

Chapter 5 Unexpected Victory

Both Aria and Aidan unexpectedly got through to the final round of the tournament.

They both look fairly small in size as compared to the other finalists, where Aria stood at 170cm in height and Aidan at 185cm. This is the first time in the history of Mordeux Warrior Tournament that a non Mordeux species got through to the final round. An experience that Prince Aidan will never forget.

As for Aria, after defeating a Witch from the Magia Kingdom of the East at the second round, she received a standing ovation from the Beastian supporters.. but more for the reason that it is the first time both female Beastian reach the final round.

It was actually pretty easy for Aria as the Witch did not know Aria had magic. Beastian never had magic. When the Witch casted a spell to freeze Aria for her to strike, Aria broke the Witch's spell by quietly chanting words to call upon her dark force to break her free.

While the Witch was in shock at Aria's abilities, Aria took that small window to throw a dagger which aimed at

the Witch's forehead. The crowd was silent, more like shocked to see the feared Witch from the East could not hold the skinny female Beastian.

The Witch fell and died.

Another Victory for Aria.

The Beastian supporters roared with pride, hitting their chest with their fist.

As for Jor and Armand, Jor was defeated in the second round by a Daemones called Didi. He survived in the attack when King Argan raised his hand to stop the fight saying Didi has won.

Argan does not want Jor to die.. not today. To him, Jor is a promising Beastian Warrior that is loyal to his King.

That left only Armand as the sole male Beastian Warrior to proceed to the final round. Armand got through the second round defeating Prince Edgar, the Evangeline.. quite easily.

Knowing he is an Evangeline Prince, Armand wants to chop his head off. "Evangeline Scum!" Armand shouted to Edgar causing the Beastian supporters to shout cursing Edgar too.

When Armand's blade touch the skin of Edgar's neck to slit his throat, Edgar shouted "MERCY!".

With that shout, Armand had to let him go and claimed his victory for round two. Before walking back to his tent, Armand spat at Edgar with a hateful glare.

The final round has always been a surprise to the participants. This year, the final round is to face a creature for a secret quest.

The creature chosen was revealed to be a sea monster called Gargoria that looks like a Giant Crocodile cross bred with a lizard. It has poisonous fangs.

Gargoria is a creature living in the depth of the sea of Mordeux Kingdom. There were only five of this species left.

For this round, all six finalist will need to face the Gargoria and obtained the diamond that is placed on his neck. The finalists are not allowed to kill the Gargoria.

Six finalists are Prince Armand, Princess Aria, Vena, Prince Aidan, Mox and Didi. Mox is a male Monker who is currently the General of the Monkers' army. He is not afraid at all with the Gargoria in front of him.

Aidan was happy to see the beautiful Aria again. He was told her name is Isadora, who Aidan did not know that

it is not her real name. When he looked at her in the battle arena, Aria who stood next to Armand, ignored him completely.

'You can't ignore me forever, pretty girl' Aidan thought and kept stealing glances at Aria while thinking of what to do to defeat the Gargoria.

Vena stood next to Aidan. She then ran with her sword held high and marched forward to slash the Gargoria. With one hand, the Gargoria pushed Vena so hard that she hit a wall. She fell and was unconscious.

This is actually the first time Aidan see this mythical dark creature. He has heard of it but never thought there are still some of them still living. It was said to be an extinct species from the Exodus Continent that no longer exist.

Next to Aria is Didi who looks frightened. Aria too starts to trembled at the sight of the huge Gargoria. At everyone's suprise, the Gargoria let out a fire from his mouth. The crowd was clapping their hands being excited to see the enormous Gargoria.

"Oh.. this is tough!" Aria said to Armand.

"We can do this together" Armand said while signaling to Aria that he will attack from the tail of the Gargoria, distracting it, while Aria needs to use a little magic to shield him from the fire that will come out from the Gargoria's mouth.

At this moment, both Aria and Armand heard the crowd cheer. It was for Didi who bravely jumped on the Gargoria running up from his tail almost reaching for the diamond on his neck. But he failed when the Gargoria swing his tail repeatedly causing Didi to loose balance and fell. The Gargoria caught him in mid air with its mouth and ate Didi.

Aidan was stunned to see what happened but was also surprised to see the crowd loves it. They were clapping their hands screaming "More!".

'Sick species!' He thought.

Aria did not realise that the Gargoria was walking quietly towards her and Mox to shoot fire from its mouth to them. She was talking to Mox telling him that they need to distract the Gargoria while Armand strike his tail, paralysing the Gargoria. The monster can't live with its tail. It is its weakness.

The Gargoria opened its mouth and breath in large amount of air and ready to blow fire.

"GET DOWN!" Armand shouted to both Aria and Mox.

Aria turned to see the Gargoria opening its mouth so big and a ball of fire was coming out. Aria quickly used some magic and pushed Mox aside saving him first.

She was about to create a magical shield to protect her from the fire but suddenly.. a strong hand carried her by the waist, running as fast as possible, shielding her from the fire. They fell to the ground with her saviour wrapped her body for safety protecting her from the Gargoria's fire.

When she saw who saved her, Aria's light brown eyes drowned in the ocean blue eyes that belongs to Prince Aidan. Both of them were breathing fast and their face were just an inch apart.

"Are you alright, Isadora?" Aidan asked in his deep manly voice that is pleasing to Aria's ears. She only managed to nod her head. Seeing Aria not pushing him away in his embrace, he moved his face closer to kiss her.

"WATO
watch out

!" Mox shouted in Daemones language to Armand where both of them were swinging their sword trying to stab the Gargoria's tail.

Aria snapped from her daze and pushed Aidan away from her. She stood up leaving Aidan on the floor on his knees. Her helmet was tilted a little revealing strands of her glorious golden locks out from the helmet.

Aidan could not stop staring at her beauty. Her enticing light brown eyes caused his heart to thump faster. When she was in his embrace, he could feel how perfectly she will fit underneath his body in his in bed.

"YOU! Me no time for this" Aria then marched forward stopping in front of the Gargoria and raised both of her hands up. Everyone startled at what she is doing.

"Get out of there!!" Aria heard Armand's voice shouted at her. She ignored him and walked closer to the Gargoria.

Speaking in Beastian language, "Stop! You don't understand. It is afraid of us!" Aria shouted.

Aria remembered something her late father once told her about Gargoria when she was little. It was a story of his first time seeing a Gargoria and how he tried to communicate with them but failed.

Today, Aria wants to try her luck. Maybe this Gargoria will talk to her since Aria can talk to some other animals in Mordeux.

With her hands still up in the air, Aria kneeled to the Gargoria. She said the word "FANZ" which means friend, in Beastian language. The crowd slowly kept quiet.

The Gargoria stop and stared at Aria who looks tiny next to it. It slowly walks closer to Aria and said the word "FANZ" too.

The crowd starts whispering and some cried as it is said if the Gargoria speaks to you, it is a sign of good luck.

For a thousand year, no one heard a Gargoria spoke.

It lowered its head at the same level as Aria, side ways to see her with its big emerald green eyes. It smiled and opened its mouth.

In his mouth, there is a huge diamond.

Slowly taking the diamond from his tongue, the crowd cheered loudly for her victory.

"Isadora! Isadora!"

"The Great Beastian Forever!"

"Female Warrior!"

"The Greatest Female Warrior of Beastia!"

Princess Aria has Won!

Couple of hours later, at the Warrior's tent, Aidan went out to look for Aria. He checked the Beastian tent one by one.. but none of the Beastian Warriors was seen. It seems that they went back straight to their homes right after the tournament ends.

Aidan had no choice but to pack his things as the Monkers were already coming to chase the non Mordeux species out of their Kingdom. If anyone refuse, the penalty is death.

Before he left, he held a small black pouch with a gift in it. Aidan walked towards a Monker and asked for a favour "I don't know you but I really need your help. Please pass this pouch to the Beastian Warrior with the name Isadora. The one that won tonight".

Aidan bribed the Monker with a small bag of gold.

The Monker with the name Maxi took the gold and pouch reluctantly, and said to Aidan "Alright. Now. Get Lost!"