

Be Honest! 331

Chapter 331 Strange Mystery

"All units move! More! Move! Move!"

In the Navy base, many Navy officers and Marines flew by in full attire, heading toward 2 battleships.

If the situation were just a simple rescue mission, the Coast Guards would've long headed out there to rescue the many passengers, alongside a few Navy and marines.

But given the possibility of hostile, unknown matters emerging they got there, this matter was left to the full Jurisdiction of the Navy.

In the end, they didn't know if Pirates had taken over the Cruise ship and destroyed communications aboard the cruise.

Don't look down on Pirates.

Today's world has over seven massive Pirate organizations, as massive as the Darknet.

These pirates had battleships, fully equipped with all sorts of deadly missiles.

They typically start their operation with a few of them, about a hundred, pretending to be passengers aboard any cruise ship.

Touring the Captain's control station was a normal thing nowadays. So one can imagine how they would probably knock out those in the control stations.

There was also an incident where they sent sleeping gas through the vents, putting many indoors to sleep in no time.

These criminals were wanted worldwide but were also untouchable because they seemed to know people in higher powerful positions.

Whether it was ministers from another nation, rich businessmen across the world, or even a few corrupted officers, these people had their eyes and ears everywhere.

And till this day, no one has ever found any of their hideouts.

All many knew where they attacked, whipped the ship clean of any treasures, especially the cargo stored below, and headed out fast.

They not only robbed cruise lines but also transportation ships carrying treasures like ancient artifacts, paintings, and tombs.

This was why Gia Ming's first instinct was to prepare battleships in case they met these pirates. They dared not take any chances, especially with the passengers aboard.

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"Move! Move! Move!!!"

A commanding voice bellowed continuously as many got on board the battleships.

Gia Ming calmly placed his gun in its sheath, standing beside his second-in-command and 2 others.

"Our emergence might cause a great shift in the enemy's attitude. We must remember that all those innocent passengers aboard are also potential hostages."

Hostages...

For a moment, the entire scene turned foster.

He was right.

If they got too close and frightened the chicken, the enemy might start taking hostages, shooting a few to make a point.

They were here to save and rescue the passengers and not the other way around.

Gia Ming squinted his eyes dangerously.

They would have to stay out of sight.

Additionally, the enemy's radar could pick several approaching ships from 1, 2, and even 3-mile radius away.

They must stay out of the largest possible range today's technology could detect.

And from there, they'll devise a plan to act further, maybe by sending in small ships that aren't threatening.

In this way, the enemy would drop their guard down, having no fear or no covered attempt to start taking in hostages.

The enemy would always feel they were in control and could easily wipe out the small ships.

Hmmm...

All these were only speculations.

Their plan of action would only hold after understanding the true situation aboard.

For all they knew, this might not be the hand of any pirates.

"Sir! We have the exact route and coordinates the ship is supposed to pass through when heading towards the port." A person with glasses said, rushing toward Gia Ming's side.

You have to know that it was barely 5 minutes since the whole fiasco exploded in their Navy base. Yet, they had already begun taking action crazily.

Time waits for no man. Any delay and it could be the end.

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Gia Ming nodded. "Good. Good. We can start backtracking to the last point before the Captains aboard the ship gave their passage confirmation."

On the cruise ships, the Captains always stay connected to those on land, giving signals and confirming words now and then.

In this way, even if they lost signal very abruptly, the search and rescue teams would know just where they were last 'seen.'

"What about satellite confirmation?"

"Sir, we're still working on it. Access not granted yet."

Dammit!

"What's taking them so long?"

Gia Ming forgot that it had only been a little over 5 minutes since the news hit their Navy base. And right now, someone was still on the phone with the big guys, trying to not only get satellite access but to get a detailed view of the site from above.

They need to investigate it all. What's more, the delay was something too bizarre for words.

"Sir!... I think you should take a look at this."

A man slowly stood in a daze.

He looked like he had just seen a ghost.

"...Sir... On Satellite view, there's nothing there."

What?!!!

The words shook everyone to the core.

How could this happen?

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Gia Ming's eyes moved about the screen maniacally.

Most sea routes are chosen not just because of closeness but because specialists typically study the dangers surrounding each water region.

Some regions had the deadliest creatures on sea swimming across them severally, while others had milder ones.

It was similar to why in some parts of the world, there were primarily sharks staying around, while in other places, one would find poisonous jellyfishes instead.

All these were taken into consideration, so the chances of something so monstrous popping out was so slim.

They could also check wave activity and send this to scan the site, just in case they did miss an exaggerated Prehistoric Sea monster situation here.

Gia Ming's face returned distorted.

Vanish?

How does a giant ship, a Cruise ship for that matter, just vanish into thin air so suddenly?

Dammit!

Gia Ming quickly rushed towards one of the battleships.

And soon, he was off.

No way. He was off to investigate this strange mystery.

As a Gia, it was his line of duty!

Chapter 332 The Brutal Differences

Bam!

Donghai fell to the ground, feeling the weight of both wooden water buckets suspended in mid-air by his stick across his shoulders.

F***!

He, a grown man 3 years shy of 30, had no tears but wanted to cry.

His water... His precious water he filled up from the streams far below the towering mountain was splashed because of the stupid stone he stumbled on.

These last 5 days had allowed him to understand how pitiful Handymen truly were.

All Academy cleaning and work, whether it was sweeping the pavilion's first floor or harvesting resources, it was all their doing.

During these last 5 days, the only classes they had were on their first day here.

The entire day, they were taught the basics of cultivation, allowing them to channel qi into the many channels in their bodies.

This was too shocking, as Donghai found he could look into himself without a doctor!

You have to know that even the crazy Medical Hous jumped about like fleas after seeing such a miraculous discovery.

They were also taught about the overall workings of the Academy, as well as what they, Handymen, stood for in this place.

They were given a complete run down on exorcism, what levels and ranks existed, and how to advance independently.

This schooling system was really eye-opening because the Academy would never check on one's progress daily.

No... They had a certain system in place to make many fight for progress.

That is, once in the Outer Sect, if one doesn't continue moving towards the inner set before a certain deadline, they'll stop being students, automatically becoming elders in charge of the outer sect and handyman sectors.

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Donghai quickly learned that it was a harsh world here. And only efforts would get rewarded.

Of course, if a strong person volunteers to be an elder in the outer sect, the situation would be far different.

A strong elder worthy of being an Inner sect elder who wants to stay as an outer sect Elder would get higher bi-weekly pills and coins than the standard elders there.

But, this fact wouldn't be the same as elders in the inner set. It would fall in between.

Anyway, just like Disciples, Elders also had various privileges based on their status in the academy, their exorcism ranks, their strength, and their abilities.

All these Donghai and many understood.

And after an entire day of having classes and exploring the vast sector for Handymen, their spirits were only filled with adventure and a thirst for more.

Even more startling was that all these mountains, hills, and floating lands surrounding their current region, were just for them, the Handymen.

This alone showed how massive the Academy's site was.

Of course, some of these places were public regions that all disciples could use. The only reason they were positioned in this handyman corner was that their maintenance would be done by them, the handymen.

The same went for the general buildings used by all.

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Pff~

Donghai heard a chuckle from behind.

"Leah, you dare to laugh at your superior?"

Leah placed her buckets down and calmly helped Donghai up. "Sorry, sir. I wasn't laughing at you, but laughing with you."

Donghai rolled his eyes heavenwards.

She was still the same, even after they came in together.

Today, he, Leah, and 3 others were tasked with fetching water from the pink stream far below and filling the pond above the mountain.

On day 2 of arriving, they were tired, only managing to make one trip.

But after cultivating throughout the night, they found their bodies able to perform miracles, with them able to do well over 6 trips.

And as the days went by, their trip number increased steadily.

And now, they could each do at least 30 trips before the day ended. And this was them running up and down the mountain surprisingly without rest.

Hell! Who would've thought the human body was this capable?

All they needed to do was keep their qi circulating, eat during meal times to keep energy levels up and train their bodies to adjust to their new found speed and strength.

Though still in the mortal realm of cultivation, their eye sights had become so clear that Donghai wondered if he had developed superpowers.

Initially, they thought these tasks were meaningless, but as time passed, they found their control over many aspects becoming sharper and sharper.

And what was this? Why was their memory improving significantly?

Wow!

Donghai felt if he went back to school now, he would be a genius beyond measure.

These powers... These powers were really unfair to the normal folks, making him feel like a higher evolutionized human.

Tch!

Sure enough. It's only fitting that those selected to be exorcists should stay in here and train, picking in others their own 'size.'

Donghai sighed.

"Alright. Alright. I'll be heading down to get more water. We must fill the pond before the end of the day, or our bi-weekly quota will be deducted.

Yes!

Leah nodded like a squirrel, rushing up the mountain when thinking of the mysterious rewards they were entitled to every 2 weeks.

They didn't know the true benefits of these pills. But this didn't stop them from being excited, feeling the pills would have some magical effects.

Of course, some were still wary but soon lost all wariness after spending many days here.

Donghai clenched his fist, running down the mountain at full speed.

Yesterday, the first group of people, Gia Wei, Hou Jung, and even the playful Ghu Sota, had broken through their mortal shells and were now Outer Sect disciples.

This meant the group only used 3 days to cultivate and break through since day one was just lecture day.

Donghai narrowed his eyes, searching himself deeply.

p "Tonight, I must break through too!"

Donghai was still immersed in his thoughts when suddenly, he saw a strange being running across the forest path down the hill.

And the next thing he knew, he fell into a deep hole.

Bam!!

Chapter 333 A Fruitful Encounter?

Bam!!

Donghai fell flat on his butt but didn't feel the pain.

His attention was on the strange surroundings he now found himself in.

He had been falling into what seemed like a giant rabbit hole that had many spiral turns.

Back hunched, body in defensive mode, Donghai looked around his dim surroundings.

Ground walls and ceilings surrounded him with exposed plant and tree roots embedded in them.

And with his sharpened eyesight, he also saw a long tunnel leading to heaven-knows-where.

Very slowly, Donghai picked a stick lying around and took several breaths, wondering what to do next.

From the looks of it, he couldn't leave the same way he came. So his option would be to move forward and find another exit point.

Donghai was least comfortable with this solution. But what could he do? Who asked him to fall down the hole?

What's more, the roots covering the hole up on ground surface seemed to have minds of their own.

At the start, the giant roots opened up, causing him to fall below. And the moment he fell, they closed up again, covering and masking the hole.

Alright.

With such a conclusion, how confident was he that even if he somehow managed to head back out the deep and different while he fell from, these roots would push him down again?

They had a mind of their own, and without a dagger or anything to create opportunities for himself against them, he would be wasting his time with that approach.

His only worry was that there might be something or some dangerous creature living here.

This was why he dared not raise his voice or call Leah and the rest for help.

The layout of this place signifies it is a nest for some creature(s). Thus, working in absolute silence would be best.

Hmmmm...

'Don't fail me now, trusty stick.' Donghai inwardly murmured, tightening his grip on the stick in his hand.

One step forward, another step forward...

In no time, his heavy feet began obeying his instructions, advancing into the dimly lit space.

On the walls, there were a few glowing algae that provided some illumination in this dark nest.

As he walked, Donghai's heart pounded Like a beating drum.

His body went into vigilance mode, and his senses heightened without knowing it.

If leaves rustled, he would hear. And if the ground had any slight tremors, he would also feel it.

Damn!

Not even police Detective cases had made Donghai so on edge.

'What a big place.'

He walked through the bending tunnel, took several turns, and even crawled through smaller crevices just to keep moving.

At some point, he felt it was a dead end. But even at that, he was already far from his starting point. So there was no use turning around now. Again, even if he did, he wouldn't be able to leave the same way he came. So should he just sit here forever, waiting for whoever owns this nest to come back to hack him to death?

The intelligent thing to do is find a way out first!

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Drrr~~~

A familiar trickling noise echoed in his ears.

"Water?... Is that the sound of a flowing stream?"

Donghai's face lit up like stars the moment he thought it to be true.

Very quickly, he hastened his steps, still staying vigilant as always.

"If it's water, I can follow its movements to find an exit point."

Yes...

If it's a stream, the stream must connect with the big waters outside. And if it's a pond, it too must have a source.

After all, how could a pond just appear underground like that?

Maybe at the bottom, there will be an exit point that connects the pond to the outside waters.

Donghai felt he had found his salvation.

He had been moving in this hole for an 'eternity,' with the fear of something bigger coming to eat him up.

Luckily, he hadn't stumbled on any creatures yet, maybe because they were out of their nests... Or perhaps because they were dead... Who knows...

What's important is that his plan of finding another way out would soon bear fruit.

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Trickle. Trickle. Trickle.

Donghai reached an open circular space with a strange pond in its middle.

The pond was shaped like a lotus leaf, with its water glowing pink.

Sure enough, it should be connected to the pink waters down the mountain he, Leah, and the others were tasked to carry water from.

At this point, he didn't feel anything wrong seeing pink water. He had drunk it before and accepted that it was fresher than any water outside the Academy.

It also had a subtle sweetness that was both intoxicating and calming.

Never in his life did he think he would like water that had a subtle sweet taste. Yet, here reality was, smacking it hard in his face.

The waters here also did wonders to his insides, clearing any indigestion or subtle bodily worries he might've had before coming in.

Looking around the space, Donghai noticed 4 giant nests docked in one corner on the ground. And from the looks of things, these nests didn't belong to any bird, giant or not.

Donghai's pupils dilated.

This was not a good sign!

The earlier he left, the better for him!

Looking at the pond, he was just about to dive in when something else caught his eye.

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Trickle. Trickle. Trickle.~

At the far corner of the room, a small portion of the wall had water streaming down it like a little waterfall.

The water flowed down and moved across the space in a straight line until it connected to the pond at the center.

But this wasn't what caught his eye.

Just underneath the waterfall, a blurry and silverish image suddenly glistened mesmerizingly.

Donghai had a hunch that if he didn't check it out, he might regret it for the rest of his life.

It was just that... how would he get it?

The inside of this space was akin to a 3 Story building.

It was ironic that the tunnels he used to get here were barrow and similar in height to himself.

But the space here was extremely tall, clearly not made by any creatures digging the space.

Nature was at its best here, creating the giant open space to accommodate this point and this small interior waterfall.

'How to get up there? How to do it?'

Donghai's eyes flashed about maniacally until he stopped a few roots shooting out the towering walls.

'These should be strong enough to hold my weight.'

Like so, he began his climb, only keeping his eyes on the price.

His moves were quick and professional, thanks to his level of skill in rock climbing.

If audiences were watching him now, they would clap in awe of his skills.

Though he used roots in this case, he still had a measure of what could and could not be done.

'Damn... It's in the middle of the waterfall.'

Seeing this, Donghai knew he would have to move in. Luckily, the water current and pressure weren't high enough to shatter or push him back.

You have to know that while Waterfalls were beautiful to look at, moving against their current high attitudes was incredibly dangerous.

Yeah... Maybe at ground level or lower levels, one wouldn't feel it.

But if one reached a high altitude and faced the waterfall from its head far up, the pressure alone could act like blades, cutting one cleanly.

It should be known that at dangerous pressures, even a firehose from a fire struck would act as a blade.

Imagine that 50 times greater.

That would be the case if one were going against the current. If one was falling with the waterfall, they might not feel the said pressure.

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1, 2, 3...

He now moved horizontally across the waterfall until he reached its middle.

There it was... The silvery object that shone brightly.

Well, at least he initially thought it was an object. But who would've known it would be a fruit?

'... So peculiar...'

Grrrrr~~~~

The fruit's enticing aroma made his belly bubble.

But now isn't the time for this.

Since he had gotten what he wanted, it was time to get the hell out of here... Or so he thought.

Braaaawww!!!~

Donghai froze, tightening his grip on the roots he held.

Too late.

Various disturbing sounds echoed out.

And sure enough, he saw a gathering of creatures emerge out of the pond, heading straight for their nests.

They looked like Crocodiles... Except they had 2 tails and longer necks.

Donghai swallowed hard.

... Mommy, how would he get out of this mess now?

Donghai was still in a daze, trying to make a perfect escape plan out of here.

But suddenly, many of the beasts paused and began sniffing maniacally. And soon, their eyes fell on Donghai, suspended high up on the waterfall.

There was an intruder in their nest. Moreover, the bastard had plucked out the fruit they had been waiting for so long to bloom.

For such a person, death would be too easy!!

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Chapter 334 Trapped

Grawl!!!!~

The strange crocodile-looking creatures growled like there was no tomorrow.

And Donghai didn't need a beast translator to understand their current emotions.

F***!

He just had to fall into their den, didn't he? '

As expected of my dumb luck.'

He thought they were only angry that he barged into their den. But that wasn't the case.

Their main cause of rage was the massive ever fruit in his hands.

They had been waiting for it to bloom and ripen before plucking it out. Maybe for weeks and weeks, they had been watching nonstop. But after a few observations, perhaps they estimated it would be blooming now.

After all, they had never seen such a fruit before. Their knowledge of it was limited, relying only on its appearance and the strange smell and aura it gave off.

When it was not fully ripened, it didn't look silvery but had purple skin.

It was coincidental that Donghai had dropped into this place when the fruit began ripening to its fullest potential.

It can also be said that the ripening effect was indirectly the culprit that caused the giant tree roots above the surface.

The fruit's roots were touching the giant tree far down below, causing it to move unexpectedly.

This was as they say... A fruiticious encounter.

The creatures were livid, staring at the intruder above.

'Human, how dare you?'

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Even when leaving their nest, a few would stay guard at the pond's outer entrances, keeping the place safe while the others went out to either hunt, find food, etc.

In the nest, there were no babies or pregnant creatures yet. So as a rule in the animal kingdom, everyone went out.

It's only been a month and a half since the land here started changing into what it currently was.

So even they as beasts needed to properly understand their new surroundings.

Today, they had done what they typically did for the last few weeks, repeating the same routine that now worked for them.

But who would've known today's situation would be different?

Hehehehehe~

The 2-railed crocodiles smirked dangerously at their new prey.

And with incredible speed, they began moving towards the waterfall like possessed beings.

Run!

p Donghai felt his scalp tingle.

Would crocodiles be able to climb such heights?

Scientifically, they shouldn't. However, recalling all the strangeness he had witnessed since he got here, he dared not risk it.

'Secure the fruit.'

He placed the silver fruit inside his clothes and quickly used the roots to continue climbing.

But why did he feel he was acting like the boy in the Story Jack and the Beanstalk.

He was stealing... Right?

Bah!... Until plucked, this fruit belonged to no one! In this case, it was finders keepers!

Today, Donghai was feeling shameless.

Grawww!!~

The sounds of death reminded him that, Ah yes... He seemed to be hunted down by the owners of the den.

Where to go? Where to go?

If he tricked them before somehow managing to run back into the pond at the center of the space, do you think he would be able to outswim these creatures?

Additionally, how long would he need to hold his breath before connecting and reaching the pink waters outside?

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Earlier, he was willing to jump in and test how long he could manage, planning to do various trials and errors.

But now, danger was underway, and he only had one shot to flee the scene safely.

'I have to move faster!'

As if infected with adrenaline, Donghai began springing and jumping upwards like a spider.

'Got you!!'

His heart was still living maniacally after grabbing into the root above.

The vertical distances between the roots were growing larger, and he could no longer do a single ascend anymore.

As soon as he pulled himself up, he began preparing for his next jump.

~Pah!

The root broke off, and Donghai's heart sank into his belly.

He watched himself in slow motion, already envisioning what will happen to him if he truly fell into the fathering of crocs at the bottom.

Luckily, his brain was still at work, and he was quick to hold onto another root.

Thang!

Success!

The root was sturdy enough to carry his weight. But Donghai had no time to celebrate.

The closer the Crocs got, the longer their claws grew. And something told him they would be using this to climb upwards too.

'No time!'

Pang! Pang! Pang!

He began his spider jumps against the waterfall's current. This time, he was more careful than ever... Especially when realizing that the roots in the upper regions got brittle because of the so-called heavy water pressure at the top.

'If I had a dagger or even rock climbing picks, I wouldn't be struggling this much.'

Donghai was starting to miss how easy it was to use modern technology.

If he had a few bullets and grenades on him, just think of how easy it would've been to take out the enemy?

Today's lesson had also taught him just how self-reliant he was on modern weaponry.

Sure enough, to start his journey here, one's primary reliance and focus were on raw strength and intelligence.

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1, 2, 3...

Pang!

In no time, he was already at the top, but this didn't ease his fear.

He didn't need to look behind to know that these Blue crocs were gaining on him at an incredulous speed.

Teaching the top, he immediately began rallying through the small cervix as fast as he could.

'Fortunately, it's just right to fit a human body through.'

He felt like a rat in a sewer pipe. The water pressure kept pushing him back, but thanks to the narrow space, he could now plant his feet into the walls and the ground to force his way through.

And sure enough, only 4 out of the 13 Crocs could pass through the space. These were probably the biggest of the bunch.

'Com'on! Com'on! Com'on!'

Donghai rotted his teeth so much they began to tingle from pressure.

Chapter 335 Escaped!

There!

He seemed to have seen the light at the end of the tunnel.

Donghai wanted to cry and jubilate with all his might. However, a simple glance behind made his body subconsciously pick up the pace.

The crocs had glowing green eyes and sharp teeth with elongated smiles that seemed too creepy.

Mommy...

He crawled faster than any baby and soon reached the exit.

There, he saw a few tree vines once again blocking the damn bath.

Luckily, this time, there was a small opening he could squeeze through.

Hahaha!!...

Those crocs would never be able to pass through this space!

He felt like giving offerings at a shrine, thanking the heavens he was born with a human body.

Without a moment to spare, he passed his body through, starting with his head first.

However, how could things go so easily?

What??!!

Donghai realized the creature's claws had caught a thin layer of his pants in the nick of time.

F***!

Just a few more milli-inches and that claw would've pierced deep into his skin.

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"You let go!"

Donghai yanked his clothes away, causing them to rip.

He took advantage of this, hastily distancing himself from the trapped crocs on the other side.

'Safe!' He thought.

But where was he?

Leah, who had her buckets of water hanging over her shoulders, was shocked to see Donghai appear from underneath a thigh-length stream.

"Leader, what's going on with you?"

"Don't ask." Donghai dragged his tired body towards the shores. He felt his adventures were definitely worth more than any blockbuster movie.

Very quickly, Leah placed her water buckets down, rushing to help the slightly injured Donghai.

He had scrapped his body quite a lot to get out. And now, out of the water, his clothes were stained with blood.

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Ah!-

Leah rushed toward him in worry. But before she could reach his side, someone... Or rather, something else had already beaten her to the punch.

"Boss! Behind you!!!"

Splash!

The dumbfounded Leah saw Donghai and the strange 2-meter Long croc vanish into the high-level pink stream.

It took her brain a full second to react before she started looking around for rocks or objects to help defend and rescue the boss against the strange croc.

"Boss! Boss... Just hold on... Wait for me!!!"

Before she even moved, Donghai and the croc appeared again, making huge splashes everywhere.

At this time, Donghai desperately held the croc's mouth apart with all his might.

And the other few carrying water buckets were also stunned beyond belief.

"F***! Is this even a Crocodile?!"

"The boss is really too fierce to fight such a crocodile on his own!"

"Quickly! Quickly! We have to help the boss!!!"

In a flash, chaos filled the scene as the gang of police officers speedily picked sharp objects and rushed towards the stream too.

At this moment, everyone was a caveman, relying on raw strength to subdue the enemy.

Luckily for them, this was the only croc that managed to get out, thanks to its slim body.

"Quickly! Pierce, its jaws with the sticks!"

"Watch out for its tails!"

"Leah!!!" She was thrown away with force.

"Fight back! Fight back! Stone the bastard with everything we've got!"

Bam! Bam! Pah! Pah! Ptchui!

The gang fought bravely until they managed to heavily unhurt the croc's mouth.

Its outer body was pretty solid. So its insides were their best bets.

And after creating a chance to flee, they hastily reached the shores as fast as possible.

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Grawww~

The croc seemed unwilling, wanting to step out and attack them.

However, it soon found out it couldn't pass the shores, as though some strange force was holding it back.

Leah and the rest all understood.

Here in the Handyman area, these many regions were protected, preventing all animals from attacking them, mortals.

But the situation would of course be different in the other regions.

That's right.

Ince in the outer sect, some beasts could be allowed to sneak in.

These beasts could easily be handled by those there. So why should the restriction bother keeping them away?

This was also a good training opportunity for those there.

If one couldn't even defend their sleeping quarters, then what is the use of being able to cultivate?

If anything, the auras of those there should make the intruding creatures quiver so much that they dared not move around the place.

The only regions that would be protected against all creatures would be the Medicine Halls that free all plants essential to creating pills, elixirs, and potions.

Also, the sites where the crystals grew out, as well as all sacred places like the Milky pond (to be rewarded in future), would be protected too.

Bottom line, in the Handyman region, these mortals could work without fear of having creatures pop out and attack them.

Provided they don't go too far into the waters and remain around the shores, they would always be safe.

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Grawww~~

The 2-meter Long Blue crocodile croaked unwillingly.

It kept moving left to right, right to left restlessly, not wanting to give up.

So how could it be a match against the System's protective formations?

So unfair...

It and its family had been robbed but couldn't even take revenge thanks to the stupid force holding it back.

Grawww!~

It growled a few more times, looking at Donghai vengefully before diving into the waters again.

Sigh... What else could it do but give up?

Splash!!!~

Everyone watched its tail splash above the surface until it was gone.

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Phew.

The gang lay on the ground with their hands and feet apart, ducking in all the air they could take.

And after calming down for a bit, they began laughing like fools.

"Bahahahahah~... I've never felt so alive!!"

"That's for sure! Who will believe we defeated the strange croc with our care hands? So good! I'm now ready to write my autobiography!"

"Pff!~ Who would want to read about you?"

"Boss! Com'on! Tell us... How the hell did you anger that thing? I'm no animal expert, but even I can see how much hatred that beast has for you. What did you do? Steal its egg or something?"

Donghai shook his head. "No. Not an egg... Bug this."

Wow!

Outside the underground cave, the fruits glistened magically when exposed to sunlight.

This... This... What sort of fruit was this?