

Straight on!

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Kapitel 2: The kind of person Ajira is

VETERANS SECTION

"Man! Do you have any idea how scared Alisa and me had been when we heard about the Ouroboros!? Leader, at least you could have come to tell us you two are fine!"

What. The. Hell?

"I mean.. ya' know Soma would not. Well It's not like I saw him since we headed out yesterday but..."

No, Seriously?

Why was Kota standing at his door and saying that much crap? He didn't even wake Ajira up before he started to talk!

The Leader was just pulled out of sleep when he heard far away someone talking about Ouroboros... attacking... Gina...

"Kota.... Could you *please* lemme sleep a little more?", Ajira lied on his stomach, hugging a large pillow and looking at the young scout in an very dozy annoyance.

"Eh? Pal, it's around 11 a.m.!"

Damn that.

"I'm tired. So go now."

"Hey, don't you think-"

"Leave. *Now.*", Ajira growled.

And that reminded Kota that the first Units Leader was no morning person. So he better left before he got pelted with one of the books scattered in Ajiras room.

Still sleepy the Leader sat up and rubbed his eyes. He felt much better than yesterday but still beaten up.

He only had brought the core to Dr. Sakaki and then took a very short shower before he went to Arunja.

It took Ajira a lot of effort to get his ass out of the bed. But he needed to take a real shower and talk to Dr. Sakaki. But first he had to take care not to fall into his pile of books.

After the shower was done, he felt awake and was in a much better mood. So he decided to search for Kota first. And there were actually just two places he could be: First, the cafeteria. But since it was too late for breakfast and too early for lunch, it had to be the second one. His room.

And really, when Ajira was in front of the door he already heard the TV and Kotas giggle. He knocked before he entered.

"Well, mornin Kota.", he said cheerfully. "Sorry about before. Uhm... doesn't that get boring...?"

Kota looked up when he noticed someone just came in. But he wasn't surprised to see Ajira. "Oh, it's you Leader. Nah, Bugarally never gets boring! There are still 1348 episodes left!"

This series definitely had too many episodes.

"About the fight... I actually thought Gina would tell you we're fine. You and Alisa have been much luckier, huh?", the Leader cleaned the little table next to Kota a bit so he could sit on it.

Since this room was just one mess.

"Yeah. If I think what happened to ya' two and the defense squad... I also heard about Tatsumi.", it didn't surprised Ajira anymore that the weird and dense Kota could be so serious.

"But dude! Alisa and me were 'bout to freak out when Gina told us 'bout that Ouroboros. You guys are way too self-confident. But I'm glad ya' managed it!"

Ajira could bet that Sakuya at least had listen until Gina could add they're fine before she would have freaked out.

"We're not. But during fighting the Ouroboros we didn't noticed all this small Aragami.", Ajira put his head in on hand and watched the show in the TV.

"Ya know... I guess it's kinda wrong to think that but... I really was glad that it happened far from E26.", Kota said and lowered his view.

"I don't think it's wrong. It's just manlike to think that and honest to spell it out.", Ajira replied.

Sure. It was not nice. It was even cruel to a certain extent. But it was a bit selfish. To wish it would not hit the ones you love. To wish that everything you were proud of would stay alright.

With that Ajira looked at it very sober.

It's not like he never wished someone else would have died in his sisters place, either. But Kota felt guilty for thinking so. That was probably why he had to spell it out.

"Pretty down on earth like always, huh?"

"Call it that. But since you can't protect and love everyone the same you have to choose priorities. And it would be strange if this wasn't you're family. No need to feel guilty about that.", Ajiras gentle smile was very unsuitable for what he said.

Still, it made Kota think. Sure he couldn't protect all at once. But at least he could wish for everyone the same, good things, couldn't he?

"And who did you choose? You told me you don't have any relative left since... your sis died.", Kota said that carefully. Because he already felt sick when he just thought about that Nozomi could disappear one day.

"Well, you guys of course. Though, you can protect yourself. So I guess the most important to protect is still Me.", relied Ajira with a cheeky grin.

Kota opened his mouth in disbelief, and then closed it before he opened it again to cry out.

"How can you say such an egoistic thing? That's so mean!"

The blonde only laughed. "Don't take it that seriously, pal."

Though, Ajira had been serious. But his and Kota's idea of the true self of humans were far different.

"And what is the serious answer then?", he asked again. He hadn't take Ajira seriously from the start.

The scout did believe that in every one was some good part. And that you could get done much more with good emotions than with bad ones. And that love made you stronger.

"As I said it's you guys. It doesn't matter that you can fight as well."

Ajira on the contrary, thought that people were able to feel negative emotions like hate because they had to. And that people positive emotions mostly use to suit their purpose. Because humans are egoistic.

But it wasn't like he thought there was anything wrong with it. Or that it had to be hypocritical when someone had these feelings for other people.

That was Ajiras idea of humans. He just didn't show or say it because it would be difficult for him and others. Besides that it was hard to explain without being misunderstood.

He didn't think people were bad.

He once said something about it to Soma. But the buster blader had only replied: "If you're serious about that then stop smiling already." And the topic was closed.

"Well, yeah. We can fight but we need you. You're almost like Jonny.", Kota tried to say it serious but his grin destroyed that.

"Who's that?", Ajira asked and blinked from the TV to Kota.

"You're joking!? You just watched it with me! It's the guy with the cowboy hat!"

"Wait, you compare me with a guy from a TV-show?", the Leader raised an eyebrow and focused a little more on the series. He was listening to Kota, not to that stuff.

"That's somewhat insulting. The girl just knocked him out with a pan."

"No! He actually... oh! Holy.....!! Alisa's gonna kill me!", he screamed and jumped up.

"W-what...!?", Ajira asked after the first shock and watched how Kota bustled through the room.

"I have to go for mission with her and Sakuya! Alisa kills me if I'm too late!", Kota quick grabbed his cap and hurried out of the door. "Sorry! Let's watch the rest later!"

"Uhm...", Ajira watched the door closing and titled his head. "She never blames me when I'm late."

ENTRANCE

"Tsubaki ordered you to take care of one Prithvi Mata in the old City before it's fellows appear as well.", the girl at the mission corner said as she read slowly from her laptop.

"...I think that's wrong.", Brendan said and raised an eyebrow.

"What? Oh! I'm so sorry! You're right, it's for Sakuyas group.", the girl said and started to search in the program for the right mission. It wasn't Hibari like always. It was Licca and she was pretty overwhelmed.

"It's... this one.

A Gobro-Gobro and two fallen Ogretail in the Sunken Gird. Karel will join you, right?" Brendan nodded and gave Licca an encouraging smile before he left. The engineer girl sighed and searched for something in the notes she had done. But she had lost all overview.

How the hell did Hibari do that? Taking care of all these request and all.

"Hibari isn't around? That's unusual." Licca looked up when she heard a low and slight surprised voice.

"Oh, it's you.", Licca said when she recognized Soma.

"Yes, she asked me to do her work for the rest of the day because she felt ill and had to go to the sick bay. Are you here for a mission?" she asked since she knew that Soma

had fought an Ouroboros with Ajira yesterday. And the Leader was ordered to take the next three days off. Also, for Sakuyas group where only Alisa and Kota registered "That's what I'm here for."

While Licca tried to find out how to put the missions in order of priority she started to talk again.

"Anyway, could you take a day off soon? It's really about time to have some maintenance done on your God arc once again. I only took a small look at it since it turned white."

Actually Soma didn't have the intention to take a day off soon. Especially, not after what happened yesterday. And since he didn't have any problems with the God Arc lately there was no need to now.

"What are you trying anyway?", he asked with slight annoyance after Licca hadn't found a mission.

"I try to sort the missions by priority. But it just wo- hey!", before the engineer girl could finish, Soma already turned the laptop to himself and clicked through the different open files.

'Huh? He knows how this works?'

"I'm heading out now.", he said curtly as he left.

Licca turned the laptop back and checked the mission Soma has chosen. She raised an eyebrow. "Seriously, this guy is nuts...."

LABORATORY SECTION

"Doc? You wanted to talk to me?", Ajira said when he entered Sakakis Laboratory.

"Yes, that is right. Good to see you're mostly fine."

Sakaki worked on his computers, like always. He didn't even look at Ajira so the leader wondered how he came to say he was okay.

"You see, I can't tell yet where all these Aragami came from yesterday. To me it seems they followed another Aragami, but I'm not done with elaborate the dates so I can't be sure.", the old man explained.

He left his computer to come and face Ajira.

"If that's the case... what's the reason you called for me then?", the Leader asked since Sakaki usually didn't call for nothing.

"Well, you see, it's almost a year ago since you joined Fenrir. And I already told you it's literally a miracle you did survive."

The moment Ajira heard these words he flinched and glared at Sakaki. "I know that already! But it's not like it is a problem."

"Not yet, you're right. Since the development is quite slow in your case. But how will it be in one or two years?"

Ajira got silence and accurately watched the doctor.

"If you continue like this it will hinder you in fighting.", the doc said and Ajira wondered what he really was saying by. He couldn't stop the development. And there was no way he could tell the others just yet.

"And what are you gonna do now, doc?"

"Isn't that obviously?", before Ajira knew it the doc already bended over him. The leader leaned back but his face twisted this time.

'Ouch, my back!'

"I won't tell them. I'm only worried about you. You see... Soma, he is quite sharp person. And you work a lot with him. He'll find out sooner or later that there is something wrong with you. So wouldn't it be better tell them now?", when Sakaki had finished talking, he moved away again. "Oh, but it's not like I try to urge you to anything."

Ajira rubbed his back and watched the doctor. "I'll tell them. As soon as it starts to hinder me by fighting. No moment earlier.", the blonde Leader relied.

"I see. Well, then just go and take your rest. I'll summon you as soon as I am done with analyzing the dates."

Wordless, Ajira leaved.

He wouldn't tell them. Not yet. Not soon.