

# MY SLAYER SYSTEM: RISE TO SUPREMACY

## Chapter 61 Back Online

One week later, Jake was in the middle of the hand to hand combat room battling against a dummy with everything he learnt over the week. Jake was punching, weaving and striking back. While Sergeant Sunny was standing behind him observing everything.

"Time!" Sunny said and Jake stopped, took a towel and wiped his sweat off his face.

"How did I do?" Jake asked while drinking a bit of water.

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"That was better than before, you managed to weave the three moves I taught you perfectly into each other creating deadly and powerful strikes." Sunny smiled. "I must say, you are improving tremendously. It's like the universe wants you to learn hand to hand combat skills."

Jake smiled and went to sit in order to rest while reminiscing about the past week. The week brought Jake and sergeant Sunny closer than before. Now Jake was kinda like a son that Sunny never had. While Jake considered sunny as his mentor.

The previous week, after his Qi training class, Jake went to the Combat training class for his second day of training. When he opened the door, he could see sunny standing waiting for him with a radiant smile on his face.

"Welcome Jake." Sunny greeted me. This was a great contrast to how he had initially greeted him the previous day he came.

"So shall we start?" Sunny asked. "The three moves I taught you yesterday, you were meant to practise it all week but since you perfected it in a few hours, I decided to teach how to weave the moves perfectly into each other and this will be our main focus for the rest of the week."

Jake nodded and then sunny went ahead to bring out the dummy and then he activated. "Watch me carefully cos this might be a little tricky so I don't want you to rush." Sunny said as he waited for the dummy to come at him.

The dummy charged right at sunny and then it struck sunny towards his stomach but he quickly used the Guard stance to protect his stomach then he made a Jab towards the dummy's face which pushed it back a little then Sunny charged right behind it with a cross towards the dummy's head that sent it flying back.

"You see, that is how you use the three of them together." Sunny smiled.

"Aren't you worried about breaking that dummy?" Jake asked as he was getting ready to practise the move.

Sunny laughed. "That dummy is made from the strongest and hardest substance in the whole world. The Hyperalloy so no, it won't break easily. Besides, the academy has a lot of this stuff."

Jake just shrugged and went towards the dummy to practise the intertwining of the three moves taught to him. Jake tried to replicate Sunny's movement to the latter but he was always making mistakes. Sometimes in a panic, he will deviate from the hand to hand combat and use his system skills.

But after some days, Jake finally started getting the hang of it. It wasn't only in his hand to hand combat that Jake was doing well in, even in his Qi training Jake was smashing it albeit a bit slowly. Throughout the week, they were taught how to move the Qi ball around their bodies and to strengthen the cells in their body with it.

Jake was the only one that not only managed to increase his Qi ball from the pea-size to a fist size, he managed to move it around his body and strengthen his body. Aside from the normal class, Jack also tutored Jake in how to use Qi.

And then slowly, Jake started becoming stronger in the past week. So today he decided to pay Sergeant Sunny a visit for tomorrow, they will be going for their first weekly beast hunt in their second year. Sergeant Sunny was quite worried about Jake so he asked Jake to stay and possibly show him whether he had managed to perfect the skills properly.

That was what led to the current situation with Jake showing sergeant Sunny all the three moves. Satisfied with Jake's growth, Sergeant Sunny decided to let him go so he could prepare for the hunt the next but not without wishing Jake good luck.

Jake left the hand to hand combat club room and was just walking around. "I'm so bored now. What can I do to pass time?"

"How about heading to the VR room." Zee suggested. "I mean you have only practised your skills against a dummy for the past week so how about practising against human opponents."

"That is actually a very great idea." Jake smiled as he walked quickly towards the VR gaming room. Entering in, he went to the counter to pay for his time in the game.

"How many hours do you plan on spending in the game?" The man behind the counter asked.

"Just two hours." Jake replied with a smile on his face.

"That will be 60 credits."

Jake smiled then he glanced at his watch that showed his balance as 1500. Jake then paid the 60 credits leaving him with 1440 credits. Jake had enough credits thanks to his haul from Scar and his gang but Jake knew that it won't be enough.

He needed to make more money and this was where the beast hunt came in. Jake was planning to hunt a lot of beasts then he will go back to town and sell the crystals for credits.

After paying, Jake headed towards a capsule and then he hopped in. After inputting his user ID, he was now logged in. Immediately Jake logged in, the watches of all Jake's fans were pinged therefore alerting them that the wolf hunter was online.

Meanwhile, in a huge city, a teenage guy was in his room surfing the internet when his watch was pinged. Glancing at his watch, a smile crept onto his face. "Finally, the wolf hunter is back online after so long. Let's see how much you have improved."

The boy quickly rushed to his capsule that was in his room and he also logged in planning to watch the wolf hunter's game.

## Chapter 62 Still weak

After leaving the hand to hand combat class, Jake decided to play the VR game so he could gain more experience using the moves taught to him by sergeant Sunny. Jake logged into the game, was met with tons of friend requests from multiple users. Jake just closed them and then decided to start playing almost immediately.

This time, his time was to be spent playing against humans since his hand to hand combat skills were best used against humans and possibly werewolves too. But he wanted to focus his attention on humans for now who knew he might make human enemies soon.

Jake decided to play against people whose rank is silver. After a few seconds, his opponent appeared in front of Jake. Immediately his opponent appeared, the spectating stands were now filled almost to the brim with people of different ages and sizes all here to watch Jake's match.

Even Sam, Nate and Dan were there as usual. "So what do you think? Do you think he has grown stronger again?" Sam asked Dan.

"I'm sure he would have gotten stronger by now. And if not, he is more than capable of handling his opponent." Dan replied not taking his eyes off Jake.

There was a teenage guy in the crowd that heard what Dan and his friends said and he couldn't help but smile. 'Let's see how strong you are before I decide to battle against you.'

Back to the match, Jake was standing in front of his opponent calmly. When his opponent appeared, the big countdown clock also appeared and then it started counting down from 5 to 0. When it hit 0, Jake waited for his opponent who dashed towards him.

In this match, Jake decided against using any weapon so currently, he was bare handed. Then his opponent swung his sword towards Jake's neck. But Jake just ducked, then he gave his opponent a powerful hook to the stomach with half his strength because he didn't want to end the fight just yet.

The hook was still powerful enough to move Jake's opponent away from his position. Then Jake stood up straight waiting for his opponent again. Who in turn foolishly charged right back at Jake. When he got to Jake's position, he swung his leg towards Jake's neck.

Seeing the incoming leg, Jake just smiled then he uses Guard stance to block the leg then he punched the leg hard therefore breaking a bone in the leg. His opponent screamed in pain. Even in the stands, when Jake had struck his opponent's leg, some of the spectators squinted as if they were the one being struck.

Jake then dashed towards his opponent and made a quick Jab towards his opponent's face that managed to swing his opponent's head back. Jake didn't even get to use the third move, for his opponent was now on the floor seemingly unconscious and then gradually, Jake's opponent was now fading away and the gaming system declared Jake the winner but Jake was not even happy.

"Pathetic, he didn't even give much of a match. If I keep on getting all these weak matches up, I won't know how effective my moves are." Jake said out loud, unaware that the spectators were there and they heard everything he said.

Meanwhile the teenage guy in the stand chuckled out loud after he heard Jake say what he said. 'Not strong enough huh? Let's see how you do against me.'

The teenager left the spectating stands and then he went into his own lobby to send Jake a match invite. Meanwhile Jake was about starting his next match when the invite was sent to him. Checking the rank of the invitee, Jake's eyes widened in surprise and ecstasy. Quickly, Jake accepted the invite and then slowly a person appeared.

He didn't bother to use any customised avatar or anything, he just appeared the way he was in reality. This teenager had fiery red hair with a sword in his hand and a two pairs of daggers by his side. His face had a smile on it. He just stood there with his hands crossed.

Meanwhile, upon seeing who it was, Dan nearly jumped out of his seat. Even his friends were shocked. "But why? Why would the Red dragon decide to play against the wolf hunter?" Dan said.

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"Exactly, the Red dragon is currently ranked Gold but he's the strongest Gold player and very close to getting to the next rank which is Platinum so why bother fighting against a mere silver rank?" Sam said.

"Maybe the wolf hunter just interested him or something." Nate said.

"Anyway, this should be fun and entertaining, that is if the wolf hunter could last long against him." Sam said.

Meanwhile, seeing his opponent, Jake just smiled. 'Finally, a strong opponent. Although, I would have preferred to battle against the vortex to see how much I have improved against him but this should have to do.'

Red dragon calmly stood there waiting for the timer to count down and when it did, he still didn't move so Jake decided to take the initiative by running calmly towards the Red dragon. "Since you are not using weapons, I will also not use weapons. I want this fight to be fair." The red dragon said.

Then Jake threw a Jab towards the red dragon's face but he managed to duck avoiding the punch but he didn't counter attack. Jake went in again but this time with a hook towards his neck but the red dragon just leaned sideways avoiding it again.

Frustrated, Jake decided to use more than his hand to hand combat skills but also use his system skills. Quickly using the Triple Threat technique, Jake was now behind the Red dragon then he threw a roundhouse kick that connected

successfully with the rib of the red dragon's but it didn't even make him move one bit.

Smiling, the red dragon grabbed Jake's leg and then hit it with such force and strength that it made a snapping sound so loud it got to the spectator stand. Jake wanted to scream out loud but he managed to bite down on his tongue. Then he managed to move back a bit with his legs throbbing with so much pain that for a second he felt that the pain was real and not just a simulation conducted by the game.

'Darn it! This was meant for me to train and not to fight against someone stronger than me just yet.' Jake thought.

"That is what you get for being greedy." Zee said. "Nothing was stopping you from declining the invite but you decided to accept now bare the brunt."

While he was conversing with Zee, his leg managed to heal up just enough for him to move and run. But when he lifted his head, his face was met with a kick that sent him flying back. "Crap! What monstrous strength does this dude have and why is he being so ruthless with me?"

In the stands, the spectators were confused by the red dragon's behavior, especially the trio. "Why does it feel like the red dragon is toying with the wolf hunter." Sam said.

"I don't know, maybe it's because he knows that the wolf hunter is holding back that's why he hasn't ended the match just yet."

Meanwhile, back at the fight, Jake was slowly getting up then he wiped the blood gushing out of his nose then he looked at the red dragon then he raised his middle finger towards him. "F\*\*\*k you! I'm gonna pay you back In full now."

The Red dragon just smiled back, not even annoyed in the slightest. "Come get me."

Jake dashed towards the Red dragon then when he was a metre away, he activated Step shift and suddenly, he was in front of the red dragon. Without an uppercut, the red dragon was sent flying up but before he lifted off the ground, Jake grabbed his legs then slammed him hard on the ground.

And then Jake decided to stomp on the Red dragon's head but his foot was grabbed and now, Jake was the one on the floor with the Red dragon standing above him with a grin on his face. "You're still so weak even with the gift given to you." Then the Red dragon stomped on Jake's head so hard that the game was declared over and Jake was thrown back to his white space.

After being thrown to his space, Jake didn't even bother about the loss or anything, his mind was focused on one thing and that was what the Red dragon said before killing him in the game. "What did he mean by the gift given to me? Do you think he was referring to the system?"

"Unlikely. I don't think it's possible for him to know about it. Maybe he was talking about your talented nature or something else." Zee replied.

"Whatever the case, I need to talk to him again but I have a feeling he wouldn't want to talk to me for now so I just have to try and talk to him another time." Jake said while logging off from the game to head back to his room and rest up for the beast hunt tomorrow.

## Chapter 63 A warning

After leaving the VR room, Jake went to his room and there he saw his roommates making some last minute preparations before they went to sleep. They were all checking their equipment and other things. After some hours, they finally decided to get some sleep. While Jake was sleeping, he was having a nightmare. He saw his mother standing in the middle of the forest with a concerned look on her face.

"You're not strong enough son, be careful, you are in danger." Then he saw his mother getting stabbed in the back and then he was jolted awake.

Jake's heart was now beating hard and fast it felt like his heart was going to come out of his chest. He touched his face and he felt how sweaty he was. After a few minutes of calming down, Jake decided to check the time and noticed that it was already time for his daily quest.

On his way to the gym, Jake couldn't shake the dream off his mind. 'Why did I see my mom and what did she mean by I'm in danger. Was it just a dream or does it has a meaning?'

"Zee, did you see my dream or nightmare?" Jake asked.

"Normally, I do see whatever you dream sometimes but this time, I didn't see anything." Zee replied.

Jake decided to shrug it off and then opened the door to the gym. Then he started his daily quest which was now relatively easy. He didn't even break a sweat as he was doing the physical exercise and then he moved on to the running. After an hour, Jake was now done with his daily quest then he decided to glance at his status screen.

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Jake sighed. "I'm still a long way from levelling up. It seems I can only level up now through quests." Jake said as he stood up to leave.

Jake walked for a few minutes before he got to his dorm and strangely, his friends were all still asleep. 'Huh?' Jake thought confused. 'By this time, they would have all been awake fighting over who will go in to take their bath first.'

Jake just shrugged it off as he went to take his bath. When he came out, he saw his mother standing in front of him.

"What the heck!?! " Jake shouted out loud.

His mother was standing looking at him with her long blonde hair and oval shaped face and her lovely gaze. "Son, you are not strong enough. You are in danger son." His mother's voice was now fading in and out and she was already fading away.

Seeing that, Jake dashed across the room to hold his mother back. "No mom! Don't go." Jake screamed and then finally got to his mother's position but she was already gone. Jake turned his head left and right looking for his mom but he didn't see her.

This caused another type of pain to pierce his heart and he didn't know when he started screaming. "Arghhh! Are you taunting me? Why show me my mom again?" Jake said as he fell on his knees crying.

Jake's shout woke the room up and then they saw Jake on the floor sobbing. Kate was the first person to dash towards him then she held him on the shoulder.

"What's wrong? Why did you shout earlier and why are you suddenly crying?" Kate asked with her voice sounding worried. By this time, the rest of the room had surrounded Jake.

Jake turned around to look at who was talking to him then he suddenly hugged Kate out of the blue. "I... I saw my mom again and..she was standing there and now she..." Jake said in between sobs.

"It's okay. Let it out. You have been keeping everything to yourself, you don't have to carry this burden alone. We are family." Kate said while stroking his hair.

Peter then walked forward. "What do you mean you saw your mom?"

Jake then lifted his head from Kate's warm embrace then he looked at Peter then he wiped his tears from his face. "I was woken up by a strange nightmare. I saw my mom in the middle of a strange forest. She was telling me that I was in danger and I should be careful that I wasn't strong enough." Jake said as he slowly stood up from the ground.

"Then I saw her again, she was standing here telling me the same thing she told me in my dream. It all felt so surreal, it was like she was truly standing here and the next thing, she disappeared."

"What if it wasn't your mom." Sophia said.



"What do you mean?" Jake asked with a raised brow. "Are you saying I have run mad? That I don't know what my mom looks like again and that I'm hallucinating."

"Exactly." Sophia said. "Well except the mad part. I mean what if the reason you saw her is because you miss her and wanted to see her again so your mind played tricks on you by giving you what you truly wanted."

"I don't usually agree with Sophia." Peter said which caused Sophia to roll her eyes. "But on this, I think she has a point. What if everything was just a figment of your imagination. Trust me, I have gone through what you went through with my parents being murdered by werewolves and me hallucinating seeing them again. Our minds always play tricks on us."

"So in summary, you are all saying I'm imagining things."

"Exactly." Sophia and Peter said.

Jake just sighed and didn't say anything back as he slowly made his way to his bed to relax while closing his eyes. Kate was about to go to Jake to try and make him see reason but Sophia stopped her.

"Just let him be for now. I'm sure by the time he wakes up, he will be fine."

Looking between Sophia and Jake, Kate decided to listen to Sophia as they all decided to get ready for the day because today was finally going to be the first day of their weekly beast hunt and they were quite excited.

Meanwhile Jake was still on his bed but he wasn't sleeping, he was conversing with Zee. "Did you see that? Please tell me I wasn't hallucinating."

"Yes I saw that too. But I don't understand how I could see her. I think it's because our consciousness was linked together."

"Whatever it is, my mom was trying to warn me of a danger ahead so I need to be ready for anything." Jake said as he slowly stood up coz his roommates were all ready to head off for breakfast before the hunt will begin.

## Chapter 64 Hunting time

After breakfast, they all headed to the assembly hall and waited for further instructions. When the whole students were finally here, General Lila decided to inform them the rules and everything.

"Welcome all of you to your weekly portal outing." Lila said with a smile on her face.

"You will all go through this portal," Lila said pointing to a green coloured portal behind her. "And will be transported somewhere to hunt for three hours straight. Mind you, there are only basic tier beasts there. And each of you are to donate ten percent of your crystals after hunting to the academy."

Lila looked at all the students to see if there was going to be a protest among them. "You will all go in to the portals with your team you made in your first year. For those of you that your team is incomplete due to not having enough students, you can join up with teams that aren't full. You all have thirty minutes to quickly get to it. And your time starts now."

Immediately Lila finished talking, the teams that didn't have complete members, started recruiting some lone students meanwhile Jake and his team stood off to the side watching everything going on. While Jake was somewhat absentminded.

After thirty minutes, the whole students each had a team and Lila came forward again to address them. "Good. I want you to know that because of some circumstances, no sergeant will accompany you so we have made some arrangements and hired some members of a guild to be on standby Incase of a problem."

The students were now mumbling wondering what was going on. Not caring about what the students were mumbling about, Lila decided to continue.

"May I introduce to you, members of the Iron fist Guild." Lila said and then immediately four individuals came on stage.

Seeing the four of them, Jake who was not mostly listening to what was being said now had his widened by what he was seeing. 'no no no, this is bad. Out of all the Guilds they are, why did they have to hire this specific guild and this specific members.'

Unknown to Jake, the academy didn't want to hire the Iron Fist Guild before. They wanted to hire another Guild but when the Iron Fist Guild found out, they volunteered themselves and sent this specific members. It was all the work of the one in charge of this Guild branch here in the town.

Although he didn't want to do anything earlier when Scar reported but hearing that someone dared to steal from him, he decided to investigate and luckily for him, he found information about Jake and how to find him so when he found out that Aurora Academy were hiring Guilds to protect the students, he decided to send his Guild instead.

Currently on stage was Kim, the other two guys that were with Scar the other day and one more person who wasn't there when he fought against scar which made Jake wonder what happened to Scar.

They might not even remember what happened.' Jake shrugged.

"Okay so without wasting much of our time, let the hunt begin." Lila said and one by one, each of the teams were going through the portal.

When it got to Jake and his team turn, they did like last time by holding onto each other shoulders with Jack in front and Sophia behind the whole team.

When they all teleported, they could see the rest of the teams standing there and looking at the Iron Fist Guild members. The location they were in now, was like forest with tall trees all around some what obstructing the sunlight and the smell of soil all around.

When all the team arrived, the man that Jake hadn't seen before who's name was Kilberg called all the team leaders forward. "This here is a whistle connected to my own whistle, if you are in trouble, then blow on this and we will be there."

"Now this is a forest of bugs, giant insects and mostly bunnies. So be careful because anything can get you out here." Kilberg said while staring straight at Jake.

"Crap they remember." Jake mumbled.

"What's that?" Peter asked.

"It's nothing." Jake replied. 'its fine, I defeated them once before, I can do it again.' Jake reassured himself.

After giving the team leaders the whistle, they were told to head into the forest and hunt. When the whole teams were now In the jungle, Kim turned to Kilberg.

"Should we execute the plan now?"

Kilberg just smiled. "Patience Kim, it's not yet time. I need to study him some more."

Kim didn't argue back because he knew how Kilberg could get. And he knew how dangerous he could be. Back at the forest, Jake and his team were navigating their way through the forest while leaving trails and tracks of their whereabouts on the trees thanks to Vynn's suggestion.

"You know it's good you attended that Survival skills club otherwise we wouldn't have known to keep tracks." Peter said.

"Well you wouldn't have known because you are quite dense." Sophia said. "So speak for yourself."

"Who are you calling dense? You fool." Peter shouted.

"I'm calling you dense Peter and you see, this is the reason you can't get yourself a girlfriend. Look at how you are screaming at lady." Sophia said.

"Will you guys stop it." Kate shouted. "The way you guys are shouting, will attract beasts towards us."

"Too late." Jack said. "We are under attack now."

Immediately, they all stood side by side to look at what they were up against. The beasts that were attacking them were all looking like Lady bugs but much more bigger. They were giant Lady bugs. From their waist up till their upper bodies, they had normal bug like bodies with antennas on their heads while their lower bodies had a stinger and they were all 10 of them ready to attack their team.

Jake and his team seeing them, immediately went into formation ready for battle.

## Chapter 65 It's Grinding time

Today was the day for the weekly beast hunt for all the second years and currently Jake and his team were in a forest looking for beasts to hunt when Peter and Sophia were both bickering therefore attracting beasts towards them. Seeing the Lady bugs, they all got into formation with Jack in front, Kate a little far back, Sophia behind Jack but a little feet away Jake and Peter on either side of the beasts.

"Guys, I will take care of two beasts. You guys split the rest between yourselves." Jake said and then the beasts dashed towards them quickly. While Jake ran forward towards the bugs.

With a swing of his sword, one of the beast stopped for a second and then the second one attacked Jake from behind but he quickly used Triple Threat technique to get behind them and then the initial beast he struck then dashed forward towards Jake with its stinger.

It almost connected but Jake activated Stun strike unsure whether it was going to work or not and miraculously, it worked stunning the beast for a few seconds which was enough for Jake to take care of the other beast. With an overhead strike towards the beast abdomen, Jake managed to slice it in half.

Right on cue, the stun strike wore off from the other beast and Jake quickly used the Triple Threat technique to get behind it and then he stabbed it with so much strength that his sword came out of the other end.

Jake was now panting with sweat dripping from his forehead. "That was a little bit hard. I had to concentrate incredibly hard so as not to be stung."

Jake now was resting while watching the rest of his teammates. Vynn was actually doing a little bit better. With his spear, he was putting space between him and the beast while also making puncture injuries on the beast and then slowly, the wounds added up and then, a final wound to the head finally made the beast drop dead.



Meanwhile Kate was shooting out arrows at one of the beast but it kept avoiding it while inching its way towards Kate. Finally, the beast was now almost close to Kate. "Even if I'm still an amateur with the bow, I'm still good in close quarter combat."

The beast was now in front of Kate about to sting her with its stinger but Kate used the bow to wack the stinger away therefore changing the trajectory then she quickly picked an arrow from her quiver and stabbed the beast multiple times before the beast died.

While Peter was having fun with the beasts. He was actually facing against two of the bugs. Peter was just brutally attacking the beasts with his double axe. One of the beast was heading towards him then he quickly knocked it away with one of his axe then he stabbed and stabbed and then finally sliced the other beast.

Finally he decided to focus on the beast he knocked away earlier. As he turned around, he could see the beast's stinger in front of him heading towards his head. Peter froze unsure of what to do but then, a sword strike severed the stinger and then Peter snapped out of his daze and quickly sliced the beast into half.

He turned around to see who helped him and it turns out it was Sophia. "You are welcome." She said while walking off. It turns out, she managed to kill her beast quickly.

"Hey! I didn't say thank you." Peter shouted out towards Sophia who was already gone.

And then finally, they managed to kill all the 10 lady bugs. When they were done, they got to work searching for the beast crystals in the bodies. Each and every one of them, took the crystals from the bugs that they killed. So currently, Jake and Peter were in possession of two crystals each while the rest were in possession of just one crystal each.

Quickly moving on, they decided to go hunt more beasts while Jake was admiring the crystals in his hands 'I wonder how much this will sell for?'

After a few minutes of walking, they reached another part of the forest and this part was relatively quiet until they heard shuffling noises all around them in the bushes so Jake and the rest quickly backed up with each of them backing their backs against each other.

They were all turning their heads around trying to find what was making the shuffling noise around them. They quickly readied their weapons in their hands waiting for what was to come. And they didn't have to wait for long as what was making the noises finally came out.

What was making the noises were what was known as Hop bunnies. They looked like normal bunnies but with grey fur and a little bigger than normal bunnies. Their size was like two times a regular and normal bunnies. They all had two horns on their heads. The horns were on either side of their heads.

They were like twenty of the beasts moving towards Jake and his friends.

"Uhhh, should I say today is our lucky day or bad luck." Vynn said nervously.

"I would say it's our lucky day." Jake replied as he readied himself for battle again.

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And without warning, the bunnies ran towards them while surrounding them without any way from escaping. Jake didn't actually care for the formation as he was running towards the bunnies. While Jake was running, he was already calculating the amount of credits he would earn.

'20 bunnies, it mean if I can take out like more than five, I will have enough money to sell for credits.' Jake thought as he was already in front of one of the bunnies.

With a slash, one of the bunnies was sliced into half by Jake's sword but in doing that, the other beasts had surrounded him while the others went after his teammates.

'Yes yes, come after me.' Jake thought a he quickly activated melee combat and Frenzy strike together while also using 'The Triple Threat' technique to get out of the circle the beasts made. "It's grinding time." Jake said.

Immediately Jake got out of the circle the beasts made, he charged right at them while slashing and swinging his sword. Jake was attacking one of the beast when another one attacked Jake's leg with its horn therefore giving Jake an injury on his leg.

"Arghh you damn bunny." Jake shouted as he quickly kicked one of the bunnies away then he swung his sword at the one that attacked him but anticipating his move, another bunny jumped up and stabbed Jake on his hand therefore changing the trajectory of his strike.

Another bunny used its horn to stab Jake's leg again. This caused Jake to grit his teeth in anger. "Enough is enough." Jake said as he quickly activated the Qi in his body therefore strengthening his cells and also making body heal up.

Then Jake stood up with a smile on his face. "Let's go for another round you annoying bunnies shall we?"

## Chapter 66 Shadows in the forest

After being injured by the bunnies, and seeing as he was about to be surrounded, Jake decided to activate the Qi in his cells, therefore strengthening them and also healing his injuries.

Jake stood up from his kneeling position on the floor with a smile on his face. "Let's go for round two you annoying bunnies shall we?"

Immediately Jake finished talking, he dashed towards the bunny closest to him and then he swung his sword on its tail and immediately, the bunny was sliced into half. With the Qi empowering Jake, he felt much stronger and lighter so he was able to slice the bunny into half.

Jake kept on going from bunny after bunny, slicing them in half very easily. That was when another bunny was heading for Jake's legs but an arrow quickly flew past and lunged into the bunny's head therefore killing it. Hearing the sound the arrow made while flying past, Jake turned around and then he saw a bunny dead with an arrow lunged deep in its head.

Seeing the arrow, Jake knew where it came from but he just continued what he was doing by going from beast after beast. And then finally, after a few minutes, they were all done hunting and killing the Hop bunnies. Immediately Jack killed the last of the Hop bunnies, they all fell on the floor exhausted.

They all decided to rest for some time before they will find their way back to the academy. Kate was now twisting her head around looking at all the beasts they killed. "We sure did kill a lot of beasts today."

"Yeah. A lot." Vynn added. "Do you think it's enough now?"

"I think it's pretty much enough for today because I'm exhausted." Cindy said.

"Yeah me too." Vynn said.

After a few minutes of resting, they decided to start harvesting the beast cores. They harvested for ten minutes, because they didn't know where the core will be located on the beast but when they managed to find out it was located in the center of the bunny's head, it became easier to get the crystal.

When they were done, they split the crystals accordingly by the number of kills you got. Jake got 5 crystals, Peter got 3 crystals, Kate got 2 crystals, Vynn 2 crystals, Cindy 2 crystals, Sophia, 3 crystals Jack got 3 crystals. So in total, that was 20 crystals from the Hop bunnies.

Jake had 7 crystals in total in his possession but it will be lowered to 6 by the time he donated ten percent to the academy. After they were done harvesting, they all left and followed the tracks they made on the trees to get out of the forest unknown to them that two individuals were on top the trees watching them when they were hunting.

"Did you see that?" Kim asked Kilberg. "I told you that the Kids were a strong bunch especially the one we want to get rid of."

"And I will tell you again. Patience, we can handle them. Don't worry." Kilberg replied as they hurriedly run and jump from one tree to another in order to get to the forest entrance In time.

Jake and his friends were finally got to the forest entrance and they could only see two out of the four Guild members but they just shrugged it off and then the each dropped one crystals out of their crystals with them.

When they dropped their crystals, they went off to the side to wait for the rest of the students to come out so they could all go back to the academy. After an hour, the whole teams were now here including Kim and Kilberg. Your journey continues with empire

After the whole teams were here and accounted for, Kilberg brought out a strange looking device and then he pressed a button on it and a portal opened up then all the students went through one by one and then finally The Iron Fist Guild members entered and the portal zipped and zapped a few seconds and then it was closed.

When the students got back at the academy, they were censored again to see if any of them were missing before they were told to head back to their dorm room to get rest. While walking, Jake couldn't stop grinning. 'This crystals should be enough to get me more credits. And it turns out Sophia was right, I think I was hallucinating when I saw my mom warning me for nothing bad happened today.'

After a few minutes of walking, they got to their dorm room and they all fell on the bed to rest. Today was a Friday so tomorrow is going to be their day off since it was a weekend and it was the day Jake will head into town again to sell some of the crystals.

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Meanwhile, in a desolate land that looked a lot like a desert, a portal opened up and then two men stepped out of it then they examined their surroundings. Before the portal closed up.

"Remember, we are only here to scout so no causing of problems okay?" One of the men told the other.

"Yeah, I heard you loud and clear. This is like the second time you are telling me this. We are here to scout and also find Digg because he was supposed to report back a few weeks ago." The man said.

The man who initially started talking smiled. "If this scouting mission is successful, they won't know what hit them. And then finally, that pesty academy that always troubled us will fall followed by those annoying big three and then finally the whole earth will belong to us."

"And then we will be the rulers of the whole earth." The second man said and then they both laughed out loud before they left the desolate land to explore.

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## Chapter 67 Prince charming

It was finally the weekend and the rest of Jake's teammates decided to sleep in today but Jake had a plan in mind for today. After his daily quest and him getting breakfast, Jake decided to head into town to probably sell his beast crystals and earn him credits. After scanning his watch at the gate, Jake was now on his way to town with the crystals safely tucked away his pants pocket.

Out of the 6 crystals Jake earned in the beast hunt, he decided he wanted to sell 4 and keep the remaining two for later. When Jake got to town, he saw the somewhat peaceful atmosphere and smiling faces. Then something clicked in his head.

'Oh shit, I forgot that the last time I came here, I created a lot of ruckus and I'm sure that my face will be pretty known around here. What do I do now?' Jake thought while keeping his head low so as to avoid any sort of recognition.

Scanning the town, Jake saw a little store that sold customised clothings and other things. Opening the door, the little bell above the door chimed loudly and the man behind the counter looked from whatever he was doing.

"Oh, a new customer. Welcome." The man said as he came out from where he was standing to welcome Jake. "What would you like to purchase here today?"

Jake didn't respond as he was busy looking around. Jake saw some clothes, robes, masks and even boots. Thinking fast, Jake finally came to a decision about what he wanted.

"I will take a robe and mask." Jake said smiling.

The man was confused by Jake's choice of purchase but he just shrugged and gestured Jake towards the robe and mask section. Jake looked at all the robes there and he just decided to pick a black robe that could cover up someone from

their head to their ankles. The robe had a round something that could cover someone's head and possibly their face.

Then Jake picked up a mask that could cover someone's face and hide someone's identity. The mask was fully black that covered the top half of the face so the mouth could be seen. Across the mask, was blood splatter and something that looked like a fang designed on it.

Picking the mask up, Jake smiled. "I will take this also."

The man didn't see anything to it, he took it to the counter to record and package the purchase for Jake. "That will be 50 credits for the robe and mask."

Jake didn't say anything, he just paid and took the stuff along with him. Before he stepped out of the store, Jake put on the robe and covered his head with the robe. He also kept the mask in his pocket.

'With the number of things I carry around, it won't be easy to hide some things. I need a storage space to hide things like this robe and mask from my friends. Otherwise, they will have a lot of questions for me.' Jake thought as he finally stepped out of the store.

"Now I need to find where to sell these beast crystals." Jake said looking around and that was when he decided to approach another stall. Jake walked up to the person there.

When the stall owner noticed a shadow cast over him, he looked up and that was when he saw Jake. "Yes, may I help you?"

"I'm looking to sell some beast crystals." Jake said.

"Oh, you have to go to the Guildhall to sell any beast crystals." The man said.

"Alright, thank you." Jake said, already heading off towards the Guildhall.

The moment Jake left the stall to head off towards the Guildhall, two individuals just entered the town. One of them was a huge man with a big body build and a sword sheathed on his waist while the other one was a female with tied up purple hair and a confident posture around her like she owned the world.

The female was wearing a purple robe that also covered up her hair and part of her face. But her hair was slightly showing.

"I'm telling you, there's no way we can meet up with him again." The man said.

"And I said, we will meet him." The female replied.

"How are you so sure? Because you are talking as if you guys had communicated about it before today."

"We haven't talked to each other since that day. Besides, I just have a hunch that he will be here today."

The man scoffed and was glancing around. "So, what now? Where do we head to or do you just want us to be looking around for him?"

The female just shrugged "Let's just head over to the Guildhall, perhaps we might find him there."

The man just sighed. "Why are you even hell bent on finding him?"

"Because the day I saw him, I noticed this fire in his eyes when he dealt with the Iron Fist Guild members. And.." The female blushed. "I think I like him. But you are not gonna tell dad about this okay?" Helen said.

It turns out that the female and male looking for Jake were Helen and Berg, her bodyguard. Berg had been her bodyguard ever since she was a Kid. He hadn't left her side for once and therefore, their bond was strengthened further and Berg became her best friend of sorts.

Berg just sighed. "Fine, I promise not to tell your dad anything about this."

Helen smiled. "Good, let's head over to the Guildhall maybe, just maybe I might find my prince charming there."

Ever since Helen saw Jake in the Guildhall that day, she couldn't stop thinking about how cool he was taking down those members from the Iron Fist Guild. No one in months could stand up to their bullying. Helen would have helped but she didn't want to create a mess which her dad will have to clean up later.

After all, the Iron Fist Guild was the third strongest independent Guild in the world so she didn't want any issues. But when she saw Jake stand up to them, she noticed how fearless he was and how cool and handsome he looked and ever since then, she had a thing for Jake.

And with that, Berg and Helen were on their way to the Guildhall.

## Chapter 68 Joining Forces

After a few minutes of walking, Jake was now in front of the Guildhall. With a deep breath, Jake walked into the building. The loud noises coming from the different adventurers talking hit Jake like a wave. Jake could see that the damages he caused from the fight between him and the Iron Fist Guild was repaired.

Walking away from the door, Jake went towards the counter where he registered as an adventurer the last time he came. "Hi, how may I help you?" The man behind the counter asked.

"I am here to sell some beast crystals." Jake said.

"Alright, what tier are they and how many do you have?" The man asked.

"They are all basic tier beasts crystals and I have four of them." Jake replied.

The man didn't say anything, he just waited for Jake to bring the crystals out. Fumbling In his pocket, Jake brought out the crystals. The placed the crystals down on the counter and they made a clanging sound as he placed them down.

The man didn't react, he just brought out a small, intricately crafted device with a glowing blue crystal at its center. The crystal analyzer emitted a soft hum as it scanned the beast crystals, revealing its purity and type through a series of intricate symbols etched into the device's surface.

"Okay, this is truly a beast crystal." The man said looking up from the device. "It says, it was got from Hop bunnies."

Jake was impressed. It turns out this device was more than what meets the eyes. 'I bet this device was created by one of the big three families. I just wonder which one.' Jake thought.

"I'm willing to buy it from you for 40 credits." The man said.

"What!" Jake shouted but he was mindful not to draw attention towards himself. "Are you trying to rip me off here?"

"It is not a rip off, it's a fair price. One basic tier crystal is worth 10 credits while an intermediate crystal is worth 100 credits, an advanced crystal is worth a thousand credits. That's the market value for all these things." The man said.

Jake just sighed and gave the man his wrist to make the transfer seeing as he had no choice. After the transfer was done, Jake just went to one of the tables to sit down. 'I can't believe that the crystals were sold for 40 credits. So cheap.' Jake thought.

"Well what do you want to do now?" Zee asked.

"The only thing I can do. I'm gonna go hunt myself some intermediate beasts." Jake replied.



"How? Because as far as I remember, the academy will only allow you to hunt intermediate beasts during the monthly beast hunt."

Jake just looked at the quest board and then he stood up to get a closer look. And he saw quests asking travellers to hunt intermediate beasts. But for these quests, there needed to be three people in a team to go out and hunt the beasts. "I found the solution to my earlier problem of hunting intermediate beasts and now this. Where on earth am I gonna find two more people to join me for a hunt?"

"I could help." A voice said.

Turning around, Jake could see a huge man standing beside a female with purple robe on her. "You need two people to join you for the hunt right? Then here we are." Helen said with a smile on her face.

Jake looked her up and down with a hint of doubt on his face. "Why?"

"Because we also wanted to go hunt some beasts and noticed that everyone was already In a team, when we approached the board, I heard you mumbling to yourself so we decided to join up with you. You needed two members for you to go hunt beasts and we needed one more member so its a win win for the both of us." Helen smiled.

A little while ago when Helen and Berg entered the Guildhall, Helen scanned the room to see if there will be any signs of Jake but there was none. Helen decided to go sit on a table with Berg sitting across her. Berg also scanned the room but he couldn't see Jake anywhere.

"I don't think he's here miss Helen. And besides I don't think he will show up after the ruckus he created the other day." Berg said.

"He will show up. My gut feeling tells me so." Helen replied still looking around that was when her eyes landed on someone dressed in a black robe and was walking away from the counter then he went to sit down for a few seconds then he stood up and headed to the Quest board.

"What's wrong miss?" Berg asked noticing that Helen was looking at the strange person putting on a black robe.

"It's nothing, that person felt familiar." Helen replied. This caused Berg to laugh.

"Oh please, do you want to tell me that the robed figure is your mysterious crush." Berg chuckled.

"He could be." Helen replied.

"What! What do you mean?"

"I mean, it will make sense for him to hide himself especially with the ruckus he created here last time. He would want to play safe by hiding himself. That will explain me not seeing him." Helen replied.

"Are you for real now? He could just be a normal person that felt like wearing a robe or someone of importance like yourself that will want to hide their identity." Berg replied.

"No, my gut feeling tells me that's my guy. Besides there's no harm in checking right?"

Berg didn't argue further, he decided to agree with whatever Helen said and planned and that was when they approached Jake who was contemplating where he was gonna get a two more people from and that was when Helen decided to volunteer to join Jake for a beast hunt.

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## Chapter 69 Wolf's bane

After Jake sold the basic tier crystals he got from the Hop bunnies the previous day, Jake was disheartened by the amount of credits he got so he decided to hunt higher beast which is an intermediate beast. But as he approached the quest board, he was met with another obstacle which was, Jake needed two people to join him making them three members in order to be granted the chance to hunt.

Just when he was contemplating what to do, he was approached by two individuals that wanted to join him to hunt. Jake was hesitating on what to do but seeing as his situation was quite desperate, he agreed and they went off to register and also

received a type of remote of some sorts that had a button that when pushed, a portal will open up to the location of their chosen beast quest. The remote could be called a portable telepoter of some sorts.

Going outside and into the forest that surrounded the town, Jake, Helen and Berg were standing in the middle of the forest about to open the portal.

"Sorry, before we open up the portal, we haven't even introduced ourselves yet." Helen said.

"I'm sorry, is that necessary? After all, this team hunt between us is a one time thing. Not like it's gonna happen again." Jake said while pushing the button and opening up the portal then he stepped in with Helen and Berg following him.

And then, after a few seconds the portal snapped shut. Going through the portal was a regular feeling to Jake now. It wasn't a foreign feeling to him like before. When they came out of the other end, they came out into a forest.

"What's with the hunt I always go to with forests can't there be another hunting grounds." Jake complained.

"Well that's because of the nature of beast we are here to hunt." Helen said.

"Huh?" Jake raised a brow. "What do you mean?"

"What do you mean by what I meant? Didn't you even look into the type of beasts we were about to hunt before you accepted the quest?" Helen said.

Jake just shrugged this caused Helen to slap her forehead with her palm and then shook her head. 'I think I made a mistake. There's no way that this fool can be my guy.' Helen thought.

"The beasts we are here to hunt are... look out!" Berg shouted to which Jake quickly turned around but he was hit by something that sent him flying back therefore breaking trees.

"Shit! Your earlier noise must have attracted the beast." Berg said while going in front of Helen.

'I wonder if that guy is okay.' Helen thought.

The beast in front of them, was a wolf. Not a werewolf, but a full on wolf. It was huge like a small house with black fur all over its body and staring at Berg its glowing red eyes. And getting ready to attack Berg.

Meanwhile, when Jake was hit by the wolf, he went crashing into so many trees and in the process breaking them until his back hit a tree that managed to break his flight.

Coughing violently, Jake slowly stood up and relaxed his back on the tree to catch his breath. "Shit! What was that? What could have hit me like that?" Jake said.

"Beat me, If you don't know, how am I supposed to know?" Zee replied.

Jake finally regained his breathing and then decided to retrace his steps by following the path of broken trees. After walking a few steps, Jake halted his steps abruptly because standing in his path, was a black wolf. "Oh shit!" Jake said as he saw a claw swipe heading towards his head. Jake quickly managed to duck down therefore avoiding the hit.

Immediately he laid his eyes on the wolf, he heard a ding in his head.

<Ding! A New Quest>

<Defeat the wolf for a reward of an instant level-up and and a new skill>

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Jake didn't even bother to check the quest, he quickly unsheathed his sword and then moved to the side but the wolf was already in front of him with a swipe of its claws towards Jake's face but he quickly used his sword to hit the claw trying to change its trajectory. It worked but he put in a lot of efforts before he could change its trajectory.

Jake's sword had a crack on it. "Oh shit! My sword is just a basic tier sword. How is it supposed to go against an intermediate beast." Jake cursed.

But his thoughts was interrupted by the wolf who dashed towards Jake with full speed and then Jake quickly used Triple Threat technique to get behind it then Jake gave the wolf a strong kick that only make it skid a few feet but the wolf quickly regained its composure and charged right at Jake. "Ah crap!" That was all Jake could say before he was hit sending him back again.

"If an intermediate beast could give me so much trouble, I wonder how the higher tier beasts will be like." Jake said as he slowly got off the ground.

Immediately Jake got off the ground, the wolf was coming at him again. When the wolf was one metre away from him, he quickly activated stun strike and and step shift at once.

Immediately the wolf was stunned and Jake was now in front of the wolf. With a swing of his sword towards the wolf's neck, Jake made a cut but it wasn't enough to kill the wolf since Jake's sword was only at the basic tier. The wolf was now



released from the stun strike effect but Jake had already anticipated this so he used the Triple Threat technique to get behind the wolf quickly.

Then he gave it a good kick sending the wolf go crashing into multiple trees before it came to a halt. "What can I do now? My sword is only at the basic tier and this damn wolf is an intermediate beast." Jake said quickly going through some options that he might use and that was when option came to his mind.

And it was just right on time for the wolf was now dashing towards Jake. Quickly putting his plan to motion, Jake activated Melee combat, stun strike, strength Surge and step shift together.

Immediately, the wolf stopped charging again and now Jake was in front of it with a swing of his sword towards the wolf's neck with all his strength, Jake managed to slice the wolf's head off. Immediately the wolf fell, Jake also fell on his knees due to exhaustion.

Immediately the wolf was dead, Jake heard a ding in his head and a screen appeared in front of him but he quickly dismissed it. "I will look at it later. For now, I need to extract the crystal and go check on the others they might have encountered the same trouble as me." Jake said getting to work in extracting the crystal.

'I just hope they are fine.' Jake thought.

## Chapter 70 Useful Qi Unleashing true strength.

When Berg and Helen had encountered the wolf, they were initially frozen with Berg in front of Helen trying his possible best to protect her. The wolf not wanting to participate in any form of stand off, decided to act first by dashing towards Berg who was in front. Seeing the wolf coming at him, Berg unsheathed his sword and swung it at the wolf but the wolf quickly moved sideways avoiding the strike.

And then the wolf dashed faster than before this time towards Helen who was initially behind Berg who moved in order to attack the wolf. Snapping out of her daze, Helen reached inside her robe and brought out two daggers. The wolf was now in front of her.

With a swipe, Helen ducked down avoiding the hit and stabbing the wolf's leg quickly and moving back. The dagger pierced deep and managed to injure the wolf this gave her enough time to move back a bit and this time, Berg came forward and sliced on of the wolf's nails off.

The wolf in annoyance, moved back a bit to create space not knowing that Helen was already behind the wolf. Helen jumped up and then came crashing down with a stab to the wolf's back. The dagger sank in showing that the dagger was an intermediate dagger. This annoyed the wolf a lot that it shook its body forcefully trying to get Helen off and it worked.

Helen was sent flying back from the force of the shake but it was enough of a distraction for Berg was now in front of the wolf and then he swung his sword towards the wolf's neck but the wolf already anticipating that the man was dangerous, quickly grabbed Berg who was unable to react in time.

Helen seeing Berg being held by the wolf, quickly thought of a way to help him. With one of her dagger still lunged into the wolf's back, she charged in with her remaining one dagger. Meanwhile the wolf was bringing Berg close to its mouth trying to eat his head off.

But Helen was already there just in time. With a jump, Helen was now high enough to reach the wolf's claw that was holding onto Berg and then she quickly stabbed the furry part. This made the wolf to howl in pain and then it let Berg go by flinging him away so it could focus on the annoying female.

Luckily for Berg, he wasn't flung too far. But he was thrown with such force that a speck of blood came out from his mouth when he coughed. Quickly standing up, he could see Helen dodging and weaving from the wolf's paw strike.

"Damn! I never thought an intermediate beast was going to give me much trouble like this." Berg said as he picked up his sword for another round.

In a few seconds, Berg was now in front of the wolf and directly behind Helen waiting for the perfect moment to strike. And finally the time came, the wolf moved back to create space again then it dashed towards Helen with full speed and when it got to Helen's position, it swiped again with its claws but Helen quickly rolled over avoiding the swipe and now Berg was ready.

In annoyance, Berg activated the Qi coursing through his body then he used the Qi to coat his blade and also to strengthen his body and now he was ready. With a full

and strong swung towards the paw coming towards him, Berg sliced the claw off with ease.

Then he pushed off from the ground with full strength and he fell onto the wolf's body. The wolf seemingly sensing the danger coming from the human, tried to shake Berg off but he stood strong and he swung his blade vertically towards the beast. The blade sliced through the beast with ease.

The beast fell together with Berg who was on top of it fell with it too. Climbing down from on top of the beast, Berg walked towards Helen to see if she was okay. After confirming she was okay, Berg started extracting the crystal which was located at the beast's stomach area.

Then Berg chunked the crystal up and down and noticed how a little clear it was then he chunked it towards Helen to keep it. "I wonder how that guy is. Do you wanna go look for him?" Berg asked.

"Yes, come on let's go. He might have also run into trouble." Helen said about to walk in the direction of broken trees when she saw someone dressed in a black robe walking towards them.

"No need, I'm okay." Jake said coming over towards them.

"Did you encounter any trouble?" Berg asked.

Not wanting to tell them about him encountering the wolf, Jake decided to lie because he knew if he told them about encountering a wolf and him defeating it, they will Inquire about how he did it and he wasn't ready to start coming up with excuses.

"Aside from being chunked so far back by a wolf, what else could I have encountered?"

Berg just shook his head and was about to scold Jake that if he didn't encounter any trouble then why didn't he encounter any problem why didn't he come sooner he could have helped a lot but Helen's eyes told him not to say anything.

"So what now?" Helen asked.

"What do you mean what now? We go back to the Guild." Berg said.

"No, not yet. I need to hunt more beasts before I go back." Jake said.

"Are you nuts? I already told you that this forest is one for wolves and since you weren't here, let me recap to you. It was difficult taking it down, I had to use my Qi to take it down." Berg complained.

"If you want to leave, you are free to do so. Just drop the portable telepoter button for me before you leave." Jake said about to go deeper into the forest but before that, he stretched his palm waiting for the button.

He had given it to Berg earlier before they started hunting. He was about to give it to Jake but he was stopped by Helen.

"Don't worry, we would hunt for as long as you want to." Helen said with a smile.

Berg looked at her but she just nodded her head and then Berg sighed. "Fine no problem, let's go and hunt." Enjoy more content from empire

"Very well then." Jake said heading deeper into the forest along with Berg and Helen.