

Advance Wars New Years Eve Party

The New Years Eve Party was going on at the Orange Star HQ where it was hosted by the commanding officer, Nell. Every member of the Allied Nations was invited, so all the COs from Orange Star, Blue Moon, Yellow Comet, and Green Earth came to attend. Balloons, hangings, the wall banner that spelled 'Happy New Year', and the disco ball decorated the huge room. There were drinks and food on the table such as sodas, fruit punch, water, chips, hotdogs, burgers, pretzels, and all that good stuff. Even the cheerful, upbeat music played loudly throughout the whole room.

Kanbei was standing next to his lovely daughter as he drank his cup of cranberry wine. He said, "It's a good thing we're staying up late till midnight to celebrate the New Year."

Sonja said, "And it's also a good thing that we get to meet our old friends again."

Sitting on the couch in front of the huge screen TV were Andy, Max, and Sami along with Jake, Eagle, and Drake. An excited Max said, "Oh boy, oh boy, I can't wait until the countdown!" He held his hands on his thighs and bounced his feet up and down.

Andy said, "Yeah, me too! I'm going to be the one to shout the loudest after countdown."

Jake blew a short raspberry and said, "Yeah right, I bet I can say 'Happy New Year' louder than you can. You're getting owned on this, Andy."

Eagle cockily said, "Oh please, if anybody's going to do the loudest shouting, it's going to be me."

Max challenged, "Oh yeah? Well, I've roared louder than a scared girl screaming on a megaphone. Let's see you beat that?!" Sure, he was loud and maybe he can shout better than the other boys.

Sami told them, "Everybody shut up! The countdown's about to start!"

Drake said, "She's right, we should get everybody to the TV now."

So all the COs went to the couches or stand by them to see the TV that was showing the giant ball about to be dropped off the top of the building. Rachel told them, "Oh boy, here it comes! Get ready to count guys."

As soon as the countdown started, the crowd on the TV as well as the COs chanted, "10... 9... 8... 7... 6... 5... 4..."

As he started building up his lungs for the shout, the dark-haired brunette thought, *'It's almost time, Andy. Get ready to scream as loudly as you can.'*

"3..."

Jake thought, *'Watch out, guys! Cause you're about to get owned.'* He was really sure about his win in the shouting contest with Andy, Max, and Eagle.

"2..."

Eagle looked at his competitors and thought, *'You might as well cover your ears, because this one's gonna make them bleed.'*

"1..."

The big muscular bluehead thought, *'This is it! It's time to show them what you got, Max!'*

"Happy New Year!" all the COs shouted. But the loudest out of all of them were Andy, Jake, Max, and Eagle. Surprisingly, they were all on equal on terms of loudest. Much to Colin's dismay, who

had the most sensitive hearing out of the group, it was enough to make one's eardrums hurt. But he wasn't the only one to suffer from shout contest; Andy, Jake, Max, and Eagle were all coughing from forcing their voices to be too loud.

Jess rolled her eyes at the four of them and said, "You boys are pathetic."

Eagle coughed for a bit before retorting, "Shut up, red! You wouldn't even last a second if you tried shouting as loud as we did."

Everybody in the room shouted cheers, while the four boys tried to catch their breath. Grimm, who was optimistic, said, "Oh boy 2012! I hope this year is gonna be good!"

Hachi said, "Yeah, me too! I'm gonna be looking forward to having more customers than I did last year. Not saying that I wasn't very popular, mind you." He drank his fruit punch.

Andy smiled for a bit before he frowned when he suddenly had a bad feeling. He felt like this year was going to be the worse one yet, but how? Max saw the serious look on his best friend's face and asked, "Hey buddy, what's the matter? You look like you saw a creep just walk inside the HQ just now."

Andy asked, "Um Max? Isn't 2012 supposed to be the year when the apocalypse happens?" As if his saying magically cursed it, a meteor fell and struck down the HQ destroying everyone and everything inside. All around the world, meteors struck down landscapes, cities, towns, villages, forests, deserts, and etc. The apocalypse lasted for about an hour until it was finally over.

Meanwhile on the other side of the planet where the ruined country of Rubinelle was, all the buildings in the city were broken down and destroyed as debris and dusts filled up the streets. Forests and grasslands were turned into wastelands, and rivers and lakes became dirty. Over half of the 12th battalion was wiped out along with the Lazurian soldiers. Brenner and Lin were among the soldiers, who survived the apocalypse. "Captain Brenner, are you alright?" asked Lin as she looked down at her superior who was lying on the ground.

"Yeah, I'm fine," Brenner replied as he pushed himself up to stand. "So what's the status report on our soldiers and enemies?"

Lin said, "We've taken a lot of casualties, sir. But the Lazurians aren't any better; it seems that the meteor has destroyed an entire battalion of them. I guess we can say we've won the battle."

Brenner said, "Well that's tragic and fortuitous at the same time."

Lin said, "I know, but it's not just the battlefield the meteors struck, it seems like other parts of the world has suffered the same fate as well. Because of this, it's most likely the Rubinelle-Lazuria war can't go on much longer. We can suspect the Lazurians will want to retreat and lick their wounds back at home."

Brenner said, "Then that should give us a lot of time to rescue survivors in our country. Come on Lin, let's go bury the dead before we set out to find the survivors."