Three Houses Saga: White Clouds
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Summary

A weird and random crossover. When the members of Franchouchou, plus their zombie dog and manager, end up in Fódlan, they must attend the Officers Academy until they can find some way to get them home. Watch as Bernadetta tries to avoid being bitten by the Legendary Tae Yamada, Lily enjoys sweets with Lysithea, and Sylvain makes the wrong decision and flirts with Saga Jeune Ai Mizuno.
An Artificial Relic

Chapter Summary

When Franchouchou unearth an artifact from in front of the mansion, chaos ensues as they along with Romero and Kotaro are sent to a strange new world...

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for notes

Three Houses Saga: a Fire Emblem and Zombie Land Saga Fanfiction

< Third-Person POV >

The year is 2018 in the Saga Prefecture of Kyushu, Japan. It’s about two weeks after the live concert at Arpino and the members of Franchouchou are taking a much needed break. It seemed as though it would be an actually normal day for the zombie idols, well, until the familiar yelling of their manager outside the mansion disrupts the peace.

“TAE, ROMERO, STOP DIGGING UP THE FRONT YARD!!”

All of them quickly move out to the front door, thankfully all of them wearing their makeup and normal clothing, to stop the two from causing a scene out in the open. A dog digging up holes isn’t anything new, but a ZOMBIE dog and a zombie girl with the same mannerisms would get some people creeped out.

“I could have easily stopped them ON MY OWN, you supid zombies…” Kotaro Tatsumi ungratefully states, causing their team leader to deliver a hard punch to his gut.

“I’m sorry, care to say that again ya prick?!” Saki Nikaido says as she threatens to give him another one.

“Now now, it’s not like he struck you first, although he does deserve that punch...” begins Ai Mizuno calmly as she closes her eyes and crosses her arms. “...seeing a member of a popular idol group acting this way would cause some speculation by the press, and...”

While she continues lecturing the rest of the group, our favorite egghead Sakura Minamoto notices Tae gnawing on an item she found in the dirt.

“Hey guys?!” she interrupts as she tries to pull whatever is in her friend’s mouth out. With help from Lily and Yugiri, the object is free... along with Tae’s head. Not saying another word, all of them run quickly inside just before Policeman A could pass by on his morning patrol and immediately fire a bullet into all of them.

As the Legendary Tae Yamada continues chewing on it, they begin discussing the object itself. Besides a few scratches and drool from the constant biting, it looks to be a perfectly preserved staff with some sort of gem lodged into it. The design kind of looks skeletal, like it’s an organism’s spine.

“It looks really cool!” exclaims Lily Hoshikawa as she observes it closer, “Maybe it’s worth a lot
of money!” she says while grabbing the staff and waving it around like a magical girl.

“C-careful with that! It might be some type of weapon buried here a long time ago that could hurt people, and maybe zombies!” a slightly worried Junko Konno pleads to the 12 year-old. This causes the youngest member to pout before throwing the staff against the wall.

After hearing Junko say something like that, coupled with Lily throwing the damn thing like a toy prompted Sakura to give a somewhat terrified squeak, the former doing the same.

“Hey if it’s a weapon, why not take it out for a spin! Let’s have some target practice at a junkyard!” Saki proclaimed with a big grin on her face. “Ooooo, that sounds fun!” Lily once again chimes in.

“I would like to see how powerful such an item could be, yes, let us pleasure ourselves with this mystical rod.” Yugiri states with a smile.

Sakura gives a blank expression before speaking, “I’m sorry, but your phrasing still needs some work”. The group continues the conversation on whether they should use it or not, while Tatsumi picks up the staff and observes it.

“What do you think we should do with it?” Ai asks him, “For now I’ll keep it in my office, AND I DON’T WANT NONE OF YOU STEALING IT!!” he yells as the pompous sunglasses-wearing manager snatches the rod and marches toward his room. Though he’s stopped by a smug-faced Saki snatching it and making a mad dash outside.

“HEY YOU STUPID-” he shouts at the former Dorami member before getting the door slammed on his face. Picking himself up immediately, he decides to take the van and tells the others to get in. As Tae rushes out the door and into the vehicle, Sakura starts doyansu-ing (repeatedly asking “What do I do?” in a panicked state) before deciding to leave as well, with Yugiri and Lily in tow. Ai gives out a sigh then reluctantly follows, with Junko deciding to leave last, carrying Romero in her arms.

Saki manages to steal a motorcycle from a random dude on the street (who totally forgives her because Number 2 is his favorite member of Franchochou and he can’t wait to tell his friends) and speeds off to the aforementioned junkyard. Once she arrives she pulls out the staff, with that big smile still on her face while laughing. She observes it a bit before picking her target, a wrecked car on top of a trash pile. She aims, but nothing happens.

“Damn it, work you piece of crap!” she says while smashing the thing on the ground until it starts glowing red. The gem lodged within the rod is giving off an energy that causes gusts of wind to blow objects away, just in time for Kotaro and the others to show up and get knocked down. Startled by what’s happening, Saki drops the weapon on the ground while it’s still releasing energy.

“What DID YOU DO?!” the angry, yet slightly scared manager asked her, but she fails to give an answer as she continues staring into the crimson light, amazed at the power being released. As the idol group tries to hold on for dear life the wind becomes too much for them as one by one they all get caught into a swirling vortex. At the center of it all, the staff opens a gateway to who knows where and it gets sucked in, along with every person (and dog) there. The portal closes leaving nothing but the piles of junk that were there before, but now scattered in different places, along with Kotaro’s van which is in the middle of being towed.
Awakening on a cliffside near a village, the flowerheaded Ai observes her new surroundings. The wind blowing through her hair as she notices her friends (and the guy who hit her with a baguette) are lying there unconscious. She goes to try waking them up starting with the latter since his voice could serve as an alarm clock, until she is suddenly confronted by a group of ruffians. Four of them stood before her reaching for their weapons, presumably knives, as they start circling around the girl.

“Nyeh, hey, this girl’s outfit is pretty strange, ya think she’s from a foreign land?” one says.

“Probably, nobody in Fódlan wears anything like this, maybe she’s a noble too..” mutters another. The third one chimes in with “How much gold do ya think she’s got, 10,000 at least?”.

“Hey there cutie, I don’t know how you’ve managed to wander into our territory, but you are not getting out, heh-heh-heh.” boasts the leader.

Ai grips her fists, hoping that she’s fast enough to disarm them and drive them off, and dashes towards the closest bandit and uppercuts his jaw. The leader stands and watches, stroking his stupid looking beard as she delivers a kick to the second bandit before being restrained by the third. Taking out his rusty dagger and the bearded bandit prepares to strike…..

Until a critical hit slash to the leader’s large back causes him to fall over, blood leaking out of his body as the zombie idol breaks free from the bandit’s grasps and steps back quickly. She looks upward to see a young man, could maybe be a 20 year-old, with dark teal hair and an iron sword in his right hand. As he cuts down the rest of the bandits, Ai feeling a little frightened at the display of violence before her. Once their bodies had been piled up, the Heisei Idol feels better enough to talk to the stranger.

“Thank you very much for saving me, I can’t imagine what they would have done if you had not been here.” she starts.

“Glad to see you are relatively unharmed.” the young man says in response.

“Yeah, they weren’t very strong, but their numbers could have overwhelmed me.” says Ai, “Um, do you have a place where me and my friends could possibly stay for a while?” as she looks back at her companions who are starting to awaken.

He turns and points to a nearby village and beckons them to follow. “You’re a real lifesaver, but how about telling me your name Mr…” Ai stops so she can hear his answer.

“Byleth, Byleth Eisner.”

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Chapter End Notes

MAN I COULD HAVE DONE WAY BETTER. This is quite a difficult task, bringing these two worlds together, so why did I choose to make a crossover fanfiction? Simply
put it, I felt bored and I felt like it would be a good idea at the time. If anyone as any advice for writing these, or have any ideas I could implement, comment if you want. I would appreciate some critiques too. Enjoy zombie girls at the Officers Academy.
Chapter Summary

The story continues as the zombie girls encounter Jeralt.... that's all there is. I'm still getting used to this story.

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for notes

< Third-Person POV >

The year is 1180 in the land of Fódlan during the Pegasus Moon. Two months before Jeralt’s band of mercenaries depart for the Kingdom of Faerghus for a new assignment. The son of their leader discovers eight individuals and one strange looking dog while on patrol in the surrounding forest. After saving one of them from a small group of bandits, he leads them towards the current village that the mercenary company was staying in. During their walk, the blank, emotionless expression on Byleth’s face intimidated Sakura and Junko, while it intrigued Ai who was surveying the area around them. The sky was only slightly cloudy, and the clouds that remained were split as wyvern and pegasus riders raced to test their abilities. For the longest time there was silence, until the biker chick spoke up.

“It’s Byleth, right? Yo Byleth, where the hell are we going, and most importantly where the hell are we?” Saki asked while crossing her arms behind her head.

The teal-haired protagonist answered with “We’re going to see my father. I assume you all are from a far-off region, so I welcome you to Fódlan.” leaving the idols and manager confused.

“Um, could you repeat that please?” responded Junko, with a surprised expression on her face.

“I’ve never heard of this place before, is it a continent or a country?” wondered Sakura who was trying to piece everything together.

Pretending to be a know-it-all, Kotaro says “DON’T YOU IDIOTS KNOW BASIC GEOGRAPHY?!! Everyone knows, um…”

“Fódlan.” finishes Byleth.

“YEAH, THIS PLACE!! Everyone knows where it is and its history!” continues the loud-mouth.

Unimpressed, as usual, Ai asks him “Then which part of Fódlan are we right now?”.

“THAT’S EASY, I’LL EVEN TELL YOU IF WE’RE IN THE EAST OR WEST!!”

“Go ahead then Tatsumi, dazzle us with your knowledge.” answers Ai, expecting the usual schtick.

“Um… uh….. THAT DOESN’T MATTER RIGHT NOW, WHAT DOES MATTER IS HOW WE’LL GET HOME!!” stammers Kotaro.

Byleth, slightly annoyed at all the noise, asks them “Can’t you all just take a boat or flying creature
“Well… you see…” Sakura begins while a sweat bead rolls down her egg head, then a large man with a beard wearing an orange outfit arrives on his steed.

“Father, I have found these people in the forest about to be robbed blind by bandits.” Byleth says, acknowledging him. The older man sighed as he patted his son on the back for a good job well done. Observing all of the visitors, he walks up to each of them, wondering where they came from.

“Oi, big guy, you’re his pops? What do they call you?” Saki asks when he walks in front of her.

“Jerald Eisner, professional mercenary, some call me the Blade Breaker. How about you little lady?” he asks.

Thinking she could probably get away with telling people her real name in a world like this, she responds with “Saki Nikaido, glad to have ya!” gripping her fist with a grin on her face.

The big guy smirks, then asks the rest of them who they are. After introducing themselves as politely as they can, Jeralt and Byleth converse with each other, while the Saga group huddle together to do the same.

“What do we do? What do we do?” doyansus Sakura, prompting Yugiri to share her thoughts.

“Perhaps it is best to stay here until we find our mode of transportation to escort us back to Saga?”

“B-but what if our secret is revealed? There’s no telling how the people of this land will react to seeing the undead among them! There may be mythical beasts, yet I doubt they will accept zombies.” explains Junko.

“True, but I agree with Yugiri, we need to stay here until we find a way home, maybe sticking with these mercenaries will help us some protection while we look.” says Ai.

“I don’t trust the blue-haired guy, his face irks me.” grumbles Saki.

“We have to trust him, what choice do we have? His skills can help us travel around without getting killed, well… killed again I mean.” Ai responds once again.

“I’m scared of what will happen if we’re alone, maybe they can train us to use weapons!” Lily suggests loudly, prompting Jeralt to laugh.

“I haven’t trained kids in a long time, and you are all lucky that there has been no jobs as of late to take up. Sure, but know that you have to find another place to stay after a while, got it? We can’t keep watch on all of you forever, so train until you can manage to fight off ruffians with ease. We can’t keep watch on all of you forever, so train with us until you can fight off ruffians with ease.” Byleth nods in agreement.

“Thank you for your kindness, please direct us to where we will be staying tonight Mr. Eisner.” requests Ai.

Hours later, they’re staying at an inn near the mercenary company. After washing off their makeup (luckily Kotaro has enough to last almost half a year, until they have to get currency to buy more) the girls decide to turn in for the night. With Tatsumi already asleep, Sakura pets Romero as she looks out the window, wondering if it was her bad luck (along with Saki’s incompetence) that caused all of this to happen, or if this was the result of someone’s meddling.
I still need work on my writing, but the ideas are flowing in my head. I can't wait until we make it to the monastery, that's where the fun really begins. TEAM BLUE LIONS. Once again I shall view any critiques, or ideas anyone may have in the comments.
Chapter Summary

Two weeks after they end up in Fódlan, the month of the Lone Moon features Ai as she summarizes how the group has been doing under the eyes of Jeralt and Byleth. Meanwhile, Tatsumi decides to do some research on the the history of this new world. As the Great Tree Moon approaches, so does the decisive meeting involving the House Leaders!

Chapter Notes

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< Ai’s POV >

“Bullseye.” I thought to myself after my second attempt at hitting the target with my bow was successful. Directly in the center of the target, right next to my first shot, which was a little off the mark. Ready to fire another arrow, I draw back my training bow, take aim and—

“RAH!”

“Gah!” I respond with as the arrow hits the tree behind the target instead. Turning around and sighing, I reluctantly choose not to fire my fourth shot into the sunglasses-wearing idiot’s gut for now.

“Ha ha ha ha, nice shot Mizuno, just like hawk-guy!” he says while mocking my attempt.

“It’s Hawkeye, and shut up. Where are you off to anyway Tatsumi?” I ask him, “Everyone else is here with Jeralt and Byleth, are you afraid of tearing that nice suit of yours?”

Turning around and walking away he only says that “I’m going to study again. Keep practicing HawkAi.” sticking his tongue out at me before disappearing from my sight. Studying, eh? We do need more information on how this new world works, so maybe it could be useful. Although I don’t see eye-to-eye with him most of the time, actually all the time, I do admit he’s smart enough to plan ahead. I hope whatever he’s looking for will help us in the long run, for now I must keep practicing.

“HawkAi, huh?” I thought to myself while drawing another arrow and firing. Not as good as my second, but way better than my misfire. It’s been two weeks since we’ve met the two mercenaries helping us. Jeralt, The Blade Breaker, he doesn’t look too friendly, but he sometimes grins when he’s having a drink with Kotaro, sparring with Saki, who I think is his favorite out of us, and just seeing Lily happy. Though, I’m more interested in his son, The Ashen Demon I’ve heard people call him, Byleth.

His swordsmanship is remarkable, and he’s not too bad at strategy either, giving us good advice when it comes to using our weapons. His face has been getting better at emoting, though he’s still very far from not acting like a robot. Also I’m the only one that had actually seen him kill those bandits, so I’m curious on how his mind works. But despite his help, not all of us have been doing well.
Sakura and Junko haven’t been doing that great with lance training, and I have been quite fearful whenever I see Tae holding an axe. Lily has been reading up on books on sorcery, which is not surprising because of what we’ve seen, though she has yet to actually use any spells. Only myself, Saki, and Yugiri have been successful so far with our training. While I do enjoy archery, disarming our manager and swinging that baguette pushed me into trying out blades, and as I suspected, our Legendary Courtesan has some experience in that area. Saki ended up breaking the practice dummies when using those training gauntlets, though she needs to learn where to strike certain opponents. That’s what I told her yesterday, but she ended up ignoring me.

While we were still together, we also discussed how our secret could possibly be revealed in Fódlan. We have plenty of makeup, but eventually it will run out, so we have to be careful not to use it excessively. As for our body parts falling apart we have to try our best not to get hurt too badly, or we would have to be inspected and tested by doctors. We may have to reveal our secret in this world, but in order to avoid angry mobs or religious individuals, there needs to be secrecy. Not everyone will trust the undead to not harm anyone, especially with Tae running around.

“Enough worrying about that, the battlefield is just like a stage…” I thought before getting another perfect hit on the target, with Sakura and Lily cheering me on, “... you need to try your best, no matter the fight or the performance.”.

< Third-Person POV >

Tatsumi returned from the library at night, carrying stacks of books and immediately went up to his room in the inn, only nodding at Lily when she was walking in after watching the stars. Looking through the pages of each book carefully, he gained a lot of important information by the before he decided to sleep. He read up about The Adrestian Empire, The Holy Kingdom of Faerghus, The Leicester Alliance, The Church of Seiros, and even The Officers Academy. That was a place that he was most intrigued about, a place where young nobles and commoners could train and learn together to be greater individuals. As he went to bed that night he formulated a plan in his head, not doubting that when they arrive, he needs to enroll Franchouchou. For what reason? Like Tatsumi himself, for now it’s a mystery.

As more weeks pass and it is now the Great Tree Moon in Fódlan. Jeralt receives a new job in Kingdom territory and Kotaro demands that he brings him and the girls along in order to gain more experience, which he reluctantly agrees to in order to stop hearing him yell. Most of the girls seem ready enough to have their first mission anyways so it would be beneficial to be in a real battle. All of them depart at dawn, walking cautiously towards their location until they decide to take a break for a few days at Remire Village. As all of them start taking refuge in the area, the girls hope that they won’t get into much of skirmish there…

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Chapter End Notes

Am I getting better at this? Maybe, just need more time to develop my skills. It's almost time... soon we'll focus on Byleth and the three leaders of the Three Houses arrive! Hm... I wonder which one we'll follow. *causally ignoring what route I put in the tags* Hope you enjoy this chapter!
The Beginning

Chapter Summary

Byleth contemplates how the girls will manage in a real battle and experiences two strange dreams. And when the mercenary company and Franchouchou are about to depart from Remire Village, three students donned in red, blue, and gold appear to ask them for aid. But the battle against a group of bandits proves difficult for Sakura...

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for notes.

< Byleth’s POV >

“Are these girls really ready for fighting?” I thought to myself while watching the one with long black hair, Tae I believe, being held down by that Sakura girl. I take a look at the rest of them setting up their tents, it seems they’ve experienced camping out in the open before at least. It’s a bit of a chore looking out for this group, especially since it’s my first time training anyone, much less those almost my age. But ever since I had first found them in the forest during the Pegasus Moon I have been growing a slight bond with each of them. The youngest one, Lily, has a smile that could light up a dark room, and I had enjoyed having tea with Ms. Yugiri. Sakura and that timid Junko had finally learned how to handle a lance from my Jeralt, my father, but they still have a long way to go.

“Oi, silent treatment, quit starin’ and help!”

As Saki scowls at me I walk over and finish setting up their camp, unfazed by her attempts to intimidate me. While I continue ignoring her I walk over to the short-haired girl, Ai, asking if there’s anything else I could help them with. These two and Yugiri seem to be the most capable in a battle, seeing how well they did in sparring matches displayed this well. They were unsuccessful in defeating my father and I, but the potential in their skills were remarkable. Especially Saki with how she landed her blows, they stung for a bit after we finished, still she has yet to see how different some opponents can be with their attack patterns. Hopefully this upcoming job can provide that kind of experience, maybe some fellow grapplers or swordsmen could suffice?

“There, that’s good, I’m grateful for your assistance Byleth.”

“It’s no problem, now all of you should get some rest.” I tell Ai after I place the unused firewood into a pile. While walking back to the house I was currently staying in I wave back to the girls, and unbelievably, I gave them a small smile. As I turned in for the night, I continued to think of new ways to train those girls until I decided that I need the rest as well.

I witness a brutal battle within my dreams, involving a woman dueling with a man using a strange looking sword in the center of the area surrounded by soldiers. They keep clashing blades until the man’s sword starts glowing and extending its reach, swinging it around like a whip, almost cutting
the woman’s stomach. The green-haired woman manages to disarm him of his powerful weapon by allowing it to wrap around her sword and tossing it away. Tackling the large man on the ground, she furiously stabs him multiple times with a knife, killing him as she spouts words about a “Red Canyon” and “Taking everything that she loved”. As the soldiers cheer, she holds the strange sword to her face, leaving a mark of blood on her cheek as she continues whispering about her “Mother”. Before I have time to contemplate what I saw, immediately afterwards I watch as a young girl, with large green hair, bare feet, and pointed ears awakened from her slumber.

“Oh my, what could have brought you here?” she says after yawning and rubbing her eyes. “It is most rude to interrupt a moment of repose. Very rude indeed. Now come to me. I wish to have a look at you.”

I walk forward towards her and she asks my name and birthdate. I simply reply with “Byleth, 20th of the Horsebow Moon 1159.”

“Huh, I shall not ever grow accustomed to the sound of human names. And well, wonders never cease! It seems we share our day of birth. How strange!” she replies to my answers. She ponders for a bit before deciding to take another nap, but not before saying that “It is almost…time to…begin…”.

“Begin what?” I thought before my father wakes me and asks if I’ve been having these dreams again, to which I describe both to him. He tells me that there hasn’t been a battle like what I saw in about three centuries and that he does not recognize a girl with that description before. “The battlefield is no place for idle thoughts.” he said to me right before reminding me that we needed to leave at dawn in order to reach the Kingdom. Suddenly one of our mercenaries requested that my father must come outside immediately, it seems as though it’s important so I follow him, along with the girls. I realized that the loud man that came with them is nowhere to be seen, yet I chose to ignore that for now and head outside, where I find two young men and a young woman standing there.

“Please forgive our intrusion, we wouldn’t bother you were the situation not dire.” the blonde boy with a blue cape says, before explaining that the three of them are being pursued by a group of bandits and that they need our support.

“It’s true. They attacked us while we were at rest in our camp.” the white haired girl wearing a red cape continues.

“We’ve been separated from our companions and we’re outnumbered. They’re after our lives… not to mention our gold.” he boy with dark hair and yellow cape finished. They’re all surprisingly calm considering what they just described to us, but that’s not worth thinking about right now.

“Bandits spotted just outside the village! Damn… There are a lot of them.” another one of our mercenaries informs us.

“W-wait, we need time to prepare!” a worrisome Sakura says.

“There’s no time for that, let’s go kick some ass out there!” shouts Saki excitedly.

Then Ai speaks up, “Saki’s right, if they’re already here, we need to act immediately in order to drive them away from the village.”. I give a nod before my father leads all of us towards the open field as we wait with our weapons in hand.

“Let’s take care of these thieves before they overrun the village.” my father says upon his steed.
We decide to take down the enemies on the frontlines first before all others, as all of us charge towards the swordsmen in the front I notice the looks on the three individuals we just met. They all look determined, ready to take them down without much fear in their eyes, fascinating to say the least. As expected the training done with the girls managed to leave quite the impact, seeing Ai easily firing arrows into the skulls of those bandits along with the tanned boy in yellow, Yugiri slicing them down to my left, and Tae charging and biting opponents before the blonde boy takes them down with a lance.

“H-help me!” Junko yells with fear in her voice, she’s got two of them on her back while she’s running away. Before I could step in to help, Sakura dashes ahead with her lance out and manages to throw it like a spear into the chest of one of them, her face in shock as it pierced through him. This scares Junko enough to reactively toss hers into the air and conveniently landing on top of the other bandit’s head (handle side up) and knocking him out cold. I walk up to Sakura who is left shivering after what she did to save her friend, this must be her first time killing another person, or perhaps killing at all.

“I-I… I had to…. he was going to hurt…” these words came out of her mouth before tears start showing up in her eyes. She sobs as she continues regretting her choice to take his life, and I see that Junko and Lily are doing the same. I remember not feeling anything when I first took down people like that, that has always been the case for me, but for them it hasn’t. Ai and Saki glance at the scene, but are interrupted by more enemies before they could respond to it.

“The first time is never easy,” says the young man in blue while walking up to her. “I’ve seen a lot of people perish in front of me and no matter how many times it happens, it’s difficult to overcome it,” he places his hand on her shoulder, though she still weeps over her actions.

“W-what if he had a family….. what if he needed to steal in order to have a better life?” Sakura tearfully asks.

“I think about that all the time too, but you saved your friend’s life, and you’re alive as well! Can’t you smile knowing that you protected someone you cared about?”

She stops, then continues wiping her tears from her face and sniffing. “T-thank you so much, um…”

“My name is Dimitri Alexandre Blaiddyd. And your name is?”

“… Sakura Minamoto. Thank you Dimitri.” giving him a smile, prompting him to give his own.

Noticing the bandit leader getting closer, I immediately run towards Saki and the white-haired girl, since they’re in his line of sight. He prepares to drop his axe upon the two of them...until the weapon pierces through my spine as I feel time stand still.

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Chapter End Notes

Well... those of us who played the game knows what's coming. As for those who haven't, look up clips online. So how about Dimitri, eh? I can't wait to write his interactions with the girls, same with Claude, though I might have trouble with Edelgard. Whatever, hope you all enjoy!
Welcome to Garreg Mach

Chapter Summary

Byleth learns the identity of the girl in his dreams and Kotaro reveals (part of) his plan in this new world: the girls of Franchouchou are being enrolled in the Officers Academy?!

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for notes

< Byleth’s POV >

“You’ll die!” the bandit leader yells before bringing his axe down and into my spine, yet when I opened my eyes I find myself once again with the small girl from my dreams.

“Honestly! What are you accomplishing with that little stunt?! It’s like you’re trying to get me killed you fool!” she says complaining about my sacrifice. She sighs before she offers her guidance to me and finally reveals her identity.

“You can call me Sothis, but I’m also known as ‘The Beginning’.” She thinks for a few seconds about how she couldn’t remember her name until now. After being insulted that I thought of her as a child, she judged me for throwing my life (and her life?) away by trying to save those two girls. I thank her for managing to stop the flow of time before I could perish and ask if she could turn back the hands of time to before I could be killed. She can, not by too far, but enough to save me at least.

“Now go… Yes, you who bears the flames within. Drift through the flow of time to find the answers that you seek…” she says before reversing time to when the bandit leader started charging towards Saki and the other girl.

“You’ll die!” he repeats before I run in and knock him off his feet, his axe landing in front of his men.

“Hey—over here!” The young man with the small yellow cape yells before him and the others arrive with him.

“I could have handled him, but wow, you sent him flying!” proclaims Saki right behind me. A group of knights led by a mustachioed man in armor suddenly appear and start chasing the thieves out of the village.

“Oof, it’s over…” Lily says tiredly while the aforementioned mustachioed man runs up to my father with genuine surprise.

“Captain Jeralt?!! It is you! Goodness, it’s been ages. Don’t you recognize me? It’s Alois! Your old right-hand man!” speaking up with a smile on his face. Annoyed by his presence, “Captain” Jeralt bids him farewell before Alois insists that he comes back with him to the monastery.

“Garreg Mach Monastery… I suppose this was inevitable.”

“Garreg Mach… Monastery?” Junko asks curiously.
Alois replies with “Wait, you haven’t heard of it, then why don’t you all come with me? You’ll join me, won’t you?”

“Even I wouldn’t dare run from the Knights of Seiros…” my father says before following Alois, prompting me to follow him.

“The Knights of Seiros… They do seem rather skilled.” I hear causing me to look around to see who it was.

“Are you feeling ill young Mr. Eisner? What did you hear?” Yugiri asks me before I hear the voice again.

“Ah. It seems your presence is required. Get going!”, I then realize that the voice is that Sothis girl and start moving towards the three young individuals who arrived earlier. They start discussing with me about my father, then asks if I’m coming to the monastery as well, introducing themselves as Claude (tanned young man with the small yellow cape), Dimitri (the blonde who helped Sakura), and Edelgard (the young woman who I saved along with Saki).

“Oh I should mention that the three of us are students of the Officers Academy at Garreg Mach Monastery.” Claude says before the other two start bickering with him, due to how he chose to “make a strategic retreat” causing the other two to follow him. All of those bandits chasing after the three of them… “What a strange plan” I thought when he explained himself. They then continued bickering about if they would be good rulers or not.

“In any case, forgive our digression. I must speak with you, if you can spare a moment.” Dimitri says before complimenting my skills on the battlefield.

“You girls held your own out there as well! Well, as best as you could when being placed in a situation like that for the first time.” Claude says to the seven of them.

“Uh, thanks I guess.” Ai responds while the others continued resting, though I couldn’t blame them. I believe both Sakura and Junko are still shaken up badly, despite Dimitri’s help, so I’ll be sure to check on them later.

Edelgard requests that we should join the Adrestian Empire so that we can lend them our strength, causing Dimitri to make the same request for the Holy Kingdom of Faerghus and Claude revealing that he was going to try bonding with me before asking such things.

Before I could share which option sounds the most appealing to me, Lily starts tugging on my jacket, “Um... Byleth, what are they talking about?”.

“Fódlan is split up into three parts, the Adrestian Empire, Holy Kingdom of Faerghus, and the Leicester Alliance. And at the center of them all is Garreg Mach Monastery, home of the Central Church of Seiros and the Officers Academy.” reveals the loud man with darkened glasses walking up to us, “And that is where you girls will be enrolling for the time being.”

“WHAT?!?” the group replies while myself and the other students watch this argument go on.

“We’ve just heard about this school a moment ago, and you’re telling us that we’re staying there? First off, how do you plan on doing that? And secondly, for what reason do you need us to be students there?” says Ai as she demands the tall man to answer.

Not intimidated, he proudly proclaims “After nights of research I have concluded that this place could help with our survival in this land. With the training you could receive there, you would be able to take on any battle, and be fearless to shine on any stage! We could enroll all seven of you as
commoners, and as for the funds…. I have sold half your makeup supply.”, making them all gang up on the man and beating him down.

“Why do they need so much makeup? And what kind of makeup is worth that much gold?” Those questions appeared in my head as I stood there, puzzled along with the other three students before Alois calls for us to head to the monastery. That man, Kotaro Tatsumi… what is he planning? I observe the three students once more, Dimitri, tempted to run in and help the man, Claude having this grin on his face like he was watching an onstage comedy routine, and Edelgard with this exasperated look as she turns and walks away. I soon turn and follow them as the girls notice and run after us, leaving Tatsumi in the dust.

< Sakura’s POV >

“This will be your first time at the monastery, I’d be happy to show you around.” Dimitri offers while we walk through the forest.

“It really is Fódlan in a nutshell, the good and the bad.” says… Claude? Is that who he is? Then, um, Edelgard lets us know that “Like it or not, we’ll be there soon enough.”, as we soon see HUGE open walls in a path leading to what looks like a castle! It looks so pretty, though the walk there is exhausting… I felt like my legs were going to fall off, so I took a short rest before moving again, wouldn’t want to reveal our secret when we’re close to a holy place like this. We continue up to the main gate and walked through the area with shopkeepers selling things like weapons or potions (or vulneraries as I learned while picking one up).

“Oi, Sakura!” Saki yells, telling me to catch up with them. As I run up the stairs I trip on the last one and slide all the way back down. Ow…

“Hey Ms., are you okay?” A student with red hair asks me while pulling me off the ground.

“Yeah I’m okay, thank you!” I reply with gratitude.

“Well then, I’m glad, you look like you really hurt yourself, do you need me to carry you to the infirmary? We could talk about ourselves so we could get your mind off the pai—” he gets cut off by a blonde girl with braids pulling his ear, dragging him away.

“I’m so sorry for the trouble! My friend’s a bit of… a skirt chaser.” She says while she takes him away, leaving me to question what I just saw. I snap out of it when Saki speaks up again, though she’s slightly annoyed at that guy for flirting with me. I assure her that it’s alright and continue down the entrance hall, following Byleth and Jeralt to a large open room. I hear them talking about how the latter used to be a “Captain” and how there’s an “archbishop” then two important-looking people show up.

“Thank you for your patience Jeralt. My name is Seteth. I am an advisor to the archbishop.” says the scary man with long green hair and a goatee.

Then the beautiful lady next to him starts conversing with Jeralt and Byleth, thanking them for saving the students. I think she’s that archbishop mentioned earlier, Lady Rhea? Tatsumi then bows to her, asking if we could join as students, she is mildly surprised at the offer until he does that weird look into her eyes thing. It surprisingly works! She agrees to allow us to attend and tells Seteth to help us with enrolling and paying for it. Seteth gives Tatsumi a mean look before taking him to his office. I don’t know if this will end well, so I quickly follow him alongside the others.

“Bye bye!” Lily says to Lady Rhea joyfully waving to her.

The green-haired lady waves back to us before walking to her office, leaving Byleth and Jeralt there alone. I’m hoping my luck doesn’t affect our stay here at the academy, I wouldn’t want to fail at getting into another good school again.

END OF CHAPTER 5

Chapter End Notes

Welcome Franchouchou, to Garreg Mach Monastery! Sakura's perspective will be the focus of next chapter, so if you're a fan of eggs, look forward to that! Also, do you recognize the two students mentioned earlier? If you don't...well you'll see more of them soon enough. Class is almost in session!
The Deer and The Eagles

Chapter Summary

Franchouchou gets their rooms and their uniforms! The next day they visit the Golden Deer House and Black Eagle House, who could they possibly meet there?

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for notes

< Sakura’s POV >

Seteth hasn’t stopped looking at both us and Kotaro, he’s definitely suspicious about us. Even while finishing up our enrollment applications, sweat drops wouldn’t stop falling down my head, he’s just so intimidating.

“Your enrollment into the academy is complete, I will now guide you to your new rooms.” Seteth told us while standing up. We followed him all the way to the dormitory, we see a bunch of students roaming around on the way there. A green-haired student yawned while passing us by in the hall, while giving us a quick, uninterested look before making his way to the library. We see a girl with light blue hair, who looks like she hasn’t slept in months walk by with her head down.

“Out of my way.” said a student with dark blue hair and an icy stare.

“Eep!” I responded, trying to get away from that jerk. “Thank goodness he didn’t draw his sword.” I thought to myself before we finally made it to our destination. Seteth showed us where we would be staying, but there was a catch.

“Sadly there are only six open rooms this year, so two of you will be forced to share one. Be sure to discuss this among yourselves, and here are your uniforms.” he explained after handing us our clothes.

“W-wait…” Junko tried to say, but Seteth was already on his way back to his office.

“Tch, what’s up his ass?”

“Not now Saki, we have to see which of us are sharing rooms.” Ai told her as she crossed her arms. “Someone has to keep an eye on Tae, so she’s got to stay in the same room as another person.”

“I’ll do it! I’ve been helping her for a long while, so maybe she’ll be calmer around me.” I suggested and some of the others agreed with that.

“That is true. Sakura is usually the first to prevent Tae from any trouble she gets into.” Yugiri said.

“Regardless, I think you deserve a break, remember what happened back in Remire Village?”

Ai’s sudden question made me go still, “Y-yeah, I do…still, I can get over it if I can focus on this responsibility, as well as our school work!” I replied, trying to ensure them that I would be alright with a small smile.
“Sakura, it scared me too, but it seems that you’re still traumatized.” said Junko as she shuddered, remembering the battle.

“That’s why I’ll keep an eye on her. I don’t think you or the others can handle this job easily. Especially in a world like this where there might be a lot of dangerous people.” Ai told me.

“Are you sure? She’s still quite a handful. And you have to make sure she won’t hurt herself or any of our classmates…” I informed her.

“I’ll be alright, so are there no objections?” everyone nodded, though I now realize that Kotaro is gone now, probably off doing more research.

“Then it’s agreed. You all will stay in separate rooms, while me and Tae will split a single one. Now let’s get some rest, shall we? We need to choose our house tomorrow, which means we have to go to the classrooms and meet our fellow students.” Ai reminded us.

“I hope they’re all nice, unlike the guy we saw earlier. He was rude.” Lily responds while pouting.

“I’m nervous, I hope we’ll give off a good impression.”

“Don’t worry Ms. Junko, in time they will learn more about us and maybe new bonds form between us all.” Yugiri reassured her as I then start frantically looking around: Tae’s gone.

“And if any of them start trouble like that asshole from before, I’ll take care of it!” Saki says while gripping her fist.

“Please don’t cause any unnecessary conflict, like Junko said, we need to make a good impression.” lectures Ai as she and Saki begin to intensely converse. I opened my mouth to speak but then…

“P-PLEASE DON’T KILL ME! AAAAAAHMMMMM!”

We turned around to see that a girl with purple hair was holding a cake, while Tae was chasing her in a circle. We quickly ran to try and restrain Tae, who was now eating the rest of the girl’s shortcake. She quickly got back on her feet while we continued to hold down our hungry zombie.

“I’m so sorry for our friend!” I told the scared girl.

“No it’s completely my fault! I never should have left my room for a snack! I’ll get out of your way, goodbye!” she said running back into her room and shutting the door, hearing her lock it.

I sigh, before beginning to lecture Tae on why it’s not nice to take other people’s sweets, no matter how good they looked. We decided to go to the dining hall so both her and the rest of us could get a good meal… AND THE FOOD TASTED GREAT! The types of flavors that were in our mouths differed so much from Japan, we just had to get seconds! And no wonder Tae went immediately chasing after that girl, the cake here is sooooo delicious!

“Wow! It looks like I’ve got some competition, you girls can really eat! I’d love to see how good you are at training too!” says a big burly man with a shirt that looks to almost burst open because of how big he is.

“Um, thank you!” I say after swallowing my food, “Everything here tastes so good, is it always like this?”.

“Yup! There’s a lot of good dishes here, too many to even name! You’re all new students aren’t
you? Well, I can’t wait to eat with you guys more often! The name’s Raphael Kirsten.” he says to us before chowing down on his plate of meat. We all introduced ourselves and then continued eating as well. After we were pretty full we all went back to our rooms, saying goodnight to each other before heading to bed. Today was pretty exciting, looking around the monastery, deciding which rooms to stay in, eating amazing Fódlan cuisine… I can’t wait to see what else the academy has to offer! I think spending time here helped me feel more calm than what we first experienced in this world, though I did like spending time with Jeralt and Byleth. Wait, why were they here? I think Jeralt might have gone back into being a captain like that Alois guy said, but why do they need his son? Do they need another mercenary? I brush of the question and think about what’s more important.

“I need to make a good impression with my classmates. A lot of them are nobles, so it would be improper of me to not have manners.” I told myself before resting my head on my pillow. Tomorrow’s the big day, class is in session!

Makeup is on. I’m dressed in my uniform. I tighten my bow. I’m ready. I walk out of my room with the sun shining on my face. I run out the door, but suddenly stop, looking both ways to see if there’s anything approaching. After making sure there’s nothing I make a run towards our group. Everyone’s in their uniform, though with me and Ai wearing our original outfit’s bows and Saki tying her long sleeved shirt to her waist. We walk all the way to where the rest of the classrooms are, all symbolized by the colors near their doors.

Then a familiar face walks up to us, “Hiya Byleth! Are you attending the academy too?” Lily said to him.

“You could say that, though I’ve already managed to select my house and speak to the students of each one. I’m off to report which one I’m joining to Lady Rhea. Good luck to you all.” He says before patting Lily on the head and walking away.

Ai, makes a thinking pose before saying, “He’s managed to meet everyone and choose so quickly? He’s so productive…”

“Yeah, hope he manages to pick my house, how about you girls?”

We turned around to see Claude, grinning while leaning against a pillar. “I guess you haven’t met everyone yet so you’re undecided, right? I hope none of my companions are any trouble, though steer clear of the purple-haired snob, he’s always on my back about something.”

As we walk into the Golden Deer classroom, we see a bunch of students talking to each other.

“Ah, you must be the new students!” this must be that snob, “I am Lorenz Hellman Gloucester, pleased to make your acquaintance. Although you do not look to be… of noble status, how unfortunate.”

Annoyed, she walked up to him and got in his face, “Huh?! Unfortunate? What do you mean by that ya prick?! Are we not good enough to be in the same class as you fancy nobles?!”

“Ugh, quite the irritable young woman aren’t you?” he scoffs at us, “I just simply stated that your
looks are not of the same quality of those from the nobility—tyyyyy!” he gets interrupted when Saki grabs his collar.

“You looking to brawl, pretty boy? Or are you too scared to have that dumb hairdo messed up?”

“Give it a rest Saki, Claude told us to stay away from him anyways.” Ai pipes up to stop a fight from breaking out, making me sigh in relief.

“Hmph, listening to that sad excuse for a leader will get you nowhere.” Lorenz grumbles before brushing himself off and walking away.

“Sorry for the bad first impression on his part, though it would have been entertaining to see him get his comeuppance!” the girl with long pink twintails said, “I’m Hilda Valentine Goneril, and this girl here is…”

“M-Marianne, Marianne von Edmund.”, it was the light-blue-haired girl from earlier! She still looks like she needs sleep. We introduced ourselves and met the rest of the class: there was Lysithea, who looks young compared to the students, but still older than Lily, Ignatz who’s pretty friendly, though he does seem a bit insecure, Raphael who we saw in the dining hall before, and this girl with short red hair called Leonie who told us that she saw all of us with Jeralt earlier and informed us that he was his “first and greatest apprentice”. She seems nice, but I kinda think she’s a bit obnoxious with how she said that. We said goodbye for now and moved on to the Black Eagles, though I’m confused on the name since they use a lot of red.

“Good morning! We’re the new students!” I called out joyfully, hoping to make a better first impression than the last class.

“Hey there! Welcome to the class! The name’s Caspar!” a kinda short light-blue-haired student responded.

“Linhardt, goodbye.” said the green haired guy with sleepy eyes rudely, that I recognize when we were leaving Seteth’s office.

“Excuse me?” Ai replied,

“Jeez man, how did you get into the academy with manners like that?” Caspar told him.

Uninterested, Linhardt said “I could say the same thing with your eating habits and tendency to fight people.” As the two continued arguing, a tall, scary looking man with dark hair appeared behind us.

“Well well, it seems we may be joined by some new companions soon…” he said with a creepy smile, sending shivers down our spines and causing Lily to flinch.

Another student steps in, “Please, Hubert try not to scare the poor girls away from our class!” wow, he looks more noble-like than the snob from earlier! “Excuse Edelgard’s vassal for his rudeness, allow me to introduce myself…” he begins as he flips his orange hair out of his face. “I am Ferdinand von Aegir (*ding*), pleased to meet you my dear ladies!” he finishes while bowing towards us.

“I am called Petra. I, um, feel joy to have met you!” she doesn’t look like she’s from Fódlan, especially with that long violet braid and small violet mark under her right eye. We then see that same purple girl from yesterday shivering in the corner, probably still scared of Tae.

“Bernadetta, this type of behavior from a noble isn’t ideal, we must be polite to individuals we are
looking to bond with!” Ferdinand told her, “Sorry, no thank you, I’m fine right here!” she answered, making him sigh. “My apologies for the behaviors of some of my companions.” he said glaring at Hubert who simply ignored him.

“Oh lighten up Ferdie, I’m sure they don’t mind. I’m Dorothea, though you may have heard of me, I’m from an opera company in the Empire capital.” After once again introducing ourselves we head out of the classroom and up to the last class. I really hope that the Blue Lions are as nice as Dimitri was! Just one more meeting and we’ll make our decision, I can’t wait!

END OF CHAPTER 6
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Chapter End Notes

Blue Lions will have to wait until next chapter, sorry about that! Also the "I am Ferdinand von Aegir" counter, man I love this idea. Hope you all enjoy!
Chapter Summary

Franchouchou meets the Blue Lions and choose their house (gee I wonder which one they choose).

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for notes

< Third-Person POV >

The girls walk into the Blue Lions classroom, only to be approached by a certain redhead from before.

“Hello there my dear ladies! And hey, you’re that clumsy girl from yesterday, nice to see you again!” he greets them with a wink causing Ai to roll her eyes (or roll her Ais!), Saki to growl at him, and a sweat drop to roll down Sakura’s egg head as she addresses the flirt once more.

“Ha ha… nice to meet you, um…”

“I’m Sylvain Jose Gautier, how about you all join me at the dining hall later? You look to be quite the interesting group of ladies, if I do say so mys—ELF OW!” once again he is stopped by the blonde girl with braids punching him in the arm.

“Please be less troublesome Sylvain, they’re uncomfortable. Oh, and you can call me Ingrid! It’s a pleasure to have you all here.” she bows before dragging Sylvain away to have another lecturing. A freckled young man with silver hair and a tall brown-skinned man with white hair approach the idols next.

“You must be the young women who helped His Highness when he was separated from us! My name is Ashe, and this is Dedue, he’s Prince Dimitri’s retainer.”

“Words cannot express my gratitude for your assistance, I will not hesitate to repay your kindness with my strength if you require it. Just like the mercenary who just came by earlier.”

“You’re welcome, and it was an honor fighting alongside the prince against those bandits. I assume you’re referring to Byleth, he and his father Jeralt helped train us in combat.” Ai responds bowing politely towards them. Then the serious young man with dark messy hair in a bun from the previous day walked around and examined the girls.

“Hmph, it’s a shame that you don’t look as skilled as he appeared to be. To think that the Boar Prince needed the help of girls without combat experience is laughable…”

“Huh, what was that?!” Saki, once again prepared to threaten another noble, clenched her fist, yet the swordsman was unfazed. He only scoffed at the threat, turning his back away from her while the rest of Franchouchou were prepared to grab their biker friend in case it got rough.

“Felix! There’s no need to be mean to the new students just because they don’t look like a challenge to you!” said the short girl with orange hair in looped pigtails, “Oh, I still need to
introduce myself. I’m Annette!”

The girl next to her with long hair in a ponytail towards her left side walks in between Saki and Felix, “Annie’s right, you need to be less rude to our guests.” she turns to face the group and smiles, “You may call me Mercedes, I would love to have a cup of tea with all of you.”

“That sounds lovely Lady Mercedes, I will happily accept your invitation.” Yugiri states returning a smile as well.

“Tch, well if you’re looking for a sparring session blondie, see me at the training grounds.” Felix says walking away, causing Saki to yell out “I’ll happily accept YOUR invitation to kick your ass, ya dick!”

For the last time the girls introduced themselves, though Saki was still quite annoyed while doing it, and reported back to Seteth. After some thought put into it on their way to the office, they felt that the Blue Lions House, despite two individuals causing a scene, was a good fit for them. They make their decision to join with Seteth and Kotaro’s approval and head back into the classroom to wait for their new professor. Felix and Saki continued their scowling at each other while their classmates tried to calm them down. Having learned that Annette and Mercedes went to a school of sorcery, Lily asks the two of them to tutor her in faith and reason magic, which they happily accepted since who could say no to her? Dimitri arrives just as Ingrid decides to share some stories that she witnessed while looking after her friend.

“Wait, he hit on your grandmother?!” Sakura asked while surprised.

“Oh come on! I was eight and she was gorgeous—That was a long time ago.” Sylvain claimed, trying to prevent the girls from laughing at or resenting him

“And when he was ten, we went to a harvest festival and he started making eyes at a scarecrow!” Ingrid continued, making Junko and Lily giggle and Sylvain cover his face with one hand.

“Ah I see you’re all getting along well,” Dimitri starts before he turns and sees the staredown between the biker chick and swordsman. “Well, at least you’re all coexisting just fine, regardless I am glad that you girls chose the Blue Lions!”

Sakura gave him a big smile and proceeded to compliment them, “Yeah! You guys seem so cool and heroic compared to the others! We’re bound to learn a lot from you!”

Tae just sat there eating a Pheasant Roast with Berry Sauce while Dedue looked on, confused by her strange behavior. Then the doors open to reveal their brand new professor as everyone sat up and looked towards the front of the classroom.

“Hello there, my name is Byleth, but you may call me Professor if you prefer that.”

Ai walked up to him making a thinking pose, “Professor? I would have thought you would be working as a mercenary here, or a student like us, how unexpected.”

“Indeed but regardless, it’s good to see you all again. Though fifteen students does sound troublesome from the get-go…” the teal-haired young man replied to her.

Annette, shocked by this reveal starts speaking to him, “I can’t believe it! I was speaking to you so casually, as though we were companions! I just thought that since you looked to be the same age as the rest of us… oh I’m sorry!”

“I don’t mind if you treat me as if I were a friend, I’m already used to training others, yet casually
conversing with them. That’s how I spent the last few months with these girls after all.” Byleth assures her.

“Still, we wish to show you due respect.” Dimitri chimes in.

“If the Professor says it’s okay, shouldn’t that be enough? We already speak to our future king like this, so why not do the same with our professor? Sylvain asks His Highness.

“Well, since we’re not in the kingdom, we should all try to speak more companionably.” Dimitri sighs before accepting that it’s alright. Felix then approaches Byleth, looking to issue a challenge.

“Come to the training ground later. There, you will show me what you’re capable of. I already challenged her…” he points his thumb at Saki, prompting her to growl his direction, “... but I’m much more interested in skills like yours.”

“Ha, I’m pretty sure I can take you down with one blow jackass, how about an all out brawl?!” the Dorami member suggests.

“You’re not wasting any time are you? As it were, count me in for any such battle.” Dimitri accepts.

“Pardon me, but I would also love to observe you in battle, for future reference if that’s okay…”

“Ashe, was it? Taking part in the battle itself could potentially be more beneficial than just watching. Perhaps I’ll test myself and learn about all your styles… anyone else?” Ai asks as she rotates her arm and stretches.

“I’ll just cheer you all on!” Lily exclaims.

“If I can improve, I’ll try my best!” says Sakura trying to hype herself up.

Junko, not looking for a fight says, “Um… I’ll just sit this one out and watch.”

“If you get hurt, I’ll patch you up straight away!” Mercedes tells the combatants with Yugiri agreeing to do the same. Dedue then warns Dimitri not to go overboard, but the latter ensures him that he’ll be fine. Sylvain questions having a battle to bond with each other, while Ingrid decides to leave him behind while they go there. Byleth realizes that the liveliness in this class is clear to see, but Dimitri ensures him of their great ability.

“You’ll find none that work harder,” he says, “I’m certain we’ll cause our fair share of trouble, but I’m very much looking forward to the year ahead.”

Unbeknownst to them, Kotaro Tatsumi was watching the students and their camaraderie. He hides behind a pillar when they finish up talking and head to the training ground for their “bonding session”. After making sure there’s nobody around he makes his way towards the library. He asks the librarian, Tomas, on books about ancient weapons and is lead to a large bookcase filled with them. He carefully looks through one, then the next, and the next, yet he can’t find the specific weapon he’s looking for. Just what was that mysterious staff that sent him and the zombie idols to Fodlan?

END OF CHAPTER 7
“I am Ferdinand von Aegir” count x1 (no change)
We've made it folks, Blue Lion House, woooo! I hope I can come up with more ideas for the other chapters. Hope you all enjoy!
Let the Lesson Begin

Chapter Summary

The Blue Lions have a battle amongst themselves in preparation for the upcoming mock battle and to maybe learn and improve their skills.

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for notes

< Ai’s POV >

The same mercenary that aided and trained us, Byleth Eisner, is the new professor of the Blue Lions. He stands in the middle of all the combatants, holding his wooden training sword stoically as I grip mine intensely. To my left, Sakura is attempting to calm herself before almost dropping her lance. Meanwhile to my right is our house leader, Prince Dimitri, who is looking confident yet is unsure if his skills match our professor’s. Sylvain, Ingrid, and Dedue look over the entire group, while Saki continues to trash-talk Felix, who remains focused. Our teal-haired teacher begins to speak up as we continue staying in our battle-ready positions with our wooden training weapons.

“The last person standing is the winner. If you take too many hits or if you are knocked off your feet, you are eliminated. You are also allowed to yield if you feel the need to retreat. This is also practice for an upcoming mock battle between the three houses, so be sure to learn from this. Now everyone, get ready…” We all tense up, waiting for his signal. “Let the lesson begin!” he shouts while we all clash with each other.

My first opponent is Ingrid, her lance and my sword are in a power struggle causing the both of us to sweat, trying to take control. Sakura started slapping her face so she could gain focus on this large scale competition and headed for Ashe. The latter looked to be unsure of who to go for, which allowed for Sakura to deal in a blow with her wood lance. Continuing from my fight, we have a back and forth where we swing our weapons and dodge attacks consecutively until we got interrupted by Saki and Felix.

“Quit running and let me hit that face of yours!” She yells while Felix ducks under one of her punches. She lands a kick to the gut which causes Felix to stagger, but stay standing and swings his sword into Saki’s hip. Sakura manages to eliminate Ashe and apologizes for the small bump on the side of his head.

“It’s fine really, good luck out there! Ow…” he gives her a small grin before he clutches the bump and walks over to where Mercedes, Yugiri, and Junko are. Dedue is my next foe, his stature is intimidating to say the least, but regardless I deal one blow on him to his shoulder. I look to my right to see Ingrid overpowering Sakura before Saki rushes in and eliminates the former.

“Careful not to crack that eggshell of a head!” She tells her before running off to find Felix, who’s battling Dimitri. Sakura then sighs before Sylvain accidentally bumps into her after being pushed back from blocking an attack from Byleth and falls on top of her.

“Gah, sorry about that, how about I make it up to you by buying you something in town.” he says before Ingrid throws a training sword at him.
“Would have done the same thing…” I thought to myself as I parry another hit from Dedue and hit him once more, yet he remains unmoved. I look around and see only six of us remain, myself, Saki, Dimitri, Felix, Dedue, and Byleth, what a melee this has been so far. Our classmates are almost more skilled as we were, so we could learn quite a bit by studying together. I decide to face our house leader head-on, as I slash at Dimitri and he dodges. He jabs his lance forward and I move to his left, swinging the opposite way as my sword collides with his hip.

“Impressive, as I expected after hearing our professor trained you girls.” He tells me. Flattered, I compliment back “Your skills are far more impressive Your Highness, where does that power come from?”. 

“I have undergone quite an excruciating training regimen since I was young, so my strength is…. Well it’s enough to shatter weapons as a child, though I also have my crest which sometimes doubles the amount of power I have.” he answers, while parrying one of my hits.

“Crest?” that word lingers in my head before deciding to try one last time to take Dimitri down. I then see a small smile on his face before he counters my attack and knocked me to the ground. Like I told him, he’s heads-and-shoulders above our current levels. He offers a hand to me and I willingly grab it, standing straight back up as I walk over to the sidelines next to Lily.

“You did great Ai! Almost in the top five!” She cheers as I give her a small smile and pat her head.

“Yeah, but now I know I have a long way to go.” I say while turning my attention to Saki, who’s managed to take down Dedue with two blows and a flying kick.

“Hah! Bring it on you three, I’ve beaten dozens of punks in rumbles before!” she boasts before dodging Felix’s sword.

“If you’d learned how to stop being so loud, then I would be more impressed. I’ll just strike you down quickly before taking down the professor and that Boar.” his second swing manages to land before he sticks his sword out towards Saki’s neck.

“Tch… HAAA!” she yells jumping away from him and throwing a strong punch towards his face. He ducks, aims for her legs, and sweeps both of them causing her to fall to the ground. “Hmph, too slow.” he states as he looks down on her, prompting her to try and rush at him, before I drag her over to the elimination corner.

“You FREAKING–” she starts cursing him out while I block both my ears and continue watching the three remaining fighters. Compared to the rest of the class, it seems like they’re at the top of the mountain, which means improvement is necessary in order to keep up. It’s just like the idol business, we have to continue getting better if we want to be on top.

“Wow, they’re really going at it…” Junko, amazed at what we’re witnessing tells us.

“Indeed, we’ll definitely need more training as the year goes on…”, Ashe agrees observing them, “There’s also going to be a mock battle soon, probably to prepare us for the Battle of the Eagle and Lion during the Wyvern Moon…”

“Battle of the Eagle and Lion?” I ask him.

Dedue steps in to inform us, “It’s a large mock battle between the three houses named after the battle where the Kingdom of Faerghus split off from the Adrestian Empire many years ago. It’s a great showcase of what each class had learned over the course of the year.” As Byleth manages to
outmaneuver Felix and eliminate him, Saki laughs at him while he grumbles to himself, sitting in the middle of Ingrid and Sylvain.

“Well at least you got to challenge him, right?” Sylvain attempts to cheer up his friend.

Annoyed, Felix rolls his eyes and tells him, “Shut up, if it were a one on one sparring session it would have been evenly matched.” Ingrid shakes her head, embarrassed at her childhood friends. We look as Byleth and Dimitri continue to clash, neither one of them are letting up as the battle nears its end. Our classmates cheered them on, though none of us knew who was going to win. We finally witness the two of them in a power struggle, sword vs lance, where it continues to look even until something unexpected happens. One of Byleth’s hands starts glowing and it allows him to take control and overpower Dimitri, incredible!

“Hm, it seems as though I am the winner. You all did well today, and I look forward to the coming year. You are all dismissed, see you in class.” our professor says before turning to walk back to his room. Just what was that light emanating from his hand? We all put away the training weapons and headed to the dining hall for dinner. Once again the food was extravagant, we just had to indulge with how good everything was, and the fact that we had just experienced a battle royale made it taste even better. We also had some fun conversations with the rest of our classmates, makes me hope that these bonds will be strong, despite us continuing to hide our secret. Afterwards we all walked back to our separate rooms, Tae started to curl up on the cushions laid out on the floor. Before walking inside our room I see Byleth having a conversation with someone… from behind a door? Whoever it was he was talking to probably wasn’t very social. I shake my head before I head inside the dorm and change into my pajamas.

“Good night Tae.” I say and she moans in response before falling asleep. I laid down on my bed with all these thoughts still lingering…. Battle of the Eagle and Lion, crests, improving my skills, the Kingdom and the Empire… I’m sure it’ll all become clearer as time goes on. Oof, what a day! I wonder what lesson plan our professor has for us, and what assignments will we have to complete over the year… well as long as we’re all still together I’m sure we’ll handle it.

END OF CHAPTER 8

“I am Ferdinand von Aegir” count x1 (no change)

Chapter End Notes

First chapter of the month! What do you guys think? Anything to say about the outcome of the battle? Any ideas you have that I could implement? Be sure to comment if you have anything to say! Thanks for reading, I appreciate it!
Chapter Summary

Before the mock battle begins, the students of the Blue Lions prepare for their first big battle as a team of units. Also the first support conversation occurs, as well as a short Franchouchou meeting.

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for notes.

< Third-Person POV >

Two days until the mock battle...

“Oh um… excuse me.” said the light blue-haired maiden as she quickly walked past the prince of Faerghus and egghead zombie idol. Dimitri looked at the Golden Deer student, clearly interested in what her story is, before snapping back to reality and continued walking to the training ground.

“That was Marianne right? I wonder why she’s always so depressed. It reminds me of someone…” Sakura said while catching up with her classmate.

“I’m curious as well, but right now it isn’t likely that we’ll learn more, well unless she transfers into our class…” Dimitri responds to her as they approached the large door to the training ground.

A tall man with a white mask stands in front of it before he moves out of the way, staring at the two and intimidating them a bit. They see Annette and Mercedes watching over Lily as she tries out her first spell.

“Ha!” the young girl shouted as she shoots a fireball straight into a training dummy, leaving it burning like a large torch. She is overjoyed, as she should, for perfectly executing it and starts bouncing with a large smile.

“Yay! I did it!” she exclaims as Annette gives her a small hug. Everyone there smiles at the achievement, well aside from Felix who’s too busy trying to dodge Saki’s training gauntlets, it seems she didn’t take that loss too well… The training ground is a lot smaller than it was yesterday; with Tae, Ai, Junko, Ashe, Sylvain, and Byleth out and the rest of the Blue Lions training for the mock battle. Nonetheless, all of them knew that victory should be their goal in order to start off the year right, and to see if they could triumph throughout this year.

“It’s better to hold the lance this way so that you will be able to strike easily, like so.” Dimitri instructed Sakura as she followed his lead using her training lance.

Sakura jabs a few times into the training dummy then replies, “Ah, okay I think I’ve got it!”, as she hits the dummy hard. Yugiri decides to take a shot at a dummy with a training sword, she suddenly manages to knock the head off of it with ease. Both she and Mercedes giggle to themselves while a few of their classmates are stunned at what they witnessed. Meanwhile a certain conversation occurs between two students in the dining hall…
“Why hello there Miss Ai, what brings you here today?” greets a certain red-haired flirt.

“Good day Sylvain, I was assigned cooking duty for the first time today and I hoped to head to the kitchen without any distractions.” the flower-headed Heisei idol explained to him.

He bows, attempting to atone for his rudeness, “Ah my sincerest apologies my dear lady for getting in your way, perhaps I may take up this job to allow you to cease your worries. I could cook you a meal that would shock your taste buds with lovely flavor!”

“I would rather not experience a shock today, much less eat food from a “ladies-man” like you. I assume you would have your next pick-up line be well-done, instead of cooking a steak to well-done. Ha, it would be better to assume that for you, not burning it is a rare-ity.” she smiles a little after her pun (I’m so proud of her).

“Hey now, if you just follow the recipe, most things will come out fine! I think. Heh, well it’ll all work out somehow… maybe.” Sylvain puts his hands behind his head as he struggles to say another word to her.

She sighs as his attempt to flirt with her goes nowhere, “Look, I have to get started or I won’t finish in time for dinner. Try not to do this on multiple occasions, or I’ll bludgeon you with a baguette, au revoir Sylvain.” she walks over to the kitchen and greets the head chef, leaving Sylvain to question what just happened.

“Hope that baguette isn’t stale, unlike my current material…” he says.

SYLVAIN AND AI HAVE ATTAINED SUPPORT LEVEL C

A day passes and Kotaro has called a meeting with the zombie idols in the isolated upstairs area of the library in the morning. He congratulates them on their training so far and for blending in well with the students, well in his hammy, yet tamer voice since he could be heard if he spoke any louder.

“You’ve all done nice work so far, but the mock battle tomorrow is both beneficial and dangerous! If you’re all revealed to be zombies in front of the knights and all of the students, it’s all over for us! Plus the makeup supply will last for only two months, so it’s becoming even MORE difficult for you girls!” He informs them.

“Hmph, no thanks to you.” Saki tells him.

“Excuse me?! I have been busy researching to see what that staff was that YOU used to send us all here! Soooo… shut your zombie mouth!” he snaps at her, before quickly quieting down.

“Ahem, so be careful during the mock battle, as well as on your assignments given by the Church of Seiros at the end of each month. Good luck Fran-choo-choo!”

They all get up and leave while Kotaro decides to stick around and see if he’s missed any books on relics or weapons, but unbeknownst to him a certain green-haired sleepyhead was surprisingly awake and spying on them from the shadows.

“Hm… seems as though they’re more interesting than I thought.”
The day of the mock battle between the three houses has arrived. The teams of each side are revealed with all three having six students and one professor.


The Black Eagles have: Professor Manuela, Edelgard, Hubert, Ferdinand (von Aegir), Dorothea, Caspar, and Petra.

Finally Team Blue Lions consists of: Byleth, Dimitri, Felix, Dedue, Mercedes, Ai, and Saki.

As Captain Jeralt and the Knights of Seiros oversee things, the battle begins with the sidelined students cheering on their classmates. What strategies have our mercenary-turned-teacher and his students have planned?

“Allow me to demonstrate!”

END OF CHAPTER 9

“I am Ferdinand von Aegir” count x1 (no change... yet)

Chapter End Notes

AND IT BEGINS. The first time the three houses clash on one battlefield. Also sneaky sneaky Linhardt, just what will he be planning as the story goes on?
Lion's Pride

Chapter Summary

The mock battle begins with all three houses looking for the win! What strategies does Byleth have planned to help the Blue Lions gain victory?

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for notes

< Third-Person POV >

Byleth looked on, as the students of all three houses fought for victory in this mock battle. He ordered for Felix, Saki, and Mercedes to go after the Deer, while Dimitri, Dedue, and Ai head for the Eagles. Lorenz Hellman Gloucester confidently laughs as he ignores Claude’s warnings and heads towards the former named students.

“Ha ha ha! It seems as though the irritable commoner girl is heading this way. We shall easily be rid of her and the other Blue Lions, come now Ignatz and watch me lead us to victory!” he proclaims.

“I-hold on Lorenz, let’s just try not to charge in right awa–” he’s cut off as the purple-haired noble runs off towards the gang member and swordsman.

“Go left and give me an opening, try not to get in my way.” Felix bluntly says to Saki.

“What makes ya think I’d listen to you!?” she responds, yet Felix moves to the right anyways ignoring her. She grrs at him before moving left and swings her training axe into Lorenz’s lance distracting him and allowing Felix to eliminate the pompous noble. A still confused Ignatz misses his bow shot at Saki before being knocked down by Mercedes casting Fire.

“I’m sorry Ignatz, let me know if you need any healing. Oh, and I guess you too Lorenz.” She tells them, giving a small smile and a giggle as they walk off to the sidelines with Lorenz aggravated at what had just happened.

On the other side of the field, Ferdinand is about to eliminate Leonie before Hubert steps in and does it himself.

Annoyed, the orange-haired noble informs him that “I could have easily taken her out without your help.”, prompting Hubert to pretend not to hear and runs past him. Byleth finally joins the fray and runs towards the Black Eagle side, his training sword in hand. He looks to Ai and Dedue nodding his head, as they respond with the same gesture. The latter serving as a shield to Hubert’s dark magic and Ai firing arrows behind him, although the attacks are weakening Dedue with each hit. Byleth takes the opportunity to strike down Hubert when he dodged to the side trying to avoid the arrow onslaught. Lorenz, Ignatz, Leonie, and Hubert are the first ones to go.

“Ugh!” the servant to the prince cries out as Dorothea managed to sneak up from behind and take him down.

“Dedue!” Ai and Dimitri call to him after his elimination. Dorothea then smiles as she shoots
Thunder straight at the Heisei Idol who manages to barely dodge. Unfortunately Byleth is currently occupied with Petra, while Dimitri is fighting with Edelgard, so no current backup is available on her side of the field.

“Aw yeah! I’m gonna win this!” Caspar yells out as he brawls with Saki and Raphael. The shorter noble attempting to take out the big man, before the biker chick lands a blow to his side. He shakes it off as the three continue fighting, and Felix finds himself against both Hilda and Claude. He finally overpowers the twin-tailed lazy girl before getting hit in the back by Claude and taken out of the battle along with her.

“You need to watch your back dude!” Saki yells at Felix while hitting Caspar again. It’s pandemonium as the students watching cheer on their respective houses and the mock battle rages on.

“Quite the moves you have there, have you ever been a dancer?” Dorothea asks Ai who dodges another Thunder spell.

“You could say that I have some experience.” she answers, smiling before launching two arrows at the opera singer and removing her from the fight.

Astounded at her skill Dorothea gets up and pats herself off, “Wow, I accept defeat, why don’t we put on a performance sometime this year?”

“I would love to Dorothea. You did great as well, I must admit.” a dazzling smile on her face as the two shake hands. Mercedes manages to take down Caspar after he takes one more hit from Saki, who deals a large blow to Raphael. They then head for Professor Hanneman as Byleth takes out Petra and is immediately attacked by Ferdinand.

“Your strategies are really impressive Professor, but I must say that you are not winning this mock battle.” he confidently states, as he runs his fingers through his hair.

“Hm, why do you believe so?” the mercenary asks the noble.

“Ha! I am Ferdinand von Aegir (*ding*)! I must honor that name and my noble house by claiming victory for the Black Eagles, so have at you Prof—ACK.” he is interrupted by an arrow from Claude and an arrow from Ai.

“Wow, it seems as though I found Lorenz’s future best friend, although you are definitely more tolerable than him.” the leader of the Golden Deer says before turning to greet Byleth and Ai, “Sorry Teach, it looks like I have to take you both down, since y’know, I’m the only one of my team left.” he gestures over to where Saki and Mercedes are and they had just eliminated Professor Hanneman. He then fires multiple arrows in rapid succession, catching them both off guard. He dodges their attacks with ease before firing one more shot at Ai, knocking her down.

“Amazing... “ she says as Byleth pulls her back off the ground and she walks over to where her other classmates are. The end of the mock battle draws nearer as only a handful of combatants remained.

Blue Lions: Byleth, Dimitri, Saki, Mercedes
Black Eagles: Edelgard, Professor Manuela
Golden Deer: Claude

Dimitri and Edelgard were still evenly matched, until Manuela stepped in with her magic skills. The prince of Faerghus is struggling until Mercedes heals him up and Saki joins his duel.
“You have my thanks for the assistance ladies, now let’s finish this!” he charges in with Saki following behind him like an adjutant facing down Edelgard and Manuela. When one attack is dodged by one of them, the other lands their other hit and they continue this sequence until Manuela and Edelgard yield.

“Man you’re real good, wonder how it would have gone if you lead our class, huh Teach?” Claude says while dodging Byleth’s sword swings. His smile then disappears after he realizes he’s the last non-Blue Lion on the field right now, “Argh, I hate losing! Oh well, congrats Your Princeliness, you’ve done it.”

“All right, that’s that! The winner of this mock battle is…. The Blue Lion House!” Jeralt announces to the joy of the winning students.

“This victory is the result of everyone’s hard work. Thank you, my friends. You did well.” says a proud Dimitri, as his fellow classmates cheer loudly.

STAGE COMPLETE!
MVP: Saki
Saki’s motivation is maxed out!

Hours later the Blue Lions celebrated their victory in the dining hall, eating to their hearts’ content! Byleth had to be convinced into joining the camaraderie, but he and Tae ended up eating the most food. During the festivities however, Linhardt had approached them and asked to speak with Ai, who skeptically agreed. They walked out to the dock where they’ve seen Byleth fish a couple of times and the crest scholar looks around, hoping that they are not seen.

“Why have you brought me out here? I’m really enjoying the type of meat they have this evening and I’d like to sample more of it.” she tells him.

“Now now, this is only going to be quick. I don’t want to tire myself out with a long conversation since I have some research to do before bedtime.” he assures her, “Now then, how is it that all of you girls are undead?”

The question caused Ai to tense up, wondering how he was able to know something like this. “What are you talking about?”

“Well, while you were in the library with that loud man in the strange outfit I was just waking up from a nap after I heard his annoying voice.”

“Ugh, that idiot…” Ai thought before Linhardt continued.

“He said something about a makeup supply and not being revealed as ‘zombies’ to the other students and knights. Do you have anything to refute this claim?”

“....”

“I’m not looking to out your secret to anyone, far from it in fact. I am just interested in you all now that I know you girls are walking corpses with human intelligence and personalities. Well, aside from that wild girl I saw earlier.”
Tae sneezes before shoving a whole plate of Beast Meat Teppanyaki into her mouth, along with the plate itself.

“So why are you telling me this?” Ai asks him, clearly suspicious of his intentions.

“I simply want to study you all as a side project to my crest research. It might make a good book one day. Anyways, I’m going to the library before I get any more tired. Maybe I should find an easier way to closely examine you girls, the professor too, he might be tied to more crest research since he lets Professor Hanneman run tests on him. Oh well, good night.” He yawns before walking away, and Ai stares him down the whole time.

“Just what is he planning…” she thinks as she walks back into the dining hall, her classmates noticing how lost in thought she is.

LINHARDT AND AI HAVE ATTAINED SUPPORT LEVEL C

Tomorrow morning Professor Byleth has two announcements: First, their first mission together is to rout some bandits in Zanado, the Red Canyon. Having to take on REAL combat experience will be difficult, especially for Sakura who had not fully recovered from her first kill in Remire Village. And next, there are some new arrivals for the Blue Lion House, three of them in fact.

Bernadetta von Varley had been scared for her life at the start of the school year, but when Byleth visited her on a few occasions, she felt calmer as a result. He even gave her some cake after he learned she liked it, so in order to feel better about going to the academy, she joined the class. Leonie Pinelli saw Byleth on the battlefield and thought that learning through him might be the only way she can learn more of Captain Jeralt’s techniques, so joining his class would be perfect for her. Then you could hear Ai groan as she pinched the bridge of her nose when Linhardt von Hevring was introduced to the class as he yawned and looked right at her curiously.

“Now then, shall I start the seminar?”

END OF CHAPTER 10

“I am Ferdinand von Aegir” count x2

Chapter End Notes

Man that was difficult as hell to write. But congrats to our Faerghus Friends as they gain the victory and three new allies! If you see some of the tags, you might know why Bernie's the first. Hope you all enjoy and remember to give critiques or comments on what you liked!
Bandit Beatdown

Chapter Summary

The Blue Lions have the bandits cornered in Zanado, The Red Canyon. Unfortunately not everything goes to plan...

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for notes

< Third-Person POV >

Junko just got done fishing and was on her way to the kitchen to hand her catches off to the head chef until she heard something coming from the greenhouse. Someone was singing, which interested Junko since she and the others haven’t had the opportunity to have any idol practice ever since they arrived in Fódlan. But by the time she got there a flustered and blushing Annette ran out, causing the Showa Idol to move out of her way. Junko peered in to see Felix watering the plants and got startled by him staring back at her.

“If don’t need anything go away, I’m busy.” he tells Junko as he turns his attention back to his work.

“S-sorry, I’ll leave you be.” she says as she quickly runs to where she was originally heading and gives the head chef her freshly caught fish. She walks back to her room, thinking about what happened between Felix and Annette, and she ends up walking into Bernadetta von Varley.

“Augh!” the two girls cried out as they collided, with spirals in their eyes to show their heads spinning (luckily for Junko not literally).

“Ahh! I’m so sorry! I should have looked where I was going, you probably hate me now! And right as I just joined the class…” Bernie said as she apologized to her new classmate.

Junko, just as nervous as she is, tells her “N-no! I should have been paying more attention, I don’t hate you! I shouldn’t have made such a bad first impression by crashing into you while I was lost in thought!”

“Please don’t blame yourself when it’s my fault for not noticing you! I’m the one who made a bad first impression! Dang it Bernie you’re just so clumsy, stupid, and unfit for marriage!” the purple-haired recluse replies.

“You mustn't use those types of words to describe anyone, much less someone as innocent as you!” Junko responded while flustered. The two of them continue this back-and-forth for about five minutes until they run out of breath. Exhausted, the two of them just went back to their rooms and fell asleep instantly.

JUNKO AND BERNADETTA HAVE ATTAINED SUPPORT LEVEL C

After weeks of training, bonding, and certifications, the Blue Lion House make their way to Zanado, The Red Canyon, where the bandits have been cornered. Kostas, their leader angrily commands his fellow thieves to take down the students, and chaos erupts from there.
“Ack, we’re outnumbered!” Sakura says as she fends off a sword-wielding bandit with her lance.

“Weren’t you trained by Jeralt too? Use that knowledge will you?! Don’t let great lessons go to waste!” Leonie scolds her before she jumps in to help the egghead and knocks out the bandit for her.

“Sorry, and thanks…” Sakura replies to her statement.

“You’re welcome, but we can’t get comfortable, look out!” the orange short-haired girl warns her as an enemy arrow barely misses its target. We move on from Number 1 to Number 5, where a group of enemies surround Ingrid and Yugiri.

“Hey there good-lookin’ heh heh…” one of them says to the courtesan, yet he is quickly cut down by her Killing Edge sword. She continues slicing them down as Ingrid fights off two of them.

“Oh my, those were quite the critical hits.” Yugiri says as she giggles to herself.

“WHOA!” Sylvain shouts from the other side of the area as a blade of Wind and a ball of Fire hit two bandits who were sneaking up from behind him. Mercedes then healed up the bit of damage he got while fighting.

“I owe you girls some cake when we get back!” he tells Lily and Annette who are both excited after hearing that. They high-five each other before getting back into battle-ready positions, continuing to shoot Wind and Fire spells at the enemy. Meanwhile Felix is busy taking down multiple foes at once, not truly finding any challenge among these simple thieves. He’s about to take down one more before Saki knocks the bandit down with a swing of her axe, followed by a big uppercut with an iron gauntlet, similar to a Shoryuken.

“Impressive, but I could have easily taken him out without your help.” the dark-haired swordsman compliments her.

“I know that, I just wanted to propose a competition. Whoever takes out the least of these dumbasses will be stuck doing the winner’s jobs for the month. You in, jerkass?” Saki asks him.

“It would certainly make me less bored fighting these fools, so I accept your offer. Prepare yourself, blondie.” Felix accepts as he takes down one more.

The battle between the Lions and the gang of bandits rages on with everyone in split into to paths. On one side Bernadetta is hiding behind Byleth as he gives orders to his students, Ai is trying to snap Linhardt back to reality after he fainted (he managed to kill a bandit and saw blood leaking out of the body), Dimitri & Dedue lead the charge towards the bandit leader below, Felix & Saki have their little contest, and Ashe attempts to unlock a treasure chest while Junko & Tae take down anyone who gets near him. On the other side, Leonie, Sakura, Yugiri, Ingrid, Lily, Annette, and Mercedes following the other path towards Kostas so that the bandits will have nowhere else to go.

“I’ve got the Large Bullion! Now let’s–AGH!” Ashe is hit in the arm with an axe from a bandit, with blood running down his sleeve. He fought back by shooting an arrow towards him, but the damage was done by the time it killed the attacker. Junko gasped as she quickly headed towards her fellow silver-haired student.

“Oh no… are you alright Ashe?” She said while kneeling down next to him. He clutched his arm trying to stop the bleeding, “It’s… not looking good for me. Call for Mercedes or Linhardt, before this wound gets infected…”
“Wait, I have a vulnerary, and I’ve been meaning to use this skill for a while now…” she hands him the vulnerary and she focuses for a second while he uses it… green light envelopes Ashe’s arm, sealing up the injury left there.

“The Professor taught you Faith magic?” he asks, clearly surprised.

“I haven’t gotten used to fighting just yet, so I thought learning how to support everyone would be more suitable for me. I’m relieved that the spell did not fail to heal you, I don’t think I could have managed to get you to Mercedes or Linhardt on time.” a sigh of relief comes out of her mouth as the two of them smile before getting back up and joining the others.

At the bottom of the canyon, Tae continued swinging her axe around and managing to hit every enemy around her. Her growls toward the thieves intimidated them enough to cause a few of them to start running off.

“Yeah get ‘em Tae!” Lily cheered as she watched her take down the remaining enemy units. Unexpectedly however, she started dashing towards the leader, Kostas, who was both angry and confused at what was approaching him.

“Stay away from me you berserker brat!” He says as he swings his axe but misses his target. The zombie girl bit down on his right arm, causing him immense pain until he could take no more, he dropped his axe and decked her in the face with a left hook... knocking her head off in the process.

All combatants stopped, horrified at what they had just witnessed. Byleth was shocked, and he prepared to use Divine Pulse to turn back the hands of time. Linhardt, now more awake after seeing this, somewhat knew what was about to happen and kept staring intently at the scene. Mercedes was even starting to pray for who she believed was a dead classmate... until Tae’s head jumps back at Kostas biting his left hand this time. The students and remaining few bandits couldn’t believe what they were seeing, the bandit leader yelled out in pain as he tried to shake Tae off of him. He barely manages to remove her and is about to chop her head in half on the ground, but Ai fires a Curved Shot towards him, hitting his leg. He once again drops his axe as Dimitri runs in and skewered him with his iron lance.

Sakura runs towards Tae and puts her head back onto her body before Dimitri asks, “Just… what in the world is going on?”

END OF CHAPTER 11

“I am Ferdinand von Aegir” count x2 (no change)

Chapter End Notes

Welp, that happened. How will our girls explain themselves? You just have to find out next time. Good thing only the students and bandits were able to see what happened, could you imagine if the Knights of Seiros saw? Hoooo boy. Hope y'all enjoyed this chapter, and if I don't manage to write another one this month, happy holidays!
Class Meeting

Chapter Summary

Franchouchou is outed as zombies to their classmates, how will their house leader handle a revelation such as this?

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for notes

< Dimitri’s POV >

The entire room was tense, aside from the Professor and Linhardt, everyone in the class felt uneasy. The seven students we welcomed into our class at the beginning of the year were sat down in the center of the classroom along with their oddly dressed accomplice. Despite being given the information by the latter, the entire concept was like some twisted joke!

“So they’re zombies?” suddenly asked our Professor walking up to Mr. Tatsumi I believe.

Unmoved, the dark spectacled man answered the question and then some, “Indeed, and I mentioned before, that it was I the one who revived them.”

I had felt the spirits of the dead call out to me with each passing day, yet having individuals who have been brought back from the dead in physical form is difficult to believe.

“We do not mean any of you harm. We only wish to stay here and learn how to survive in a world such as this. I know that this sounds insane, and it is, but it is the truth.” Ai explained to us. I can tell that her words are not being used to deceive, though few of us have chosen to let our guard down. Clearly intimidated, Sakura stood up and told us something we needed to think about.

“The days we have spent here so far have been so exciting, and I would have never imagined having a life like this when I originally died. Please, let us keep bonding together, learning together, and fighting together! We… have nowhere else to go.”

After that statement, it took a little while before I decided to break the silence. “Thank you for revealing this to us, I swear to you all that we will keep this to ourselves, but more time is needed in order for a decision to be made. I would say until tomorrow evening is enough, does this time work, Professor? Mr. Tatsumi?”

They both nodded at me as we ended our class meeting for the day and most of us walked back to our dormitory rooms. Some ended up staying to talk about the skirmish with the bandits and the idea of the undead among us, unsurprising considering how unbelievable it all is. I however decided to take a quick stroll around the monastery to clear my head and to stop the voices of my perished loved ones from crying out too loudly. Silencing them will allow me to focus more on improving myself so I could carry out their wishes easily. As I was passing through the stables, I noticed a figure feeding a horse, looking closer it was Marianne and her horse companion.

“Marianne?” I said to get her attention, accidentally startling the poor girl.

“Prince Dimitri, um, good evening.” she told me.
“It’s okay to address me as just ‘Dimitri’, I am a fellow student after all. May I ask why you are feeding this horse so late?"

“Oh, D-Dorte had not been fed enough, so I decided to provide them a snack before I went to bed. I’m sorry for getting in the way I’ll head back to my room now, excuse me.”

She quickly walked past me as I decided to turn in for the night as well. As I made it back to my room and I noticed something, when I encountered her, the voices were completely silent until she was gone. I brushed off that observation as I instead focused on how we could approach our undead schoolmates the next day.

We all sat down for our lessons today, the Professor instructed Junko in faith & riding, Bernadetta in bows & authority, and Lily in reason & authority. Once more, all of us were tense around each other until the lecture concluded for the day. Mr. Tatsumi entered the classroom once more and the Professor started to speak.

“I assume that we are all ready to begin?”

Everyone nodded and I stood up in front of the class, prepared to reveal what we have to say to the girls.

“Sakura, Saki, Ai, Junko, Yugiri, Lily, and Tae. Even though we have not spent too much time with each other, so far the year has been more exciting ever since both you and the Professor joined the Blue Lions. There may be risks in keeping individuals like you at the monastery, but I am willing to take those risks so that we may continue growing closer as companions as the year goes on.”

Felix stood up and began to direct his attention to Saki, “Hey Blondie, both you and the Professor have managed to give me some interesting sparring sessions, keep that up and I could consider you as an equal.”

“Hmph, same to you pal.” She gritted her teeth after his statement.

“I wouldn’t want to toss out some beautiful ladies just because they’re different than us. Especially you my dear la—” Sylvain is cut off by getting punched in the face by Ai and Ingrid for grabbing the former’s hand.

“Thanks for the kind words, but I won’t hesitate if you try that again.” the flower-haired idol warns him.

“What he meant to say was that we should be accepting of anyone no matter where they came from…” Ingrid continues after glancing at Dedue for a second who stands up himself.

“You, along with the professor are owed gratitude for assisting His Highness when you first met. And I will not allow the same treatment of people from Duscur to befall you girls as well.”

“I know we had just met, but I also do not wish for you all to live the life I had before meeting Lord Lonato. And I owe you as well, Junko, for healing my wound.” Ashe gives a quick bow to
them before Mercedes and Annette step forward.

“I really enjoy having tea with Yugiri and baking sweets for Lily, I wouldn’t want to say goodbye so soon after our first mission.”

As Mercie finishes, Annie peps up, “Yeah! I love studying with you guys and I wouldn’t want the fun to end so soon!”

“Annie…” Lily smiles with tears of joy forming in her eyes.

“I’m still curious on what Captain Jeralt saw in you girls, yet I can’t lie when I say that I would enjoy being friends.” Leonie tells them.

“U-um, same here. Just, don’t let Tae hurt me okay?” says Bernadetta sheepishly.

Linhardt yawns before making his case, “Why would I give up an opportunity to observe such interesting individuals. I wouldn’t have left the Black Eagles if you were not in this class, though the Professor could have convinced me.”

“So it’s decided, all of you will remain students of the Blue Lions. But we must remain cautious of what would happen if Lady Rhea or Seteth finds out about this. We will also have to inform new students who join the class over the course of the year and make sure they do not let it slip out. Class dismissed!” Professor finishes as every student cheers. However, he decides to walk over to Tatsumi and they walk out the door to converse privately, how odd…

We all head to the dining hall to enjoy our time together as companions. Although I am unable to cease the cries of the departed, I shall continue to grow stronger alongside my fellow students, in order to get my revenge on those who caused the Tragedy of Duscur.

END OF CHAPTER 12

“I am Ferdinand von Aegir” count x2 (no change)

Chapter End Notes

Here’s a surprise final chapter before I go on vacation. I'm heading to New York on Wednesday, so I thought I should make one more before I leave. I know it's not much, but I hope you all enjoy! And be sure to leave comments on what you liked, I enjoy reading those.
Chapter Summary

A short break before the Blue Lions and Franchouchou begin their next mission.

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for notes

< Third-Person POV >

“Here, let me help you out!”

“T-thanks…”

To compensate for the amount of students in the Blue Lions, four students were enlisted to do tasks meant for only two. Sylvain and Junko were bringing ingredients for Ashe and Annette during cooking duty, though the floofy haired idol did need a bit of help carrying things. However, her mind was on Ashe because of how the class got their latest assignment earlier.

“I was informed that we must accompany the Knights of Seiros on their mission to halt an uprising against the Church. Leading this uprising is the noble Lord Lonato.” Byleth’s words echoed through Junko’s head as she worried about her fellow silver haired classmate.

“Hey Junko! I need more Albinean Berries!” Annette called out, snapping her back to reality as she rushed over to get some.

After being handed the berries, Annette glanced at Ashe as well, who was struggling to take his mind off of the assignment while stirring a pot of food.

“You’re worried about him too, huh?” she asked Junko, who nods her head slowly.

Sylvain walks in and puts his hand on her shoulder, “The poor kid, he owes his life to Lonato and now he has to see him and the village he grew up in as enemies. Hopefully they can surrender peacefully without any casualties…”

Suddenly, while they were focused on their poor classmate, a frying pan suddenly bursts into flames and startles the four students. They try their best to try and put it out as kitchen workers arrive to prevent the fire from spreading.

While that was being sorted out, (thanks Annette), two rivals worked to one up each other before the mission.

“Hunh! Ha! Hyaah!”
“Kyaa! Ha! Hiyah!”

Both Felix and Saki were on opposite sides of the Knight’s Hall, taking down training dummies one by one all while glaring at each other. The two of them stop what they are doing and walk all the way to the Training Ground, clearly tired of fighting unmoving opponents. Without any words spoken, they begin a sparring session. It was a sequence of dodging, landing small blows with their training weapons, and clashing, almost like they have gotten used to each other’s fighting styles.

“TAKE THIS!!” Saki yells before charging forward with a punch similar looking to a Terry Bogard Burn Knuckle. Upon hearing her call out the move the Ferdiad swordsman dodges to the right and slashes her back in response, ending the battle.

“Hmph, I’ll give you this, if you had kept your mouth shut I wouldn’t have been able to tell when to make my move.” Felix tells her.

“Tch, shut up man. Just know that I will beat you next time…” The Dorami member says as she picks herself off the ground.

Raising an eyebrow Felix responds, “Really now? I’d imagine it would take years for you to catch up, but we’ll continue dueling until you do, and perhaps longer if I’m impressed. Besides the Professor, sparring with you has been a bit more enjoyable than other opponents lately.”

“Feeling’s mutual, don’t think I fought many people I would consider a rival in a long time. Other than doing idol stuff with the team, this is the most fun I’ve had since coming back from the dead. Now let’s go at it again Fraldarius!” she yells as she charges once more.

“Fun, huh?” He says to himself before continuing to spar with his new training partner.

SAKI AND FELIX HAVE ATTAINED SUPPORT LEVEL C

“Why would anyone want to go against the Church? What reasons could one possibly have to do so? Is there something we’re not being told here? Man this is so confusing…” Sakura thought to herself while she was picking up weeds.

“Um… Sakura?”

“Oh! Sorry Ai, I’m just thinking about the mission we have coming up.”

The two idols went back to work as the Prince decided to bring up a strange fact to pass the time.

“By the way… sometimes you find edible plants among the weeds!”

Dedue, clearly not wanting Dimitri to endanger his health, bluntly states “Please do not eat the weeds.”

“I am just saying…”

Sakura giggles at His Highness, while Ai gives a small smile at the display before continuing their task. The two of them feel at ease knowing that they can continue spending time at the Academy.
until they manage to find a way home, though they can’t feel like they’re out of the woods yet. The secret must remain hidden from the Church to avoid a panic in the Monastery, so they should not be careless. The class continues working hard until the day of the mission arrives.

“Are you going to be alright Ashe? You can turn back if you don’t want to fight…” Junko, still worried, asks him as they walk towards his home village.

“No, I need to know why Lonato would cause such a thing, I can’t turn away now. I appreciate the concern Junko, but I have to help him.”

Byleth had brought Kotaro along so he could see how well Franchouchou was doing in the class and as he walked alongside him and Catherine, one of the Knights of Seiros, he took a look at her weapon. A Hero’s Relic, something he read about while in the library, reminded him a lot of the staff that brought them to Fódlan. But before he could admire it more, a battle had began, and the Blue Lions were thrown into a battle against civilians.

END OF CHAPTER 13

“I am Ferdinand von Aegir” count x2 (no change)

Chapter End Notes

Sorry for the short chapter, but Happy New Year! Hopefully the next one will be much longer and more interesting, but hope you all will enjoy it!
Chapter Summary

The Blue Lions struggle in their latest assignment, where Ashe has to face his adopted father Lord Lonato.

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for notes

< Third-Person POV >

As enemy soldiers appeared from the fog, students and the Knights of Seiros were in quite the struggle. Not being able to see where they were coming from was a problem, as well as the fact that they weren’t fighting thugs, but rather civilians that chose to fight alongside Lord Lonato.

“Why, Lonato? Why did you drag so many others into this?” Ashe says as a member of the militia attacks the young archer who manages to dodge.

“Watch out!” Junko yells as she uses Nosferatu, staggering the foe before knocking him down with her lance.

The two of them move to another part of the area as Byleth continues directing where the students should go.

“We have to remain cautious, other hostiles could be lurking anywhere in this kind of weather. Bernadetta, watch my back, you’re my adjutant so take down enemy soldiers from afar.” he tells his scared pupil.

Bernie shivers as she responds to him, “B-but, I can barely see anything out here! There’s no point in having me battle alongside you, I would just slow you down… AH!”

She fires an arrow quickly into the chest of an incoming militia member, who promptly falls down as soon as it enters. She is in shock that she managed to take them out just like that, as Byleth gives her a quick smile and says, “Each battle, a chance to grow.” He snaps her back to reality before they regroup with Catherine, who just used Thunderbrand to fend off two soldiers at once.

“We’re not getting anywhere with all this fog…” she tells Byleth.

“Maybe there could be a way to clear it up, but how?” he ponders as the fighting continued on for quite a bit.

Saki then spots a mysterious mage, with a black beak-like mask. She charges forward, steel axe in hand and strikes them down, dodging their magic attacks. She grins before she notices the fog starting to fade around the battlefield, revealing Lonato and his troops at the far end of it.

“Good job, now it’s my turn.” Catherine tells Saki before running ahead towards the rebelling lord’s forces. Tatsumi looks on, focused on the power of Thunderbrand as the Knight of Seiros cleans house. She dispatches a bunch of them easily as Lonato scowls, clearly due to his anger towards the Church. He then notices his adopted son Ashe among his enemies and chooses to
converse with him.

“Stand down, Ashe. I must destroy these evil-doers by any means necessary!”

“Please surrender, Lonato! Whatever your reasons for doing this, we can still talk it out!”

“Rhea is an infidel who has deceived the people and desecrated the goddess! We have virtue and the goddess herself on our side!”

“Even if all that’s true, dragging the townsfolk into it like this isn’t right!” Ashe’s face shows how distraught he is, and Lonato shares the same expression for having to fight the young boy whom he took in.

“Enough. If that is how you feel, prepare yourself! I’m putting an end to this!” Lonato finishes as the other students arrive.

Sakura, having heard this go down is puzzled as to how someone as nice as Rhea, who offered to let the girls stay and become students at the monastery can be seen as evil. Not helping the fact is how she is currently being forced to cut down townspeople who became soldiers to support this uprising. Are they really working with the good guys here?! Before she could stop thinking, she is then knocked down to ground along with her lance.

“Lord Lonato doesn’t deserve such sadness and anger… Now it’s your turn to suffer!” the militia member said before raising his blade in an attempt to stab her.

“Sakura!” Dimitri charges in and skewers the foe with his lance, yet he is clearly horrified for what he just did to what was once an innocent man.

“Thanks Your Highness…” she says to him as he picks her back up and makes sure she’s alright before heading back to the confrontation. She then notices how Dimitri looked in that moment, like for a second he wasn’t looking like himself….

Lonato is stirring after dueling with Byleth, yet he has yet to let up. Remaining on top of his steed, he fights on despite his forces falling one by one, until single arrow hit his armor. He looks over to where it came from and sees Ashe, looking on with frustration, but before he could say another word Byleth takes advantage of the distraction. The once proud lord falls as he gives his last words: “That vile woman… Christophe… Forgive me…”.

Ashe looks like he is on the verge of breaking down in tears, “Lonato, I…”

Junko attempts to comfort him as the rest of the enemy troops fall and the battle is now over.

STAGE COMPLETE!
MVP: Ashe (I’m so sorry)
Ashe’s motivation is maxed out!

As everyone prepared to head home (though Ashe was still checking if his brother and sister were okay) Catherine found a document detailing a plan to assassinate Lady Rhea, surprising many of
the students there. Who formulated such a plan? When will it be enacted? These answers will be found very soon…

“Dimitri!”

“Oh, good evening Sakura.” the prince turns around after the idol calls out his name.

“I just wanted to thank you again for helping back there, I really appreciate it!” Sakura bows, thankful for the help.

“I cannot just ignore a fellow classmate and friend in danger, you would have perished had I not intervened. Well, uh, perished again in your case.”

“Yeah, ha ha… you’re really heroic, huh? Faerghus will be in good hands once you manage to take the throne!”

“Hopefully it will, I’m the only heir to the throne and I have to live up to those expectations. You have a job that has many expectations as well, don’t you? An “idol”, was it?

“Yeah! Franchouchou’s gonna work hard to get to the top and save Saga!... Whatever that last part means ha…”

“Ha ha ha, well then, I wish you luck with your business once you manage to return home. For now, let me treat you to some dinner. I could go for some Gautier Cheese Gratin right about now!”

“That sounds good, lead the way Your Highness!”

SAKURA AND DIMITRI HAVE ATTAINED SUPPORT LEVEL C

“Mmmm! This cake is so yummy!” Lily says with a big smile.

“I’m glad you like it, I baked it myself.” Mercedes smiles back, “What do you think Annie? Annie?”

Annette is glaring intensely at Felix, upset about something that may have happened between the two of them.

“Hey Annie!” Lily raises her voice slightly to get her attention.

“Oh! Sorry, I was just lost in thought for a moment, ha ha… ah!” she awkwardly sips her tea before she realizes it’s still hot. Her two friends giggle at the sight of a flustered Annette.
After the long assignment, everyone just wanted to have a break, especially Ashe. His classmates all decided to take up his class duties until he felt better. Not much else occurred until the next lecture, as the Garland Moon comes to an end and the month of the Blue Sea Moon has begun. The Blue Lions class came together once more to discuss the plan to assassinate the Archbishop, and concluded that the enemy may have an ulterior motive.

“We need to find out where our enemies plan on attacking in order to prevent a catastrophe during the Goddess's Rite of Rebirth. Gather as much information as you can, so we can determine where to head to during our upcoming assignment. Good luck everyone!” Dimitri steps down from the stand and he and the students scour the monastery, looking for clues as to where they would strike. It took an entire day but they managed to settle on one single location that would be open during the event, the Holy Mausoleum. And thus they start the preparations for the next assignment.

END OF CHAPTER 14

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Chapter End Notes

I'm really trying not to ship Ashe and Junko guys, I swear. Speaking of Ashe, poor kid. Having to fight people you've known for years can be difficult. It's a good thing that happen again anytime soon, eh? Ha ha ha....
Hoping for a Healer

Chapter Summary

Before they guard the Holy Mausoleum, the Blue Lions have one more bandit mission and decide to get some help from outside the class.

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for notes

< Third-Person POV >

“Excuse me, Tae was it?”

The unawakened zombie girl was busy devouring the large meal in front of her, while the prince’s retainer from Duscur looked on, astonished at the sight. She grunted at him, acknowledging his presence, before continuing her binge.

“Well then, I am glad you are enjoying the meal I prepared today…” he looked on as Tae lifted her head up to look at him, licking off the food she had on her face. A few students were disgusted at the sight and immediately left the dining hall one of them bumping into Dedue on their way out.

“You do not seem to care about how you are seen in the eyes of our fellow students. Despite being seen as an outsider you continue being yourself, it seems as though we share that same sentiment.” the large man tells her as she finishes the rest of the food. She stares at him for a second before starting to nom on his arm, though not hard enough to cause pain for the guy.

“Um… however, I do request that you cease this sooner…”

TAE AND DEDUE HAVE ATTAINED SUPPORT LEVEL C

“Ugh… do we really have to take these tests?”

“Shh!” Ai silences Saki as they both hand in their Certification Exams for the fighter class. They both manage to pass as they head towards Sakura, Linhardt, and Leonie.

“Ahh, I can’t believe I barely passed my exam…” the eggheaded idol sighs.

Leonie smiles as she speaks up, “Wasn’t as hard as I thought, it’s probably the fruit of my training with Captain Jeralt.”

“Can ya shut up already with that, how many times are you gonna bring him up?” says Saki, clearly annoyed.

“As many times as I need for you to appreciate the training you got to experience under him as well.” Leonie scoffs at her.
“Now now… we need to cooperate, we have another training mission before we guard the Holy Mausoleum at the end of the month. There shouldn’t be any strife between us when we could be dealing with dangerous individuals.” Ai says to prevent the two girls from fighting.

“That is quite true. But speaking of the training mission, I don’t think I can make it this time. I need to catch up on some crest research I have been ignoring since studying you zombie girls. Goodbye.” the sleepy Linhardt walks away from the four ladies with exasperated expressions on their faces.

He walks out of the Blue Lions classroom and is immediately stopped by Kotaro Tatsumi.

“YOU! TIRED SMART BOY!”

“Um… hi?”

“COME WITH ME NOW! I NEED HELP!”

“Why? I just–Ugh, this better not take up my research and nap times…”

As Tatsumi drags him away for whatever he needs him for, we cut to the aforementioned training battle, where more bandits are fought in a grassy field.

“I don’t think I’ll ever get used to this, maybe I should have stayed back too…” Sakura says as she notices the blood dripping off her lance.

“The mission was to rout the bandits, so we have no choice. This is how we steel ourselves for future conflicts…” Ashe responded while missing a target from his bow.

The girl just slowly nodded as she takes down another bandit, “I guess so…. Oh, have you been doing alright lately, Ashe? Our last mission was quite difficult for you…”

“Me? No, I can get by just fine. My brother and sister made it out of the conflict unscathed, I’m more relieved about that. Although I still think about Lonato every night… Wait, Yugiri!”

They turn to see the courtesan cornered by three enemies at once, yet her calm expression remains unchanged.

“Hey there gorgeous, how about we go to town tonight?”

“That does sound lovely, but I have plans to have a tea party with a friend later on. So I must refuse.” she says without a sign of fear.

“Your friend will have to wait lady, now fork over the gold and we wo–ACK!!” the bandit is then hit by Yugiri casting Fire twice before using her Killing Edge to finish off the rest of them.

“Oh dear, maybe I should have applied less force…” she puts her hand to her mouth in slight surprise, while her other classmates stare in amazement before going back to work.

The rest of the bandits were soon taken care of and the students got some good training in before their big mission. Though Byleth needed to give some feedback to the class.

“You all did well out there, but it seems like with the amount of combatants on the battlefield at once, we run the risk of at least one of you being badly injured. One of our healers, Linhardt, was not able to join us, so asides from Mercedes and Junko, we need one more healer to make up for his absence. Does anyone know any students from other classes who are willing to join us for our defense of the Holy Mausoleum?”
Everyone thought for a moment before Dimitri suddenly remembers someone who could help.

“I have one suggestion, but I’ll try to convince her myself so you won’t have to carry the burden.”

He says as he and the rest of the Blue Lions prepare to walk back to the monastery.

“Marianne?”

“Oh, yes Dimitri?” she stops her prayer and turns around to see His Highness, and wonders what he needs.

“My class is in need of another healer before our next mission at the end of this month. I couldn’t think of anyone else more suitable. May you temporarily join us?”

“Wait, why would you need an extra healer? Don’t you have two already?” Marianne responds, she is clearly taken aback by his offer.

He clears his throat before beginning to explain, “Well, one of them decided to sit out on us in a recent battle, and Mercedes cannot handle everyone at once, though the professor has been teaching Junko faith magic it’s not quite as strong. We need to be prepared in case an ally is out of range of all of them. You don’t have to come with us if you do not wish to.”

“Um, are you sure? I would probably cause you more trouble than you could handle…” Marianne looks down to the cathedral floor, unsure of what he’s asking of her.

“I assure you, I am still willing to fight alongside you, despite what could happen. There is also a possibility that we could be in more trouble without your assistance. Take some time to think it over.” Dimitri walks away leaving the blue-haired noble girl to continue praying.

“Make sure to keep an eye on her, ok Your Princeliness?” Claude calls out as Marianne joins the class for the mission.

“I’ll do my best to ensure her safety.” Dimitri replies.

The Blue Lions make their way towards the entrance to the Holy Mausoleum, only being stopped by Seteth and his “sister” Flayn on the way there.

“It is as we suspected. The enemy is within.” Dimitri looks ahead and sees a mage with a crow like mask opening a casket, “The enemy is after the casket of Saint Seiros. Do they intend to steal her bones? We must defeat those enemies before they open the casket.”

“Let’s take kick names and take ass!” Saki yells as she charges into battle.
“Actually it’s… never mind.” Junko tries correcting her before running as well.

The group splits into two as the battle unfolds.

Group 1: Dimitri, Dedue, Sakura, Saki, Marianne, Ashe, Leonie, Tae, Yugiri, Sylvain
Group 2: Byleth, Felix, Annette, Junko, Ashe, Mercedes, Lily, Ai, Bernadetta, Ingrid
Not in Battle: Linhardt

END OF CHAPTER 15

“I am Ferdinand von Aegir” count x2 (no change)

Chapter End Notes

It's a new month, which means a new chapter! I hope you all enjoy this one, and be sure to leave comments if you have something to say! Please, the comments are real interesting to read.

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