

# MY SLAYER SYSTEM: RISE TO SUPREMACY

## Chapter 31: A Lesson

After logging off, Jake quickly rushed off to his dorm before it was curfew time. Meanwhile at the same time that Jake got to his building, a secret meeting was going on in the second year building.

"C'mon brother, it has been so many days and you haven't done anything yet." Sebastian said.

"You are so impatient. You have waited for some days now right? Then wait for a few more hours then I will help you get revenge. Just be patient." Harry said. And then Sebastian left the second building for his dorm because of the curfew.

The next day, Jake woke up feeling good for defeating the shark fighter and then he got out of bed for his daily quest as usual. After his quest, he pulled up his status screen.

<Status>

<User: Jake Lucas>

<Level: 5>

<Combat level: Novice>

<Skill level: Untrained>

<XP level: 90/200>

<HP: 30/30>

<Strength: 26>

<Agility:22>

<Endurance: 29>

After checking his status screen, Jake headed off to his room for a bath. After a few hours, the whole room except Peter and Jack went to take their breakfast. When they were done with their breakfast, they headed to their homeroom class as usual without Peter but when they got to the entrance of their homeroom class, them and several other students were stopped.

The people stopping them, were second-year students and they had asked all the students to gather at the assembly hall.

"What the heck is going on?" Kate asked.

"I have no idea." Jake answered. "But I think it will be best for us to comply with whatever they asked us to do."

Of course, the second-year were powerful and the first-year students had no choice but to agree. Even the higher level and rank, had agreed to comply afraid something might happen.

All of the hundred and fifty first-year students had gathered in the assembly hall, around them was not a single teacher but just several second-year students. Up on the stage, the curtains were drawn and in front of it stood Harry.

"What the hell is going on now?" Jake asked quietly. "And who the heck is that?"

That was when Jake noticed that Vynn was shaking, no, more like he was trembling in fear after seeing who was on stage. It wasn't only Jake that noticed it, Sophia and Kate also noticed it.

"Vynn, what is the matter? Why are you trembling?" Kate asked looking concerned.

"No no no no. This is bad." Vynn said shaking his head.

"What happened? What is going on? Why are you suddenly afraid of who came on stage?" Sophia asked.

"That.. Don't you know who is that?" Vynn asked his lips quivering in fear.

Suddenly, a realization dawned on Jake. "Vynn, is- is he Sebastian's elder brother?"

To which Vynn nodded answering Jake's question. Sophia and Kate were both shocked and a little bit afraid but they decided to listen to what Harry had to say.

"Welcome every single one of you." Harry said. "Today we have a very special event, a special message to all you first years. You see, there has been someone

who decided to go against us and also to mess with us and am here to tell you that this is what happens when you mess with us or our family."

Harry pulled down on a piece of string and the curtains on the stage opened up, as the curtains moved away slowly, it started to reveal a student who had been tied up and placed on a large piece of wood. The student was bloody and had markings of being beaten everywhere.

"Peter?!" Jake said.

Just then several of the second-year students pulled out carts that seemed to be filled with large black circular stones. Harry picked up one of the round balls and held it in his hand.

"This here is a metal ball that has been embedded with the power of a beast crystal." Said Harry. "When the earth had found beasts and their crystals, and a way to forge equipments with beast crystals, that was what gave us edge against the werewolves. But what they don't teach you as first years, is that the crystals or weapons need to be activated. And it can only be activated by something all of us humans have which is Qi. Once activated, they can give out extra power."

Jake watching the whole thing couldn't help but look at the badly beaten up Peter. He was wondering how on earth Harry could stand there and talk so casually as if he was giving a presentation to the whole class.

"So us second years have decided to give you first year students free lesson and a short cut. Today we will show you how to activate beast crystals by using these metal balls."

That was when a first year student raised his hand to ask a question.

"Uhhh, does any of the teachers know about this?"

For a moment, there was silence in the hall, even the first years couldn't believe that someone could ask such a question in this type of situation. It was obvious even to the dumbest of person that this was done behind the teachers backs.

Then a second year student had come from the side of the assembly hall and immediately punched the student who asked the question in the face. The second-year student repeatedly punched the person until he eventually passed out.

"Any more questions?" Harry asked.

The first year students stood in silence afraid of the second-years. They didn't want to say anything or ask any questions after they saw what happened to the boy who asked a question earlier.

"Good." Harry, said before continuing. Now to explain, these beast stones here were made with the purpose to help you activate your equipment so, to be honest, they are quite useless but they are very useful for demonstration. Now in order to activate this balls, you just have to focus your Qi into it and it will activate. Even the tiniest bit of Qi when focused into the ball, it will activate."

Just when Harry finished saying that, the ball he held in his hand started glowing a bright yellow colour.

"Normally, your weapons won't change colour but as I said, these balls are just for the sake of helping you learn how to activate weapons. Once the colour has changed, that means it has been successfully activated and its strength has increased. Now today we will be practising target hitting." Harry said.

'Now let's see how he feels when someone he cares about gets hurt badly and he can't do anything about it.' Harry thought while smiling.

'This is wonderful! He is going to feel powerless against what is happening and if he tries anything funny, he's going to be beaten in front of everyone.' Sebastian thought.

Meanwhile, the second-year students wheeled the board that Peter was tied on from the stage onto the floor where the first-year students where.

"This board here, is very special in the sense that even a bullet can't penetrate it. That is how tough and hard the board is. Only the power of beast weapons or Qi

can damage the board. So hence today's lesson is to throw and hit the target. Simple right?."

After finishing his speech, the remaining second-year students poured out the crates that were filled with beast stones on the floor. There were more than enough stones there for each students to pick and throw at Peter.

"So for this lesson, you have to get 50 points to pass otherwise, I don't know what will happen." Harry smiled. "The stomach area of this student, worth 50 points while the area a little bit to his arm side is worth 30 points and the outer area is worth 20 points each and you only have two throws. So who's going to go first?"

The first-year students were all hesitating to do it and no one wanted to step forward except one who managed to step forward.

"I am gonna do it." Sophia said stepping forward smiling. "I have been looking for a chance to hit him just once and now I got it so I'm not gonna turn it down."

Harry was initially shocked because according to his Intel, Sophia was friends with Peter so why was she going to hit her friend.

"Great." Harry said snapping out of his surprise. "It's a good thing there's a volunteer. So you need to pick one of the balls and throw."

Sophia bent down, picked up a ball and focused hard and then the ball started glowing a bright yellow colour just like when Harry held the ball. And then she aimed at Peter then she flung the ball hard and it hit the the 30 point side, then she picked up another ball and threw it again hitting one of the 20 point area therefore earning her 50 points.

"See, we can avoid hitting him by hitting the other areas." Sophia shouted towards the first-years.

Then one students also went ahead to hit the target like how Sophia did but he missed his target therefore earning him a severe beating by the second-years therefore rendering him unconscious.

Seeing this, the students all decided to comply with the second-year students wishes by hitting Peter with the ball causing Jake's blood to boil the more Peter was being hit. And then finally Jake decided to do something.

"Hey! Let me go next." Jake said smiling while picking up one of the balls.

## Chapter 32: Fight with someone in your league

When Jake stepped out to throw the ball, the whole room were shocked especially Harry and the second-years. Meanwhile Peter who was half unconscious earlier woke up fully and he was surprised by Jake stepping forward. Jake caught Peter's gaze, he didn't need to hear the words to know what his friend was thinking.

"You fool! What are you doing? Get back now!" Peter thought in his mind. But Jake's smile was all he could give.

"Don't worry, everything is going to be okay. I'm doing this for you friend." Jake thought smiling.

Then Jake held the ball tightly and focused trying to activate the stone and then he felt a warm energy flowing from him towards the ball and then the ball glowed that it almost illuminated the room.

"Impossible!" Harry exclaimed. "How can a first-year who doesn't have any training in Qi activate the ball to its full potential?"

Jake unaware what this meant, scanned the room properly for what he was about to do next. There were two second-years on either side of the board Peter was tied on and there were also two second-years blocking the entrance. While eight second-years surrounded the whole first-years and finally Harry and two more second years by his side. Making it 15 second-years in total including Harry.

Jake smiled, then he aimed the ball at Peter and waited for the right moment then he swung the ball with full strength and speed that in less than a second, it connected with the board therefore resulting in a loud bang and a hole in the board.

Harry and the other second-years mouths were all left hanging by what they saw while Jake just smiled and bent down to pick another ball and he focused again making it glow bright yellow and he swung it again but this time not with his full strength and it wasn't aimed at Peter instead it was aimed at one of the second-years who stood by Peter's side.

The ball connected with the second-year's stomach making him curl forward while clenching his stomach in pain. Snapping out of their earlier daze, Harry was now furious.

"Attack them!" Harry shouted and immediately the whole room turned chaotic.

The second-years were all attacking the first-years while one of the second year standing beside Harry earlier charged right at Jake to deal with him. Jake waited for the student to get close. When the student got to Jake's position he swung his wooden sword very fast but Jake quickly blocked with his blade but unfortunately, Jake's blade broke.

"Shit! How did my blade break? Isn't it the same materials our blade were made from?" Jake thought worriedly.

Without any weapon on him, it proved difficult to even attack back. All Jake could do was dodge and avoid the second-year's strikes but Jake couldn't dodge forever. He was getting hit in different places causing cuts on his body. Luckily, they were not in anywhere fatal as Jake did a good job protecting his vitals.

Meanwhile the remaining first-years weren't fairing well against the second-years. Only the higher level of the first-years were able to hold them off until they started using Qi therefore tipping the fight into the second-years favor.

"Damn! This guys are too strong. Even me, an unable to do anything against them." Sophia thought while trying to punch a second-year but he dodged it while the second-year kicked her hard in her stomach causing spit and blood to come out of her mouth.

Meanwhile Vynn wasn't doing any good at all. He was unable to do anything against his own opponent, he was getting hit over and over until Kate came over to assist him and then with the two of them, they managed to knock their opponent down quickly moving onto the next opponent.

Peter who was tied up, seeing his friends fighting like that, made him feel sad that he was unable to help. If only he wasn't tied up. Meanwhile, Jake was still having a hard time against his opponent and there was nothing he could do until Zee spoke up.

"Jake! Use your system. They have skills or abilities you don't have and so do you. Use them."

Heeding to Zee's advice, Jake quickly activated his system and activated one of his skills <melee combat> and <Triple Threat> and he immediately started gaining the upper hand in the fight. Jake started using all the skills he was taught in the academy including the newly learnt Axe kick. He was injuring his opponent badly and then finally combining his <melee combat> and <Triple Threat>, Jake

delivered a strong punch to his opponent's guts that managed to render him unconscious.

Jake was now panting hard with his hand on his knees, panting due to tiredness. And then he saw a shadow in front of him and immediately, a punch landed on Jake's face, sending him flying back into the fighting students.

"Crap! Who the hell punched me that hard?" Jake angrily said while standing up, but he was feeling quite dizzy.

"Darn it! That person's fist really packed a punch." Jake said while staggering his way back to where he was earlier hit to see who hit him. Standing there with an angry expression on his face, was Harry.

"Oh! So the big bad wolf decided to join in." Jake said already a few feet away from Harry.

Without wasting time, Harry charged at Jake and threw a punch towards his face with a speed that looked inhumane. Meanwhile, Jake barely avoided the hit. Then Jake threw a hook towards Harry's stomach that barely made him flinch.

And then Harry quickly repositioned himself and released a flurry of kicks on Jake that Jake was unable to avoid, block, or dodge. Therefore leaving Jake helpless, finally, Harry decided to give Jake a breathing space to see how he was holding up. And Harry was surprised to see that Jake was still standing and not unconscious.

"Hmm, you must be really strong or you have a good endurance but too bad you're going against me." Harry said.

To which Jake just spat. "You know, that was the same thing Sebastian said to me before I defeated him. I think history is gonna repeat itself again."

Harry furiously charged right Jake again with full speed and launched a punch towards Jake but he avoided it by using 'The Triple Threat' technique and getting behind Sebastian then he quickly activated <Frenzy strike> therefore raining countless successful hits on Harry for two seconds straight until the time for 'Frenzy Strike' was up.

Then Jake moved back a bit to create a bit of space between him and Harry by using 'The Triple Threat' technique but he was shocked by what he could see when he looked up at Harry. The reason for Jake's shock was that Harry was completely okay not even a scratch was on him. It appeared like as if he wasn't even hit.

"I can't believe that this thing called 'Qi' could be useful." Jake thought.

Harry just laughed out loud seeing Jake's facial expression. "Are you shocked? Hahahaha. Too bad you can't do anything against me because, I'm out of your league."

Harry said then he ran towards Jake to Strike him, Jake tried moving away but his legs were refusing to budge.

"Huh! What's going on? Why can't I move?" Jake asked.

"I think, it's because you have used 'The Triple Threat' technique multiple times so it affected your stamina." Zee said.

"Shit shit shit! I'm gonna be hit if I don't move away soon. What do I do?" Jake asked but it was too late for Harry was upon him with a punch towards Jake's face. Which caused Jake to instinctively close his eyes awaiting the hit.

But then Jake heard a shout. "If he's out of your league, then fight with someone who's in your league." The voice said while stopping Harry's fist completely in its track effortlessly.

## Chapter 33: The Mysterious Saviour

Jake braced himself for the hit, his eyes shutting instinctively. But then... nothing happened. That was when a voice rang out across the chaos, and the world seemed to freeze. "If he's out of your league, then you need to fight with someone in your league."

Jake was astounded that someone could hold onto Harry's fist so effortlessly as if he was holding onto a kid's fist. Jake couldn't see anything because the person was facing Harry with his back turned towards Jake, but Jake couldn't help but think that the voice and stance of the person looked familiar.

Then finally, the person turned to look at Jake with a smile plastered on his face. "I'm sorry I came late, friend."

Jake was so shocked because he truly knew the person in front of him. "Jack!!!"

Jack just smiled and turned back to focus on Harry while releasing a suffocating aura and pressure. "You!! How dare you try to hurt me friends?"

Harry was initially shocked by the fact that someone could hold onto his fists like that. For a second there, he thought that it was the number 1 of the second years that was here but it turns out it was just a first-year.

"Who are you? And how dare you hold onto my hand like that?" Harry asked with fury written on his face.

"You don't need to know who I am. All you just need to know is that I'm the one who is gonna kick your arse." Jack said quickly twisting Harry's hand and kicking him in the stomach so hard that it completely knocked out all the air from Harry's mouth.

Then Jack grabbed Harry's hair bringing his head towards him and then kneeing him in his face causing some of Harry's teeth to go flying. Then Jack kneed Harry again and again in his face then he punched Harry hard that he went flying back a few feet.

Meanwhile Jake was still on his knees watching Jack deal with Harry as if he was a first-year. Even the whole first-years and second-years stopped fighting and were now watching the fight between Harry and Jack. Snapping out of his daze, Jake remembered that it still remained one more task to be completed.

Forcing his legs to move, Jake finally got to where Peter was tied up and he started untying Peter from the board. After finishing untying him, he moved Peter and himself to the side so as not to be caught in the cross fire. Peter was so weak currently but thankfully he was conscious.

"Is it just me or is Jack really matching Harry strength for strength? Or am I just hallucinating things coz of the beating." Peter asked weakly trying to sit up in order to watch the fight properly.

"Well, unless we were both beaten up too badly to be hallucinating things then yes Jack is holding Harry up." Jake replied.

Meanwhile after being pushed back by Jack's punch, Harry managed to regain his footing and wiped off the blood from his face and looked at Jack with a murderous glare.

"Do you know who I am?" Harry asked.

"Do you think I care?" Jack asked. "No matter who you are, I don't care because you can't do anything to me."

"Then I just have to show you and your friends that you have messed with the wrong family." Harry declared.

Harry then charged right at Jack with full speed and his wooden sword in his hand. When he got to Jack's position, he slashed the sword towards Jack stomach but Jack used his bare hands to stop the hit. Then Jack broke the sword into two with only a single hand, this caused Harry to move back in astonishment.

"But how? How did you do that?" Harry asked.

To which Jack just laughed and quietly say. "Do you think you were the only one who knew how to use Qi?"

This revelation, shocked Harry to the core. "But how.. how do you know how to use Qi?"

"I don't need to explain things to you." Jack said rushing off towards Harry to finish things off.

Meanwhile Harry just stood there looking at Jack coming then he laughed out loud which caused Jack to stop running and observe whether there was something Harry wanted to do.

"Even if you know how to use Qi, it doesn't matter because it's only the first stage you know. You don't know the second stage but I do and that is what I will use to defeat you." Harry said and then immediately, he burst out into energy with a little glow shining in chest. And then finally, shards of yellow invisible energy were been formed out of thin air.

"Let me show you the difference between a first-year and a second- year" Harry said standing there with an amused smile. Feeling the shards been formed, it really worried Jack for he knew what they could do even if he couldn't see it, he could feel it. Then finally, Harry was ready and then when he was finally ready to unleash the shards, the door to the assembly hall swung open and a voice rang out.

"I command everyone to halt now!"

Harry was so consumed by the feeling of revenge that he didn't hear the voice that shouted out to him. But the remaining students in the hall heard the voice loud and clear and when they turned to see who entered, they were now feeling worried for Harry, well it was only the second-years that felt worried for him.

Not hearing the shout, Harry prepared to launch the shards. Immediately, he started firing the shards quickly but then he noticed that his shards were all stopped by something invisible. Looking up, he noticed that someone was standing beside Jack now.

Seeing the person, Harry trembled in fear for what they will do to him. And then immediately, the shards fell to the ground and dissipated.

"What is the meaning of all this?" The voice boomed loudly and angrily at Harry.

"I-I-I am sorry." Harry managed to say with shaky breath.

The person standing beside Jack was a woman who had long blonde hair that went down her shoulders. On her head, she was wearing a beret and by her side, was a rapier sword that was jagged and looked to have been made from a beast stone.

She had a feeling that resonated off her body, she looked like the type of person that commanded respect and someone who shouldn't be trifled with.

The female's name was Lila dallum. She was a General in the academy.

"Those of you who are injured, go to the academy's clinic to be treated immediately. While the rest of you, head to your dorms and stay inside until you are called out again. Do you understand?" Lila said.

Most of the first year students were silent because they didn't know who she was or anything. Seeing the lack of response, Lila drew her rapier and immediately they all responded. "Yes miss."

Peter had gone to the clinic alongside Jake to be treated. The second-year went to their own building to get treated. After being treated and healed up, Peter and Jake headed to their dorm.

When they got there, they decided to talk about what they saw.

"Hey, Jack, Since when were you so strong and know how to use Qi?" Peter asked.

"Qi? What makes you think I used Qi?" Jack asked nervously.

"Don't lie to us. There's no way on earth you could go toe to toe with Harry without using some sort of Qi." Kate snapped back.

"I really didn't use Qi." Jack said again firmly.

"Really! You didn't right?" Jake asked.

"Yes I didn't." Jack said.

"Then do you care to explain how you were able to go toe to toe with Harry." Jake said.

"Well to be honest, I don't know. It just happened I think I was filled with rage that's why." Jack answered.

"What a flimsy excuse." Sophia said.

"I still don't understand why some of you guys are keeping secrets." Peter shouted out. "We are roommates, we need to know some things about each other so we can build trust."

"Well there are some things that need to remain a secret." Sophia said already laying down to get some rest.

Jake also lay on his bed to rest. After the whole commotion today, classes were cancelled for the day. And after some time, all the students who were involved in the incident, were being interviewed and that of course included Jake and Peter.

They weren't asked a lot of questions like they thought, they were simply told to recall the events that happened. And after some more interrogations of other students, they finally decided to close the case after punishing Harry and his gang members. The extent of the punishment was not known to the first-years, it was only known to the second-years.

When it was night time, Jake was about to sleep when he heard a loud ding in his head.

\*ding\* \*ding\*

<congratulations host! Host has managed to save his friend from the upperclassmen bullies.>

<Rewards: 1000XP;+4 stat points to all stats attributes; one new skill.>

"Woah!" Jake almost shouted out loud but he quickly closed his mouth before he woke his teammates up. "This is a lot of rewards for a quest I wasn't even informed about."

"I think the system is feeling generous recently." Zee commented.

"I know right." Jake said. "Let me see something."

Jake pulled up his status screen.

<Status>

<User: Jake Lucas>

<Level: 8>

<Combat level: Novice>

<Skill level: Untrained>

<XP level: 190/800>

<HP: 30/30>

<Strength: 30>

<Agility:26>

<Endurance: 33>

<Congratulations! User has level-up thrice>

"Now this is awesome." Jake couldn't help but say then he went to check for his new skill. "Please be attack based skill." Jake prayed as he opened up his skill tab.

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)>

<Stun Strike; stuns the opponent, making them vulnerable to attacks for a second. (Lv1) cool down timer; 2 minutes>

"Now that's what I'm talking about. With that skill, I can quickly make a lot of damages especially if combined with 'Frenzy Strike' then that is extremely deadly." Jake almost laughed out loud pitying his future enemy.

With the system exploration done, Jake decided to get some rest as it was already late.

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## Chapter 34: Off to a new planet

A week had passed since the so-called lesson Harry organized in the assembly hall. The week passed smoothly without any issues. The first-years got on with their homeroom class and combat class as usual. Trying to hone their skills in preparation for their beast hunt.

And now finally, after a long week, it was finally the week for their beast hunt. All the first-year students were told to gather in the training hall. Which was located on the west side of the building. Usually, the training room was only limited to military personnel, which didn't include students.

In the middle of the room, was a portal that was colored green. Green indicated that at the other side, there were only basic tier beasts or rarely intermediate beasts but that rarely happens. While the orange color, indicates that on the other side were intermediate and advanced beasts. While the red portal leads to the planets with King tier and Legendary beasts. This red portal, was only for military personnels to use because they didn't want any students death on their hands.

The entire first-year students were all lined up in front of General Paul while two sergeants were on either side of the students row.

Jake suspected that they were the sergeants that were gonna be with them and protect them Incase of an emergency. Jake recognized one of the sergeant because he was sergeant Lee the combat training teacher while the second one, Jake didn't really know who he was but if he was with them, he is surely a sergeant.

"Alright boys and girls," Paul said. "I have to inform you of some things before you go into the portal so listen up. You won't be able to communicate with each other with your wristwatches because it will be down. But don't worry, you can still buy things with your credits on your watch and know that It is very important when entering through the portal, you keep physical contact with the person in front of you otherwise you will be teleported to somewhere else."

The students all looked at each other and then nodded understanding what Paul said.

"Also, you will be teleported to somewhere safe that the military has a hold on, it is called military shelter. The shelter is built far away from any dangerous beast zone so the shelter is totally safe. The hunt, is gonna last a week, and the goal is to bring back as many beast crystals as you can. Don't worry, you will be given back some of the crystals to craft your beast weapons after your score has been recorded."

"Also, if you see an intermediate beast, then you need to run away. Don't confront it, just head off to a different location. Inside the shelter, there is a storage room monitored by military personnels. You will be given adequate equipment, communication device for you and your team and other things. Lastly before you all go in, you will be given thirty minutes to all decide who will be your team's leader. Hurry up."

Immediately Paul finished talking, the whole different teams huddled up trying to pick who will be suitable for their team as a leader. Even Jake's team were also doing the same.

"Who should we pick?" Jake asked.

"Before we choose someone, we need to consider some qualities." Sophia said.  
"The team leader needs to be smart, brave, strong and has a good sense of judgement."

"Well who should it be then?" Vynn asked.

"How about Kate?" Cindy asked while smiling at her to which Kate returned it with a glare.

"Huh? I was gonna nominate Sophia." Jake said to which Kate was now looking at him with an eye of sadness and at the same time annoyance.

"I also agree with Jake." Vynn said.

"Hey! Who says the leader has to be a female." Peter said.

"Well it's because we are calm unlike you guys." Cindy commented.

"And don't also forget that they are hot-headed." Kate added.

"In what way have we been hotheaded?" Jake asked.

"Do you want me to remind you about your duel with Sebastian and it was what got us into that situation the other day." Sophia said.

"Okay, I'm convinced." Jake said.

"So now the nomination is between you and Kate." Jack said. "Anyway I give my vote to Kate."

"I also give my vote to Kate." Cindy said.

"Well I give my vote to Sophia." Jake said.

"I also give my vote to Sophia." Vynn said. "Peter what about you?"

"I nominate Kate." Peter said.

"In that case, the leader has been chosen which is Kate." Jack said.

Immediately, that was when Paul clapped loudly to get the students attention. "Will the team leaders of each team please step forward." To which they did then Paul gave them a little communicator.

"This is linked to the sergeants watches, so when you see a beast you can't handle, push the button there and it will alert the sergeants." Paul said while dismissing

them back to their teammates. "Alright with that said and done, it's time for you to go into the portal."

With that said, each team stepped forward with all of them holding onto the shoulders of the person in front. Then finally it got to Jake's team's turn. As they went through the portal, they all felt a tingling sensation all over their bodies. The world around them started to warp and displace and their minds felt like it was melting. It wasn't really a horrible feeling, in fact to some, the feeling of traveling into the portal felt addicting.

A few moments, they already made it to their destination. When they opened their eyes, they were surrounded by some townfolks and a lot of military personnels chatters and all sorts. Rows of buildings and shops, market stalls selling food and weapons. They had successfully made it to the shelter. And the team couldn't wait to start hunting.

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## Chapter 35: Planet Caladie

The shelter they arrived at was just a little bit smaller than the military academy. There were buildings lined up almost everywhere with a three-story building in the middle of all the buildings and Jake could only guess that it was the main military shelter.

The ground they stood on top was hard and solid, a dry orange colour, with no sign of green life. It was hard to imagine anything being able to grow on these lands. The sun was quite hot and probably that was the reason why things couldn't grow on the soil.

It was the first time all the students had arrived at another planet, and even for Jake. The streets were full of both military personnel and a little bit of people walking left and right. Stalls everywhere selling all kinds of things, like foods, fruits and smoky meats. Immediately they arrived, they quickly left the spot they were in because they saw the teams that entered earlier where in another side.

Immediately they left their spot, another team came out of the spot they stood on earlier.

"So now what's next? What do we do now?" Jake asked.

That was when they saw the students heading off to the sergeants standing off to the side so Jake and his team decided to head there. When they all got there, they waited until the students were all there.

After some time, all the students were now here so sergeant Lee decided to speak to them all. "I want you guys to rest up today or you can as well explore the shelter but you are advised not to go to far away. Tomorrow, the hunt will commence so make sure you get adequate rest."

"Some military personnels will show you guys were you are gonna stay for the week long hunting."

After Lee finished speaking, some soldiers came over to take the students to their temporary dorms. After some minutes of walking, they were finally here. The building that was to be their dorm, was located at the east side of the shelter.

The building was big enough to house close to 150 hundred people. So luckily it was big enough to house the 100 hundred students. When they all went into the building, they could see doors on every side. It felt like they were back at the academy.

"You guys will have to stay in the room according to your team. Which means, one team per room." The soldier said. "Don't worry the rooms are big enough to hold even eight people."

To which Jake and his team members quickly picked a door and went into the room. The room was truly big enough to hold 8 people. More like it was designed for 8 people to stay in. There were four bunk beds, two study tables and a single window.

"So what do you guys suggest we do now?" Jake asked as they all sat down on their beds. "Should we explore the shelter or rest up?"

"I want to explore the shelter." Peter answered.

"Me too." Vynn and Cindy said together.

"Well, I wanna rest up." Jack and Sophia said together at once.

"I Will also want to explore the shelter with you guys." Kate said getting up.

"Alright, that settles it." Jake said. "We will go explore the shelter and see what information we can gather about the different types of beast we could encounter here."

"Great. Have fun." Sophia said quickly shutting her eyes. To which Jake, Cindy, Peter, Vynn and Kate exited the room to explore the shelter.

"So where do we go to first?" Kate asked.

"I think we should head to the travellers hall," Cindy replied. "Its a place where they have information for travellers, you can also trade in your crystal cores you manage to hunt for credits there."

"I have two questions," Vynn said. "Firstly what are travellers?"

"Travellers are people who go out on hunt for some of the big families or other influential people." Cindy replied.

"And how do you know all this?" Jake asked with a raised brow.

"That was gonna be my second question." Vynn said.

"Have you guys forgotten when I said my dad works for one of the big three."  
Cindy said.

"I kinda forgot." Vynn said.

They walked through the shelter and eventually reached a very large hanger like building. It was an open space with no entrance, so people were free to enter and leave as they pleased.

From side to side, it was filled with counters with workers stationed there. Just as Cindy had said, there were blacksmiths here who were forging equipment and weapons. Shops that sold little gadgets and beast baits. And even a quest board.

The quest board was mostly filled with other travellers looking to group up and complete tasks together. The group went towards a stall that sold all sorts of items necessary for capturing beasts. Behind the counter, was a middle age man with a monocle over one of his eye.

"How can I help you, young soldiers. I guess it's that time of the year where they send you all on your first hunt."

"We were wondering if it was possible for you to provide us a map of all the hunting grounds here." Peter asked.

"Sure I can. That will be a total of 50 credits though."

"That is alright. Lemme pay for the map." Peter said.

"No. Don't worry, since I'm the team leader, let me pay for it. It's my responsibility." Kate said.

After a few minutes of back and forth on who was going to pay, they finally allowed Kate to pay for the maps. After buying the map, they exited the building to look for a place that has shade so they could observe the map better. The group opened up the map which was on some sort of digital paper.

On it, the map indicated where they were and different areas around them which was colour coded. It went from green, orange and red. The closer the colour was to red, the more populated the area will be with beasts. That was when something caught Jake's eyes on the top of the map. It was the name of the planet; Caladie. Jake just shrugged and they decided to study the map some more before they went back to their dorms to rest for their hunting that was gonna commence the next day.

## Chapter 36: Beast hunt finally begins

The next day was finally here and it wasn't only Jake that woke up early, his friends all woke up earlier than usual. Since they were all awake, Jake decided to do all his physical training inside the room.

While Jake was doing his push ups, Cindy came over.

"Must you always do physical training? Can't you take a break. It's not like we are still in the academy."

"Regardless of whether I'm in the academy or not, I need to this," Jake said. "And I will appreciate if you gave me a little bit of space so I can continue."

To which Cindy just shrugged and went to sit with the others. After a few minutes of physical training, Jake decided to go outside for his daily running exercise. Jake got outside, got ready and took off running with full speed around the shelter. And then after a few minutes of running, Jake heard a ding in his head.

<Congratulations! User has completed today's daily quest. Reward has been granted.> To which Jake just pulled up his status screen to check.

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<User: Jake Lucas>

<Level: 8>

<Combat level: Novice>

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Jake just sighed and slowly walked back to his room. When he got there, he saw that everyone were all ready and prepared for the day so he hurriedly got prepared so he won't be left behind. After a few hours, they all went to take their breakfast in a dining hall in the shelter. After breakfast, they were all called to a large storage room.

"Welcome young soldiers," Lee said. "Today, is the beginning of your beast hunt. So we called you here to give you some equipment that will help make your hunting a little bit easier."

The whole students were all wondering what equipment Lee was talking about. That was when some soldiers brought all manner of crates filled with things that they didn't know about.

"In all these crates, there are equipment that will make your hunting easier and also, they aren't for you to keep. After the hunt, you need to return them except if they are broken or something but if you think you wanna play smart by lying about the equipment breaking or anything then you better think twice coz we have a way to tell if you are lying or not." Lee said.

Then he signalled the soldiers to open one of the crates. The crates the soldier opened, was filled with weapons. Different types of weapons from; short swords, axes and bows. Then Lee called the students team by team to come pick their own equipment.

When it got to Jake's team's turn, Sophia went first and quickly picked the Scimitar that she always used in the sword club. Jack picked a Katana blade, Jack picked a Tachi. While Vynn picked a spear, Kate picked a bow and arrow, Peter picked a double axe and finally Cindy picked a sword also.

Jake inspected the weapons with his inspect skill and he noticed that they all had one thing in common and that was, they were all basic tier weapons. After all the teams picked their weapons, Lee decided to make an announcement.

"Okay. All the weapons with you guys, will need to be returned after the week long hunting. And also will all the team leaders step forward."

The whole team leaders stepped forward and they were all handed a med kit, an endless pouch that things could be stored in water.

"Now you will go into the hunting grounds, to hunt. Make sure you don't stray into the red colored zone and also, Sergeant Leo and I will be nearby all the time but we won't interfere in your hunting unless we see you can't handle a beast." Lee said.

"And yes all team leaders, the watch you were given, in case you forgot lemme remind you. You can only press the button there when you see a beast that's very powerful and you can't run away because of whatever situation. Actually the only powerful beast you can see here is an intermediate beast but I will advice you shouldn't engage, just press the button and find a way to escape." Lee said.

"Alright, let the beast hunt begin." Leo said clapping his hands to which the whole students all rush out of the building.

Quickly bringing out the map they bought earlier, the team decided to pick where they should head to.

"I think we should play it safe and head off to the green zone." Vynn suggested.

"Yeah, I also agree." Jake said.

"Alright then. Let's all head off to the green colored zone." Kate said and they all checked their equipment and other things before they set off.

After a few minutes of walking, they all got to the green colored zone but they noticed that they weren't the only ones here, there were other teams also and they have started hunting. The hunting grounds here were like the desert, filled with sands all over. This desert part of the green zone, housed a lot of what was known as sand worms.

They were larger than snakes but have the properties of a worm. With the slimy and twisty body type. The worms were only found in the sands and they also travel through the sands quickly. This was the information that the group managed to find from the map and some other research.

Without wasting much time, they decided to start hunting. There was no need for them to come up with any luring techniques to lure the worms to them. For the worms already sensed them and they were heading for Jake's team quickly.

"They are coming!" Peter announced. "Prepare yourselves for hunting."

And immediately, the snakes bursted out of the ground and was heading for Jack who was in front of the group. Jake who was at the back of the group, counted around 10 sand worms heading for them. Jack upon seeing the worm, didn't hesitate as he quickly lifted his sword and made a diagonal strike but the worm was not cut into two as Jack thought.

"What the! How come they aren't cut? Aren't they supposed to be just basic tier beasts?" And then he was bit on his arm.

Kate who was also at the back of the group, also prepared her bow and started firing towards the beasts although her skills were quite sloppy, She still managed to hit one of the beasts on the head with her arrow and that was when she noticed it wasn't moving so she quickly shouted out a warning to her team.

"Guys! Aim for the head, that's the beast weak point." Kate screamed.

Hearing this, the ones who were struggling, quickly started slashing and slashing but the beasts were also quick in movements as they quickly burrowed into the sand before they could be hit. Jake was still standing observing the whole team. And that was when the beasts popped out of the sand for an attack again.

Peter just smiled looking at them and then he started slashing with his two handed axe vigorously. Peter was so busy slashing one of the beasts that he didn't notice one of the beasts popping out from behind him. Meanwhile Jake who hadn't done anything until now, noticed the beast coming for Peter and he quickly dashed forward towards the beast quickly.

Luckily, he was quite close to Peter's position so he got there and managed to strike the beast on its head with a powerful sword strike that the beast was split into two. After a few minutes, they were finally done killing the beasts that headed for their way so they decided to rest up and collect the beast crystals they managed to kill.

When they finished collecting the crystals, they counted it and saw it was complete. So with a triumphant smile, they decided to rest before they hunt more beasts. Unknown to them, a beast was heading their way from underground but they didn't notice it.

Popping out of the ground, the beast aimed for Jake who was oblivious to the attack but luckily, Kate who was still standing back, drew her bow quickly and killed the beast. That was when they knew that a beast tried a sneak attack on them.

After thanking Kate for her help, they decided to also add the beast crystal to their collection but that was when they heard a shout.

"Hey! You guys stole our kill and beast crystal also." The voice said coming over to Jake's team.

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## Chapter 37: A dangerous idea

"Huh? What do you mean the beast is yours?" Peter asked visibly irritated.

"That beast was ours." A boy with a curly hair said coming over. "The beast was already injured and then it burrowed itself underground and came to you guys."

"So how does that make the beast yours?" Jake asked with a raised brow.

"Because it was ours and we injured it before it got to you, so that makes it ours." The curly haired boy who's name was Jared said.

"That is not a relevant argument. We got the kill on the beast so it's ours. No argument." Vynn said.

"Oh really!?! Is that how you wanna play it? Then fine two can play this game." Jared said backing out to head to his teammates.

"What an annoying kid," Peter said. "I felt like punching his face in."

After that little, confrontation, they decided to hunt again this time, a little bit away from Jared and his group so as to avoid any form of confrontation. They hunted the sand worms for an hour more before they were called back to base. After getting back, the crystals were collected and scanned by the military so as to record the teams scores.

Any crystals that has been scanned, can't be scanned again since the machine could recognize it therefore losing the team a few points. When it got to Jake's team's turn, Kate walked forward and handed their 21 sand worms beast crystals.

They had hunted 10 more crystals in that hour added with their earlier 11 crystals, giving them 21 crystals in total. Per crystal, that's 2 points. So the team had 42 points in total. After all the teams scanned their crystals, a scoreboard pulled up so they could see their positions. It turns out, Jake's team were in the third position.

"What!" Sophia shouted. "So you mean, some teams handed in even more crystals than us?"

"And so?" The soldier asked with a raised brow.

"I mean our team has the most strongest among the first years so how come we got the third position?"

"Well strength doesn't mean team work. So chop chop to your dorm rooms." The soldier said dismissing them.

Sophia just stomped her foot in annoyance and headed out of the building grumbling under her breath.

'what's wrong with her?' Jake thought.

The rest of the team also went off to their dorm for a good rest. When they got to their room, they saw Sophia sitting cross legged as if meditating. When they opened the door, she stood up and looked at them.

"You guys I'm truly not happy with our position." Sophia complained. "We have the most strongest in our team and we only got third position."

"Relax will you." Jake said heading to his bed. "Today is just the first day and we still have six more days to go. We will surely get the number one spot before we finish the beast hunt."

"No you don't get it." Sophia said.

"What don't we understand?" Peter asked with a raised brow. "We all want to get the top spot like you but you're the only one making a mountain out of a molehill. Just like Jake said, today is just the first day so chillax."

"I will." Sophia said. "But before I do that, I want us to come up with a strategy."

To which Jack raised an eyebrow. "What strategy?"

"I want us to come up with a team formation and also I propose we head out to the orange zone tomorrow."

"What!" They all shouted at once.

"Are you crazy or what? The orange zone?" Kate asked.

"Yes the orange zone. What's wrong with it."

"Everything is wrong with it." Kate replied. "We all struggled a bit with the sand worm and you want us to head into the orange zone. Heavens knows what awaits us there."

"If you don't wanna go because you are weak, then you can stay." Sophia said.

"What! You think am weak?"

"Yes I do." Sophia replied.

"Fine then, if you wanna go get yourself terribly injured then be my guest." Kate angrily said and headed out of the room.

"So about my earlier suggestion, what do you guys think?" Sophia asked.

"I think, you are being crazy." Jake replied.

"Look I'm not forcing you guys. I only just want we the strongest out of all of us which are; me, Jack and Peter to head off to the orange zone to hunt."

"Huh? Why are you involving me in your crazy expedition?" Peter asked.

"Think about it, if we managed to hunt something strong and we gather the crystal, we will finally rank up higher on the scoreboard." Sophia said.

"But, still it's still quite stupid and dangerous." Jack said.

"Don't worry, it will all be fine. So do we have a plan?" Sophia asked.

"Sure. I'm in." Jack said.

"You managed to convince me. I'm also in." Peter said.

"Well, I'm out." Jake said actually heading out to look for Kate.

"Vynn and Cindy, no need to come with us. You can all head into the green zone and also hunt some beasts so combined with the ones we get, we will finally rank up." Sophia said.

"That sounds like a plan to me." Vynn said lying down to get some shut eye.

Meanwhile, when Kate stormed off earlier, she didn't have any where in mind to go to so she just wandered around trying to calm down.

'what does she think of herself? Just coz she's strong, doesn't mean she gets to pull the strings here and call the shots for the rest of us.'

Kate just kept wandering around annoyed that was when she heard her name.

"Kate!"

She turned around and saw Jake chasing after her. "Aren't you also going to join them in their little expedition?"

"Me? Why will I? Actually she thinks am too weak and said I shouldn't bother going with them. Besides I think her idea and suggestions is quite stupid and not wise."

"Well because the idea is actually stupid. But if she really wants to risk her life just because of some crystals then she should go ahead am not gonna stop her." Kate said.

"Don't worry, we will head off to the green zone and help hunt crystals for them so when they finally realize the danger and how stupid they were, we will rub it in their face." Jake said smiling.

Kate just smiled. "Thanks. You managed to cheer me up in your own weird way."

They looked into their eyes for a bit and then Kate quickly looked away with her cheeks red. "So what do you think the world will look like after the war?"

"Peaceful, I guess." Jake answered.

After a few more minutes of talking, chatting and walking, they decided to head to their dorm to get some rest for the next day.

## Chapter 38: Grinding time

The next day came, the second day of hunting and the whole team were awake. Jake woke up to do his daily quest as usual. After doing his quest, he decided to check his status screen which displayed.

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<Agility:26>

<Endurance: 33>

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Jake decided to do more physical exercises and push himself further than his limit and after one hour thirty minutes of exercising, he was finally rewarded by the system.

<User has pushed himself passed his limit. The system has decided to reward him.>

<Strength; +3, Agility+3, endurance +1>

'Huh?!? Why did the system decided to give me +1 in Endurance while the rest are +3?'

"I don't know." Zee answered.

After pondering about the likely scenario, Jake just decided to leave it at that and check his status screen again to confirm the rewards.

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<XP level: 200/800>

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"Well at least it really gave me the rewards." Jake shrugged and headed back to his dorm room to freshen up. After the whole room were done bathing, they waited for an hour before they were called to take their breakfast. After a few minutes of eating, they rested for two hours before they were told they could go into the hunting grounds.

Before they left, Kate decided to ask something. "Sophia, are you sure you really wanna do this?"

"Yes I am very sure I wanna do this."

"Fine then, I guess there's no stopping you then."

They all head off to the green zone, when they got there, Sophia, Jack and Peter split off from them to head into the orange zone meanwhile Kate couldn't help but be worried about them.

"Calm down and stop worrying, they will be alright besides what could go wrong?" Jake said heading off to begin hunting.

The team started hunting the sand worms like before but this time, knowing the strategy of hunting, they had an easier time of killing the beasts faster. After an hour of hunting, Jake decided to stop hunting.

"Ah damn! I'm tired of hunting these beasts. I'm not even sure they are gonna be worth anything when we get back to the academy."

"I agree with you." Cindy said. "This is quite boring, the beast are to easy to kill well that is if you know the strategy."

"So what do you want to do?" Kate asked. "Head Into the orange zone like Sophia?"

"I don't mean it that way." Cindy apologized. "I meant we could explore another area of the green zone. I'm pretty sure that they are more hunting grounds of the green zone around."

"Well I kinda like that idea." Jake said.

"Fine." Kate said getting ready to explore another area. 'i just hope Sophia and the rest are okay.'

Meanwhile when Sophia and the guys split up from the others, they made their way to the orange zone unknown to them that a team were trailing behind them but a little bit farther away from them so they won't be discovered.

"Are you sure of this?" One of the members of the opposing team asked his leader.

"Yes I am sure of it." Ben replied. "I will make they sure they pay for stealing my crystal from me."

"But they are heading into the orange zone" the earlier student who's name is Clark said. "There could be dangerous beasts in there."

"Didn't you listen to what the sergeants said, they said the highest beast here is an intermediate beast and he said the chances of encountering one is very slim." Ben said.

"Besides we can handle ourselves, we are not weak either." Another student that goes by the name of Liam said.

It was only Ben, Liam and Clark that were trailing behind Sophia while the rest of their team were hunting in the green zone. They were all already hunting in the green zone when Ben spotted Sophia and the guys splitting up so he decided to follow them with his own team and he saw that they were heading into the orange zone.

Sophia and the guys walked a bit more before they came across their first beast. The place they were in currently had torn down buildings all over and scurrying out of the buildings was a beast that looked a bit like a dog but it was bigger than a normal dog. The dog was big like a mini bicycle and this type of beasts were called Dogsy.

It came out of the building and ran at a fast speed towards Sophia and their group.

Sophia looked towards the guys. "Are you ready?" And they both nodded and prepared their respective weapons. The beast lunged towards Jack who was in front of the team. With a swing of his blade, Jack hit the beast back and then put a little bit of distance between them. Immediately, the beast stood up and charged right at the group but this time, Peter and Sophia were a little bit faster.

They got to either side of the beast and slashed with their weapons therefore killing the beast. "That was a little bit hard. But thank heavens we managed to pull it off." Peter heaved a sigh of relief.

"Come on, let's extract the core and let's move on." Sophia said heading to the dead beast and started looking for the beast core. After some time, she managed to find the core then she threw back for the guys to keep safe.

And then they moved closer to the buildings so they could hunt more beasts. Meanwhile, Ben and his group were still far back watching their every move.

"Are we gonna make our move to?" Liam asked.

"No not yet. It's not yet time." Ben replied and then they continued watching Sophia and her team that were slowly inching closer to the center of the buildings.

And that was when they heard scurrying from all around. "Well good thing that this place is filled with beasts." Sophia said preparing herself for battle. "It's time for grinding." And then jumping out of all the buildings, were Dogsys.

## Chapter 39: Duel Of Pride

Jumping out of the torn-down buildings, were close to 10 Dogsys and they headed towards Sophia's little group. Immediately they were within range, Sophia

charged forward slashing and stabbing a dogsy that was when another lunged at her from behind, noticing it, she quickly pivoted therefore avoiding the attack and then she used the butt of her sword to hit the beast hard on the head therefore sending it crashing into the other one she was battling earlier.

Meanwhile Jack was having a more easier time handling the beasts that were attacking him. He was skillfully dodging the bites and scratches from the Dogsy and was precisely slashing the beasts. He even used some of the skills taught to them at the academy In his fight. While Peter, he was more like a bull.

Peter charged forward with his axe slicing anything that came in his way and it was working that was untill one of the beasts latched onto his leg with its teeth. Peter screamed out loud in pain and in anger he cut off the beast's head cleanly. But his leg was still bleeding from the bite and on seeing that, Sophia decided that Peter should go rest a bit.

"Don't worry, Jack and I will handle this. Just go and use the med kit." To which Peter initially refused. "Don't worry, I can still help."

After a bit of back and forth, Peter decided to go treat himself therefore allowing Sophia to concentrate on her fight properly. But that was a bad idea because as if sensing that their power were a little weakend, more dogsy came out of the building numbering around twenty.

"Crap! This is bad." Sophia said gritting her teeth preparing for battle again.

Jack didn't even seem worried, he just kept on going. Skillfully dodging, avoiding and killing the beasts one after another. That was when Jack spotted a weak beast that was quite injured so he decided to finish it up so it won't cause any problems for them later on. When Jack got close to the beast, that was when something fast and sharp skimmed past his face and headed for the beast therefore killing it.

"Hey! Since we got the kill on the beast, then it is rightfully ours right?" A voice said coming over.

Quickly turning around, Jack saw that it was the same guy that claimed the stole their beast crystal the other day. It was Ben. And then one of his teammate hurriedly went passed Jack to fish out the crystal. Jack didn't say anything because Sophia was struggling against the beasts so he decided to let it go and he should help Sophia.

Jack started hunting again this time with a little more aggression. He hit a beast with his foot sending it a few feet away from him and then he went forward to finish it but then again something fast flew past him and finished the beast off. Checking what killed the beast, Jack noticed that it was an arrow and then he turned towards Ben who just had a large smile on his face.

Ignoring them, Jack continued fighting and then the same thing kept happening over and over again with Jack injuring a beast and Ben's team finishing him off. This greatly pissed Jack that he went towards Ben instead of the beasts.

"What the heck is that all about!?"

Ben just raised an eyebrow. "What else does this look like? I'm hunting."

"Then why are you stealing our kills? Just hunt somewhere else." Jack said.

"Huh? This is where I wanna hunt and what are you gonna do about it?" Ben asked.

"Jack! Let them be, I need your help now. I'm about to be overwhelmed." Sophia called out.

Jack just angrily stomped his foot in anger and ran back to help Sophia. It was impressive how she was able to defend herself from three beasts that were attacking her at once. Then Jack came and helped kill some beasts that were coming towards Sophia. After a few minutes, there were no more beasts heading their way only one more beast was left.

And the beast was injured. Seeing its comrades dead, the beast started to scurry away from them but Jack wasn't about to let it go. He lifted his sword and held it like a type of spear then he threw it forward towards the running beast and then Jack noticed another arrow side by side with sword and then together, the sword and arrow plunged into the beast.

"That kill is ours." Ben shouted coming over. Jack was looking down while his fists were clenched in anger. He was beyond breaking point.

'That is it!' "I have had enough of you." Jack dashed towards Ben at a speed that almost seem inhuman and then he threw a punch towards Ben's face but Ben managed to narrowly avoid the punch and then he quickly punched Jack back but it didn't even manage to make Jack flinch.

Meanwhile, Peter came back over and saw Jack fighting against Ben and Sophia gathering all the beast crystals they earned.

'if it is one person, Jack can handle himself. I need to help Sophia collect the beast crystals.' Peter thought and then he went to Sophia and helped collect all the beast crystals.

After collecting the crystals, it was remaining only the ones that Ben's team killed and the one Jack and Ben killed. So Sophia carved out the beast crystal that Jack and Ben killed together, left the rest and headed towards Jack and Ben that were still fighting.

"Enough!" Sophia said after getting close. "Stop acting like toddlers, let's settle this matter maturely."

Hearing her voice, they both stopped fighting and turned to look at her. "What do you suggest we do?" Jack asked.

"Actually, I propose a duel between me and one of you." Ben said.

"Oh really!?! " Jack said. "You do know that we are the number 1,2 and 3 among the first years. And you want to still fight with us?" Jack asked.

"I know," Ben replied. "And besides, we aren't weak either."I'm ranked number 4 in the academy so I can handle myself.

"Fine then." Jack said. "Let's begin, let's fight."

"Haha. I'm not gonna fight against you. I know that you're stronger than me. After all we were all there when you went toe to toe against Harry."

"So who do you want to fight against?" Sophia asked.

"Him." Ben said pointing towards Peter.

"Me?" Peter asked pointing towards himself. "You really wanna duel with me?"

"Yes."

"Fine then. If that's what you wish then so be it. Let's not waste any time shall we?" Peter said to which Sophia pulled him a little to the side.

"You do know that you're currently injured right."

"Yes I know but it's only a few scratches. I'm fine, I can handle myself."

"Are you sure?" Sophia asked. "Because there's no need for us to duel against them, after all we have more than what we need we can just head back."

"No it's okay. I just want to wipe away the smug look from his face."

Sophia just sighed. "Fine, if you want to do it then you can go ahead but try not to get to injured okay."

Peter finally walked away from Sophia to face Ben. "Don't worry, I don't plan to."

After a few minutes of going over the rules, Peter and Ben stood a few feet away from each other while staring into their faces.

"Are you guys ready?" Sophia asked.

"Yes!" They both said together.

After listening to their response, Sophia raised her hand up and let it over a bit while looking left and right at Peter and Ben and then with one smooth motion, she swung her hand down therefore signalling the start of the duel.

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## Chapter 40: A New Threat Emerges

The two guys stood opposite each other ready for the duel to begin. And then, Sophia swung her hand down in a smooth motion therefore signalling the start of the duel. Immediately Sophia swung her hand down, Ben didn't waste any time he charged right at Peter with a decent speed that would have been difficult for some people to avoid but Peter managed to avoid the hit.

But then Peter staggered again because of his injury and he knelt down with his hands on the floor. Ben quickly regained his footing and charged at Peter with his spear. And he made a thrust towards Peter but Peter quickly used his axe to block the hit then Peter quickly stood up and used the other axe to hit Ben on his hand hard therefore making Ben move back a bit in pain.

And not letting up, Peter ran towards Ben and swung his other leg that wasn't injured very fast therefore performing the Axe kick on Ben's head. The kick was so hard and heavy that it pushed Ben to the ground with much force.

Seeing that the momentum was on their side, Sophia couldn't help but cheer. "Yes! Go Peter, you can do this. I believe in you."

Hearing Sophia's word of encouragement, Peter couldn't help but smile. In that little moment of being distracted, Ben had already recovered then he quickly picked up his spear and rapidly stabbed Peter in his leg that was injured therefore making Peter stagger back in pain.

Ben stood up with a grin on his face so large that it looked like his lips were going to touch his ears. "Do you know why I chose to fight you?" Ben asked dashing towards Peter. "It's because of your injury."

And then Ben made a thrust towards Peter's stomach and it went through with such force that it made Peter skid a little bit on the floor. When Ben pulled out the spear, Peter coughed out blood from his mouth.

"What are you doing?" Sophia screamed out loud in annoyance. "The rules was that you can't hit each other in anywhere vital and you just went ahead and stabbed him in the stomach."

"Relax," Ben said not taking his eyes off Peter. "The kit you were given, can treat such an injury so stop making a fuss and keep quiet."

Peter was still clenching his stomach trying to apply pressure on it so it won't bleed out. After chiding Sophia, Ben turned his attention towards Peter and then he smiled.

"Look at you, so weak and helpless. Did you even imagine that you will be defeated by a lower rank than you? Oh how I wish we were back at the academy, I would

have taken your position from you but this has to work." Ben said and then he swung his spear in a type of bat way and then it hit Peter right on the head sending him flying a few feet.

Peter lay there unmoving. "Huh? Is that all? Have I won?" Ben asked confused.

Not getting any response, Ben walked towards Peter and then he used his foot to try and move him but then his foot was grabbed by Peter. "Number one lesson, never get close to your opponent." Peter said and then he dragged Ben down with such force that he fell and hit his head on the ground hard.

Then Peter stood up and gave Ben a heavy kick on his stomach therefore breaking a few ribs. The force of the kick was quite heavy that it sent Ben skidding a few feet. And then Ben managed to stand up after few minutes coughing and holding his side. Then he smiled at Peter.

"Wow! That Kick packed a lot of strength."

Then he stood up fully and slowly walked towards Peter not taking his eyes off him. And then they both took a stance ready for round two. They were about to charge towards each other again but that was when they felt a chill in the air. They both stopped their charge and looked around confused. And that was when they heard a crackling and sparkly sound as if fireworks were going off.

They all turned their heads towards the source of the sound and it was coming from a few feet away from where the rest of the guys were standing watching the

fight. And then after two minutes, the place looked like something was tearing into space. And then a portal opened up and a heavy build man came out of the portal while looking around and then the portal snapped shut.

"Huh? I didn't expect for people to be out here." The man spoke.

Nobody moved because they all felt one thing coming off from the man and that was a kind of sickening aura that almost suffocated them. They could all tell one thing, this person was very powerful and it won't be wise to engage with him recklessly.

Meanwhile, Jake and the rest were busy hunting and after one hour thirty minutes of hunting, in a new area of the green zone, they decided to rest up a bit and wait for Sophia and the guys to come so they could submit and scam their crystals together. But after an hour worth of waiting and resting, they didn't see any signs of them coming.

"Huh? What's going on? Did they run into trouble or what?" Jake asked.

"What trouble could they possibly run into that they couldn't handle?" Kate asked.

"I don't know but I have this strange feeling that I can't explain that something is wrong." Jake replied.

"Do you want us to go and look for them?" Vynn asked.

"Yes I think that's a good idea but I don't want all of us to go together. Let me, Cindy and Kate go together." Jake said.

"What about me?" Vynn asked.

"Look, the three of us have a good chance of surviving whatever comes our way. With Kate's martial arts, Cindy's skills and me, we have a good chance." Jake said.

"I understand. I'm just too weak to help." Vynn said.

"No don't get me wrong Vynn, I'm not calling you wrong but I just want you to be safe and yes, I also want you to protect our crystals." Jake smiled.

"I understand. Don't worry, you can go." Vynn said. 'Even if you don't say it out loud, I know that I'm weak to help you.'

After that, they all head off to find Sophia and the rest unaware of the problem and threat that they were going to face when they got there.

