting excitedly probably about their weapon class. Jack went to his bed and jumped on it tiredly.

"Hey, Jake what's up? How was your class?" Peter said.

"Is it only Jake that you gonna ask that question?" Sophia said glaring at Peter.

"Well Jake isn't as rude and cold as you. So yes, he's the one I'm gonna ask that question." Peter said smiling sheepishly at Sophia.

"You guys are so annoying." Sophia said while laying on her bed.

"Thanks for the compliment." Peter said smiling.

"It's not a compliment you moron." Sophia said.

"Will you guys just stop it? You're not toddlers anymore." Kate said.

"Thank you. That was what I said earlier with Jake and Sophia." Jack said.

"So how was your weapon class?" Kate asked.

"Well, it was okay. The teacher was good at explaining and demonstration and he's truly powerful and skillful." Jake said.

"Did you guys learn any new skill?" Peter asked.

"Yeah, and I was among the people that got it right on the first three times." Jake said excitedly.

"Big deal." Sophia commented.

"Didn't you get the skill right?" Kate asked turning to Sophia.

"I did. But not on the first few times. It took a bit of time before I got it right." Sophia said looking downwards at the ground.

"Well it doesn't matter because I also didn't get the archery skill taught to us today in class but I did kinda have some fun. The instructor, she's very nice and lovely." Kate said.

"Female!?" Peter asked.

"Yup. Actually, our class was filled with females no single male." Kate said.

"Females! Now I'm really jealous of your class and wish I could transfer over because my own class is the opposite of yours. Rather than all female class, it was filled with males. No single female." Peter said looking dejectedly.

"Will you stop trying hard to get a girlfriend? You are good looking enough to get girls chasing after you. But you are trying hard. Girls loves guys that don't make it obvious that they love them." Kate said while looking towards Jake who was oblivious.

After a few more hours of describing their class, how they enjoyed it and the different type of skills they learned and were taught, they finally went to sleep when it was 10pm.

Meanwhile, in the academy's staff office, a staff could be seen going through the computer in search of different things.

"How am I meant to find the kid with the orb?" Jim thought. "I was not even given a clear description, I don't know who he is and what he looks like so how am I meant to find him. I was only told that he wore an academy uniform."

Jim sighed and continued looking through the computer. "No matter what, I will find you kid. I won't disappoint my leader."

Chapter 29: Seventh Teammate

The next day, Jake went to the gym as usual to complete his daily quest. This time, he didn't run into Cindy again which somewhat saddened his heart because he was looking forward to talking to her today. But he continued his training as usual and after the training, he decided to check his status screen to track his progress.

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<Level: 5>

<Combat level: Novice>

<Skill level: Untrained>

<XP level: 90/200>

<HP: 30/30>

<Strength: 26>

<Agility:22>

<Endurance: 29>

Jake sighed and proceeded to complain."At this rate, it's gonna take sometime before I level up. I can't help but imagine how it will be like the higher I level up because the XP bar will just keep on increasing therefore making it harder to level up. I need more quests."

Not getting any response from the system and Zee, Jake decided to head off to his dorm room to bath. After bathing, the whole room went to take their breakfast before heading off to their homeroom class for the lesson.

During the class, Thompson kept on updating them about the world's current status. And before he ended the class, Thompson had something to say.

"Some students have started submitting their team. I need the list of all teams before this week is over." Thompson said then he left the class therefore dismissing the class.

"Oh man, I totally forgot about the formation of teams for the beast hunt." Peter said.

They had an hour of break before they had to head off for their combat training class so they gathered around Jake, Peter and Vynn's table to discuss.

"So we are all going to form a team with the six of us right since we know each other right?" Vynn asked.

"Yes of course. But who is going to become our seventh member. We all heard Thompson, he said that we need seven members." Kate said.

"Now what are we going to do?" Sophia asked.

"Hey guys! I heard you need a seventh member. Do you mind if I join up with you guys." A silver haired beauty was coming over towards their table.

"Cindy?!" Jake said surprised.

"You know her?" Kate asked with her eyes looking like a flame was burning in it.

"Yes, I do." Jake said. "What are you doing here?"

"Do you like to ask silly questions? I heard that you needed a seventh member and so here I am. Do you have any problems?" Cindy asked with a raised eyebrow.

"No it's just.." Jake wanted to say but he was quickly interrupted by Peter.

"Yes, you can join our team. You are very welcome." Peter said while blushing like a girl.

"Hey! You don't get to make the decision for us like that." Jack said. "Right guys?"

"Well am okay with her joining." Sophia said shrugging.

"Me too." Vynn added.

"Me three." Peter said still smiling.

"Same here." Jake said.

"Well I am against her joining." Kate said while glaring at Cindy.

"Well majority carries the vote." Peter said. "The majority of us have agreed. So you're welcome Cindy."

"Thank you guys." Cindy smiled.

"Hold on." Peter said. "You mentioned earlier that you and Jake knew each other. How did you guys know each other?"

"Well we met in the gym yesterday in the early hours of the day." Cindy answered.

"In the gym huh?" Kate asked now furiously glaring at Cindy. "Were you guys alone?"

"Uhhh, yes we were. Any problem?" Cindy asked.

"Ohh no no." Kate said furiously shaking her head.

"So do you mind introducing yourself better so we could know a little bit more detail about you." Vynn said.

"Sure. My name is Cindy Clark and am currently ranked number 15 on the school's combat rankings." Cindy answered.

"15! That means you must be strong." Peter said impressed.

"Strong? I guess so." Cindy shrugged. "So can I also know you guys better?"

*sure. My name Is Peter Chuck and I'm currently ranked number 2." Peter quickly boasted.

The others just slapped their foreheads loud because of the way Peter was behaving.

"My name is Jack Dem, ranked number 1." Jack said.

"Woah! You're number 1?" Cindy asked excitedly.

"Yeah." Jack said.

"Wow! Can't believe I'm in a team with strong individuals." Cindy said.

"My name is Vynn muscat, I'm ranked number 200." Vynn said while avoiding Cindy's gaze because he didn't know what she will think of him.

"My name is Kate Blake, number 35." Kate said.

"My name is Sophia Josh, currently ranked number 3." Sophia said.

"Woah! Josh? As In one of the Big three?" Cindy said excitedly.

"What?!" The whole other roommates shouted at once.

"How.. how did you know that?" Sophia asked with a stunned expression.

"My father works for the Josh's, so I know a little bit about the big three families." Cindy responded smiling sheepishly.

"So your family is part of the big three? Why didn't you tell us earlier?" Jake asked stunned.

"Because it wasn't important then and it isn't now. I came to the academy to pave my own path not to use my families influence to get everything I want." Sophia said.

"Wow! I didn't imagine that your dad will work for one of the big three. Do you know more about them? I mean do you have any information about the other big three?" Jake asked curiously.

"I'm sorry, I can't tell you. I only told you about Sophia because I thought she must have told you guys." Cindy said.

"It's okay. If it is meant to be kept a secret then it's ok." Peter said. "Anyway back to the introductions."

"My name is Jake Lucas and am currently ranked number.."

"20" Cindy said. "I know, we were all there when you battled Sebastian."

As they finished discussing their team formation, and sharing of information, Jack glanced at his wrist watch and said. "It's time for our combat class, shall we go?" The others nodded, gathering their belongings and filing out of the classroom. With their minds still buzzing from the team discussion, they made their way to the combat training grounds, eager to learn more skills.

Chapter 30: Remember My name

Immediately they left the class, they made their way to the training grounds for their combat training. After the usual physical training and sparring with each other, they continued practicing the axe kick and thankfully, Jake got the kick right. He was so excited. Looking around, he saw that majority of the students managed to get the kick right.

Seeing that most of the students got the skill right, Lee was happy and he was even smiling which was a rarity to see.

"Okay." Lee said clapping his hands to get the students attention. "I'm glad to know that majority of you managed to get the skill right. So I want to announce, after tomorrow's physical training, you will all spar with each other officially by

only using the skills I have thought you so you can know how it feels when you use it in battle."

"Class is dismissed for today, I want you guys to prepare for your duels tomorrow. After that, we will move onto the next type of kick the day after." Lee said dismissing the class.

After Lee dismissed the class, Jake, Sophia and Jack decided to head off for their weapons class. But this time, Cindy tagged along. On the way there, Cindy noticed how boring the group were, no discussion or anything. This caused Cindy to be bored out of her mind.

"Oh for heavens sake!" Cindy said.

"What? What happened?" Jack asked.

"You guys are so boring and quiet and it is really boring and making our walk seem longer." Cindy said.

"Trust me, you don't want to hear us talking. It can turn pretty argumentative." Jack said.

"I will appreciate it. Anything but this quietness. It is truly annoying." Cindy said.

"Don't worry. You gonna get used to it soon." Jack said.

After thirty minutes more of walking, they finally get to the swords hall. As usual, Von was sitting in front of the class with his legs crossed and in a meditative position. Jake and the rest took their positions in front of the class awaiting the start of the class.

After thirty minutes of waiting, the class was now filled up with eager students. When the class was filled, Von stood up and began the class.

"You can all go ahead and pick up your swords from the wall." Von said. To which all the students rush at once to pick the sword they used the previous day. After the students were done picking their swords, they went back to their positions awaiting further instructions from Von.

"You can now pick your dummy and start practicing The Primary Guard." Von said.

And the students picked their dummies, started practicing away for an hour straight no rest. After practicing for two hours now, Von dismissed the class. After leaving the sword class, Jake decided to head off to the VR room since there was still time before curfew. Curfew was at 10pm and the time was currently 7pm so Jake decided to head to the VR room to play a few matches. And he decided to inform his friends.

"You really wanna go to the VR room by this time? Isn't it too late?" Sophia asked.

"Don't worry, I will be back before curfew." Jake said.

"Alright then, just don't be late and keep off from trouble." Sophia said.

"Don't worry, I will be fine." Jake reassured.

"Awwn, so sweet. You guys are so sweet." Cindy couldn't help but comment while Jake headed off.

After splitting up from Jack and the rest, Jake finally got to the VR gaming room. He payed for 2 hours which cost 60 credits and then he hopped into the pod ready to play. Jake decided to split his time Into two as usual. The first hour was for playing against werewolves while the remaining last hour was to play against humans.

With that settled, Jake quickly selected the play against werewolves option and started his game. Unknown to Jake, immediately he logged in, three humans who were spectating his match the previous time, were notified because they were interested in Jake.

When Jake started his match, the humans were already in the stands spectating his match.

"Do you think he can win against the werewolf?" One of the spectators asked the other.

"I'm not sure, I have only seen him fight against humans earlier." The second person replied.

"Well that means you people haven't done your research properly. Because I have searched up his previous matches and I saw him battle against werewolves. Although he struggled a bit so I don't know if he has improved or not." The third person replied.

Jake battled against the werewolf so skillfully, he used all the skills he learnt during the week. Although he struggled at times, he managed to pull a win. Meanwhile the second fight he had with another werewolf, it ended in a bitter defeat when he wanted to use a skill but he got the timing wrong thereby resulting in his loss.

After an hour of battling werewolves, Jake decided to get a little bit of rest before challenging humans. Although he wasn't battling with his physical body, he was quite mentally drained.

When Jake was about to rest, that was when he noticed the humans in the spectating stands.

"Huh? What are they doing here? And who are they?" Jake thought.

"Maybe they are your fans or something." Zee said chuckling meanwhile Jake just shrugged and decided to go for his next match. Selecting his match, Jake was matched up with a bronze player at first.

The match was a quick one between Jake and his opponent. Ending in his victory. Meanwhile Jake was quite disappointed. But he decided to suck it up and played another match but he was just matched up with bronze players all through the time.

"Damn! I came here to probably learn something new or find someone worthy enough to push me to my limit but I'm here matched up with newbies." Jake complained. "At this rate, my time will be up and I haven't learnt or seen anyone worthy to push me to my limits. If only I could be matched up with that fisherman dude."

As if the universe heard Jake, his next and last match of the day was between him and the fisherman player.

"Finally a competition." Jake said excitedly.

"Woah! Wolf hunter is being matched with Shark fighter." One of the spectators said.

"Huh?" One of the earlier spectator thought and then he turned around to see 5 more players and he recognized each and every one of them because they were the Bronze players who Jake battled against.

"Probably they also became fans of Wolf hunter after their matches."

The match between Jake and Shark fighter was already starting. When the timer hit 0, Jake didn't rush in, he waited and decided to watch his opponents next move.

"Wise decision." Zee said.

"I won't lose to you again." Jake said to the Shark fighter.

"Huh? Lose to me? Do I even know you?" The Shark fighter said.

"Are you kidding me? You don't remember me?" Jake asked.

"No I don't. And if I don't remember you, it means that you are too weak to be remembered and I only remember the strong." Shark fighter said smiling.

To which Jake just smiled and looked at him. "Then I just have to show you how strong I am."

Jake wasted no time in dashing towards the shark fighter with full speed he threw a punch with his free hand that wasn't holding onto his sword. The shark fighter ducked therefore avoiding the blow then he punched Jake in his stomach so hard that Jake stumbled back and held his stomach for he was feeling the pain.

But his high Endurance was helping him currently, so he got over the pain quickly then Jake ran forward again and slashed his opponent with his sword but his opponent blocked the strike with his fish pole and then gave Jake a kick in his stomach therefore pushing Jake back a bit.

"Is it just me or is the wolf hunter losing?" Someone in the stands asked.

"I think he is." Someone else said.

"He battled against werewolves, winning his fight again and again and now he can't even beat a silver ranked player." Someone else said.

"Aren't they supposed to be in the same rank?" Someone else asked.

"I think you don't know who the shark fighter is." Someone replied.

"Who is he? I just know he's a silver ranked player that is winning the fight with the wolf hunter." The person said.

Then the spectator laughed. "Then that means you don't know who he is."

"The Shark fighter is currently the strongest silver player. But he is still weak because no matter what he does, he can't move onto the next rank."

"That means Wolf hunter doesn't stand a chance." Someone said.

"Apparently he doesn't, didn't you hear him say he lost to Shark fighter before."

"And you missed something he also said which was he fought with him when the wolf hunter was a bronze player." One of the earlier and original spectator commented.

"Any how it is, let's just watch what's going to happen." Someone else said.

Meanwhile back at the match, after being pushed back, Jake didn't give up. He dashed at the shark fighter then he used the new sword skill he had been practicing at the academy 'The Primary Guard'. And the attack landed perfectly therefore slashing the shark fighter on his shoulder causing a deep wound and then Jake used 'The Triple Threat' technique to get behind his opponent quickly and struck him at his back causing another large and open wound on the shark fighter's back.

Not letting up, Jake moved back to create distance again and he activated two of his skills at once while using 'The Triple Threat' technique again to move forward. Jake activated<Melee combat; that deals 10 percent damages with any basic weapon.> And then he quickly activated <Frenzy skill> attacking the Shark fighter rapidly for two seconds.

The shark fighter couldn't even defend, he was just being attacked in several places for two seconds and then finally, the two seconds was up and Jake moved back again to observe his opponent.

The shark fighter was now a bloody mess with injuries riddled on his body from head to toe. He couldn't stand properly, his feet were wobbly. Satisfied with this, Jake smiled. "Now remember my name." Jake said dashing forward with full speed and then he slashed the shark fighter's neck. "Wolf hunter"

And then the gaming system congratulated Jake on his victory and also announced his moving on to the next rank in the game, (Gold) satisfied with this, Jake logged off.