

**Beauty and the Beast**

**(A Metal Fight Beyblade Fanfiction by Lady Storykeeper)**

**CHAPTER 07**

**BATTLE BLADERS : ANGELUS VS AQUARIO**

**NORMAL P.O.V.**

*All the members of the dark nebula were quivering in fear, as an angry Dragon Emperor stormed towards the main office room.*

*“DOJI!” yelled Ryuuga the moment he entered inside.*

*The said man and Yu both looked at Ryuuga surprised. Yu then smiles and waves cheerfully, “Hey there Ryuuga!”*

*“Is there something the matter Master Ryuuga?” asked Doji, although he already knows why the young blader is here for.*

*“Don’t play coy with me!” growled Ryuuga taking a few strides forwards. “Where’s Ai?”*

*“Oh dear, did she not inform you?” Doji said in a fake surprised tone, “She left to join the Battle Bladers.”*

*“SHE DID WHAT?!?”*

*Yu winced as Ryuuga roared in anger. For a brief moment, Ryuuga looked real scary. The said Blader quickly grabbed the collar of Doji’s suit as he pulled the man down to his eye level, Doji could almost see the burning rage in the Dragon Emperor’s eyes.*

*“Tell me...” Ryuuga whispered in a small but dangerous tone, “did you have something to do with this?”*

*“O-of course not, Master Ryuuga.” stuttered the nervous Doji, as he struggled to break free from Ryuuga’s grip. When Ryuuga finally released him, he took a few steps back before adjusting his collar and tie before he continued, “It was Ai’s wish to join in on the tournament. She said that it was her wish to help out with our organization, to help you most of all.”*

*Doji then put on a concerned look as he placed a hand on Ryuuga’s shoulders, “Of course, at first I told her that she didn’t have to, but she insisted so I had no other choice.”*

*Ryuuga quickly slapped Doji’s hands away. He then turned around and was about to leave when Yu started to speak cheerfully, “Don’t worry! I’m sure Ai-Ai will do just fine.... I mean I have seen her when she trains and she seems pretty good.” Ryuuga was silent after hearing that, then walked out of the room.*

*Doji smirked as he poured himself a glass of red wine. The cheerful Yu didn’t realize that Doji was secretly hoping that Ai will lose, “the sooner the better” he thought as he took a sip at the crimson liquid.*

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**“HEY THERE FANS! HERE WE ARE ONCE AGAIN FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF THE BATTLE BLADERS TOURNAMENT!”**

*Many people both bladers and fans were gathering in the grand stadium at Akihabara. Others were just watching*

the tournament via television and the internet. On the screen Blader DJ, the official Beyblader announcer/referee, is shown as he enthusiastically continues, **"TODAY 100 BLADERS WILL BE COMPETING IN THIS ARENA. SO HERE ARE THE RULES, THE FIRST AND SECOND ROUND, 5 PLAYERS ON EACH STAGE WILL BE COMPETING AGAINST ONE ANOTHER UNTIL ONLY ONE BLADER IS LEFT! THE WINNER OF THAT ROUND WILL MOVE ON TO THE FINAL ROUND WHERE ONE BLADER WILL BE DECLARED AS THE WINNER OF THIS TOURNAMENT. THE LUCKY BLADER WILL THEN RECEIVE 15,000 POINTS."**

"OH BOY! THIS REALLY LOOKS EXCITING, RIGHT GUYS?" said Kenta enthusiastically. He, Madoka, and Ginga (who just finished winning his recent tournament and earned 12,000 points) sat near the front row, both of them came to watch their friend Hikaru who was participating in the tournament. In another city, Benkei and Kyoya were watching as well via the Jumbotron. Ginga nodded in agreement as he looked to his light-blue haired friend, Hikaru Hasama.

Hikaru looked around the arena, observing all her competitors, she then saw her friends at the bleachers waving and cheering her on. She smiled and gave a small wave back, she pulled out her Storm Aquario with a determined thought, "I won't lose! I am going to win this tournament and get those points! I will definitely make it into the finals!"

"Hey will you look at that! Wonder who she is?"

"Yeah I've never seen her before.... But man she's beautiful"

Hikaru looked up and turned to see who the two bladers were talking about. She then saw from a short distance a girl around 14 years of age standing calmly and waiting for the tournament to begin. She could see what the other bladers meant regarding the girl's looks; she had long wavy midnight blue hair with golden brown eyes and long lashes. She was wearing a white sleeveless dress with matching long gloves and knee high boots, with a purple vest with sky blue linings on it. In perspective she almost resembled a blue haired angel, and there seemed to be a regal aura around her. Many of the bladers were also observing the mysterious player, the men both looking curious and love struck, while the females were looking a bit annoyed and envious.

Madoka's eyes widen as she also saw who the blader was. She then cried, "Ginga! Look over there!" Both Ginga and Kenta turned and were both shocked as well... "Isn't she from Dark Nebula?" asked Kenta.

Ginga looked at the girl, suddenly a flash of memory came to him quickly of her at the shrine with Ryuuga and Doji. "Ah! I remember her!" Ginga said as he quickly stood up, "She was with Ryuuga and Doji when they went to steal L-Draco!"

"Ai..." whispered Madoka, worried what will she do at the tournament.

#### **(AI'S P.O.V.)**

I look around, and despite how calm I look on the outside I was feeling a bit nervous on the inside. My very first bey battle tournament.... The gnawing feeling in my stomach makes me want to just run back to HQ and just hide in my room forever. Then I gave a mental slap at myself and shook my head. "GET A GRIP, AI!" I thought to myself, pulling out my Angelus and clasped it and placed it near my chest as I repeated to myself, "You can do it Ai, remember...this is for Master Ryuuga."

*It somehow calmed me down and gave me a boost of confidence. The alarm sounded signaling the start of the tournament. I then went to my battle stage, standing before me were 4 other female players. All of them looked like they wanted to mutilate me.*

*Great... I just started and already I got enemies! What's with them?*

*"HEY YOU!" yelled one of the bladers, she looked really tough and a bit of a punk. "YOU ARE GOING DOWN!"*

*The other three nodded in silent agreement, all of them glaring at me like I just stole their boyfriends or something.*

*Uh-oh... looks like they're all going to attack me at the same time. I looked down on my Angelus, it somehow was telling me not to be scared and to give it all, I smiled and silently thanked it for its encouragement.*

*"I'm not going to lose to the likes of them..." I thought as I prepare my bey and launcher, "I WILL WIN!"*

**(NORMAL P.O.V.)**

*"ARE YOU READY?" cried the announcer.*

*"3.... 2.... 1...."*

*"LET IT RIP!!!!"*

*Just as Ai predicted, all four of the bladers set their beys to attack hers.*

*"Whoah! Look they're all attacking her at once!" cried Kenta.*

*"Oh no, Ai!" Madoka said, even if she was a member of the Dark Nebula... Madoka still felt a great concern for the girl.*

*"No... wait take a look!" said Ginga. He noticed that Ai didn't seem to be worried at all. In fact she now calmly smirks as the 4 beys were approaching hers.*

*"Don't think just because you've all decided to gang up on me, doesn't mean it will be your victory!" Ai said, "You made a mistake of underestimating me....Go now Angelus!"*

*In a split second Luminus Angelus glided upwards before the 4 beys could pummel it, thus resulting to them colliding to one another.*

*"OH NO!" cried one of the female bladers.*

*"My Bey!" cried another.*

*"I'm not finished!" said Ai, "NOW...HEAVENS HOLY LIGHT!"*

*As if a pillar of light shone down from the Heavens, Angelus swoops down towards the 4 beys and upon impact throws all 4 beys outside the rings. Thus leaving only Ai's bey spinning.*

*"WOW DID YOU FOLKS JUST SEE THAT!!!" cried DJ Battle in awe, "ONE OF THE BLADERS MOVING ON TO THE NEXT ROUND, IS THE MYSTERIOUS AND LOVELY BLADER, AII!!!"*

The crowd roared in enthusiasm. Ai then recalls her bey and faces the crowd and waves in a friendly manner before turning towards the 4 distraught bladers. As she came closer the punk girl looks at her defensively before blurting out... "W-what do you want? Are you here to gloat?" what shocked them next is when Ai gave a small bow and then smiles at them.

"Thank you for a wonderful battle. I hope we can play again." Ai said, the four looked shocked and slowly they got up and looked a bit embarrassed, most especially the punk looking blader. They then smiled at her and nodded before leaving the arena.

"Wow, that was amazing," said Kenta.

Ginga nodded in agreement as he continued to watch on, "She's really good, a true blader!" he thought. "I hope I will get a chance to fight her."

In another stage, Hikaru also finished winning her battles and will be moving on to the next round. She looked at Ai and was truly impressed by her abilities.

The game continues on, both Hikaru and Ai winning each battle with ease.

"ALL RIGHT, FOLKS!!!! HERE IT IS... THE FINAL ROUND. ON THE LEFT WE HAVE THE MYSTERIOUS AND LOVELY BLADER WHO HAS JUST RECENTLY APPEARED IN THE BEYBLADE WORLD, AI! ON THE RIGHT WE HAVE THE COOL AND ALSO LOVELY AQUATIC BEYBLADER, HIKARU HASAMA!" The crowd cheered on as both bladers approached the ring.

"Hey," Hikaru called out, "I've been watching you for a while now... you're pretty good. I'm really glad that I'll be the one that will be facing you off here."

Ai looked surprised at what Hikaru said, before smiling at her cheerfully and saying, "Thank you.... I feel the same way! Let's give it our best."

Hikaru smiled, as both girls prepare their launcher.

"ALL RIGHT, HERE WE GO..." DJ Blader said, "3... 2... 1..."

"LET IT RIIIIIP!" cried both girls as they launched their blades.

### **(AI'S P.O.V.)**

As I watched both of our beys fighting head on my heart can't stop hammering with excitement. What an amazing feeling this is.... Is this what Bey battle is truly about?

Angelus and Aquario both continuing to collide constantly, until Hikaru's bey suddenly moved back and before I could react, her Aquario headbutted my Angelus at great speed.

"Angelus!" I cried for split second I was worried, but my bey skidded a bit never stopping its spin. So her bey has great speed and strength. I needed to act quickly.

"All right then let's get ready to soar, Angelus!" I said.

"I don't think so!" Hikaru said

*I gasped as Hikaru's Storm Aquario's speed increased and soon is knocking down on my Bey. Hikaru smirked at me as she said "like I said before... I've seen your fights and I know that your bey fights better in the air...So I'm not going to give you that chance."*

*"Oh she's good" I thought as I watched my Angelus trying to avoid the attacks. Every movement of her Storm Aquario is unreadable, one moment it disappears, the next it appears at another location and strikes. This didn't look good... as my Angelus isn't getting a chance to fly up. No... just think carefully Ai, if my guess is correct. Her bey's performance tip change at the very moment before it strikes, all I need to do is to concentrate really hard and wait....*

*Soon I hear the switching of the performance tip, "Now Angelus!" in the split second my bey dodged that attack before spinning around and struck back at great strength sending Aquario to the far side.*

*Hikaru's face showed disbelief, I simply smiled as I said, "You're not the only one who observes her opponents fights."*

*Hikaru then smirks again as she says, "Hah! Nice job... but that's not all my Aquario can do... Tell me.... do you think Angels can swim?"*

*I blinked confused at what she just said before I look down and to my surprise Aquario spinning even faster and soon I could see more than one Aquario spinning around my Angelus. "Sorry, but it's my win now. Attack Aquario infinite assault!"*

*I could see a huge wave had suddenly engulfed my Angelus. Hikaru looked triumphant.*

*Then... I slowly smiled as I said, "to answer your question.... Yes my Angel can swim!"*

*"What?!?" Hikaru cried.*

*Within the blurrish movement of Storm Aquario a glow slowly emerges, and soon I could hear the changing of the performance tip of my bey and the extension of my energy wheels ... from within the infinite waves, my Angelus soared upwards. "IT CAN'T BE?!?" cried Hikaru. I smirked as I shouted, "NOW ANGELUS! SPECIAL MOVE! 7 PILLARS OF HEAVEN!!!"*

*My Angelus swoops down and at great speed strikes once and the glides up to strike down 6 more times... while it happened Aquario's spin slowly loses its momentum as it was being lifted up due to continues strikes until the final blow crashed Aquario down to the ground. My Bey then lands back on the ring still spinning.*

#### **(NORMAL P.O.V.)**

*There was silence before a loud eruptions of claps and cheers thundered in the arena.*

*"WOW! THAT WAS INCREDIBLE!" cried DJ Blader, "LUMINOUS ANGELUS BEAT THE INFINITE WAVES OF STORM AQUARIO... WHICH MEANS THE WINNER IS AI!!!"*

*Ai recalls her bey before walking towards the distraught Hikaru.*

*Slowly the Ai extends her hand out at her opponent. Hikaru looks at the hand before looking at Ai who said, "Thank you very much! That was an awesome battle... you were a really hard opponent to defeat."*

*Hikaru blinked before slowly smiling and shaking her head slightly...she then took Ai's hand as they shook on it. "I enjoyed it too... you were a really tough person to beat as well."*

*Ai smile grew wider, "Let's have another match again soon! Make it to the finals!"*

*Hikaru smiled and nodded, "Yeah... and next time... I'll beat you!"*

*They let go and soon walked away to opposite directions.*

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*"WOW! SHE'S GOOD!" Benkei said in awe.*

*Kyoya was silent before turning to move on to his next destination. Benkei following behind.*

*His grip on his bag handle tightens as he smirked, "I'll make sure that we meet again, woman! When that day comes, I'll definitely defeat you!"*

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*"HIKARU!"*

*The said girl turned to see Ginga, Madoka, and Kenta running to her. She gave a sheepish smile as she said, "well... looks like I lost."*

*"Don't worry about it," said Madoka, "you'll still be able to catch up and gain more points."*

*Hikaru nodded as she looked at her bey, "I will make it to the finals.... I finally found an opponent I determine to beat!" she said as the image of Ai appeared in her mind.*

*Ginga watched silently at Hikaru before looking back at where Ai was... he began to wonder why someone as kind as her could be doing with the Dark Nebula Organization.*

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*Ai walked down the halls still smiling happily at her first victory.*

*As she looked straight ahead her heart began to hammer nervously. At the end of the hallway and seeming to be waiting for her was none other than the Dragon Emperor, Ryuuga. His eyes looking at her and his expression is unreadable.*

*Ai's steps begin to slow down a bit. Once she was near Ryuuga, she was looking down at her feet, afraid to look at him.*

*She began to speak in a low timid voice, "M-Master Ryuuga... I'm sorry that I-"*

*Ryuuga's hand reaches out and tilts her chin up forcing her to look straight into his eyes.*

*"So you won, right?" he asked.*

*Ai looked down again before giving a small smile as she whispered, "yes." She slowly looks up to see Ryuuga giving a smirk as he said, "That's my girl!"*

*Ai's smile widen as she felt pure happiness come to her.*

*Ryuuga then turned to head outside, bringing Ai with him while holding her hand.*

*As they reached outside Doji and Yu were waiting for them.*

*"Congrats on your first winning Ai-Ai!" Yu said cheerfully, "You were so cool back there at the arena!"*

*"Thank you, Yu." Ai said blushing happily, her smile quickly changed to a serious frown as she looked at Doji who was giving a sickly evil smirk. "Very good, Ai. Be sure to keep up the good work!"*

*"Yes, Sir Doji." Said Ai looking away, she then noticed someone else nearby. "Who's that?"*

*Doji turned to call out the figure, "Oh yes, while you were gone, someone has gladly joined our organization. His skills has proven itself to be worthy for our ranks."*

*Yu huffed in annoyance as he said, "HMPH, I still think he cheated!"*

*Ai looked at the newcomer, he was a boy tall, slightly muscular boy. His long silver-grey hair is tied into a low ponytail, with bangs that hang over his eyes. He wore a white loose fitting trousers and a sleeveless brown shirt with lavender trim around the shoulders. The shirt is a bit short as a small part of his stomach can be seen.*

*What was strange though was that his eyes... they were similar to hers... and the feeling she had... it felt nostalgic.*

*The young man gave a kind smile at Ai as he said, "My names Tsubasa Otori. I'm glad to finally meet you, Ms. Ai!"*

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