

(Warning: This story contains female muscle growth, minor action-oriented violence, and graphic sexual content)

(Another note I feel the need to clarify for this story. It doesn't really take place after Season 2. Think of it more like following the lines of Arcane, but have it fit more into the overall narrative of LoL as a whole)

The undercity was a labyrinth of old leaky pipes, collapsed tunnels, and ancient foundations older than Piltover. Centuries built upon centuries of civilization from a part of the previous era to sprawling chaos of industry, rust, and decay. So deep and dark that the only source of light was the green glow of chem-derived electricity.

Even back in the days of the Enforcers, nobody dared to venture this deep. Not with the threat of gangs, the poor air quality, toxic spills, and whatever creature that dwelled here being so prevalent.

But as Wardens, they had a new way of doing things.

The Sheriff herself had deemed this assignment important enough to investigate herself, and who better to help her navigate the undercity than her trusted deputy. Together, with tactical acumen and knowledge Zaun they'd be able to navigate quietly and efficiently.

Well, as quietly as Vi tearing down walls of brick and metal could be.

But Cait couldn't deny the efficiency part.

"After you" Vi did a faux curtsy with her enormous gauntlet. Cait rolled her eyes but grinned all the same as she stepped through the newly formed entrance, ducking low enough so her top hat could fit through. She had her rifle at the ready, its flashlight giving them more visibility to work through the dark halls of this 'reportedly' abandoned chem-processing facility.

"No contacts yet," Cait said, her eyes carefully scanning the place.

"We've investigated three places already. Maybe the info is wrong" Vi shrugged. "Can't imagine Sevika will risk agitating topside with renewing Shimmer"

“Well, the new Shimmer is coming from *somewhere*” Cait stressed. She felt her skin stick close to the reinforced leather of her outfit, they’ve been walking for hours now, following the leads to where the new Shimmer production center could be. The heat and humidity of the area was uncomfortable. Vi, for all the more plated armor she wore in addition to her gauntlets, didn’t look too bothered. A product of growing in the Lanes.

“Hmph,” Vi hummed in thought. “Well, it’s not like Sevika was against Shimmer in the first place. If she felt she needed that edge to wrestle control from the other Chembarons and Topside, particularly with the council bearing down on Zaun again...”

“We’ve held our end of the bargain” Caitly replied. “Wardens don’t involve themselves with Zaun unless its elements start making trouble for *both* cities. If she’s gone and started up Shimmer again then it’s *her* who broke the deal”

“I don’t think she sees it that way, Cupcake”

As they navigated through the various halls and abandoned facilities, they noticed various cables that churned power and translated fuel for at least several floors. They knew they were heading in the right direction so long as they followed those cables.

The facility became less quiet the further they went in. Hearing the sounds of movement and voices. Carefully they rounded the corner, spotting a small number of gang members moving crates around.

They were on the tall side, and more than a few had revealing enough clothing to show pretty powerful and sculpted muscles. They knew a side-effect of shimmer was a vast increase in muscle mass, but overdosing (or using too strong doses) could lead to severe deformities along with their bodies turning purple. These people looked muscular but not ‘overjuiced’ as it were.

They hauled crates with their bare arms from one place to the next, filling them with empty containers. “Get a move on! Boss wants these things filled by the end of the day!”

“Damn Enforcers’ sneaking around I heard” One of the grunts growled as he set down a crate next to the others. “Got the boss spooked, wants us to move our operations somewhere else”

“We’re deep in the industrial sector, and this place’s been abandoned for years,” A muscular dark-skinned woman said as she filled a crate with multiple glass storages. “Ain’t no way they’re gonna get here without us knowing”

“They got the traitor with them now, don’t they? She knows the Lanes, she’ll sniff us out like a good rat”

Vi let out a growl, and only calmed down from Cait placing a hand on her shoulder. The two shared a look while Cait pulled up a grenade from her belt. And nodded.

“Boss promised another dose if we wrap it up in ten minutes!” The leader cackled, “So I hope that’s incentive enough for you, you bas-!”

The grenade was thrown over the corner, landing in the middle of the group after a few bounces.

“-tards?”

It exploded with a flash of light and an ear-piercing sound.

Seizing their temporarily stunned state, Cait and Vi dashed out from the corner, their hextech weapons at the ready. Cait aimed down her sights, the power of the runes set to stun, and fired. The shot hit with the force of a bean bag flying at high velocity straight at the leader’s head, knocking them out.

Vi’s gauntlets roared to life, steam escaped from their vents as she landed a punch straight in one of the grunt’s gut, to her surprise she did not go down instantly, but recoiled and growled at her, recovering from the flashbang, and lashed out with a savage punch.

Raw and untrained, the grunt kept lashing out while Vi kept her pacing and countered perfectly, this time going down after a couple of hits. Cait’s rifle kept picking off targets, their nonlethal setting bouncing off their powerful muscles, hurting them but not taking them out instantly. One roared at her and charged with a large wrench, but a couple of shots to the legs knocked him down before striking him with the butt of her rifle.

As they went down, one of the last remaining gang members panicked, quickly searching through her jacket and pulling out an injector, a *familiar* purple liquid shone within. “Shit!” Vi was too late to stop her as she jabbed the thing into her neck.

She gasped, crushing the item in her hand as her eyes flashed purple for a moment. Veins throbbed prominently as her muscles twitched, palpitating and straining as they grew in size within seconds. Her clothes strained, tearing slightly to accommodate her expanding frame.

“Ohhh fuck!” She growled with pleasure, grinning maniacally before charging at the Wardens with impressive speed. Cait’s shots bounced off her, making her stagger but she still kept going.

Vi threw a haymaker, only for the gangster to dodge and hit her stomach. She recoiled from the sheer strength behind it, but she had endured worse, instead, she landed a hit across her face. Gauntlet and all.

She staggered back, allowing Vi to press on, delivering a swift series of jabs with her powerful gauntlets before finishing off with an uppercut that sent her flying, crashing to a crate and breaking all of its content.

Vi panted, sniffed, and spit out to the side. “Shit...”

“You okay?” Cait walked up to her.

“Surprised she took on these many hits. Only thugs wearing chem-armor could”

“You saw what she injected herself with” The Sheriff grimly said. “Shimmer, they’re refining it again”

Letting out a long sigh, Vi pushed away the nightmares that damn drug still brought up in her. Let’s keep going...”

Continuing deeper down another hall, they found a faint glimmer of light. A very *painfully* familiar glow. Purple, neon in its brightness, seeping through cracks in the walls.

The Wardens shared a look, gazes hardening as they readied themselves.

The final chamber was a very large production center, filled with large containers bubbling with purple neon liquid. Multiple machines and computers overseeing their processing were

attached to these containers, calibrated to keep the production almost automated for a moment.

But the place was hardly empty, various grunts were emptying the containers, filling them in smaller glass tubs and putting them away in crates. They were almost done given the amount of content left in the tanks.

And at the center of it all was Sevika, wearing a loose jacket over her figure instead of her usual cloak. The tall woman was barking orders left and right, furiously telling her people to hurry up. "If you don't empty these damn tanks in ten minutes, I'm gonna fill them up with your blood!"

Caitlyn quickly brought up her rifle, its cocking loud enough to call the woman's attention. "No need for blood, Sevika, not if you stand down"

The woman stood still for a moment, along with the rest of her crew who stared back at the Sheriff and her Deputy with murder in their eyes. A few picked up weapons, pistols, blades, or clubs, to kill them the moment the order came.

Sevika sighed, letting her head hang for a moment. "Of course, it's you two..."

"You *had* to know we'd find out" Caitlyn spoke with conviction, aiming her rifle at the chembaron. "Shimmer flowing again, we would never allow that"

The woman scoffed, "Because it's always what Topside 'allows' isn't it?" She turns a judgmental gaze at Vi. "This is what you turned on us for?"

"No, I turned on the Zaun *you* helped Silco create when *you* betrayed Vander" The brawler snarled with old anger. "And I'm going to take that Zaun back, you're just in the way"

Sevika snorted. "We all want things, kid"

With a wave of her hand, she ordered her gang members to move. They swiftly continued hauling equipment and cargo through another exit back through the back door.

"I'll handle these two, you take everything to the next place," She said easily, as though she was talking about taking out the trash.

As soon as Caitlyn was about to aim her rifle at the gangsters, Sevika stopped her.

"You want me, right? Don't waste your ammo on that lot, oh no" She slowly grinned. "You're gonna need it all if you plan on facing me"

With the gang members swiftly vacating the premises, it became clear it'd soon be just the three of them.

"Two against one, Sevika?" Vi grinned, bringing up her gauntlets. "Don't you remember how our last dance went?"

"Oh, I promise you, kid" The baron grinned as she made sure the last of her men left the chamber, leaving her alone with the Wardens but not particularly worried about that fact. "The odds are in my favor now"

Cait and Vi slowly circled her, giving her less room to maneuver and take her from different angles. Then Caitlyn noticed something with her knee eyes as she stared at Sevika's right side, it had been easy to miss at first as the focus was not on it, but the jacket did a good job at covering it.

But the patch of brown skin, the very *normal-looking* fingers, the hand of flesh and blood coming out at the end of her sleeve...

"Vi, her hand" Caitlyn called out, much to the brawler's confusion.

"Ahh, noticed it huh?" Sevika brought up her hand, stunning both young women by showing it was *not* her cybernetic prosthetic, it was real. Like time had reversed and returned her the limb she lost. Sevika wiggled her fingers and smiled, "Fun as that prosthetic was, I missed this hand"

"What the hell," Vi muttered in astonishment. "You... grew it back or something?"

"How is this possible?" Caitlyn shared her disbelief.

“How else?” Sevika shrugged. “Shimmer. We’ve refined the stuff, stabilized it, and unlocked quite a few different... perks”

She clenched her fist, grinning at being able to *feel* it at all. The muscles in her arm grew taut.

“Lemme show you...”

Tensing her arms to the side, Sevika took a deep breath, making her chest rise and fall. There was a flash of purple in her eyes, fast and brief. An impulse of power swelled inside of her, coursing through her veins like liquid fire, a very familiar sensation when Shimmer was involved.

A low growl escaped her lips, building up in intensity with each passing second. The Wardens felt their instincts flare up as a cold sweat broke on the back of their necks, warning them that they were in imminent danger.

Sevika’s knuckles popped as she clenched her fists with such strength her whole arms were trembling, her groans slowly escalated into growling before a gasp escaped from her lips. “HNG!”

The sound of fabric ruffling and leather stretching reached their ears, it looked like the fabric of her jacket was shifting, moving, becoming tighter and snugger upon her frame. The sleeves wrapped tighter around her arms, highlighting the form and curvature of her muscles, from her wide deltoids to her strong biceps.

Sevika’s figure was growing, prompted not by a Shimmer injection, but by her own will and effort calling upon the drug still in her system.

Her shirt clung tightly against her torso, sticking to it like a second skin. Her abs jutted out proudly against the fabric, her pectoral muscles had morphed into thick slabs of meat without any breast tissue. Her arms kept expanding against the leather jacket while her back broadened firmer and larger still.

The sounds of tears filled the room, rips formed over her sleeves, at the seams on her shoulders, and the fabric over her biceps, unveiling tight striated skin wrapped around shredded muscle.

RIIP! A loud split followed over her back, ripping her jacket and shirt down the middle. Thread by thread gave out on her front, slowly disintegrating the shirt there as well, unveiling more of her muscular figure.

“URK!” Lifting her arms to flex them, the sleeves all but exploded, falling into strips of fabric to showcase her thick muscular arms. Palpitating with strength and rippling with engorged veins. Her shirt split fully on the front, falling to pieces as her shredded granite chest came forth unrestrained. Her back morphed into a great wall of flash, a tapestry of sinewy and highly striated definition formed the masterpiece that was her imposing dorsal muscles that seemed to have no end.

Sevika growled and hissed, grabbing the remnants of her clothing and ripping them off her outstanding figure with one swoop. She didn't care she was half-naked in front of them, the woman displayed her amazonian body unabashedly.

Vi had always known Sevika to be a fit woman, but... this level of musculature surpassed her previous physique, it was clearly the work of the new Shimmer.

She looked even bigger than Ambessa...

Sevika panted and grinned. “This is the new Shimmer” She held up an arm to slowly curl it, enjoying the sight of the mound rising tall. “Not that abomination Singed created, it doesn't turn people into monsters... but it gives them the strength they *crave*”

Vi quickly regained her composure. “Looks to me you've been hitting the Shimmer a *bit* much” She taunted the muscular chembaron.

Sevika merely rolled her neck and loudly popped her joints. “Still trying to block your fear with humor? Well, better than blocking with your face I guess”

“This has gone on long enough, Sevika” Caitlyn warned her with her ‘ultimatum’ voice as she leveled her rifle at the taller woman. “Turn yourself in and we'll show you leniency”

“I know what Topside ‘leniency’ is like, Kirimman.” The gang leader spat in disgust. “You want me, you'll have to take my by force”

She rolled her wide shoulders and brought up her hands, fists poised into a fighting stance.

“If you can”

Vi moved first bringing her gauntlets to bear and launching a powerful right hook that was bound to tenderize those hardened muscles.

Her face morphed into shock and horror when Sevika *dodged* in a surprising bout of speed the moment her metal fist was within reach, reading back her arm and delivering a powerful punch to her gut that knocked the wind out of her.

“Vi!” Cait called out in concern, cocking her rifle and taking aim.

The shot, more like a hard case of arcane energy than a proper bullet, fired in a flash of blue and sparks directly toward Sevika. Aimed directly at her shoulder, Sevika’s pupils flashed purple for a moment and moved with blinding speed, her body was almost a blur as she easily dodged.

Biting back a curse, Cait fired shot after shot, aiming wherever the chembaron dashed to in quick succession. Each time she dodged the Sheriff’s impeccable marksmanship, the ground underneath her fit almost cracking with the force of her steps, grinning all the way as she kept moving in between the crackling arcs trailing behind Caitlyn’s bullets like she was having *fun*.

Cait barely had time to react when a sweeping kick impacted her midsection, sending her flying back to the wall where her body collided painfully, her hat fell to the floor as it was knocked out of her head from the impact.

“Cait!” Recovering from the blow, Vi rushed forward and jumped high, rearing her fist back and bringing it down upon Sevika.

The chembaron simply stepped to the side with a smirk as the huge gauntlet dented the floor and broke through the concrete, making chunks of it rise. Then her expression changed when the gauntlet flared blue, and a shockwave of pure arcane force exploded around it.

The force actually caught her off guard and managed to throw her back a few feet, giving Vi room to go on the offensive once more, chasing after Sevika with the intent of giving her no second to recover.

As she raised a mighty gauntlet to deliver her fierce strike, accompanied by an even fiercer warcry, Vi's expression morphed into horror when Sevika *caught the gauntlet in her hand*.

The limb was trembling with strain, showing she was putting in the effort, but the fact alone that she caught her Atlas Gauntlet *barehanded*-

Sevika grinned and slowly stood up, keeping the pressure on the metal fingers. Vi swiftly struck with her other fist, only for this one to be caught in Sevika's grasp as well.

"Just because I'm not a hulking monster doesn't mean this Shimmer is any weaker" The chembaron boasted. "It's just been... refined"

Her grip on the weapons tightened, denting the metal under her fingers. It groaned and let loose sparks.

Vi could only stare aghast at what was happening.

The chembaron grunted, planting her feet on the ground.

Then, Sevika *ripped out* the front of the gauntlets with a mighty pull that tore metal apart, making oil, steam, and spars flow endlessly through the gaping holes in the weapons, revealing the top of Vi's hands grasping on the air with nothing to hold on to anymore.

The weapons malfunctioned, losing the arcane matrix in runes that reduced their weight. Vi buckled under their weight and was forced to drop them like the useless hunks of metal they had been reduced to.

Sevika grinned down at her. "Ain't much without your toys now, huh?"

Vi snarled and decided to shut the woman up the good old-fashioned way, with her own fists.

Her knuckles popped as she clenched them, striking repeatedly over Sevika's abdomen, her face, any spot she could aim that would deliver the best damage.

Yet Sevika did not move, she barely flinched as Vi's fists collided with her rippling muscles, the hardened flesh acted like mighty armor that weathered her blows without much difficulty, barely leaving a mark from the knuckles.

"Shimmer has turned my entire body into a weapon, my muscles are armor at this point" Sevika laughed. "But please, have at it. This is just too much fun"

Vi shouted in rage, throwing an uppercut to Sevika's chin, only to find her wrist caught.

"But unfortunately for you, I don't have time for games"

Sevika reared her head back and knocked Vi down on her rear with a powerful headbutt.

The brawler groaned on the floor, stunned as the world was sent spinning.

Sevika thought about finishing the job when she heard a click and quickly dodged as a bullet whistled past her. She turned to see the sheriff back on one leg, aiming her rifle at her and pulling the trigger.

She almost sighed as she dodged through the shots once more, finding the whole thing to be dull and irritating now. She had already bested them, beaten them into submission, but it looked like the two were too stubborn to know when they lost.

Clearing the distance, Sevika grabbed Caitlyn's rifle and easily ripped it from her hands.

Then she split it in half over her knee.

"Are we done?" Sevika growled at the shorter woman, who slowly backed away, eyes frantically searching for a way out or another weapon. "I'm trying to get the Lanes under control again, and you Enforcers are making that *very* difficult"

"We are the Wardens" Caitlyn stressed. "And we're only forced to take action because you started making that *poison* again"

“This ain’t that psychopath’s monster juice” The chembaron growled. “This is a true and proper weapon, one we’re using to make sure Zaun prospers”

“I saw how it ‘prospered’ last time under Silco,” The sheriff said challengingly. “If you truly feel that way, then that just means you’re too lost in your own sauce”

Hmph, well she couldn’t deny the new Shimmer was just as addictive. Sometimes even more so depending on various factors, Sevika made sure to keep the most dangerous and unrefined variants away from the streets, last thing she needed was a bunch of junkies whose minds were changed. She had seen what became of some of her own troops who indulged in that variant too much, Shimmer was all they cared for, it was like something had wormed into their minds and laid a nest, gestating ideas that were foreign to them yet treated them like they were Janna’s own damn gospel.

“Hmm,” As Sevika looked down at the constant thorn on her side... she got an idea.

Her hand lashed out with blazing speed and grabbed the Sheriff’s arm, proceeding to drag her. Caitlyn struggled and pulled, hitting Sevika’s arm but it was no use, those muscles refused to buckle under her blows. It was like her strikes could only bounce off the hardened flesh.

Then, with mounting panic, Caitlyn realized Sevika was dragging her to one of the Shimmer tanks. “You wouldn’t...” She muttered before trying to dig her heels into the floor and pull away from Sevika’s grip, but it was no use, her hand was locked up tight around her arm and was only hurting herself.

“Maybe you’ll be less of a pain in my ass once we get some ‘perspective’ in you” Sevika grinned deviously at her captive who continued to struggle in vain.

The purple glow of the tank shined menacingly upon Caitlyn’s face, she could only stare with quivering eyes at the great vat of *poison* the chembaron all but stated she planned to use on her.

Caitlyn gasped when Sevika let go of her arm but swiftly grabbed her collar, easily forcing her to her knees and making her face up a large faucet connected to the tank, poised right over her mouse. The hole still coated purple with all the Shimmer that had previously flown through it.

Her heart thundered in her chest as Sevika slowly turn the knob.

“Trust me, Piltie. Once you feel Shimmer rushing inside you” Sevika said with sick reverence.
“You’ll be changing your tune about it~”

The knob was fully turned, and the dreaded sound of liquid rushing was heard. The outlet’s hole glowed with the incoming discharge.

With the only avenue available to her, Caitlyn closed her mouth shut and took a deep breath.

Shimmer washed down in a steady stream all over her mouth.

Caitlyn struggled, violently twisting from side to side as the damn substance splashed all over her face. She tried to move away but Sevika kept a firm hold on her, she could barely turn her head, she was forced to breathe through her nose whenever as she tried to keep the drug from passing through her lips, but even that was a difficult task as she felt tiny drops slip through during her struggle.

“Stop being so stubborn!” Sevika growled and attempted to force the sheriff’s lips open.
“Drink up like a good little girl and-!”

Suddenly her body seized, her hands lost their iron grip on Caitlyn and finally released her. The sheriff rolled away, coughing as she could finally breathe again. She leaned on her arms as she slowly propped herself up, looking with an unsteady gaze at Sevika whose figure twitched and spasmed as arcs of electricity coursed around her, sputtering and letting incoherent swears escape her lips.

Then the electric discharge stopped, and Sevika collapsed upon the ground with a dry thud.

Upon her immense back, Caitlyn saw a disk-like device stuck to the skin, its hexgem slowly losing its glow as it deactivated. She recognized the item, it was one of their newer experimental tools, a sort of ‘sticky grenade’ that could electrocute the offender to unconsciousness.

She kept coughing as Vi approached, huffing and laughing with relief. “Holy shit I’m glad that worked” She said, kneeling over to Caitlyn and helping her up. “I didn’t think it’d work when she’s juiced like that, I had to ramp up the voltage”

"While she was -ack-," She coughed again but still managed to smile; "holding me?"

"Hey, it worked didn't it?" The humor soon vanished from Vi's face as she stared at Caitlyn's face, more specifically, the traces of Shimmer dripped from her mouth. "Fuck, Cupcake--"

"I'm fine" She roughly cleaned her mouth with her sleeve. "I didn't drink it. It... It didn't enter my body" She was positive at least.

"We have to make sure" Vi urged with concern. "Do a check-up before it acts up"

Caitlyn was already walking towards the remnants of her prized rifle. Ugh, she'd need to have another one made. "I'm fine, I'm not transforming. That means the shimmer didn't enter my system" She knelt down and grabbed the web launcher attachment. "Come on, we need to tie up Sevika, we don't know how long she'll..." She coughed again, suddenly feeling woozy. "When she'll wake..."

She trailed off, panting slightly as she held head in her hand, feeling the room spin.

"Oh no," Vi rushed to her side. "It's the Shimmer, m-must have been through your skin or something because it's taking effect"

"W-We don't know that" Caitlyn argued, feeling intense heat flare up inside her stomach. "It could be, ugh, an effect of the fight"

"Cupcake, listen to me" Vi gently grabbed her chin to look at her. "We need to take you to a doctor *now*, forget Sevika"

"N-No!" Cait hissed through clenched teeth, feeling the pounding in her head get worse. "W-We went through so much to get her, I'm not gonna let her get away again!" She all but roared with fury.

Her pupils flashed purple for a moment.

Vi could only stare horrified. "Cait..."

