

MY SLAYER SYSTEM: RISE TO SUPREMACY

Chapter 3: Roommates

"Will Jake Lucas step forward to take the test." Lee said.

Jake's heart kept thumping louder and louder as he got closer to the drum. His hand kept trembling, he even almost stumbled down.

Finally he got in front of the drum and he stood waiting for Lee's signal anxiously. And then Lee nodded signalling to him to begin.

And then Jake readied his hand and swinging it fast and hard. And then his hand connected with the drum. It just rang out lower than everyone else.

After shuffling for a few seconds, the drum stopped at a number.

"Huh! I kind of expected more from him after seeing the rest. But what could I have expected from a kid that looked more on the lean side." Lee thought disappointed.

"Alright, Jake, strength 20." Lee said.

"That was a little better than I expected. I hope I do well on the next test so that I can get admitted into the academy." Jake hopefully thought.

"Onto the next test now." Lee ordered.

To which Jake responded by going to the treadmill machine. He got onto the machine awaiting Lee's signal again. To which Lee nodded and started the machine.

Jake's heart was racing now much faster than before because this was it. What will determine if he will go onto the last test or not.

After steadily jogging on the treadmill for the one minute time. The timer was stopped and Jake got down from the machine awaiting his result.

"Jake Lucas, speed, 15. Congratulations on moving onto the next round." Lee said.

To which Jake excitedly moved towards the rest of his temporary team.

"Yoo man, I thought you were gonna be knocked out at the initials but even though your results were not that impressive, at least you managed to make it through to the next round." Peter said approaching Jake, his voice laced with a mix of curiosity and friendliness.

"Thanks." Jake's response was laced with caution, unsure if he was ready to trust others. Who knows maybe he might be a bully.

After an hour-long of testing, the recruit pool had dwindled from 200 to 150, leaving only the most determined candidates standing.

"Okay. So now gather up for the last and final test that will determine if you're Aurora Academy (AA) material." Lee said once more. "Now you will still need to be in your team for now."

"I wonder what this test is going to be about." Peter wondered aloud.

"Alright listen up." Lee's voice echoed through the room once more. "Today's ultimate challenge: a test of unyielding Endurance." when Lee just finished saying that, a mysterious bowl shrouded in a black velvet cloth was being wheeled towards Lee's side.

"I have beside me a bowl full of sand and beneath it, a hot inferno that's being fueled by a specialized ignition system making it 10 times hotter." Lee explained.

"The challenge is simple yet daunting: you will have to submerge your hand into the scorching bowl. Endure the agony for a full excruciating minute." "So let the test begin."

As usual, they were grouped into a group of five, everyone stuck with their earlier group. Another group was called to take the test first.

Out of the members of the group, only 2 out of 5 passed the test. That was how most of the group members didn't make the test.

Some of the groups didn't even get to the 20 second mark before they gave up. Then finally it got to Jake's group.

The first to take the test was as usual Sophia. She confidently strode towards the bowl and waited for the timer to start and then she dipped her hand into the bowl till time was up without making a sound.

Then the second to take the test was Vynn, who dipped his hand into the bowl after the timer started. But when he got to the 30 second, he started feeling the

burn. He was squealing but he managed to hold it in until the time was up therefore passing the test.

Then Peter was next to take the test. He also confidently went towards the bowl, dipped his hand didn't even wait for the timer to start. And then after the time was up he went towards Sophia's side but not without giving Jake a thumbs up and smiling.

"What is wrong with that guy getting all friendly with me?" Jake thought avoiding Peter's gaze.

Kate was the next who was to take the test, she also passed the test but not without squealing and squinting in pain.

And now last but not the least to take test for today was Jake. Lee didn't expect much from him after he failed the previous tests. Some recruits didn't even bother watching him, they rather were talking with each other.

Meanwhile Jake walked confidently and more determined than ever towards the bowl. He blocked out all form of distraction and negativity from his mind so he could focus.

"This is the only hurdle standing in my way of getting my revenge from those filthy werewolves." Jake thought much more determined.

Then Jake got in front of the bowl and waited for the timer to start. When the timer started, Jake dipped his hand into the bowl. When he got to 35 seconds, he felt the heat and burn that he was tempted to take his hand out of the bowl.

But just when he was about to take his hand out, the memory of that dreaded day flashed in front of him. The memory of seeing his family being killed by the werewolves and him unable to do anything about it.

This caused Jake to endure the pain without making a sound till the time was up which greatly surprised Lee. He congratulated Jake and showed him where to get his hands treated like the others.

"Congratulations all of you." Lee's voice echoed stopping any form of chattering or noise. "Out of the initial 200 of you lot, am glad to know that at least 100 of you managed to endure and persevered to get to this stage. So am proud to personally welcome you into the academy. Soldiers."

The whole students were so excited, some screamed or danced for joy.

"Alright someone will come and fetch all of you and show you towards your dorms." Lee informed them.

And just then a soldier came to take them to their dorms. On the way going, the soldier decided to clear something up.

"So, I have to tell you guys about your room arrangements." The soldier said. "You will share rooms with other people. Just know that the names of you and your roommates will be pasted on the door. And one more thing, you can't change your roommates. Whether you like them or not, you are stuck with them. Also, your uniforms are laid out on your bed. And all of you would be expected to be at the dining hall by 2pm, it's very important."

"Oh man, I wish we get put in the same room." Peter hopefully said.

Just then Peter noticed that Vynn was all on his own.

"Hey, will you get over here. What are you doing all by yourself? Join us." Peter said.

"Who? Me?" Vynn asked pointing to himself.

"Yes, you. Who else is here? Or isn't your name Vynn?" Peter asked chuckling.

Vynn excitedly came over to join the duo and then they shared their history and backstory. It turns out Vynn and Jake both have the same issues with their family being killed by werewolves.

While Peter had it a little bit easier than the others. Where the rest were left on the streets after their family were killed, Peter was thrown into an orphanage.

By the time they were done with their sob stories, the soldier finally brought them to the building that was gonna be their dorm.

The trio started looking at all the doors trying to spot their names. That's when Peter spotted his name and he was so excited.

"Yes yes yes!." Peter excitedly said. "We are roomies."

Vynn and Jake smiled at Peter because he was behaving like a Kid and it didn't really fit his stature. Peter was 6ft 4 inches tall, with a good athletic body build and a handsome face that will make girls chase after him.

Meanwhile Jake was the opposite of Peter, Jake didn't really have a good athletic build and he was 6ft 2 inches tall but he wasn't lacking in the looks department but it wasn't up to Peter's.

"Hey look, we are not the only ones in this room." Vynn said pulling Jake out of his thoughts. "Just like that soldier said, we are sharing the room with three others."

"Huh!?! I recognize two out of the three names here. I know Sophia and Kate because we took the test together but who is Jack?" Peter asked confused.

Chapter 4: Sixth roommate

"Hey, we can't stay outside, let's go inside and settle down shall we." Peter excitedly said.

They all go into the room. The room was empty, with only three bunk beds and a single study table nestled in the corner. And just like the soldier earlier said, their uniforms was laid on the beds.

"I call dips on the upper bunk. Peter said running towards one of the beds.

Jake shrugged and claimed the lower bunk, his expression unreadable as he began to unpack. While Vynn went towards another bed and took the upper deck.

When they all settled in, that's when the door to their room opened. They all sat down waiting to know who will come in except Jake who was indifferent about who comes in.

When the door fully opened, they could see a blonde hair beauty walking through the door confidently with her face devoid of any emotions.

"So you are the ones am sharing the room with." Sophia said. "Hmm, I recognize you." Sophia said pointing towards Peter.

Peter decided to come down from the bed and introduce himself.

"Hi, my name is Peter chuck." Peter said smiling with his hand held out for a handshake.

"Pfft. I don't want to make friends with you." Sophia said looking Peter straight into his eyes. "You are my rival and you will always be." She Said while walking towards one of the bed to unpack.

"What's wrong with her?" Peter asked no one in particular.

Peter decided to go back to his bed, that was when the door opened again and another female walked through the door again.

"Hi, everyone, My name is Kate." Kate politely introduced herself while smiling.

"Finally, a very polite lady." Peter said while looking towards Sophia to which Sophia just scoffed.

After Kate introduced herself, she went to the bunk Sophia claimed and took the upper bunk. And then finally the sixth roommate finally entered.

The door to the room opened once more and in came the sixth roommate who's name was Jack.

Jack entered and stood by the door scanning everyone's faces before coming in.

"So you are our sixth roommate?" Peter asked while looking at Jack all over from up to down.

"Yes I am. My name is Jack." Jack answered also sizing Peter up.

"Great. Not only did we have one pretty boy now we got two." Jake said quite frustrated.

Jack was a guy that had more athletic build than the others. His bulging muscles and chiselled abs could even be seen from the tight fitting T-shirt he wore.

Jack stood 6ft 2 inches tall but his hair was colored brown and he also had a confident aura that surrounded him.

After the initial talk, Jack took one of the beds that Vynn took and started unpacking.

After everyone were done unpacking, Peter decided to say something.

"Guys. If we are going to be roommates, we need to know more about ourselves right?." Peter said.

"So I will start first. My name is Peter chuck, and during the war, my parents were part of the resistance movement, fighting against the werewolves in the early days of the war. They had been killed in a raid on the town by the werewolves. I was thrown from orphanage to orphanage until I decided to attend the academy to change my fate."

"My name is Vynn muscat," he said, his voice cracking as he fought back tears, "my parents were murdered In front of me by werewolves. I was hiding under the

bed, listening to their screams. I couldn't do anything to save them because of how weak I was."

"My name is Jack Dem. My parents are alive, I just came to the academy to learn how to fight so that I could make myself useful in the war."

"My name is Jake." Jake said and went back to his bed to get some shut eye.

"What's wrong with him?" Jack asked.

The rest shrugged and continued with the introductions. It turned out that Sophia came from a rich and powerful family that contributed greatly in the war.

Sophia's family were the Josh's. They are one of the biggest factions that managed to fend off the werewolves when they were attacked. Ever since then, they managed to secure a position at the top by sharing the secrets of the werewolves. Well the ones they want the public to know about.

After the attack, the family grew more by creating equipment and techniques to combat the werewolves better.

While Kate on the other hand, her family were also well off but not like Sophia's until the war broke out and then they lost everything.

Her father was the only one left for her, he created a dojo that taught the art of martial Arts. She learnt martial arts from the age of five but then she couldn't progress further, she was always stuck. Hence that why she came to the academy to improve herself.

With the whole introductions out of the way, they decided to rest a bit before the said time of meeting in the dining hall.

After an hour worth of resting, the whole roommate decided to go to the dining hall to hear what the military had to say.

They finally got to the hall. The dining hall was a vast, high ceiling space filled with rows of wooden chairs, scent of polished wood and fresh baked bread wafted through the air.

The soft hum of conversation and clinking of silverware created a warm, welcoming atmosphere. They were six chairs per table so they decided to sit together as roommates.

As the clock ticked closer to 2pm, a sea of students flooded into the dining hall, their chatter and laughter swelling into a deafening roar that filled the vast space.

In just thirty minutes, the room transformed from an empty cavern to a bustling hub of activity, with every chair and table claimed by eager students. And when it was 2pm sharp, the meeting commenced.

Entering through the double doors on the other side of the room, were 11 high ranking military officials. Sitting on the grand chairs were 3 head generals of the academy. The highest authority in the academy took their seats. Each of them carried such powerful aura that it suffocated almost all of the students in the hall.

Then the next high ranking military personnels were the Generals. They were all 5. They also carried powerful auras.

Immediately they entered, the whole room fell silent. Then one of the generals stood up to address the students.

"Good day everyone." General Paul's voice boomed. "Listen up, you all should congratulate yourselves for getting into this prestigious academy. This academy was founded on the principles of courage, honor and sacrifice. It's purpose is to train young warriors like yourselves to fight against the werewolves."

"But I have to warn you, there will be no time for fun here. You are here to train like your life depends on it. Actually your life depends on it." Paul chuckled.

"So listen, in order to motivate you to train harder, we will introduce a system to all of you. Based on the score from your assessment tests, we will rank you guys." Just as Paul finished talking, a box was wheeled towards his side.

"So In this academy, we have 8 levels for you, the students. You can as well call it power level. With 1 being the lowest and 8 being the highest. So like I said earlier, based on the results of your tests, you will be ranked." Paul said pausing to gauge the students reaction.

With that bombshell Paul dropped, the students started mumbling. Some were mumbling excitedly while others were quite worried. The newly formed roommates were also discussing.

"So what rank do you think you will get?" Vynn asked Peter.

"Of course the highest rank. Did you even need to ask." Peter said excitedly.

While the roommates were discussing, Jake was worried about the rank he will get.

"This is bad. Real bad." Jake thought. "With the introduction of power rankings, am sure people will abuse their powers and become bullies. Darn it, what do I do."

"Alright. Enough talking, it's time to give you your power level so that you can all eat and rest up for today." Paul said.

"I have beside me, wrist watches, that will display your details and power level. It also has a tracker and communication feature so the school can communicate with you anytime anywhere."

"Without much further ado, let's get started shall we."

Chapter 5: Level Rankings

General Paul started calling students one after the other and giving them the watch, their rankings. Some left the stage cheering from joy while others were sad, grumbling and complaining.

Finally it got to the newly formed roomies turn. The first to be called was Jack. Jack got down from the stage with his face neutral, no emotions were showing on his face till he got to the table. Then Vynn was called, he got his watch with all smiles at the ranking.

Vynn was walking towards the table with a hop in his step. Then it got to Peter's turn, he went out confidently, collected his watch with a smile on his face went to his seat to join the others.

Kate was called next. On her way going, she couldn't help but feel nervous about the ranking. She was slightly sweating. She finally got to the stage collected her watch with shaky hands and then went to her seat with a sigh of relief after checking her ranking.

Jake was called next to get his watch. He walked towards the stage nervously. In fact Jake was now a nervous wreck. His legs trembled while walking towards the stage. In fact he might have fallen over if not because of him thinking of how embarrassing it would be.

Finally after what felt like an eternity, Jake managed to get to the stage, collected his watch with shaky hands, glanced at the number being displayed. Jake's face fell when he saw the number. He left the stage dejectedly with his head looking down.

Then last on the list was Sophia who confidently strode towards the stage with a cold face and expressionless face. She got to the stage, collected her watch, glanced at it, bowed towards the general and came to her seat.

"Great. That is all for today, eat up and rest. Since tomorrow is Saturday, you're free to do whatever you please." Paul said. "Classes starts from Monday. You will have normal class that will update you about the current world and how it came to be. Then you will have combat classes in the afternoon. The finer details will be explained to you in your homeroom classes." Paul ended his speech and then he and all the high ranking military officials left the hall to allow the students a little privacy.

After the officials left the hall, the students decided to eat their foods. Some students were too sad to eat while others were too happy that they happily stuffed in their mouth with all sort of foods but one table was a mix of emotions.

"What is your ranking?" Peter asked Jake.

"Am not really comfortable sharing my ranking, if you don't mind." Jake replied still looking at the watch with sadness.

"No, I mind. We are roommates so we need to know each other's ranking, pasts or background. You cannot keep secrets like you did when we were all introducing ourselves." Peter retorted angrily.

"Do you think I care about forming friends, alliances or pal?" Jake asked with anger evident in his voice. "I have my own agenda okay, so I don't need anybody's friendship or concern." Jake stated angrily and left the hall to go to the library.

"What's up with him?" Vynn asked confused about Jake's outburst.

"Maybe it's not a good idea to pry into someone else's privacy or matter." Sophia said while staring at Peter.

"Do you think we should chase after him?" Jack asked feeling concerned.

"No, let him be. He just needs to cool off." Kate said already eating.

"So Kate, what's your level?" Vynn asked.

"Oh, it's 3.5." Kate answered still stuffing her face with food.

Power levels could be divided into sub divisions.

"How about you?" Kate asked Vynn back.

"Oh, it's 2.5." Vynn answered.

"What about you Sophia?" Vynn asked while dishing out food for himself.

"Its 7.5." Sophia answered eating her food unbothered.

"Wow. That's awesome." Vynn said.

"What about you Peter?" Kate asked.

"7.5." Peter answered seemingly pissed about his argument with Jake.

"It's like the universe just wants you and Sophia to be rivals." Vynn said while chuckling. To which Sophia gazed towards Peter.

"Yoo, Jack what's your level." Vynn asked.

"It's nothing much, just level 8." Jack stated while drinking a kind of juice.

"What!!!" The whole table almost shouted out at once.

"How did you get the highest level?" Sophia asked with her gaze narrowed, her eyes fixed intently on Jack.

"I don't know. I think I just performed well." Jack answered while shrugging.

"Looks like you have got a new rival on your hands." Vynn commented while facing towards Sophia.

"Hold on a sec." Vynn said suddenly realizing something. "What's your family name again."

"Dem. Am Jack Dem any problems?" Jack asked.

"Dem? That name sounds oddly familiar. Why do I feel like I know that name somewhere." Sophia said trying to search through her memory bank.

After that, there was no more argument or discussion among them, they decided to eat their food in peace.

Meanwhile, after storming out, Jake decided to go to the library to read something's. He wanted to know how the current world came to be and who managed to push the werewolves back a bit.

After inquiring and asking around, Jake finally got to the library. The library was quite a tall looking building, nothing out of the ordinary. He stepped in, went to the books section, selected a bunch of books that looked relevant to him and went to a table to start reading.

After an hour worth of reading, skimming through the books, Jake didn't find anything of relevance there. The books were just saying things that everybody knew. Like how 200 years ago, portals opened up in every corner of the world.

Bringing with it deadly and ferocious creatures that was only known in myth called the werewolves. The werewolves destroyed anything that didn't look or smell like them.

But they weren't non intelligence creatures, they had good intelligence. After 10 years of fighting a losing battle, that's when 3 particular families with some strange equipment, powers and knowledge rose up to challenge the werewolves therefore pushing them back.

"Ahh damn." Jake cursed before closing the book back. "I already know all this. This is general knowledge. Even with the humans gaining a little bit of upper hand, it didn't stop those filthy creatures to send strays to attack us one by one. I lost my parents because of one of those damn strays. I promise I will make them pay."

"But first I need to get stronger. But how do I do that." Jake thought while looking towards the watch in his hand. Well I can't get stronger while being here in this library."

Jake then stood up and left for the dorm.