

Legacy

Part 3

Chapter 5

Incoming

Vance turns around from a small workshop. He notices Fuyuki, but ignores him for the moment.

“Ah.. Aaron! You’re back!” Vance says with a wave.

“Mhm! I took out those guys that gave you trouble, it wasn't too hard.” Aaron responds, waving back.

“Wonderful! I’m glad you came back alright..! Are there any injuries I can tend to?”

“Nope! I got through unscathed... Well, they got my undershirt.. But that’s all.”

“That’s good.. And, who is this fellow?” Vance asks, pointing toward Fuyuki.

“I’m.. Fuyuki....” He says sheepishly, waving slightly.

Aaron chimes in, “He was being robbed by those guys.. After I took them out though, he wanted to come back with me.”

“Alright, then. Well, welcome to Canopy Village, Fuyuki. Now.. As for your payment, Aaron...” Vance turns back to his workshop and grabs something.

When he turns around, he reveals a well-made shortsword, crafted out of wood. “Here we are... We Canopians are a peaceful people, and we don’t exactly have weapons here for wizards such as you.. But the least I could do is make a wooden training sword for you.”

He hands the blade to Aaron, who takes it in his hands.

“Wow.. It looks really well made, sir.. Thank you..!”

“You are welcome, young wizard. And here..” Vance hands Aaron some crowns, “It isn’t much.. But it’s something.”

“Yeah.. Thank you very much.. What should-”

Before Aaron can finish his sentence, a man bursts into the room, panting heavily. “S-Sir..! I just got an urgent letter from our guardian..!”

Vance’s expression turns into a serious one, “Yes? What did she tell you, Rowan?”

“Th-The organization! The new guy! He’s...! He’s planning to destroy this town! The attack is scheduled for tomorrow...! They’re already on their way!”

“Oh dear.. That’s much sooner than I anticipated.. Aaron..”

“I’m on it. I’ll defend this town to the best of my ability.” Aaron interrupts.

“Thank you, young one... And Fuyuki.. Would you please assist us in this..? I can tell.. You are a wizard as well..”

“How’d.. You know..?” Fuyuki says, somewhat confused.

“I can sense it.. Your Snow Magic. Perhaps you two have not unlocked that ability yet.. But anyhow.. Will you join us, Fuyuki?”

“Um.. I...”

“Please do not feel obligated to do so, young wizard.. There is no need to help defend if you do not wish to.”

“N-no.. I’ll... I-I’ll do it.. I’ll help..”

“That’s excellent.. Now then, you two.. There are some things you should know before I dismiss you.. Our people are peaceful, and wizards among us are scarce.. Whenever they are born, they typically become the guardian of the towns.. Since the death of our most powerful sage, our guardian has become a woman named Alexia. She will most likely be on her way to assist us.. I will have her train you when she’s ready. For now, you two can train together on the outskirts of town.”

“Got it. You ready, Fu?”

“Yeah.. I guess..”

“Then let’s get started. See you later.” Aaron says, waving at Vance and exiting the hut, with Fuyuki following behind.

The pair go to the entrance of the village, before being stopped by the mayor’s assistant, Rowan.

“You two..! One more thing..!”

“Huh?” Aaron turns around, “What’s up?”

“We Canopian’s don’t have weapons ourselves.. But occasionally, some wandering merchants come by the town that have real weapons for both of you..! In fact, a smith is in the town right now! If you’re that type of wizard, I’d suggest that you go to them immediately before they leave.”

“Ah.. Cool, thanks. Hey Fu. You wanna go visit ‘em now or after training?”

Fuyuki thinks for a bit, “Uhm.... What do they have..?”

“Well.. Not too much.. It’s mostly old and cheap weapons.. They’re still usable, though. And there’s a couple high quality weapons there, but they’re more expensive.”

“I’ll pass.. Maybe later..”

Rowan waves and walks back to the town. Aaron and Fuyuki continue their walk to the outskirts. After a bit, Aaron speaks up.

“So... You’re a wizard as well, huh?”

“Yeah.. Snow Magic....”

“That’s pretty cool..! Why didn’t you tell me?”

“I didn’t think that you’d care..”

“Of course I do! I haven’t met another wizard out here, besides my parents and a relative... Well, and a magic council scout... Anyway! Let’s start off with a light sparring match, alright? Magic only, no weapons.”

“Alright.. Whenever you’re ready, I guess..”

Aaron holds up three fingers, “Three..! Two..! One..! Go!!”

Chapter 6

Spar

Aaron rushes directly for Fuyuki, charging Explosion Magic in his hand. He shoots the ball of Explosion Magic at him, but it is dodged with ease.

Fuyuki takes a deep breath, and begins his counterattack. He runs to the left, sending a small blast of Snow Magic toward Aaron. He hides in the foliage surrounding him, waiting for the next chance to strike.

Aaron dodges the blast of Snow Magic, but in doing so, loses track of Fuyuki. He looks around, trying to find Fuyuki. After a little while, he decides on a plan to find him. He starts to launch blasts of Explosion Magic at the bushes and leaves around him, reducing Fuyuki’s hiding spots until eventually, he lands a hit.

Fuyuki stumbles backward from the blast. As he regains his composure, he sees Aaron charging straight at him, with Explosion Magic charging in his palm. Fuyuki launches a fast blast of his magic, which hits Aaron in the head and obscures his vision, causing his charged magic to dissipate. Fuyuki uses this opportunity to escape, and decides to hide behind the trees of the jungle.

Aaron regains his composure and looks around, having lost Fuyuki once again. He looks around and tries to find him, to no avail. He decides to go with the same strategy, and haphazardly sends blasts of magic around, destroying the bushes trying to find him.

Once Fuyuki realizes this, he jumps out from behind cover and sends several blasts of magic toward Aaron, then quickly dashes to another tree.

Three of the five blasts hit Aaron, but he is able to catch a glimpse of Fuyuki through the snow. He charges magic in his palm, but stops and thinks for a second. After coming up with a basic strategy, he shoots a blast to the left of the tree, hitting Fuyuki and knocking him back. Fuyuki shoots a blast of Snow Magic at Aaron, and starts running to the right. Aaron dodges, expecting the blast, and shoots a blast ahead of Fuyuki.

Fuyuki is hit by the blast and knocked back again. He raises his hands in surrender.

“Stop...! Enough...! You win...!” Fuyuki yells.

Aaron walks toward him, and offers to help him up, extending a hand, “Good fight, Fu. You kinda had me there for a second, honestly.”

Fu gets up by himself, “Not really... You’re.. Way stronger than I am..”

“I mean, yeah.. But I think we both got stronger from that.”

“Probably.. Yeah....”

“Anyway.. Should we go back to town, and rest for a little? Maybe check out what the traveling smith has on them?”

“Uh.. Yeah, if you want..”

“Alright, well, let’s go.”

Aaron starts to walk off toward the town, with Fuyuki following behind. They get there before long, and go to the smith. Before they get to him, though, a cloaked, hooded

woman walks into town. Her black hair falls to her shoulders within the hood, and beneath the cloak, she wears light grey robes, which seem different from average wizard robes. A pure white bracelet can also be seen on her left arm. Aaron and Fuyuki notice her, as well as everyone else in town.

A Canopian man runs to the center of town after seeing the lady, and yells to the whole town, "She's here!!"