

MY SLAYER SYSTEM: RISE TO SUPREMACY

Chapter 6: A New Family

After Jake left the library, he headed straight to his dorm to freshen up. When he opened the door, he saw his roommates chatting and getting to know each other better - all except Sophia, who was engrossed in a book on her bed. As soon as Jake entered, the room fell silent, with all eyes on him, trying to gauge his mood.

"Hey, Peter, can we talk?" Jake asked, his voice softening.

Peter shrugged, trying to lie down on his bed. "I'm not really in the mood for talking."

Jake persisted, "Come on, please just hear me out. I want to apologize and explain why I acted out earlier."

Peter sighed, but Kate gave him a glance and a nod which made him sit up and listen. "Fine, let's talk."

Jake took a deep breath. "Firstly, I'm really sorry for my behavior earlier. The truth is, I've been haunted by a traumatic experience since childhood. My parents were killed by werewolves - and to make it worse, they were our relatives who had been turned."

Jake paused, collecting his thoughts as he gazed around the room. Even Sophia looked up from her book, intrigued.

"That's why I struggle to trust anyone. I was determined to join the academy to grow stronger and avenge my parents. But when I got here, I realized I was too weak to make a difference. I felt like I'd hit rock bottom."

The room remained silent, with only the sound of heavy breathing filling the air. Vynn's eyes dropped, his expression somber, while reflecting on his own struggles.

Peter's voice cracked as he spoke, "Why didn't you share this with us? You would have felt lighter, and we could have supported you."

Jake headed to his bunk, his movements slow and deliberate. "I didn't know any of you well enough, and I wasn't ready to open up."

Kate's voice was gentle but firm. "We're roommates, Jake. That makes us family. You should have shared your struggles with us."

Jake smiled, a hint of gratitude in his voice. "I'm sorry. Sharing this with you guys has made me feel a little better."

Kate's palm faced upwards, a gesture of unity. "Family?"

The others placed their palms on hers, a symbol of their bond. "Family," they chimed in unison.

Sophia, initially reluctant, eventually joined in, her expression softening. "Fine, I'll join in."

Together, they shouted, "Family!" as they separated their hands.

After a little bit of getting to know each other more, they decided to get some sleep. When it was 5am, Jake woke up to take his bath and dress up for today he was planning to go out into town. Students are only permitted to go into town on weekends only. So he decided to get ready.

By 5:30am, Jake was ready and by then the whole room had already woken up. After a little bit of argument of who to go into the bathroom first, they finally decided on who to go in first and do whatever they wanted to do. They were forced to come to an agreement otherwise they were gonna miss their breakfasts which was gonna be served by 8am.

By 7:30am, they were all ready and they decided to go to the dining hall together. On their way going, Jake and Jack couldn't stop arguing about an irrelevant matter. And that's when they mistakenly bumped into someone.

"Hey are you blind? Can't you see?" The person asked irritated.

"We are so sorry about that. We didn't see you," They both apologized.

"Huh? Then that definitely makes you guys blind," The person said, amused.

"Hey, what's your problem? They already apologized and admitted their fault, so why are you creating a scene?" Sophia asked finally catching up with the guys.

"Are am I creating a scene? Really?." The student asked amused. "You bumped into me first and now you are giving us attitude. Are you for real now?"

"But we already apologized so why are you now making a mountain out of a molehill." Jack angrily said.

"Oh really! Do you know who I am?" The student asked, pointing to his shoulder that had two stripes on it, indicating he was a second- year. And he also lifted up his wrists, displaying the number six.

"And so?" Jake asked now quite irritated. "Does that make you the general or something." Jake asked, his tone sarcastic.

"You little first year brat! How dare you talk to me like that!" The student exclaimed furiously and threw a punch that landed squarely on Jake's face sending him crashing to the ground.

The whole friends got angry and readied themselves to charge and deal with the second year but they were stopped by a sergeant and they were all dispersed.

"You." The sergeant said pointing towards Jake. "Go get your nose treated. It looks broken. And the rest of you leave here now."

"I have marked your faces. Just watch your back." The second year said while walking towards his school building.

After the sergeant left, Peter offered to take Jake to the nurse's office to get his nose treated.

After the nurse tended to Jake's face, she finally let him go. Throughout the checkup, Peter couldn't help but stare at nurse Hayley, who was a beauty in every sense.

Her symmetrical face had no blemishes, her skin looked smooth, and her body shape would make many guys chase after her.

After nurse Hayley discharged Jake, he decided to still go ahead with his trip to town.

"Are you for real!" Peter asked surprised. "Aren't you supposed to be resting after getting your nose broken and now treated? And you're saying you want to visit town."

"Yes, I have something to take care of. Besides it's just a broken nose, nothing much. I'm fine." Jake reassured Peter.

"Fine but let me come with you." Peter asked.

"No don't worry, am fine. No need to babysit me." Jake reassured again with a smile.

"Fine. But please take care of yourself okay." Peter said.

"I have heard you. Stop behaving like my girlfriend." Jake said to which they both laugh.

And then Jake finally made his way towards town. When he got to town, he noticed that it wasn't as bad as where he came from. Despite the torn-down buildings, he saw people walking around, market stalls set up, and even little children playing.

"Wow, this place is filled with a little bit of happiness compared to my own town." Jake thought dejectedly.

Jake passed the town's market stalls and was making his way to the town's library, maybe he could see something of relevance there. But just before he could get to the library, he heard screams.

Jake decided to turn around to identify where the screams were coming from, and that's when he saw people running Helter skelter, trying to get to safety like something was chasing them.

And that's when Jake could finally see what was chasing them. It was a werewolf.

Chapter 7: The System

"How is this possible?" Jake thought worriedly. "How can there be a stray somewhere so close to the academy."

"What am I going to do now?"

Amidst the chaos, the werewolf ravaged the area, leaving a trail of death and destruction in its wake.

Jake was unsure of what to do. He contemplated running back to the academy, but the werewolf was blocking the path that leads to the academy.

And straight behind him was the way to the forest. Confused on what to do, Jake decided to try and take the round route around the werewolf, but just when he was about escaping, his path was blocked by a giant creature that stood around 9ft tall.

Looking up, Jake saw that he was blocked by another werewolf.

"Wegre do yohu thindk yohu are goijfng to, tasgyty humuan." The werewolf struggled to say through his enlarged jaws.

Jake's chest heaved as he struggled to catch his breath, his pulse pounding in his temples. Flashbacks of that night when his family were murdered resurfaced in his mind again.

Not knowing what to do, Jake decided to run towards the forest while the werewolf was hot on his tail. While running, Jake bumped into a man and something was slipped into Jake's pocket by the man but he didn't notice because of the panic of the werewolf.

Jake kept running while panting hard but the werewolf was taking its time trying to catch Jake.

Then finally Jake managed to get to the forest, he ran and ran until he saw a huge tree and decided to hide there while trying to catch his breath.

"I think I managed to lose the werewolf." Jake said quietly while trying to catch his breath. "What have I put myself into? I should have listened to Peter's advice when he said I shouldn't go into town."

Jake decided to peep behind the tree to see if the werewolf was still chasing him.

Jake sighed of relief while still looking behind the tree he was hiding. "I think it got fed up of chasing me and went back."

Then Jake decided to turn around in order to rest a bit before tracing his way back to the academy. That was when his face met with a large snout with eyes of someone or something that managed to see a tasty snack.

Jake's body stiffened, his eyes fixed on the werewolf as his mind went blank.

"I finwally got yohu, tabsty humuan." The werewolf said through its large snout making his words quite incoherent. The werewolf's eyes gleamed with excitement as it taunted Jake, its voice dripping with malice.

The Werewolf's breath wafted towards Jake making his skin crawl as he struggled to catch his breath.

The werewolf grabbed Jake around his neck, trying to strangle him while Jake was struggling to breath.

Jake trying to make the werewolf release his grip on his neck tried punching, hitting or even biting the Werewolf's hand but the werewolf only laughed at Jake's pathetic efforts.

"If only I had something to stab it with, maybe, just maybe it might release its grip from my neck." Jake thought hurriedly because he was already losing his breath.

As Jake fumbled in his pocket, the Werewolf's grip tightened around his neck, making his vision blur.

That's when his hand touched something but he didn't know what it was. Hurriedly pulling it out thinking maybe it could be of help to him, Jake pulled out a round orb like object but he didn't notice it because of his panic, he thrust it in the face of the werewolf.

And then a blinding light appeared temporary blinding Jake and the werewolf. Because of the light, the werewolf let go of Jake's neck causing him to fall and hit his head on the tree, then Jake heard a robotic message say "System activated." then he lost consciousness.

When Jake opened his eyes, he was met with an unfamiliar place. Looking up he could see a white ceiling, he could smell chemicals. Trying to get up, he felt a banging headache.

"Woah, easy there lad." Nurse Hayley said coming over to check on him.

"Where am I ?" Jake asked. "And what happened to me?"

"Well, you are in the academy's clinic." Hayley answered.

"But how did I get here?" Jake asked again trying to get out of the bed then he felt a banging headache and the memories of him encountering werewolves resurfaced to which he shuddered.

"One of the sergeants brought you here, he said he found you lying in the forest unconscious." Hayley answered again checking Jake's vitals on the tablet.

"Sorry, but how long was I out for?" Jake asked.

"Just a day." Hayley replied.

"Oh thank heavens." Jake heaved a sigh of relief. "I thought I was going to miss my first class in the academy. So you are saying, today is Sunday right?"

"Correct." Hayley replied.

"Did anybody come to ask or check up on me?" Jake asked now lying down on the bed trying to get a little bit of rest.

"Yes actually, your roommates came to check up on you yesterday, when they heard what happened to you." Haley answered.

"They truly consider me as family." Jake thought quite happy that he had found people he could trust and call family again.

"So when am I going to be discharged?" Jake asked again trying to shut his eyes.

"In the afternoon. You are perfectly okay now. Apart from the head injury that was there initially and the trauma, there's nothing wrong." Hayley said now suddenly remembering something.

"Speaking of which, when you were brought here, you had an injury on your head, probably it's because of you hitting your head on something heavy. And now it's all gone. An injury like that will take some days to heal up."

"Huh!!?!" Jake thought surprised while touching the back of his head and recalling him hitting his head on the tree.

"I don't really know what happened. Aren't you the nurse here? Maybe it healed up after your treatment." Jake said.

"Probably." Hayley mumbled and went to sit at her desk, letting Jake get some rest.

Meanwhile Jake remembered something else also. He remembered the system interface that appeared in front of him before passing out.

Thinking of the system, it appeared in front of him which totally freaked him out that he yelped loudly that Hayley came over worried.

"What is wrong? What happened?" Hayley asked.

"That..." Jake said pointing to the system floating in front of him. "can't you see that screen there?"

"What screen?" Hayley asked worriedly.

"That.. there, its in front of me. Can't you see it?" Jake asked.

"Are you sure you are feeling fine? Maybe I shouldn't discharge you yet." Hayley said looking concerned.

"Will you relax. She can't see the system. It's only you that can see it." the System spoke.

"Who is there? Who is talking?" Jake asked twisting his head around trying to see if he could spot anything.

"Jake, you are already scaring me." Hayley said looking very worried.

"Calm down, will you! Or else she might think you are going crazy." The system spoke again.

Finally Jake decided to calm down and listen to the system.

"Uhhh, am sorry for spooking you up like that." Jake apologized. "I think am just seeing things. I need to lie down a bit. Maybe i will feel better."

"Are you sure you are ok now?" Hayley asked.

"Yes, I am." Jake replied while closing his eyes.

To which Hayley let him get the rest he wanted and went to her desk. Meanwhile, Jake decided to check the system out.

Chapter 8: A Glimpse Of Power

"Now, how do I open up that system screen." Jake thought.

That was when the system status screen appeared right in front of him.

<User: Jake Lucas>

<Level: 1>

<Combat level: Novice>

<Skill level: Untrained>

<XP level: 0/100>

<HP: 15/15>

<Strength: 20>

<Agility:15>

<Endurance: 25>

Then Jake saw a small tab that said the words 'Quests'. He decided to check it out but didn't know how to open it up again.

"Wow! It looks like all those games people used to play all the time." Jake thought excitedly.

Jake noticed that on the status screen, there were more tabs on the top but without even doing anything and just reading the tabs in his head, the screen automatically switched.

<Quests>

<Main quest>

<Reach level 10>

<Daily quest: Preparation to become stronger>

<Push ups: 50 times>

<Sit up: 50 times>

<Squat: 50 times>

<Running: 10km>

<Rewards for completion: 10XP>

"So everytime I complete my daily quests, I will be rewarded with 10XP." Jake thought excitedly. "But this feels quite weird. What even happens when I get 100XP."

"Then you will level up and progress to the next level." The system spoke.

Jake upon hearing the system's voice, yelped in shock. He totally forgot about the system speaking to him earlier, because the system was so quiet, and Jake was mesmerized by the system that he forgot there was also a talking voice attached to it.

"Don't... Don't do that." Jake said in his mind while trying to calm his wildly beating heart.

"Am sorry, I startled you." The system apologized.

"Its okay. So who are you?" Jake asked.

"I'm an AI that's designed to help whoever gets this system to get stronger." The system replied.

"Designed? By who?" Jake asked.

"I don't really know the answer to that question." The system replied.

"What can I call you?" Jake asked trying to come up with names.

"You can call me AI or anything you deem fit." the system said.

After a few minutes of deliberation, Jake finally decided on a name.

"How about Zee." Jake suggested.

"Zee?! It's quite good and has a nice ring to it. I love it." Zee said.

"Okay Zee, since you don't have much information about yourself or about who created the system, do you have information on the details being shown on the system screen?" Jake asked.

"Yes, I do. In fact, I was created to help the user of this system to grow in strength and also to clarify what might seem confusing." Zee answered.

"Okay, that's nice. So first of all, why is the skill level saying 'untrained.' ?" Jake asked.

" 'untrained', indicates that you are a beginner and haven't yet developed any skills. As you progress and gain XP, your skill level will increase too." Zee answered.

"Okay, that makes sense and it's nice. But what about the daily quest, how does it help me?" Jake asked checking the Quest status again.

"That, it's for you to get stronger physically. What? Did you expect to defeat your foes with a body like yours?" Zee asked sarcastically while also chuckling.

"Now that you put it that way, you are right." Jake said. "Okay, I believe I saw another tab earlier. What was it? Ahhh, there it is." Jake said while opening up the tab with his mind.

<Skill Tab>

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

<Level 2: Locked; Reach level 10 to unlock.>

<Level 3:Locked; Reach level 20 to unlock.>

<Magic: Level 0; Get to level 20 to unlock magical elements.>

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

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

That was all the skills Jake could see, the rest were greyed out or locked till he got to a certain level.

"Woah, so I can also get magic attributes or elements?" Jake excitedly asked.

"Yes. You can but that is when you get to level 20." Zee explained.

"Woah, that's awesome." Jake exclaimed happily and then the memories of the night of his parents murder resurfaced again.

"I think the universe really wants me to get revenge for my parents murder."

Jake was so excited and mesmerized by the system that he didn't realize that the time was already gone. It was time for Jake to be discharged.

"Hope you had a good rest?" Haley asked while checking if everything was alright with Jake before finally discharging him.

"Yes. I'm feeling better now." Jake responded all smiles.

"Great. I'm gonna discharge you now. And also your roommates are here to see you and possibly take you to your dorm." Hayley said.

Just right on cue, the whole roommates entered to see Jake.

"Dude, how are you doing?" Jack asked coming closer to Jake.

"I feel fine, thanks." Jake answered getting out of bed.

"Bro, you scared us there. We thought that you were seriously hurt by the werewolves." Vynn said.

Jake smiled because of the sentiments. "Don't worry, am fine now. Besides I wasn't badly hurt, I just fell unconscious because of the trauma of seeing a werewolf again."

Jake said looking around the room.

"Where are the others?" Jake asked still scanning the room for any signs of the others.

"Ohh, they are getting your lunch ready because you didn't eat anything for the past 2 days now." Vynn replied.

"Ohh! I actually forgot that I haven't even eaten. Maybe it's because of that incident with the second years." Jake replied.

"Okay. Shall we go to our dorm now because am quite famished." Jack said already on his way towards the door.

Vynn and Jake hurriedly go after him so they could go to their dorms and have lunch together. After thirty minutes of walking, they finally get to their dorm.

Before they even opened the door, Jake could already perceive the aroma of the food from the door.

"Huh! That is odd, how can I perceive the aroma of the food from here?" Jake thought.

"It's because you have changed. The change also affected your body thereby giving you a little bit of enhanced senses." Zee said.

"Oh that's right, I got a system and an AI too. I almost forgot about that." Jake thought finally opening the door and entering into the room.

"Surprise!!!" The remaining roommates shout out at once.

"We didn't know what you like, so we just decided to get you a lot of food that you might like." Kate said trying to gauge Jake's emotions.

"This.. the food smells delicious. Thank you so much everyone." Jake said smiling while sitting around the table that was prepared to eat.

While they were eating, Peter decided to ask the question that was probably on everyone's mind.

"So how did you survive the encounter with the werewolf and what was it like?" Peter asked.

"Scary, I guess. And I don't even know how I survived." Jake said trying to sound convincing.

"Thank heavens you managed to survive." Sophia said. "Who knew that the weakest member of our team would be the one to survive a werewolf encounter." Sophia said with sarcasm in her voice.

They all laughed it off, as it was the first joke and effort that Sophia made to interact with the room. After some minutes of eating, they decided to sit around to listen to Jake's tale of the encounter with the werewolves.

After some hour of chatting, telling tales and asking questions about Jake's encounter they finally decided to retire to their beds for the night so that they could wake up early in the morning so as to avoid being late for their first class which starts by 9am the next day.

Chapter 9: First Class

As the light of dawn crept into the room, Jake woke up early as 4am to start with his daily quest. He wanted to start with the push ups but he didn't want to disturb his roommates so Jake quietly got dressed and slipped out into the crisp morning air, making his way to the gym.

After thirty minutes of walking, Jake finally got to the gym.

The gym door had a type of machine which has a specific code that will be inputted before it could be opened. And all the students were given that code when they got into the academy.

"Hey, Jake, you know with a leveled-up inspect skill, you might just find yourself unlocking more than doors." Zee said.

Jake initially was shocked about the talking voice, he almost forgot about it.
"Really!?"

"Yes. It can do that, so I will advice you level up as soon as possible because it might be useful to you." Zee said again.

"That is great. But I need to focus on the present thing right now." Jake said as he slipped into the gym.

As soon as Jake entered, the bright fluorescent lights overhead illuminated rows of sleek, silver machines.

Jake even saw the drum like thing and treadmill that was used at the testing site the other day. Eager to start the quest, Jake got started with the push ups.

After much difficulty, Jake managed to complete the push ups. When he was done, his chest heaved, and his lungs burned as he struggled to catch his breath because he never had any reason to train his body or even exercise.

Next on his list was the sit up and squats. In an hour, he was done with his squats and sit up so he decided to rest for ten minutes before beginning the 10km run.

After resting and making sure he could run, Jake finally left the gym for his run. He ran around the academy over and over untill the 10km was completed.

Immediately he was done with the run, Jake heard a ding and a system message appeared in front of him.

<Congratulations on completing today's daily quest. Reward +10XP>

<Status>

<User: Jake Lucas>

<Level: 1>

<Combat level: Novice>

<Skill level: Untrained>

<XP level: 10/100>

<HP: 15/15>

<Strength: 20>

<Agility:15>

<Endurance: 25>

"Well, it actually works." Jake excitedly said doubting the system a little bit before.

Jake decided to head back to his dorm to bath because he was sweaty. After a few minutes of painfully walking, Jake finally got to his dorm room by 6am.

Luckily most of his roommates were not awake except for Jack and Sophia who looked like they just finished bathing.

After an exchange of pleasantries, Jake went to take his bath. By the time he was done, the whole room were awake.

They all greeted each other before they argued on who will go into the bathroom first. Meanwhile, Sophia was curious were Jake came from all sweaty.

"Hey, a word?" Sophia asked coming over to Jake.

"Yeah, sure what's up." Jake said casually.

"I was curious to know, where you were coming from all sweaty the other time?" Sophia asked.

"Oh. After my encounter with werewolves, I decided to start doing physical exercise so that probably I might develop even if it's a little bit of strength so that I could defend myself from werewolves" Jake answered smiling.

"Oh I understand." Sophia said while heading off towards her bed.

After an hour, the whole room were done bathing so they decided to wait for 8am so that they could go and get their breakfast.

Finally, the clock struck 8am and the whole room decided to go get breakfast. After breakfast, they were now expected to go to their homeroom class.

The location of the class was inputted on their watch so they could find the class easier by following the location there.

Finally they got to their class and they decided to pick their seats. They were only allowed three per seats. So Jake, Vynn and Peter decided to take a seat together.

After thirty minutes of waiting for the homeroom teacher, he finally showed up. Jake was quite surprised because he noticed that the teacher was familiar and then it finally clicked in his head where he had seen him before.

The scar above the left eyebrow, the no nonsense gaze and the imposing gaze. Their homeroom teacher was none other than instructor Thompson.

"Good morning, great students of Aurora Academy." Thompson greeted with a little bit of friendly smile.

"Good morning sir." They all responded together.

"So, for some of you that don't know me, my name is Instructor Thompson and am your homeroom teacher. Every 9am weekdays, you are to be here without

bumping class, for this class is quite important to you like the training." Thompson said.

"So, toady's topic is about the current state of our world and what is the academy's position in all of this. So who can provide the answers to all this questions I mentioned."

A student raised their hand and Thompson nodded signalling they could speak.

"200 years ago Portals opened up in different corners of the world, releasing deadly and ferocious creatures that were only known in myth as the werewolves into our world. The academy's purpose is to fight against the werewolves and help reclaim the Earth." The student answered.

"You are quite correct about the world events and the academy's purpose but it's still lacking a bit of information." Thompson said.

"The werewolves were not only pushed back by the academy but the academy joined hands with brave and three powerful families to push the werewolves back. The academy's purpose is to train young and hardworking students like you so that you could help push back or even defeat the werewolves. And am sure we can do it together."

"Can I ask a question if I may?" Jake asked while raising his hand.

"Sure, go on." Thompson said giving him approval to talk.

"In your explanations, you mentioned about three families right?" Jake asked.

"Yes. Why?" Thompson asked raising an eyebrow.

"Well, I just wanted to know more about those families since much information is not known among the general populace." Jake said.

"They are three families, normally called the big three. Families with powerful abilities, equipment, techniques and even technologies. I'm not permitted to tell you more than this. Maybe in your second or third-year, you will know more." Thompson explained.

"Why are they not saying anything more about the big three? Why the need to be so secretive? I need to know." Jake thought.

"Okay. That is all for today, we will meet tomorrow here for another class. Today was just for debriefing. Tomorrow the main class will start with you knowing more about the academy and current world state." Thompson said.

"So everybody class is dismissed, it's time for your combat class." Thompson said dismissing the class.

Chapter 10: Combat class

The next class for the day was combat class. And the class was going to be held on the field that was used as their testing ground on the day of the assessment.

When they got to the training grounds, Jake noticed that it had been changed to suit the class better. The whole testing equipments were shipped somewhere else to allow the whole class ample space.

"Welcome, students of Aurora Academy." The instructor said.

Jake turned around to see where the voice was coming from. Turns out the voice belonged to Sergeant Lee.

"Welcome once again. For those of you that doesn't know me, my name is Sergeant Lee and am your combat instructor." Lee said coming over to stand in front of the field.

"So every weekday, we will have classes that involves physical training and a little bit of combat." "So let's start with the physical training. First up, I want you to run several laps around the field now."

With a sharp whistle, sergeant Lee signaled the start of the physical training, and the students took off in a sprint around the field.

Jake's legs pumped furiously as he sprinted around the field, his heart racing with each lap. He could feel the burn in his muscles, but sergeant Lee's voice and his determination pushed him to keep going.

He was reminded of the run he did around the academy during the early hours of the day.

"Oh, for heavens sake. After running for about 10km this morning, am still told to run again." Jake's thought complaining.

"It's for your own wellbeing so quit whining and focus on your breathing." Zee scolded.

Jake stopped complaining and focused on his breathing. Jake and Vynn were the only ones that were behind, the rest were all so far ahead.

And after a few minutes of running, they were stopped by Lee to move on to the next training.

"So for the next training, it's a strength training. You are required to do some heavy lifting."

Sergeant Lee led them to the weight lifting area, where rows of dumbbells and barbells lined the shelves.

"Today, we are working on building your strength and muscle endurance;" He announced, handing out weights to each student. "Begin."

The whole students started lifting weights, the type of weights they could lift anyway. But Jack and Peter stole the show by lifting heavy weights.

They were both competing to see who will tire out faster.

After some minutes of weight lifting, sergeant Lee decided to stop the physical training and do something else.

"Okay. That is all for now. I want you to all rest up for 10 minutes because you're going to be sparring with each other now so that I can evaluate your skill level. Also your watch also acts as a rank to monitor your rank after sparring." Lee explained.

"Starting from now, your watch will display your rank from sparring. Your starting rank will be decided by your score from the assessment."

Just as Lee finished speaking, the whole students watch started displaying ranks from 1 to 200. With Jake's number displaying the number 200 while Jack's was displaying rank 1.

"The only way to rank higher, will be for you to spar with each other. When you defeat your opponent, your watch will ding and also change your score, letting you take the position of your defeated opponent." Lee explained.

"So now pair up and spar with each other only using the wooden equipment provided to all of you. The equipment is also yours to keep."

"From now on, students will have the opportunity to spar with each other outside of class, allowing for faster rank progression. However, this comes with responsibility. You must register as authorized sparring partners and log your matches." Lee said.

"Now let the sparring begin. You're only allowed to spar with the person rank above you meaning of you are rank 10 you can only spar with rank 9."

Jake decided to pair up with the person who was ranked above him and the person was Vynn since he performed a little better than Jake on the test.

They sparred for some few minutes. Jake was unable to beat Vynn because Vynn was still a little bit stronger than Jake.

Meanwhile, Peter who was ranked 2nd decided to spar with Jack but no matter the skill Peter used, he wasn't able to defeat Jack.

After some minutes of sparring, they were stopped by Lee telling them to go back to their dorms for the class was over for the day.

While they were all heading towards their dorm, they couldn't stop talking about how they enjoyed the day's training all except Jake who kept thinking about how weak he is.

"Oh, will you just cheer up." Zee said. "You do know that you have a cheat. If you complete quests and also take your academy's training serious, you will become strong."

After that pep talk, Jake finally cheered up and went to his dorm to get some rest.

Meanwhile...

In a distant place, far away from the academy and civilization, a huge castle stood on a valley surrounded by cliffs, mountains and trees.

"What do you mean the orb went missing?" A voice was heard angrily saying.

"I don't know how it happened." Another voice replied.

"You had one task, just one task to do and you messed it up." The voice said again now terribly angry.

"Am sorry, I had the orb but then during the chaos, I bumped into someone and I think it fell into the person's body or something. Am not really sure. Please forgive me and give me one more chance." The voice which belonged to a middle age man said while kneeling and bowing his head down to a young looking man with a huge body build.

The young looking man looked like all those old professional wrestlers but this man had a more menacing look In his eyes making the other man shiver in fear.

"There's no second chance for you. That orb was only meant for one person to activate. What if the person you slipped it into activates it. Therefore, for making such a huge mistake, you are not allowed to live for even one second more."

The mean looking man said while flicking his finger towards the kneeling man and the nail pierced the man's heart killing him on the spot.

"Clyde!!!" The man called out.

And a young athletic looking man answered.

"Find that orb or whoever has it and get rid of them. And I'm not going to tolerate any more mistakes. Got it?"

"Yes, my lord." The other man responded while bowing down and leaving the hall.