

Part 4: Fruits of Labour

As soon as the Gong sounded B-man tried to set the pace-“Hien-Shipuu Kayku!” -pushing off with his right foot he went into the usual flying side kick, Damien used a cross arm block, the first impact and the following mid air round house was hard enough to send the huge rhino sliding backwards- “Sweet Jesus!” -Damien exclaimed eyes wide as steam or smoke was coming from the impact points, but the attack continued as B-mans right arm swung back then thrust out towards the rhino- Koh-Ken! -the blue energy ball shot towards Damien who barely had time to block again, the energy expelled against his rough skin-

Damien growled slightly- “*that little*” -the short rising uppercut came too quickly for Damien to react as B-mans left fist collided with his jaw snapping Damiens head backwards, but also causing him to rise into the air almost three feet before crashing onto his back-“D... Down!” -the Ref announced to a silent audience, Sky couldn’t believe his eyes. Had his friend improved that much? or was it just a lucky break?-

“one!...two!” -the Ref. began his count. Damien groaned rolling onto his hands and knees before getting up at the count of seven- “can you continue?” -asked the Ref. Damien nodded- “yeah I’m fine” -B-man was back in his stance once more, Damien rolled his jaw slightly- “Not bad there kid, Kyo-Kugen-Ryu isn’t it?” -B-man blinked- “you know of it?” -Damien smirked preparing himself once more- “I know a few things, if you think you can beat with with that you are mistaken”

B-man got ready bringing his right arm back placing his fist at his side, while holding his left arm forewards palm open- “well, I figured as much.” -Damien grinned-“ well, show me the *Flashy* stuff first would you please? I’d hate to disappoint the spectators” -B-man pushed off bringing his right fist out- “Alright you asked for it! Burn Knuckle!”

Damien caught B-mans wrist as he jerked his head to side, he brought leg up snap kicking B-mans shoulder knocking him to the side. B-man rolled getting back onto his feet then took another run at the Damien, he was about to use the Geni Kayku rapid kicking technique with his left leg but his ankle was caught. Damien grinned before throwing B-man down onto his back-

B-man rolled backwards onto his feet as Damien was about to step forward but he pushed off, his right shoulder connected with the rhinos thick chest. Damien grunted stepping back just enough to catch the human off guard, thrusting his right knee upwards going for the humans chest. B-man managed to block it but was blown into a backwards tumble.- "Come on B!" -Winter cheered, but Shadow was worried- "It's like his attacks aren't doing anything to that guys thick hide"

Sky meanwhile was watching arena side, his eyes were focused on his friend whom rolled backwards onto his feet panting- "Don't try and attack him B!, Wear him out!" - Sky blinked caught off guard by the sudden bio electrical energy that started to swirl around B-mans legs that spread up along the humans body, thrusting his arms out as a tornado like cyclone engulfed B-mans body- "Tatsumonki!" -B-man pushed off going into a spin- "Hadou! Sempukayku!"

-Damien blinked then charged towards the cyclone, dust and dirt flew upwards as the two collided. Any object that didn't have enough weight were blown around, unused chairs, newspapers, and the lot flew around. Inside B-man was belted by Damiens attacks despite the tremendous wind-

In a few seconds the cyclone disbursed, B-man flew back slamming into the arena floor winded. Damien cracked his neck some- "I hope that wasn't~" -he felt a stinging sensation then glanced over at his right shoulder, the clothing was torn off, his shoulder was swollen and bleeding, he turned to look at the human who was just barely able to stand. Damien charged, punching B-man square in the stomach before he could react in time, a sweat cloud came off his body from the impact-

B-man slid backwards to the edge of the arena the crowd started to roar for another win-"Don't you dare loose on me!" -Sky hissed, he couldn't believe how fast Damien was, massive cords of muscle in the rhinos left leg tensed, lashing out at B-man who just was able to block with his right forearm but was sent staggering in the opposite direction. It was looking hopeless as B-man caught Damiens right knee in his stomach winding him once more, then he was brought down from above by the rhinos massive fists to his upper back-

Arena tiles cracked under the brute force impact of B-mans body, Damien yelled bringing his left foot down where the humans head was. Sky watched on helpless, this wasn't a fight it was a slaughtering- "B! Get the hell out of there!" -B-man jerked back just in time, getting up as the floor shattered, then lashed out- "Zanretsu-Ken!" -B-mans left punches missed including the right straight, only to get a serious impact in the stomach twice, first by Damiens knee then his fist sending B-man sliding backwards once more, losing the ground he gained-

-Damien's left fist connected with B-mans jaw sending him into a spin, only to have the same speed and force used against him- "Shipuu-Kyaku!" -the reverse kick just missed the Rhinos jaw, but the following kick came even faster, B-mans heel collided full force against the side of Damien's face causing the rhino to stagger back several feet. B-man landed on his right knee panting hard as Damien roared out in pain, his horns had been shattered and smashed off, blood was running down from his temple and the side of his mouth-

Sky yelled out-"Hurry before he~!" -Sky never finished as Damien looked at B-man wiping the blood off his jaw- "This little match is ending now!" -a ball of yellow energy formed in the rhinos left hand then he threw it at B-man, he was able to dodge as the ball of energy slammed into one of the concession stands- "You're fast, But I won't miss this time. So what will you do?!" -two energy balls flew towards B-man, he looked on in shock- "*No good I can't dodge it!*" - B-man didn't think he just did, thrusting his right fist forward and charged- "Buuuurn Knuckle!"

Winter screamed- "Brandon!" -the two spheres of yellow energy slammed into the blue flames engulfing his fist then exploded, the force caused him to tumble backwards but he managed to right himself for a few seconds before falling to both knees gasping for breath only inches away from the edge of the arena- "I'm impressed human, no one's ever been able to cancel out my attack" -Damien stepped back his arms spread out, palms open as bright yellow energy gathered in them rapidly-

Sky couldn't help himself- "Get the hell out of there!" -Damien unleashed the energy blast, it was like a tour bus that was rushing towards his friend head on and there was nothing he could do about it.

The only thing in Sky's mind was how much like the blast was similar to the Haou-Shou-Kouken, but there was no time to gather up energy. Winter grabbed onto her husband and buried her face into his chest- "I can't watch!"

-B-man's pupils flashed as he took a step forward yelling- "Power!" - he brought his right fist up then slammed it down into the arena floor as hard as he could but angled towards Damien - "Geysaaah!" -the wall of energy sent by Damien was diverted upwards into the sky where it dispersed harmlessly, but the torrent of roaring blue white energy from B-man continued along its path towards Damien who stood there in shock-

"He's strong, too strong, I can't get away from it!" the resulting explosion was almost deafening as it collided, the upper portion of Damien's uniform blew off as he was flung out of the ring and into a support pylon. His eyes were wide as his body was embedded into the steel structure, passing out well before falling to the floor- "B!" -Sky rushed into the arena before the Ref called the match to an end, he could see the steam coming off his friend's body.

B-man was on his hands and knees panting hard, blood was running from the left corner of his mouth- "D... Did I get him?" -he looked up as some medics were rushing over to Damien, the Rhino was breathing but he wasn't moving- "That's not the only thing you got, My God B what the hell was that?!" -B-man tried to get up but his body felt too heavy to move- "S...Spur of the moment?" -he chuckled some as medics ran in to help him up. Winter, Shadow, and Sky all went with him to the medical hut.

The next few hours went by in a blur of Sky, the rest of the tournament was put on hold. Due to the amount of damage the arena and some of the support structure had taken, they were back in the hotel room now. "he looks so peaceful now" -said Winter as she soaked a cloth in cold water, rang it out then folded it neatly before placing it over B-man's forehead and eyes-

Shadow looked at young neko who was clearly troubled, but he couldn't blame him after what they just witnessed. "that guy Damien was just that tough huh?" -Sky nodded with a frown, he had gone over each bit of the fight in his head. In his mind he would have just been

able to dodge the final attack, but it still would have been far too close for comfort. "Just makes me wonder what sort of other tricks he had up his sleeve."

Winter giggled some- "yup, that rhino was tough." -Sky looked at her- "no, I mean him " -he motioned with his head towards his friends sleeping figure, then there was a knock at the door. Shadow answered it then blinked in surprise to see Damien, duffle bag over his shoulder- "hey there" Sky blinked- "well, you're up quickly." -Damien shook his head- "it's that thick hide of mine, if i had normal skin I'd have been burned up pretty bad. How is he?" -Winter looked over- "asleep, how is that.. umm horn of yours?"

-Damien frowned some looking down a bit embarrassed-"well, I didn't expect to be hit "That" hard." -he rubbed the back of his head some with his un bandaged left hand- "well, I'm heading off for home. tell him I stopped by would ya?"-the group nodded, Sky turned- "by the way, nice fight." Damien smiled- "thanks, good luck and good night"

Sky let off a huff then flopped onto his own bed- "you two go and get some rest, I'll watch over him" -Winter blinked- " are you sure? it isn't any trouble." -Sky waved her off with his tail- "Nah, it's alright. but I suspect he will be hungry when he wakes up. guess we will go to that diner again" -Winter giggled- "okay, I'll come back and check on you two in a couple of hours alright? " -she locked her arm with Shadows and they left-

Sky turned to his friend-"you scared the fur off me B..."-his tail twitched with excitement- " I can't wait to fight you" -B-man didn't stir, not at least until a few more hours had passed when Winter returned just to check on them. "how's the warrior?" -she couldn't help but giggle, B-man was awake but didn't really look the part- "Harr Harr, very funny."

Winter giggled once more before sitting by the humans bedside- "you up for grabbing dinner with us?" -B-man shrugged some- "no, but I will go anyway"-he groaned getting up- "my body feels like a re-fried rubber band" -Shadow shrugged some- "you're the one that over did it, so you have to suffer." -Sky shook his head some- " come on lets get going, I'm starving"

After the largest meal Sky had ever had in his life they group was back at the hotel, Winter said her goodnights to the two then left them alone. Sky was checking his uniform for the following matches tomorrow, B-man was laying on the bed reading a newspaper he picked up from the hotel lobby-

"Hey B, can I ask you something?" -B-man glanced up from the pages- "Yeah sure" -Sky turned slightly- "are you ever going to tell me what happened?" -B-man sat up slightly, then placed the newspaper down atop of the nightstand- "what happened where?" -the nekos ears folded back - "oh come on B, where the hell did you go for all those years?" -B-man frowned, he really didn't want to talk about it.

"Come on B, or should I just ask Winter to work her magic on you" -B-man frowned then looked at the foot of the bed-"okay, I'll tell you..." - he began his tale, only leaving out some details that he found most private. By the time he had finished it was almost midnight, Sky sat at the foot of the bed tail twitching- "so, you left because of family?..." - he couldn't help but look at his human friend he had been so indifferent to the species boundary.

"Yeah, well I wanted to come back but..." "But, you couldn't face us once more after doing all that" -B-man shook his head some more, Sky moved to his bed and lay down on it.-"So...did you at least get your parents names?" -B-man nodded slightly- "Abbigale, and Frank, the last names are the same. Well, at least I think that is who my parents are" -Sky nodded- "B, can we make a promise?"

-B-man turned to look at his friend- "such as?" "after this tournament, If you win. You can go where ever you want." -sky replied then looked at B-man straight in the eyes- "If I win...IF... you come back to the Neko Kingdom for a while" -B-man leaned back in thought, looking up at the ceiling-"I don't know Sky, I mean they are afraid of humans..." - Sky hissed- "that was then B, when we were training. Plus you aren't just *some human*" -Sky leaned back looking at the ceiling-

"yeah, you are just saying that." -Sky hissed which surprised him- "No, I really mean it. Neko kept asking me where were you, and when or IF you would be come back, hell even if you were still alive." -Sky turned his head looking at B-man, his pupils were now slits-"Am I angry you left? Yes, your damned right I am. but most of all the whole

village was upset you left, Winter cried for almost a week” -B-man seemed to stare off into space- “she wanted to adopt you dammit” -B-Mans brow twitched- “r...really?...” -Sky got up and grabbed B-man by the front of the shirt- “Go and ask her yourself...Stop running away already...” -Sky shoved B-man back onto the bed then huffed- “God, now I’m all worked up. I’m going for a walk..”

B-man watched his friend leave-“she wanted to adopt me? ” -was he really afraid? had he really been that blind to not notice what was going on? He got up quickly then made his way towards Winters room, determined not to make any more mistakes, but as he arrived at room and was about to knock then hesitated-

-instead he turned back and made his way back to his room, as he entered the elevator Winters door open as Sky stepped out- “thank you for telling me Sky” -Sky nodded some- “I couldn’t just leave it at that, not after all you went through” -Winter couldn’t help but smile- “I know, but he is also a grown man now, But I think it would have been one of the few things, I think that would have made him...and myself happy”

Shadow let off a yawn that he tried to stop- “thanks for telling us anyway, now go and get some sleep. You have a big match tomorrow if you win this next fight.” -Sky nodded- “He and I will fight once more, I know it” -Sky nodded- “good night Princess” -with that he made his way to the elevator-

The next morning the following set of matches when on without a hitch, Sky winning by Knock out, while B-man went for ring outs. “Oooooo my tail is getting all tingly” -Sky would have one more match before facing off his friend. Winter shivered with excitement and was not watching the match at hand, suddenly the Ref shouted- “Double Knock out!” -Winter had not been paying attention then repeated what had been said in disbelief- “What? A Double?!” -Shadow chuckled- “yup, looks like the next match will be between the boys”

Shadow in truth was feeling excited as well, but was trying his best not to show it. four and a half years of different training separated them, now it was down to this match. “Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen for coming to this tournament, we will begin preparations for the final match. Which will begin in one hour”

Cleaning staff entered the arena right after the announcement starting to clean and prep the surface, meanwhile B-man was sweating not because of his warm up routine, but the way everyone else was looking at him. "You alright B?" -Sky asked walking up to stand beside him in the dug outs- " huh? o.. oh yeah...well not really, just nervous thats all"

-Sky stuck his right hand out, B-man blinked at Skys sudden movement- "Lets make this a fight even Heaven and Hell will envy of" -B-man reached out and took the proffered hand- "I'll try" -B-man said in response, but deep down he still felt very uneasy having to face his friend after all these years-

For Sky the hour passed by quickly, for B-man it was another story. He tried to eat something but his stomach was not cooperating, glancing at the clock every few minutes. "Alright you two five more minutes till we begin, make your preparations for the match please." - The Ref walked passed them heading for the arena, Skys tail swayed slightly." about time" -he huffed, B-man was ringing his hands slightly trying to calm himself down but it was no good.

"I was less worried at the last tournament" -there was a chuckle- "it will only get easier from here" -the two turned to see Damien smiling, but still bandaged up in areas- "I thought you were going home?" - Damien chuckled once more as he stepped up to them- "I couldn't resist it, I just had to see how this match turned out." B-man couldn't help but smile slightly- " and I thought only felines were curious"

Damien slapped both of them on the back- "Make it a good one you two" -Sky grinned- "for the record books." -B-Man scratched the back of his head slightly- "I wouldn't expect anything fancy from me, I'm still kinda worn out from fighting you" -he looked at Damien who grinned- "Hey, you young guys have got an advantage on me." - Damien sat down in a chair, that groaned from his weight-

"To be honest kid, you scared the shit out of me. what was it?" -B-man blinked- "the attack? oh that...well I picked "that" up really in my training." -Sky looked at him, he was also wondering the same thing. witnessing such an attack at such close range without actually receiving it- "well, umm ever heard of Terry Bogard?" - Damien

nodded, Sky didn't have a clue for a moment, then it clicked- "oh yeah I heard of him, wait a second. You got to train with him?" -B-man shook his head slightly- "I got to fight him, along with a few others. Including Ryo Sakazaki"

-Sky couldn't help but laugh- "Jeeze B!, You got to train with one of the Original Kyo-Kugen-Ryu practitioners?!" -B-man blushed slightly-"I wouldn't say trained more like got my butt handed to me.. "-Damien looked on surprised- "no wonder you are so damned tough." -the Ref moved over to them- "alright you two, ready to go?" -Sky looked at B-man, whom looked back at as well. They nodded to one another then followed the referee to the arena.

Damien had joined Winter and Shadow soon there after, Winters tail twitched with excitement-" Oh I can't wait to see this" -Shadow sipping on his glass of water, he had been oddly silent since the count down to the match had begun- "it makes me wonder if he will still throw the fight again, or really go all out"

Winter nodded- "I hope so too" -Damien blinked a few times- "wait, which one held back? was it the B-Man?" -Winter nodded softly- "yes" -Damien glanced at Winter- "he is the type of person who prefers to let others have the glory, rather than accept it himself" -Damien smiled- "ah, I know the type. Used to be like that myself for a while, so are you Sky's parents?" -Shadow shook his head-"nope, and before you ask Brandon doesn't have any"

Winter tried not to tear up thinking about what Sky had told her last night, she really wanted to adopt him as her own. "Well, right now I just want them both not to get hurt badly." The referee bound into the arena then waved for silence along the crowd as the announcer started. " Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for waiting." -B-mans heart pounced in his chest as he moved over to the edge of the arena, While Sky did the same at the opposite end.

"In the blue corner!" -B-man didn't hear any of it, he was too focused on Sky who made his way into the arena. A brief history was given of Sky's past tournaments, he almost didn't react when his name was announced. The arena felt smaller than before than when he fought Damien, he could feel the energy Sky was beginning to build up.

The Ref moved to get in between them, he looked at the Neko, then at the Human- "ready you two?" -Sky nodded already going into his stance, the ref noted the beads of sweat appearing on B-mans temples. "fighting stances!" -the Ref announced putting his right hand between them, B-man slipped into his stance as well. The bead of sweat was starting to run down his temple.

"Fighters ready?" -just as the referee announced them to begin fighting, the drop of sweat ran down to his chin. The ref glanced between the two of them.- "Fight!" -his hand came down motioning for it to begin, but Sky and B-man stood still. Winter held her husbands arm that much closer- "Fight!..." -the ref announced again then looked at the two confused before moved his hand between them once more .

The bead of sweat dripped off and landed on the floor, just as the refs hand was out of the way the two energies started to rise off their bodies. Damien blinked having not expected such a open display, B-mans was a light blue while Skys was a bright yellow- "Here they go..." -Shadow eyes widened as the two boys pushed off, their right forearms colliding as they blocked-

The crowd began to cheer as the two began to fight, Damien was a bit confused as it progressed- "they aren't even bothering to dodge" - Winter giggled- "they used to train together, I guess this is just a way to "test the waters" as they say" -Shadow nodded slowly, in a way he wondering if he could do such things if he trained enough-"really? wow" -Damien watched intently absorbing the fight as it continued.

The two spun in mid blocking patterns, before B-man managed to get in and give Sky a sharp right punch to his stomach. Sky grunted but held onto B-mans wrist before he could get away, he lashed out with a kick hitting B-mans left shoulder- "Ouf!" -B-man grunted sliding back several feet before coming to a stop-

"Damn B, thats a hell of a punch. And I thought you were just getting lucky." -B-man rolled his shoulder slightly- "same for you, I guess our sandbagging is over huh?" -Sky grinned before pushing off.- "Here I come B!" -B-man was taken aback by the nekos speed, barely dodging the left fist that came for his face.

Winter looked on obviously impressed by the amount of skill- "he's

pulling out all the stops now and going for it" -Damien blinked- "y...you mean he can go even faster?" -Shadow shrugged some- "not like we could tell, I can't keep up with him even if I were on horse back." -the two exchanged a flurry of blows far too fast for the normal eye to see.

B-man slide back several feet as Sky grinned- "Okay B, now I'll show you something I've worked on, just make sure you dodge it." -Skys arms moved in a different patterns, his nails started to glow and extend slightly- "Unless you want to get cut into shreds!" -Sky pushed off vanishing into thin air, B-man just noticed the glowing afterimage lines following- "*what in the...*" -there was a loud roar of some type of feline predator, so loud in fact people slapped hands over ears-

B-man looked sharply from the left then to the right trying to sense anything, then he felt it coming at him straight on. Sky appeared slowly from the haze of speed, his pupils were slits in full predator mode. B-man pushed off just missing the thin white lines of energy from Skys fingertips, Sky skidded to a stop then turned just as B-man landed-

"*wow, what the hell was that?*" -the two started to circle the ring switching stances, Sky grinned getting ready again- "that was just a test, now I'm going in for real B..." -the nekos fingertips started to glow once more, As B-man got ready he could see one chance to try and hit him in mid attack but how close could he get? "He isn't going to try and attack Sky in mid motion is he?" -Shadow spoke up, Damien blinked a few times- "what does that attack do?" -Shadow explained how Sky developed a move that uses energy and pure speed to cut through anything-

-Winters ears folded back slightly- "he isn't using enough power to cut B into bits, but enough to get his point across..." -Damien blinked- "you don't think Brandon will try and go head on will he?" -the look he was given from the two said it all- "is he normally this crazy?" -the answer was soon provided, Sky launched off vanishing once more. -the exchange was too fast for Winter or Shadow to see but Damien caught it.

Sky slid to a stop from the blur then spun back blinking, he could feel the warm wet sensation of blood on his finger tips, not enough to cause too much alarm but something he had no expected- "*so thats*

how you want to do it..." -he thought to himself as B-man turned around, four slashes were on the right side of his uniform between his waist and rib cage. Not deep enough to be life threatening, but enough to cause some serious bleeding if the wounds were worked -

-Sky hissed ready to go once more, aiming for the left side of B-mans body in the same area then pushed off- "This fights mine B!" -B-man looked as Sky vanished once more, he had a few seconds to act. The deafening roar filled the stadium once more, Damien watched on trying to see what B-man would do. Sky appeared pupils narrowed like daggers-

B-mans pupils flashed for a brief second, the glowing energy reached out for the left side of his body. Sky was in mid step when he noticed B-man twist his upper body into the slash, "*What the hell are you~*" - the thought was interrupted as saw B-man angle his body that much more having pushed off with his left leg putting all his weight on his right foot-

-the right handed body blow hit Skys ribcage the impact itself was manageable to absorb, But the angle though was a different story, it send him out of control to crash onto the arena floor and roll. While B-man landed on his back having twisted his body in mid air, quickly he jumped back up onto his feet. His wounds were starting sting, blood was splattered in a small portion of the arena where he had fallen-

Damien couldn't believe his eyes- "Dear god, he countered at that speed and angle?!" -the crowd cheered drowning out what ever the three had to say, the stadium rumbled from the stomping. "Dear God It's a Lallapalooza!" -Winter turned her attention back to the Arena, Sky was slipping closer. B-man was moving back then he lashed out- "Power Wave!" -his right fist hit the tiled floor as a wave of blue white energy rushed towards Sky.

Sky leapt going over the energy that shot under him, his heels connected with B-mans forearms. Shocks of fire shot throughout Skys legs, but the impact caused B-man to tumble backwards. B-man was up but was already dodging Skys attack which were more like a wild feline than ever, trickles of blood ran down some cuts he had received to his face and arms.

Just as he was about to counter or at least try too when Skys tail hit him full force in the face sending him flying to the far side of the ring, he just managed to right himself a land. He could taste blood in his mouth, Sky meanwhile was panting his legs trembled slightly- "*Damn that body blow of his*" -Sky hissed in anger preparing to attack again but stopped dead in his tracks watching B-man-

-Energy was starting to build up around B-mans body as he pushed off before Sky could react- "Chou!-KyoKugenRyu Ougi!"-B-man rushed towards Sky he briefly thought- "*Chou? What does that mean!?*" -Sky tried to dodge but his legs betrayed him, the multi punch collided first followed up with an uppercut. The force send him up at least a foot before being hit again several times with multiple snap kicks.

Damiens eyes widened as a fury of punches a kicks aimed for key areas on Skys body were impacted with savage force, the final blow came not from one rising uppercut but two. The final was in corkscrew like fashion sending Sky upwards into the air over thirty feet, Winter cried out - "Sky!" -Sky landed on his back and skidded to the edge of the area a gasp not of pain but of shock at the fury of the attack-

B-man landed un easy blood dripped off his clothing onto the arena floor, the area where he had been slashed up was starting to open up more because of his movements. "Oh god..." -Sky was trying to get up, he managed too but was staggering slightly. B-man meanwhile was fighting to stay awake, did he loose that much blood?-

They both had the same thing in their eyes, one final attack,B-man looked at his friend then nodded. Winter blinked- "this is just like last time, But those cuts of B's are getting bigger from all of his actions..." - Shadow nodded- "They will try to end it in one attack" -Damien blinked- "one attack? they are both exhausted" -they watched as the two moved to the opposite end of the arena, Shadow hissed- "a flying side kick? it must be"

As if on cue the two boys started to take a run at each other, then leapt into the air at the same time. The crowd went silent as the two rose up with B-man yelling at the top of his lungs- "WAACHAAH!" - they collided in mid air, Since Sky had longer legs his right foot hit B-man in the right side of the face first but due to damage from before it wasn't as hard as he liked. B-mans right foot impacted Skys stomach

in the exchange.

They both flew in the other direction and tried to land, Sky landed but his legs buckled first. B-man landed on his back and slid towards the edge before falling out of it first, Sky managed to stop only just, Desperately he clung to the arena floor with his claws before exhaustion over came him- "OUT!" -the Ref announced, Sky cursed under his breath. Was his body that numb he couldn't feel the ground?, then he paused looking over his shoulder.

Skys right foot was still at least a foot above the ground, his ears perked up as he saw medics running around. Not towards him but his friend, he couldn't believe his eyes as the Ref came over and helped him up- "The New Champion!" -the rest of the Refs words were drowned out by the roar of the crowd.

Sky stood there dumbfounded he didn't even feel Winter or Shadow hands on his shoulders, not even the winners ceremony clicked. All he remembered seeing was his friend B-man, being carried off on a stretcher towards the medical hut. His first thoughts before coming back to reality were-"*Did I really win?*"