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Chapter 81 Ambush in the forest

After splitting up with each other, Jake and Peter headed in the opposite directions to the others so they could hunt. "I suppose the reason you decided to split up with the others has another reason to it." Peter said.

Jake then smiled. "Yes. With the both of us, we could hunt more powerful beasts and also I noticed something."

"What's that?"

"In a forest filled with basic tier beasts, why isn't there even a single intermediate beast?"

"Probably there's no intermediate beast. Maybe it's just a forest for basic tier beasts." Peter shrugged.

"Exactly my point. That's why I want us to investigate and if possible, we might stumble upon intermediate beasts."

"Isn't that too much? I mean an intermediate beast. Are you sure we could handle it ourselves?" Peter asked with uncertainty in his voice.

"I'm confident we could handle ourselves. Or are you telling me you are scared or what? I think I should have chosen Sophia instead, maybe she is braver than you." Jake smiled.

"Are you trying to rile me up? Because I think it just worked. I don't know why, I hate being compared with Sophia. She's my rival." Peter said.

"So can we pick up pace now." Jake said.

To which Peter took off sprinting forward and Jake also followed. After a bit of sprinting and also putting down landmarks so they could find their way back, they were now in front of beasts.

They stopped unsure if the beasts were powerful enough or not. So Jake decided to try one thing that might work.

<Inspect>

<Name: Herculean beetles>

<Tier: Intermediate.>

Jake smiled then he quickly alerted Peter. "Peter, they are intermediate beasts so be careful."

They stood together while backing each other because In front of them were four intermediate Herculean beetles. They were the size of the basic tier bugs they had battled with the previous week.

"This is great. We can take them on." Jake smiled. "I will take care of two of them, you take care of the other two okay?"

Peter nodded and they quickly got to work with Jake charging forward and leading two of the beetles away from Peter so they wouldn't be in any trouble. One of the beetles charged at Jake with its stinger, but Jake avoided it by ducking down.

When he raised his head, he saw a stinger already close to his face. Acting quickly, Jake activated Step shift and suddenly he was one metre away from the stinger. More than enough time to charge right in again with another Step shift to move him forward one metre and now he was in front of the beetle.

Then Jake swung his blade at the beast but it didn't go in deep because both his blade and the beast were at the intermediate tier. Hearing a whistling type of

sound coming at him, Jake quickly turned around and then used his Qi coated blade to slice the stinger from the second beast off.

Then he quickly moved back for the stinger from the other beast was heading for his neck. Then Jake quickly used his blade to slice the stinger off. With the beasts stingers cut off, Jake could now finally ease up. "You are not strong enough like the intermediate wolf I faced nor the advanced tier wolf I faced." Jake said as he quickly swung his sword towards the beasts and killed them in one strike.

"This blade is quite sharp, especially with the coating of Qi I used on it." Jake smiled while getting to work in extracting the crystals. He would have loved to help Peter but when he turned around, he could see Peter had dealt with one of the beasts and he wasn't struggling with the second one so Jake just started extracting his crystals.

By the time Jake was done extracting the crystals, Peter was also done killing the beasts and he was now extracting the crystals. When he was done, he came over to Jake. "Well, that was a lot harder than I thought, especially with my axes still being at the basic tier level." Peter said.

'It almost slipped my mind that Peter was still using a basic tier weapon.' Jake thought.

"Anyway, with this, I can finally get an intermediate weapon." Peter smiled. "So should we keep hunting or do you want us to head back and meet up with the rest?"

"I suggest we head back now. This is more than enough so let's head back. Besides I have already proved my theory of there being intermediate beasts here." Jake replied. "So let's go before we encounter more trouble."

"Agreed." Peter said already about to lead the way.

"Too late for that, trouble has come looking for you." A voice was heard talking behind them and in front of them, the trees fell blocking their path back and then two men were in front of them and two more behind them.

Jake and Peter were now on guard. They couldn't see the face of the men blocking their path because they were putting on black masks that only allowed for their eyes, nose and mouth to be seen while the rest of their facial features were obscured.

Jake didn't want to take any chances, he quickly equipped his new boots and held his sword tightly while looking from back to forth at the four men. "Who are you guys? And what do you want with us?" Stay updated through empire

"You don't need to know about us. But just know that you aren't leaving here alive." One of the men spoke.

The men now had their weapons drawn. They all had different weapons ranging from sword, axes, spear and a chain type of weapon. 'I think these guys are really serious about their threat. Can I take them on?' Jake thought worriedly.

"You are going to die here Jake Lucas." One of the men dashed towards Jake with full speed then Jake heard a ding in his head but he didn't have time to check it out.

Chapter 82 Desperate battle

Jake and Peter split up with the rest of the team so they could hunt faster and garner more crystals so that they could get more and equipment. Unknown to them that Jake had a different reason for splitting up. He wanted to hunt intermediate beasts so he could get more crystals for more equipment.

His plan worked out and he and Peter hunted intermediate beasts that were known as the Herculean beetles. After killing them, they decided to head back so they could meet up with the rest of the team but as they were about to leave, a tree fell down blocking their path and they were surrounded by four men dressed in all black with a black mask.

Peter was quite nervous after the men pulled out their weapons and he looked at his. 'I don't think we can handle these men. They have a higher level of weapons than us and I bet they are more skilled than us.' Peter thought worriedly.

But he didn't have much time to think as two of the men obstructing their path dashed towards him while the other two dashed towards Jake. The two men that were attacking Peter were the men with axes and spear. The one with the spear thrust it towards Peter's stomach but he managed to pivot sideways avoiding the hit but as he was about to hit the spear, the other man with an axe came lunging at Peter from above with an overhead strike.

But Jake quickly lifted up his axes and coated it with Qi to make the axes as strong as an intermediate weapon then he raised them up to block the strike but the force of the hit made Peter's legs buckle and almost fall down. And then the man with the spear thrust his spear towards Peter's stomach again.

Quickly using all his strength, Peter managed to push the man with the axe off and then he rolled away avoiding the spear strike. 'Shit shit shit! This is proving so difficult. How am I supposed to battle two skilled men together?' Peter thought. 'I just hope Jake is alright. I would have loved to help him but I am in a pickle currently.'

Peter glanced towards Jake to see how he was holding up and Peter could see that Jake was holding up nicely and skillfully. Peter hated to admit it but he thought that Jake was stronger than him with the way he was handling the two men with one of them Peter thought as the leader of the group. But unknown to Peter, Jake wasn't holding up nicely in fact he was cornered.

When the man with the sword had dashed towards Jake, Jake thought he was prepared for anything but the man's next action made Jake regret his thoughts.

For as the man started moving, Jake couldn't keep track and immediately he was struck so hard that he was about to go flying but before he could, his legs were wrapped with the chains from the other man and he was yanked back down with so much force that Jake was coughing violently.

While on the floor, Jake could see the man with the sword jumping up and coming back down at him with tremendous speed and was about to hit Jake who was still laying on the floor. 'Shit!' Jake quickly rolled over away from the man who now hit the ground where Jake was not too long ago with such strength that he created a fissure in the ground.

'This is bad, terribly bad.' Jake thought as he was now standing up but his waist was now wrapped with something, looking down, Jake could see he was wrapped up with chains and then he was yanked towards the chain wielder who now jumped up and gave Jake a hard kick sending him back in the path of the sword wielder.

The sword wielder after striking the ground and not seeing Jake there, he stood up and that was when he saw the chain wielder kicking Jake and sending him towards his path. Then he quickly readied his blade and struck right at Jake but there was only a scratch on his body.

"What the hell!" He said and when he looked up, he was given an uppercut that sent him skidding away. The person who delivered the uppercut was Jake.
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When Jake had been yanked and kicked back to the sword wielder's path, he quickly decided to think on his feet. Then he used his Qi to strengthen his body and hoped that the Qi coupled with his high level of Endurance would do the trick unless the man was using Qi himself.

So when Jake was finally in the sword wielder's path, and was struck, Jake felt relieved and then took advantage of the man's momentarily confusion to throw an uppercut his way that managed to send him skidding.

Not wanting to waste this opportunity, Jake sheathed his blade and used Step shift to get in front of the man then he threw a quick Jab towards the man's face that flung his head back. As Jake was about to move forward, his movements were restricted.

Looking down, Jake could see a chain holding his legs down then he was drawn backwards away from the man. "Darn it! This chain user is pretty annoying. I don't even know who to concentrate on now." Jake said frustrated then he grabbed the chain and released its grip from his legs.

Then Jake held the chain and looked at the chain wielder with a grin on his face. "Let's see how you like it." Then Jake activated Strength surge therefore boosting his strength from 53 to 63 which was a lot then he yanked the chain with all his strength that the man was flying towards Jake.

Then Jake jumped up and gave the man a roundhouse kick that sent him crashing into the trees, therefore leaving a lot of destroyed trees in his wake. And then Jake turned around to see where the sword wielder was but when he turned around, he could see the man heading towards where Peter was with a smile on his face and his sword in his hands heading towards Peter who was still struggling against the two men.

Chapter 83 Tracking the lost

When Sophia, Jack, Vynn, Cindy and Kate split up, they headed into another part of the forest where they were now surrounded by another type of beast that gave them a tough time. After a hard battle, they managed to kill them all and obtained their crystals and they still decided to head deeper into the forest to hunt more beasts.

Here, they encountered intermediate beasts, the Herculean beetles. They were currently surrounded by 8 of the beetles. Kate quickly went back again to take her position so she could shoot her arrows properly and issue orders. While Jack went a little bit forward with Sophia beside him and Vynn together with Kate were both standing together a little behind Jack and Sophia.

Without any prior warning, the beetles charged right at them. Kate was quick to act with her shooting out Qi infused arrows. She was able to coat her arrows with Qi and she was even better with the bow and arrow now. One of Kate's arrows managed to hit one of the beast's stingers therefore allowing to stray off course and this gave Sophia the time to hit the beetle with her sword.

But it didn't go in deep because her weapon was still at the basic tier so it made it hard for her to slice it off. This made her realise something instantly. "Guys! They are not basic tier beasts, they are intermediate beasts." Discover hidden content at [empire](#)

Everyone heard but Jack was already in the middle of a strike when the warning reached him but he didn't falter. Rather at the last second, Jack quickly coated his sword with Qi therefore making it sharp enough to slice through the beetle therefore killing it making the number of beasts 7.

Hearing Sophia's warning, the team were quick to act with everyone coating their weapons with Qi and ready to go again against the beasts.

"Vynn!" Kate called out. "Stick with Cindy and cover her back when necessary okay?"

"Got it." Vynn shouted back not taking his eyes off the beasts and then Cindy dashed towards one of the beasts and swung her blade at the beetle but one of the beetles came at her this was where Vynn came in.

With a stab of his Qi infused spear, Vynn thrust it towards the beetle that was going after Cindy and the spear managed to pin the beetle down and then Vynn kept stabbing it multiple times until it died. Then he looked up to see how Cindy was doing and he could see that she was done with her own beast.

Kate was still at the back firing out arrows after arrows at the beasts that would cause them trouble and then finally, they were done killing all the beasts with some minor injuries here and there. They decided to rest before they extracted the crystals because the beasts gave them a tough challenge.

"If this bug like intermediate beasts could give us trouble, I hate to imagine how the other type of beasts will be like." Vynn shuddered.

"Agreed. But at least after this, we can get ourselves intermediate weapons with the bug crystal cores." Cindy said.

"I wonder how Jake is doing." Kate said.

"Is it only Jake you are worried about?" Jack asked. "Don't forget that Peter is also with them. Aren't you worried for him too?" Jack smiled.

"No, I am worried for both of them but it's just, Jake is..."

"Special?" Sophia asked with a smile on her face.

"I didn't say that." Kate quickly shook her head as her cheeks had a tinge of red on it.

"Alright, I think it's time we extracted the crystals and headed back. They might have even gotten back to where we agreed to meet up." Vynn said.

"Yes, I agree with you." Kate said, already getting up to start extracting the crystals.

"Just a few minutes of not seeing Jake, she's now restless and can't wait to get back." Jack commented.

"You know that I can hear you right? And if you don't shut up, I'm gonna plunge an arrow into your body." Kate said, already extracting the crystals.

The rest of the team started extracting the crystals also and after a few minutes, they were done and they were now heading back the way they came by following the landmarks they left on the trees.

They walked for twenty minutes before they got back to where they were supposed to meet up with the rest of the team but they were nowhere to be found.

"Huh?" Kate said. "What happened? Why aren't they here yet?"

"Maybe they got lost." Vynn said.

"No, I'm sure they would have left landmarks to identify their way back. Even if Peter is a fool sometimes, Jake has a good head on his shoulders so it couldn't be that they got lost." Sophia said.

"Then what happened?" Jack asked.

"Whatever it is, we will find out." Kate said. "I remember the general route they took so we can try and track them."

"I agree." Cindy said. "We need to find them who knows, they might have encountered trouble and might be in a pickle."

"Yes that's true." Jack said.

"Alright, let's go find them." Kate said, leading the way. And with that, they were on their way to look for Jake and Peter. Will they find them in time to save them? Or will they be too late?

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Chapter 84 Guild's revenge.

When Jake sent the chain wielder flying away, he decided to turn around to focus on the sword wielder but he was shocked because he could see the sword wielder going after Peter slowly while Peter was still In the middle of a battle with his own share of opponents.

'Darn it! What am I going to do now? I'm far away from Peter.' That was when an idea popped into his head. Jake quickly pulled up his system and then activated the free stat points he was given by the system for completing a quest then he put it all into his agility therefore raising it to 53 coupled with his boots, his speed was now 56.

Then Jake quickly used Step shift quickly to close the one metre gap. Now the sword wielder was directly behind Peter then he lifted his sword about to strike Peter but Jake quickly used all his speed to get there and used step shift again to get there then he grabbed the sword that was just an inch away from Peter's skin tightly with all his strength.

"Don't you dare touch my friend with your f***ing weapon or hand." Jake growled slowly and deeply with his eyes blazing with evident fury.

Then Jake quickly used his hand to hit the sword wielder's hand that was holding onto the sword. He hit the hand so hard that the man let go of the sword and then he was struck in the face by Jake's fist sending him flying back into a lot of trees again.

Peter, who had heard Jake's voice, quickly glanced back and then he saw Jake chasing his opponent to where he had sent him. Not having enough time to focus on Jake's fight, Peter quickly turned back to his own fight that was going a little easy but he could feel his Qi draining up.

Meanwhile when Jake had struck the sword wielder away with his full strength coupled with Strength surge, the man flew back and then his back hit a tree that managed to stop him from moving back again. Then suddenly Jake was in front of the man about to hit him but he stopped dead in his tracks.

"What the hell!" Jake screamed loudly.

The sword wielder slowly stood up and then something fell down looking down, he could see a piece of mask on the floor. Touching his face, he could see that part of the mask had broken off and fallen down.

Seeing as there was no use for it anymore, he ripped the mask completely off from his face and threw it down on the floor. "It's no use hiding my face again since you have seen it. But it doesn't make a difference again for you are going to die here and now." Kilberg said.

Jake just kept his head down then Kilberg noticed his shoulders moving up and down and then he heard Jake laughing loudly. "I should have guessed. All along I was wondering who would ambush and attack me but I didn't know that the ones meant to protect us would be the ones who wanted to take our lives."

"What did we even do?"

"What? You want to act like you don't know, you forgot that you humiliated our Guild and also beat up our members." Kilberg said.

"So that's what this is all about." Jake laughed. "How do you want to take revenge now? I was struggling initially because there were two of you. Now it's only you so I'm curious to know how you want to kill me."

Kilberg just smiled. "If you really want to know, then fine, see it for yourself." Immediately Kilberg finished talking, chains wrapped around Jake hard keeping him restricted from moving.

Looking back, he could see the chain wielder he had earlier sent flying now holding onto the chain then Jake turned to look at Kilberg who was now holding his blade with a smirk on his face as he wanted to make Jake suffer before he killed him.

Jake tried to use all his strength to break the chain but he couldn't. Even strength Surge had worn off and he had little Qi left because he had been using it right from the start. "Forget it, you can't break out of these again. The last time you freed

yourself was because I didn't infuse it with Qi but now my Qi is infused with it making it stronger than before." The chain wielder who turned out to be Kim said.

"You shouldn't have messed with our Guild. You should have done what you were told to do quietly and then left. You wouldn't have faced all this and neither would your friend be paying the price for your sins." Kilberg said.

To which Jake turned around to see how Peter was faring but he was now on the floor kneeling and panting hard and one of the men knocked out with the other one standing over him smiling.

"Peter, I'm sorry." Jake shouted.

To which Peter lifted his head and smiled. "It's okay."

"It's over for you now." Kilberg said as he swung his sword towards Jake's neck but his hand was stopped dead in its tracks and the next second, he was sent flying. "It's not over unless we deem it over." Jake heard a voice say.

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Chapter 85 Against all odds

Just a few minutes ago, after Kate and the rest couldn't see Jake and Peter in the location they were supposed to meet up, they decided to look for them by going in the general direction they went to. They walked for about 10 minutes before they came across the Herculean beetles Jake and Peter killed.

Kate bent down to observe the dead beast then she looked in the carcass to see if the crystals were still inside. "It's clean, the crystal has been taken out. That means, humans were the one who killed the beasts."

"But we didn't see any other person pass through here earlier so it must mean that it was Jake and Peter that killed the beasts." Sophia said.

"Exactly, so where are they?" Kate asked.

That was when Jack shouted out. "Over here guys!"

They all came to Jack's position and they could see what Jack saw. "How did a huge tree like this fall over?" Vynn asked.

"Look here." Cindy called out.

They all came over and they saw what Cindy was pointing to. They saw multiple sword strikes on the base of the tree as if someone wanted the tree to fall over.

"What's going on? Who could have done this?" Sophia asked.

"Well we are about to find out. I just hope they are okay." Kate said, already crossing over the tree to get to the other side.

Seeing Kate cross over, they all followed suit. And they were on the other side but they now froze with their mouths agape by what they were seeing. Currently, they could see Peter battling with two masked men and Jake was preoccupied with one more and then suddenly, he was tied up.

That was when they could see the man Jake was facing off against walking towards him with a sword in his hand. Jack didn't waste time in activating the Qi in his body and moving it to his feet to give him more boost and then he sprang forward with full speed and agility.

Then he managed to get to Jake's position in time and grabbed the man's hand then he quickly switched the Qi from his legs to his hands then he punched the man with full strength that sent him flying back.

Jack then turned around to see if Jake was okay. That was when he saw the chain wielder's chain heading towards his face but Jake was quick to act by grabbing the chain tightly, not letting it touch Jack at all.

"Thanks for your help Jack." Jake smiled. "Do you mind handling this one, let me deal with the one you sent flying."

"Of course." Jack said then he dashed forward towards the chain user who was now swinging his chain rapidly trying to hit Jack but Jack was agile and kept on avoiding every single hit.

Meanwhile, when Jack ran off to help Jake, Sophia didn't waste time in sprinting to where Peter was and then she unleashed a roundhouse kick that pushed the man standing over Peter back. Then she turned to Peter. "Are you alright?"

"Yes I am. I'm just exhausted and out of Qi but I'm fine. I didn't expect you to help me." Peter smiled but his eyes were twitching in pain.

Sophia looked at him and could see that he was riddled with injuries from head to toe. His head was bleeding, his legs had multiple stab wounds, his lips were busted and blood was gushing out of his arm. Seeing this, Sophia was fuming with anger; it felt like her head was going to explode with anger.

Then she turned around to face the person who did this to Peter but her face was met with a kick that flung her back. "Sophia!" Peter called out trying to stand up but he was too weak to even move.

Then the man slowly walked towards Peter but then suddenly, he stopped dead in his tracks and then he looked down to see a spear lunged in his leg. Lifting his head up, his face was also met with a kick that made him skid a bit. Then he could see a sword strike heading for his neck.

Quickly acting fast, he lifted his own axes to block the strike but his stomach was met with a kick again that almost knocked out the air from his mouth. Then Kate quickly went and helped Sophia on her feet.

"Sorry we took a lot of time to act."

"Don't worry, let's go and teach this son of a b**ch a lesson." Sophia said as she quickly took her sword and dashed forward.

Currently, Vynn and Cindy were keeping the axe man occupied but it was providing hard with the man's level of skill. And then finally, Kate and Sophia were here for backup.

Kate unleashed a flurry of kicks on the man from head to toe. While also using all the skills and techniques she learnt in the academy. While Sophia will come in whenever there's an opening to strike with her Qi infused sword at awkward places that the man couldn't block or avoid.

Therefore he was being riddled with injuries. A stab from Vynn in the man's stomach pushed him back a bit then Cindy came in with a sword strike to the face that cut perfectly therefore drawing blood. Then Kate came in with a kick that landed on the man's face sending him crashing on the floor.

The man slowly stood up with anger written on his face. The person next up was Sophia but before she could move, she felt a sudden pain in her legs. Looking down, she couldn't see anything that might have caused her any pain.

And that was because the man had shot out invisible Qi strikes towards her legs to stop her. But baring through the pain, Sophia was determined to help defeat the man.

With a punch to the gut, Vynn went flying then the man went after Kate next but Cindy was keeping him occupied with sword strikes here and there. That was when Sophia came in with an axe kick that made the man's legs tremble and stumble then his legs buckled and he fell on his knees with the force of the kick Sophia unleashed on his head.

And finally, Cindy came in with a hit from the butt of her sword that made the man lose consciousness straight away. With a pant and huff, the whole team sat down with Peter who was sitting down with his back to a tree. They were all sitting in exhaustion while watching Jake's battle with the swordsman hoping and rooting that he would win.

Will Jake manage to defeat Kilberg and save he and his friends or will Kilberg take revenge for his Guild's humiliation by killing Jake?

Chapter 86 Ambush aftermath

After Jack had punched Kilberg therefore sending him back, Jake quickly made use of Kim's momentarily confusion to escape from the chains he was bound with and then he went after Kilberg after leaving Kim for Jack to deal with.

In less than 2 seconds, Jake was already in front of Kilberg who was holding onto his jaw that was still in a little bit of pain after Jack's punch. Before Kilberg could move, he was suddenly punched in the gut by Jake. The punch was powerful enough to make Kilberg spit blood and spit from his mouth.

Then Jake struck him with his sword towards his face but Kilberg was quick to act in using his Qi to block the hit then he wanted to strike Jake with his own sword but he realized he had let the sword go when Jack had hit him earlier.

Jake seeing as his sword won't do any damage, decided he was going to use his fists. So he used The Triple Threat technique to get behind Kilberg quickly activated Frenzy strike then performed multiple Jabs towards Kilbergs face rapidly.

Before the skill Frenzy strike wore off then he wanted to go in for an attack again but his head was met with a Qi filled kick from Kilberg that sent Jake crashing down.

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"Shit! That kick took 5 points of HP from my health. This guy is no joke." Jake said and immediately, Kilberg was in front of him about to throw a strike.

But Jake quickly reacted by activating Step shift to create distance between the both of them. When Kilberg had thrown his hit, he noticed he struck air and then he lifted his head to look for Jake then he saw him one metre away from him and the next second, Jake was in front of him going through the motions of Aerial strike. Stay tuned to empire

Jake quickly jumped up, rotated his body and delivered a heavy hook towards Kilberg's head that caused his head to hit the ground with much force that the ground had a deep crack in it.

Slowly, Kilberg stood up but his face was now bleeding and his lips a little busted but he was relatively fine. "You are strong, stronger than I expected especially with the strange skills you used. Now I know how you were able to defeat Scar and his gang the other time." Kilberg smiled.

"But there's something you don't know, I'm much stronger than Kilberg. Your little skills won't do any thing to me."

"Oh please," Jake rolled his eyes. "You know, that's the same thing most people say when I use my skills but at the end, they lay on the floor while I stand over them."

"But this will be different." Kilberg smiled. "This time, I won't only stand over you, you will also be on the floor. Dead."

Then Kilberg dashed towards Jake with tremendous speed probably using Qi. Then he coated his hands with a lot of Qi, a crazy amount trying to finish Jake once and for all with this amount of Qi.

Jake seeing Kilberg rushing at him with tremendous speed, didn't know what to do especially with the confidence he somehow exuded. Then when Kilberg was close enough, he threw his fists out towards Jake with his Qi going towards Jake and colliding into him.

With a smile on his face, Kilberg walked to where he supposed Jake would be. But when he got there, he didn't see Jake nor could he see his body. Kilberg only saw the Qi attack go through so many trees therefore destroying them.

"What?! How is this possible, how could he have avoided that? I saw him getting hi..." Kilberg stumbled as he looked down, he could see a sword impaled in his chest.

"I told you, this won't be as you envisioned." Jake said while holding onto the sword. "I have never killed a human before but you made me do it and now am supposed to carry this guilt, this burden around."

Jake removed the sword from Kilberg's chest and let him fall on the floor with a thud. Jake just heaved a sigh of relief as he flash backed to what happened when he saw the Qi strike. Earlier when Kilberg was coming towards Jake with his fists full of Qi, Jake was stumped at what to do.

But when Kilberg closed in, something clicked in his head as he quickly activated his newly gotten skill. <Shadow step> this skill allowed Jake to move two metres away from Kilberg quickly getting behind him.

Then when Kilberg had swung his fists, Jake was already two metres away from Kilberg then he summoned his sword from his Inventory and used Step shift to get behind Kilberg properly and then he impaled his sword into Kilberg's chest.

After killing Kilberg, Jake slowly made his way to his friends with a bruised and tired body. His chest was painning him the longer he walked and his eyes was somewhat closing in and out. After the adrenaline wore off, Jake was now feeling the pain from his injuries.

While walking, Jake's legs hit something. Looking down, Jake saw the sword Kilberg used and it was still in good shape. Not having enough time, Jake just used Inventory to keep it in his system for now. And then he finally got to his friends position, where they were sitting watching Jake earlier.

He was just one metre away when he saw another weapon from one of the men that attacked them. This weapon turned out to be axes so Jake quickly used Inventory on it to keep in his system and now he was just a few feet away from his friends when his eyes was about to shut and he was about to fall due to exhaustion.

But before he could hit the ground, Jack quickly caught him and then put Jake's arms around his neck so he could support him properly. Kate came the other way to put Jake's arms on her neck so the walk back would be easier because Jake was now unconscious.

Sophia and Vynn did the same with Peter and they were about to leave but not without Vynn taking the spear the spear wielder was using and now they were on their way back. After a draining and tiring 30 minutes walk, they were now out of the forest and they could see all the students waiting for the Iron Fist Guild to take them back to the academy.

But Jake's friends knew it wasn't happening soon so Sophia used the button that she got from the Iron Fist Guild's pocket to open the portal and let the students go in but not without them questioning Sophia thoroughly about where she got the button from.

Trying to clear the air, that was when a sergeant appeared from the portal because back at the academy, they saw the portal open up but no one was coming through so they sent a sergeant to check what was going on.

"What's going on here?" Sergeant Leo asked. Then he scanned round the crowd of students. "And where's the Iron Fist Guild?"

Sophia quickly stepped forward and briefly explained everything that happened and showed the sergeant an unconscious Peter and Jake. Seeing their injuries, the sergeant was convinced this wasn't the work of a beast but a human.

Then he collected the button, told the students to go in. When all of the students had successfully went in, Sergeant Leo closed the portal then he went into the forest to investigate.

After a few minutes, he came across Kilberg's corpse and the unconscious bodies of the remaining crew. Not knowing what to do, Sergeant Leo woke them all up and then told them to take Kilberg's corpse along and follow him back.

Doing what they were told to do, they lifted the corpse and sergeant Leo opened up a portal and they all stepped through.

Chapter 87 Guilt and Redemption

Jake opened his eyes wondering where he was and then his eyes met with a white ceiling and the smell of chemicals hit his nose making him aware he was in the academy clinic. Jake tried to move his legs but he noticed something heavy on it. Looking down, Jake could see someone's head sleeping on his legs. The little movement he made, woke the person up.

And Jake could see it was Kate that was sleeping on his legs. With a dribble down her mouth, her eyes swollen as if she had cried and her hair messy, her eyes lit up in delight, she greeted Jake with a smile then she felt something on her face.

Touching her face, she could feel the dribble then she quickly wiped it off and looked at Jake embarrassed with her cheeks having a tinge of red.

"What happened? Why am I here again?" Jake asked then he felt a banging pain in his head as the memories from the hunt and then to the Iron Fist Guild members surfaced in his mind.

He remembered the arduous battle and the many times he felt he was going to die by the hands of the Iron Fist Guild members. He even remembered killing Kilberg. This soured Jake's mood and his eyes showed a glint of remorse for it was the first time he killed a human ever. Continue your adventure at empire

It felt different from killing a beast although Kilberg and his gang were a beast of their own kind for trying to kill young teenage students but they were still humans.

"It wasn't your fault." Kate said as if reading Jake's train of thought. "The situation called for it so you had to do what you did to survive. Anyone in your position would have done the same thing without a second thought."

"You don't understand how I feel. It's just.." Jake sighed.

"I know, I can't understand how you feel but I do know what you feel, which is guilt and remorse. I know it was hard killing a fellow human but I just want you to know that it was for the survival of you and your friends, your family." Kate said.

"If you hadn't done that, you would have eventually weakened then he would have possibly killed you and then come for us next so as to not leave any witnesses."

"So try to forget what happened. Think of everything as a bad dream, okay?"

"A bad dream huh?" Jake mumbled as he recalled having a bad dream with his mom in a forest warning him he wasn't strong enough.

'Was this what she was warning me about? If so then, I definitely proved her wrong by showing how strong I am.' Jake thought. Then Jake looked towards Kate.

"Thank you for the talk, it kind of helped and I think I will be fine soon." Jake said then he remembered something.

"Hold on, how long was I out for?" Jake asked.

"You have been out for a long time." Kate replied.

"How long? Two days? Or better still, three days?"

Kate shook her head telling him no. "You were out for a week."

"A week?" Jake shouted.

"Yes, a week." Kate replied.

"But wasn't our monthly beast hunt supposed to be held by this week?" Jake asked.

"Well it has been cancelled owing to what happened with us and the Iron Fist Guild. The academy is currently trying to sort things out with the Guild." Kate said.

"Hope I am not gonna be punished for killing a Guild member?" Jake asked.

"No, don't worry you are in the clear. Rather the Guild had a lot to answer from the academy about trying to kill its students." Kate replied.

"How did the academy find out?" Jake asked again.

"Well, when you and Peter fell unconscious, we took you both out of the forest then we met the other students at the entrance of the forest all waiting for the Iron Fist Guild to open up a portal so they could come back to the academy."

"Knowing that they won't come, Sophia opened up a portal with the button she took from one of the Iron Fist Guild's members then the students started questioning us about where we got the button from."

"Sophia was trying to explain but the students weren't giving us a listening ear. Then Sergeant Leo arrived through the portal. Apparently, he was called by the soldiers that guard the portal room about the portal opening up but no one came through so he went through the portal and asked what happened."

"We explained what happened to him, he collected the button and asked us to go in then he went to the forest to investigate. There he came across the Iron fist Guild members so they came back to the academy and were reported and handed back to their Guild to deliver the appropriate punishment."

"But, the Guild were seriously pissed about one of them that was killed and they swore to take revenge. But with you still being in the academy, it won't be possible

for them to attack you unless they are willing to make an enemy of the academy which they are not willing to." Kate explained.

'Well at least I am still safe as long as I am in the academy.' Jake thought with a sigh of relief.

"So how's Peter?" Jake asked.

"Peter is fit and fine. He had recovered during the previous week and is currently in the room next to you."

Jake heaved a sigh of relief hearing that Peter was okay and then decided to lay back on the bed because he was mentally drained right now. Kate, seeing that and confirming he was okay, decided to let him be for now as she headed back to their dorm to freshen up.

Jake just slumped back to the bed and decided to shut his eyes. "That was a thrilling battle you had there." Zee said.

Jake almost shouted out but then he remembered that there was a talking AI in his system and with Zee being quiet sometimes, he kinda forgot about him.

"Thank you. I couldn't have done it without you or the system." Jake smiled.

"Speaking of the system, you need to check it now because before you passed out, I had seen what was written and am sure you will be pleasantly shocked and surprised to see what message you received." Zee said.

Chapter 88 A New Quest Alert

After waking up and catching up with Kate about what happened, Jake decided to rest while Kate went back to their dorm to freshen up meanwhile, Zee informed Jake about seeing a notification before he passed out.

"What did you see?" Jake asked with a raised brow.

"Not my place to tell, check it yourself." Zee said.

Jake sighed and opened up his system and decided to check for last and previous notifications. 'What's the worst that can happen?'

Jake saw the first message he received.

<Congratulations! You have completed your quest by defeating the people that threatened you and your friends.>

<Rewards: 2000XP; +5 to the following attributes; Strength and agility.>

<Congratulations! The following skills have leveled-up by repeated use.>

<Step shift is now level 2; Stun strike Lv 2.>

Jake quickly opened up his status screen and skill tab.

<Status>

<User: Jake Lucas>

<Level: 16>

<Combat level: Skilled>

<Skill level: Trained>

<XP level: 3600/4000>

<HP: 50/50>

<Strength: 58>

<Agility:58>

<Endurance: 56> Find exclusive stories on empire

"Well, this all good with my strength and agility evening out but too bad I couldn't level up from this." Jake sighed as he proceeded to check his skill tab.

<Skill Tab>

<Melee combat (Lv2): Deals 20 damage with intermediate weapons therefore removing 20% HP from enemy.

<Stealth (Lv1): Increases evasion chances by 10%>

<Inspect Skill (Lv2): Brings up information of an enemy>

<Frenzy Strike (Lv2): a skill that deals rapid consecutive attacks for 6 seconds, with a cool down timer of 10 minutes.>

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

<Stun Strike (Lv2): stuns the opponent, making them vulnerable to attacks for two seconds. cool down timer; 5minutes>

<Strength Surge: Increases user's strength by 10 percent for five minutes. Cool down timer; 1 hour.>

<Lockdown(Lv1): Immobilizes the opponent for 5 seconds. Cool down timer; 3 minutes.

<Step shift(Lv2): A short, quick movement skill to create or close distance and gaps within two metres.

<Immunity{Passive}: This is skill is always active, it protects the host from any werewolf bite that could turn the host to a werewolf.>

< Inventory: user can now store items, weapons and armour In his system and when it's needed, it will pop out.>

<Shadow step {Lv 1}: Teleport two metres away to avoid attacks or reposition. Skill can only be used once a day.>

"Well this is all good with the increase in stats and leveled up skills but I feel slightly disappointed by not gaining a new skill or levelling up." Jake sighed. "Zee, I don't see what you said I should see."

"Keep scrolling through your notifications. You haven't gotten there yet." Zee replied.

Jake then went through all his previous notifications to see what Zee was talking about. That was when he saw it too and Jake almost choked on the air with what he was seeing in front of him.

"What? How and why? How on earth am I supposed to do this?" Jake almost shouted. Because what he was seeing was almost impossible to do.

<User has managed to complete his quest and grown stronger but he keeps making enemies out of people. Without his friends, he wouldn't have made it alive.>

<New Quest Alert: Make more and strong allies by inviting them to join your private Guild created by the system and to take control of the top position in the world so user won't be messed with again.>

<New system skills: Contract; user can offer contracts to people he wishes to have in his Guild to protect them and grow his strength further. People contracted can also offer contracts to other people but they will obey the user because their lives are in your hands.>

<Main quest alert: Grow your own power and topple the Big three.>

"Is the system trying to get me killed?" Jake almost shouted but he toned his voice down in fear that someone might hear him.

"How on earth am I supposed to topple the Big three. The Guild formation, I had plans of doing it but not so soon but toppling the Big three, that is almost impossible."

"I also had the same thoughts when I saw the system notification that was why I said you should check it out as soon as possible." Zee said. "So what now? Are you gonna do it?"

"Of course not. Do you also want to get me killed? The system clearly has a glitch or something. Hold on, let me check something." Jake said as he opened up his Quest tab. He hadn't opened this tab in a long time.

<Quests>

<Main quest>

<Grow your own power and topple the Big three>

<Daily quest: Preparation to become stronger>

<Push ups: 50 times>

<Sit up: 50 times>

<Squat: 50 times>

<Running: 10km>

<Rewards for completion: 10XP>

"Well, that checks out that system was being serious about it but how on earth am I supposed to do it? I remember Jack's warning about not messing with the Big three. So is the system trying to send me on a suicide mission?"

"Anyway, I will just ignore the quest for now there's no way am doing that." Jake said as he closed up his system screen to get some rest.

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Thank you for your understanding 🙏📧

Chapter 89 The Stage is set

After checking his system, he and Peter were both discharged after a day. They all went back to their room all hale and hearty. Even Classes got back to normal everyone attended their classes regularly. They were informed that the tournament was to be held in two weeks time and they should prepare very well. Even their teachers were all training them hard.

With Sunny taking it up a notch in his teachings. All the roommates were all taking this tournament seriously as they were training as if their lives depended on it. After their practise for the day, they all met up in their dorm resting.

"Wow! Today's training was intense." Vynn exclaimed.

"Yeah, I'm pretty worn out now." Peter replied.

"Even during club activities, sunny didn't take it easy on me one bit." Jake said. "Before, he usually train me with a light hearted expression but now with the tournament closing in on us, he has taken it more seriously."

"You guys should stop whining and be happy that we got teachers that want us to have even the slightest chance at winning." Sophia said.

"Yeah, stop being ungrateful guys." Kate said.

"Speaking of the tournament," Jack said. "I heard a lot of important dignitaries will be there and even some people sent my the Big three to scout important talents."

"Well that's a good thing right?" Vynn asked. "Being scouted by the Big three will improve our skills better."

"Well it would have been a good thing if it wasn't for the fact that they won't even pay attention to us rather they will be focused on the third years who they think are strong and talented." Cindy said.

"Then it's settled." Jake said. "We will make sure we put up a show for them and show them that we aren't weak either. Let's get to the top 10 together." Jake said with his palm facing upwards.

And then slowly, everybody put their palms onto Jake's palm and said together. "Let's get to the top 10 together and show the world that we aren't weak."

Then they all lifted their hands up in cheers and smiles.

"Oh, lest I forget." Jake said while taking a box from underneath his bed then he handed Peter the axes he had obtained from one of the men that attacked them in the forest. He had taken it out of his system earlier so he won't arouse suspicion about how the axes suddenly appeared in his hands from thin air.

"Here, I want you to have it. It is pretty useless in my hands." Jake said.

Peter collected the axes and gave them a swing he could tell how powerful they were just by swinging them.

"They are advanced tier axes." Jake said having used his inspect skill on it earlier.

"And you want me to have it? You would have sold it for a lot of money even if you don't know how to use them but you gave them to me why?" Peter asked.

"We are family so it's the least I could do for family. Besides I know if I'm need of something, you would also do the same for me." Jake smiled.

"But what about you? What are you going to use?" Vynn asked.

Then Jake pulled out a black sword with lightning patterns on it. "I'm gonna use this advanced tier sword Kilberg left for me."

They all were in awe looking at the weapon. "Well it wasn't only you guys that got an upgrade, I also obtained an advanced tier spear from one of the men also." Vynn said bringing the spear out.

"Well, the rest of us better get something soon before the tournament." Sophia said.

"Yeah, I will check the blacksmith shop by tomorrow to see if he have anything to my liking." Jack said. "And if he doesn't, I will just have to visit town."

They all nodded while Peter, Jake and Vynn put away their weapons and started coming up with strategies on how to go about the tournament but without information about it, their strategies were loose.

While they were discussing, a thought crossed Jake's mind. 'What if I offer my friends the contract and make them apart of my Guild? Will it be wise of me?' Jake thought then he quickly shook his head.

'No, not yet. Sophia still has her allegiance to her family so does Jack. But Peter, I think I will recruit him but after the tournament.'

That was when Jake heard his name being called. "Jake!" Jack shouted louder.

"Yes, why are you screaming my name?" Jake asked.

"Where were you lost? I called your name close to three times no response." Jack said.

"No, I was just reflecting on something. So what's the matter?"

"We were discussing about the fight that happened in the forest and were curious about two things." Jack said.

"Which are?" Jake asked with a raised brow. Discover more stories at [empire](#)

"Firstly, why did the Guild members wanted to kill you guys?" Sophia asked.

"They didn't want to kill us, it was me they were after. Peter just happened to get caught in the cross fire. I'm sorry bro." Jake apologized.

"Don't worry, it's okay." Peter smiled.

"So am guessing that they were after your head because of what happened in town that you told us about." Kate said to which Jake nodded his head confirming her theory.

"Okay that explains it, but what we all want to know most, is how you were able to go toe to toe with Kilberg and the skills and moves you used when fighting, were not taught to us in the academy and neither have we seen it before so what was that?" Cindy asked.

Jake's heart was beating fast trying to come up with an answer to quell their curiosity. 'I can't tell them about the system, they will think I have gone crazy.'

"It's the hand to hand combat club I attended." Jake blurted out. "You see, Sunny made me learn complex footworks and skills to help me process the hand to hand moves better just in case a situation like the one that happened in the forest occurred."

Jake lied confidently because he knew that they won't know anything about the hand to hand club nor what was taught there so he chose this lie hoping it will quell their curiosity and questions.

"Okay, I buy it." Kate said. "I really must say though, those skills or moves were really good. I would have loved to learn them if I wasn't occupied with so many training currently."

Jake smiled at the comment and everybody talked some more about different things, different strategies for different situations during the tournament. And after three hours of talking and planning, they finally decided to go to bed while Cindy returned to her room.

Finally after the long wait and long boring two weeks, it was finally time for the Aurora Academy tournament...

Chapter 90 Tournament Day arrives

Jake woke up at 4am as usual. Instead of putting on the standard uniform like every other day, today was totally different. Usually when inside the academy...

Students were only allowed to wear the uniform with standard equipment.

The weapons dedicated for training were mostly made out of wood. This way, they won't seriously injure themselves when sparring. The only time they were allowed to use their beast gear was when they were on missions or out hunting.

The previous day, Jake was given another intermediate weapon by Sunny. His reason was that Jake could lose his sword while fighting so it will be good if he had another weapon which was why he gave Jake a gauntlet.

A type of weapon that looked like a glove but it covered someone's arm to the elbow and it was good enough to even cause damage on an opponent and the gauntlet was colored black just like most of Jake's equipment. The gauntlet also could allow someone to hold onto another weapon so it didn't hinder Jake from using a sword. He was happy about the gauntlet and was thanking sunny profusely before he left the place.

Today, everyone taking part in the tournament was to wear the equipment they owned and they were not really required to hold onto the wooden equipment given to them. Most of Jake's equipment were at the intermediate tier all except his sword that he acquired from Kilberg.

A part of the tournament would allow real equipment. The tournament was taking place at the sports arena in Aurora city a city that was owned by the academy where most soldiers after completing their training at Aurora stay. The arena was around a 30-minute walk from the academy. Although the city was filled with soldiers, it didn't stop them from participating in normal activities which included sports.

That was why the city had an arena where they would often host sport games. This was where all the students were required to gather.

Looking around in the dorm, he could see some of them were nervous while others including himself were quite confident. Although, he was nervous, he knew that he could handle whatever was thrown at him. After everyone were ready, they all decided to get a head start by going to the arena quite early.

While walking through the city, Jake noticed that the atmosphere was different than usual. The city felt more alive and less tense. Usually the soldiers were always serious, tense and on guard. But today, it felt more like a festival.

Today, there were people from all different cities who came to visit. Once a year, Aurora would open its gates to surrounding cities for the tournament. A lot of famous and rich personalities would look for talented soldiers to recruit into their army.

Finally, after a good walk and touring the place, Jake and his friends reached the arena. Outside was a jam, full of energy. The starting event won't start till nine so it was impressive to already see this many people waiting outside. Luckily, there was a different entrance for participants.

Outside the participants only entrance, a lot of parents had come to visit and wish their children good luck before letting them head back inside. They continued to head inside and followed the signs to the waiting area for contestants. The signs led them to an underground stairway, eventually to a huge set of double doors.

When Jake and his friends had opened the doors, their eyes were met with a huge hall. The hall was as big as the dining hall at Aurora Academy. The only difference was there was no tables or chairs.

The hall was currently half-filled with contestants. In total, there would be around 250 contestants competing in the tournament. Some contestants were already in the hall practising or checking their equipment.

Others had formed groups and we're causally chatting. It was a mix of 2nd and 3rd-year students and the difference in equipment was dramatic. All the 3rd-years didn't have any equipment below the intermediate or higher than the advanced tier level.

It was obvious that the 3rd years had an advantage in this tournament. Every year so far, a 3rd year student had come out as a winner in the tournament. It was an expected result.

In truth, the tournament was a way to show the 2nd years that they had a long way to go to keep them from getting lazy. Jake's eyes made contact with Harry and some of his friends but he quickly looked away. Jake and his friends decided to go to an empty space in the room to practise while Jake was meditating trying to see if he could expand the amount of Qi in his body.

After an hour passed, the room was beginning to fill up. The double doors opened and more people came in. After some time, Cindy broke the silence.

"I heard the first round is going to be a battle-royale style."

"What do you mean?" Jake asked opening his eyes from the meditation he was doing.

"They usually split the rounds into two groups." Cindy explained. "Second-year students will go first then the third-year will go next. The last ten students go through the knockout stages which are one-on-one."

"So there are really ten spots huh? Well, that's great we just have to get through together and leave the remaining three spots for whosoever wanna take it." Peter said.

"But won't we face each other later on?" Vynn asked.

"We will cross that bridge when we get there." Jack said. "For now, we wanna prove ourselves so we just have to do our best and no personal feelings involved."

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They couldn't argue with that all they had to do was to do their best.

Suddenly, Kate placed her hand in the middle of everyone. They all looked at it strangely wondering what she was trying to do.

"Then, let's promise to get the top ten spots together." Kate said.

"Haven't we done this two weeks ago?" Jake asked.

"C'mon don't be a party pooper. Just do it." Kate said.

Jake sighed and one by one, they started to put their hands on top of each other, all apart from Sophia who felt like it was childish especially with everyone watching.

"C'mon Sophia!" Jack said. "Join us and stop being a sour grape."

Reluctantly, Sophia placed her hand on top with everyone else as well.

"Together"

"1,2,3..."

"Hurray!" They all shouted.