

Celestial Bloodline

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"Alec step back!"

Kyle shouted. Without even waiting for a second Alec pushed the skeletons backward with his sword and jumped backward.

With a cracking sound, a large amount of mana gushed out from Kyle's sword as he slashed the sword vertically at the pit entrance with all his might.

-BOOM!

A loud rumble shook the hole pit. Kyle's body trembled because he was pushed a few steps backward due to his attack force.

His breath was a little heavy as he looked at the huge crater formed in front of his eyes. All the skeletons who took his attack turned into powder.

"Second strike: Eradicate."

Kyle mumbled under his breath. It was the second time he used this move but the result was better than the first time.

The red 0 present on his wrist jumped upward nonstop, stopping at a whopping 43.

Even Jian and Alec who were standing a few feet away from Kyle were shocked.

Such a destructive attack!

But they could see from Kyle's sweaty face that the attack pressure was quite taxing on his body.

Under everyone's gaze, within a few seconds, the large empty crater soon filled up once again with Fire skeletons.

The skeletons didn't show any hesitation even after seeing their comrade die in front of them. They charged at the trio with empty hollow eyes.

Alec took a deep breath and spoke seriously.

"Now it's my turn!"

Kyle raised his brow while pushing back some of the skeletons.

Alec raised his hand and used the (S)-Rank skill he acquired from the system recently.

"Cyclonic Gale."

With a shout, a large tornado appeared in front of him. Kyle took a step backward, distancing himself from the skeletons.

Under Jian and Kyle's surprised gaze, the tornado rushed toward the skeletons.

There were hundreds of wind blades inside the tornado, the wind blades crushed the incoming Skeletons.

-CRACK! -CRACK!

Loud cracking sounds were heard as the tornado swept through the skeletons directly crushing 40+ skeletons.

The pit entrance that was filled with skeletons was once again cleared. Kyle subconsciously looked at Alec from the corner of his eyes.

He was sure Alec's skill was a little stronger than his sword move. Kyle clicked his tongue as he saw Alec's smug smile.

Meanwhile, Jian's left eyelid couldn't help but twitch when he saw how both of his companions were boasting their skills and Arts in front of a life and death situation!

But he also didn't want to be left behind. With a modest expression, Jian stepped forward and took a deep breath.

"Now it's my turn."

He also got an (S)-Rank skill before leaving the fourth-floor maze.

Both Alec and Kyle looked at Jian surprised before charging at the new skeleton monsters entering the pit. Their breath was a little heavy as they used a lot of mana within a few minutes.

Jian took a deep breath before shouting with all his might. He wanted the others to know he also had an (S)-Rank skill!

"Blazing flames."

A small flame left from Jian's palm. After traveling for a second the small flame started turning bigger.

Kyle and Alec cursed as they looked at the flame. They were already drenched with sweat because of the environment and here Jian was using a fire skill.

They both jumped backward and looked at Jian with dark eyes.

Jian started sweating. His skill wouldn't affect him that's why he forgot to consider the others.

To distract their attention, he pointed at the flames hurriedly. Under their gaze, the flame turned into a huge cloud. It enveloped all the skeletons present inside the pit before going further outside and killing a lot of skeletons in one go.

Jian shouted with excitement, seeing the destructive effect of the skill. He wanted to test this skill for a while but it consumed 40 percent of his mana that's why he didn't use it before.

The number present on Jian's wrist jumped again and stopped at 275.

The entrance of the pit was cleared once again but within a few minutes, more skeletons started appearing in front of the pit entrance.

Jian laughed bitterly. They were already a little tired, on the other hand, the skeletons were never-ending.

Kyle and Alec again started fighting with their swords.

Suddenly a thought flashed through Kyle's head.

'Wait, where's Bia?'

As he thought about the person who should have been present with him during this life and death battle, Kyle's face darkened.

He immediately shouted in his head.

'Bia! Where the hell are you?'

A lazy yet innocent voice replied to him after a few seconds.

-'Hmm, sitting on a stone present outside the pit?'

Kyle wanted to curse but he controlled himself. He didn't want to ruin his image in front of Alec and Jian but secretly Kyle took a note mentally. He was going to punish this ungrateful bird after he was done with the skeletons!

With a deep breath. Kyle spoke coldly inside his head.

'I think you want to stay hungry for a few months?'

Bia who was sitting outside the pit shuddered when she heard Kyle's cold voice. She knew he was dead serious!

'-I am killing the skeletons from outside! How can you do this to me!'

Flapping her wings frantically, Bia hurriedly flew toward the pit entrance and started throwing fireballs directly at the skeletons who were hell-bent on entering the pit.

Kyle humped internally when he heard Bia panicked voice. Within a few seconds, he was able to see a small disturbance among the skeletons charging at him from the pit entrance. It seems his threat worked!

He looked at Alec who used another powerful skill and killed 10 more skeletons. With a swift movement, Alec used his sword Art.

"Swirling Vortex."

His blue hair fluttered as his sword pierced through a (+D)-Rank skeleton core without any resistance. The ribcage around the core completely shattered.

Kyle sighed. His mastery over the sword was a lot better than before but compared to Alec's elegant movements he was still a few steps behind.

Chapter 102 Tough Fight

Three hours later,

Kyle was panting heavily as he looked at the hundreds of skeletons charging at him with a dizzy expression. He was extremely tired and his hand holding the sword was numb. He felt if the skeletons continued to pour inside the pit, he would collapse in a few minutes.

He gazed to his left, Alec's condition didn't look great either. With rough breathing, he pushed another skeleton back.

Jian who was behind Kyle and Alec was barely standing while grabbing his knees. There wasn't even an ounce of mana left inside his body.

The situation was getting dire, Kyle gritted his teeth when he looked at the skeletons.

He slashed at the skeleton's chest and his hand trembled, almost losing the grip on the sword.

The skeleton in front of him took advantage of this. It opened its mouth wide and threw out a lava ball at Kyle.

Kyle's eyes were on the attack, he wanted to move away but his body wasn't listening to him. He moved his arm for defense and the lava ball directly crashed on his wrist.

"Ughh.."

The burning sensation was very painful as the lava burned his upper skin completely.

Alec looked at Kyle who was injured. With gritted teeth, he pushed the skeleton in front of him away before shouting at Kyle.

"Hu.. ha be careful."

Kyle gazed at the skeletons in front of him. One of them was ready to throw another lava attack.

He moved back a little to avoid the attack range. He took out the last remaining potions from his storage ring and threw two mana recovery potions at Jian who just collapsed on the ground.

"Alec."

Alec gazed at Kyle, his vision was getting a little blurry because a few minutes ago a lot of blue core (+D)-Rank skeletons entered the pit and he used the system double power skill.

Kyle threw an energy potion toward him. With gritted teeth, Alec kicked the skeleton in front of him and caught the potion.

"Tha..nks..."

His voice was barely audible as he gulped down the liquid present inside a small vial. Some of his energy was immediately restored as the potion effect started to kick in.

Both Alec and Jian were grateful toward Kyle because whenever any one of them was on the verge of collapsing, Kyle would take out some mana recovery, energy recovery, and healing potions.

"The..y are the last ones."

Hearing Kyle's words, Alec laughed bitterly. Potions were expensive, he wondered where Kyle got so many. Even he had very few. He could buy more from the system shop but he used all his points on the system double power skill.

Also, Alec could feel that now even the potion effects were dimming because his body was too tired.

Kyle gulped down a healing potion and the burn on his arm started to heal slowly. Now he doesn't have any potions left.

He threw the glass vial at the skeleton head standing in front of him before engaging in combat again. He would thank the old man properly for the potions if he survived today.

Jian also gulped down the mana recovery potions Kyle threw toward him. Slowly but surely his mana started to recover. He had some potions before but he and Kelvin used those potions on the lower floors.

With heavy breathing, he stood up and used his wand to form some earth spikes before throwing them at the skeletons.

It was good the pit entrance was narrow. That's why only 10 or so skeletons could enter inside at a time, or else Jian knew they wouldn't have survived for so long.

Suddenly a tired voice sounded inside Kyle's head.

'Hu ha.. Kyle, I can't carry on. I drain all my man.a. If I continue another second.. I will faint.'

Bia tried her best to distract the skeleton's attention toward her but the skeletons didn't even budge from the pit entrance. They were hell-bent on entering the pit.

She gazed at the skeletons underneath her there were at least 500+ skeletons and like sea waves more and more skeletons were coming toward the pit entrance.

'Jus..t what the hell is hap.pening?'

Bia's voice trembled as she gazed at the Volcano top.

Unlike Kyle, she could see the situation outside. Another large batch of skeletons was coming out from the Volcano top, and because of the commotion happening in front of the pit entrance, all the skeletons were heading straight toward the pit without hesitation.

'Go and rest.'

A deep voice sounded inside her head. She looked at the pit entrance that was crowded with skeletons. She wanted to help more but she didn't even have the energy to continue flying as her wings were aching.

With a worried expression, Bia looked at the pit. She could vaguely feel Kyle's condition. He was even more tired than her and maybe within a few minutes, he would probably faint from exhaustion.

Suddenly her body staggered. With a serious expression, she flew toward a large boulder and her small body slumped on the boulder.

She wasn't affected by the heat but because of tiring her mana and body, she was panting profoundly.

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While all this was happening, a small crack formed in the red sky above the 7th floor. Within a second, the crack turned wider, and a black hole formed within the sky.

A horned figure wearing black clothes stepped out from the black hole.

It was 'Nixen', the guardian of the seventh floor. He was the one who assigned the trial to Alec and the others.

Just like the first three floor guardians, he was allowed to leave his floor, if he saw something out of order. The reason for this was that he never harmed anyone. It is because, unlike others, he rarely felt emotions.

Also, he was too obedient and only had one goal in his mind. To complete the work his master assigned to him.

After seeing Kyle's sudden appearance, Nixen used his authority and left the floor to check out the reason. He would have returned within a few minutes but Susan, the guardian of the first floor, stopped him midway.

Susan asked him to go and visit the Treasure floor because the old man 'Jordan' was feeling lonely after saying goodbye to the new kids.

With a reluctant expression, Nixen agreed to visit Jordan. It took him half a day just to get rid of that extremely slow old man who wouldn't stop saying, how the new kids were interesting this time.

With an annoyed expression, Nixen started floating toward his abode to rest but suddenly he felt something wrong.

He abruptly turned around and looked at one of the Volcanoes with narrowed eyes.

"What's happening?"

Chapter 103 (B)-Rank Skeleton

Nixen narrowed his eyes. The red lines present within his eyes shone brightly for a second.

After seeing the situation, he raised his eyebrow with surprise.

Just like he thought, something was wrong with one of the Volcanoes.

It seemed one of the skeletons accidentally stumbled upon a patch of supreme-grade herbs and gained some sentient.

All the skeletons only had the basic sense to not attack each other, they only attacked someone whenever Nixen gave them permission, because the skeletons were made from one of his skills.

Now it seemed the skeleton who gained a little bit of sentient was trying to control the other skeletons.

Something like this rarely happened as Nixen always controlled everything on this floor. It seemed all this happened during his absence.

Nixen gazed at the three individuals who were struggling to even stand properly. This floor was used to hone endurance. That's why when Alec and Jian appeared on this floor, they only encountered one or two skeletons at a time.

"It's good they are alive."

With a sigh, he blinked his eyes and disappeared from his place. Within a second, Nixen's floating figure arrived on top of the Volcano.

He gazed inside. Amidst the black smoke, a large 30 meters tall skeleton was walking inside the pool of lava. The skeleton was continuously throwing all the other skeletons out from the Volcano.

In the middle of his chest, Nixen could see a fist-sized black core.

"A (-B)-Rank skeleton."

He shook his head. The skeleton's black core was corrupted because of consuming something it shouldn't have. Nixen wanted to let it live if it was obedient, but it seemed he had no choice.

Nixen waved his hand with an indifferent expression, and within a second the (-B)-Rank skeleton body turned into dust. The skeleton wasn't even able to resist. This was the power of an (+SS)-Rank guardian.

After taking care of the skeleton, Nixen looked at the three individuals present within the pit.

He could see that they had killed quite a lot of skeletons just in a single day.

Alec's wrist showed the number '887', Jian's wrist showed '829' and Kyle's wrist showed the number '760'.

"It's my fault for not keeping an eye on the situation. I should help them a little."

He waved his hand again and a light green hue enveloped Kyle, Alec and Jian's body.

"Now they can complete the given trial and kill 1000 skeletons easily."

After gazing once again at the trio, he left to rest.

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Meanwhile, inside the pit. Kyle was panting heavily. He stumbled and one of his knees gave in, with a clenched fist he punched the jaw of another skeleton who tried to throw a lava ball at him.

Suddenly, Kyle felt a green transparent light enveloping his body. He panicked but he didn't even have an ounce of energy to stop the green hue from invading his body.

Within a second, the green energy seeped inside his body and Kyle's eyes widened. He felt refreshed, his tiredness also disappeared!

His mana was also completely restored. With new energy, Kyle kicked another skeleton and the skeleton's ribcage cracked.

He gazed at Alec and Jian. Their complexions were also returning to normal. It seemed they also experienced the same thing as him.

Jian looked at himself and started laughing menacingly. Now that his mana returned, he wanted to destroy all the skeletons!

"Kyle, Alec. Back off! I'm gonna release my pent-up frustration on these ugly skeletons!"

"I have struggled enough, now it's their turn!"

Alec and Kyle looked at each other and sighed with relief. There was a faint smile on their lips as they pushed the skeletons backward with all their might before jumping backward.

With a thunderous laugh, Jian used his (S)-Rank skill.

"Blazing flames."

A small flame left his palm, and within a second the small flame turned into a huge cloud and enveloped all the skeletons in front of them. The flame didn't stop and went outside the pit and killed a lot of skeletons.

The number on Jian's wrist jumped crazily and stopped at '881'

After the pit entrance was cleared, more skeletons started appearing within a few seconds.

"I am not done yet!"

Jian shouted when he saw Kyle and Alec moving forward to stop the skeleton.

With a swift movement, he used another (B)-Rank skill on the skeletons.

20 more skeletons died under Jian's attack. He was taking revenge for all the pain he suffered!

Alec kicked another approaching skeleton. After the pit was filled once again, he also used an (S)-Rank skill 'Crushing Thunder', and killed a lot of skeletons.

Kyle and Jian were both surprised when they saw Alec using a different (S)-Rank skill from before.

Alec's kill number increased and stopped at '947'. He used a few more low-rank skills and started destroying the skeletons crazily.

Kyle was standing behind Alec. His eyes couldn't help but twitch when he saw Alec and Jian going wild.

They were using everything to crush the skeletons. For a moment, he even felt pity for the skeletons who were dying nonstop.

Kyle shook his head and rushed forward to join them.

A few minutes later, while they were fighting suddenly a golden portal appeared beneath Alec's feet. He seemed to have hit the 1000 mark.

Alec's eyes widened as he looked down at the portal. He wanted to move away but within a second he was sucked inside the portal.

Kyle cursed when he saw Alec disappearing.

"He could have helped a little before leaving!"

While Kyle was cursing. After another minute, another portal appeared beneath Jian's feet who was laughing menacingly while throwing all types of spells on the skeletons.

Kyle looked at Jian's fading image and his eyes contracted.

"Shit!"

Now he was alone. The skeletons were still pouring inside the pit nonstop. The pressure on him increased the moment Jian left.

He didn't have any (S)-Rank skill he could use to kill a large amount of skeletons in one go. He had one 'Ice domain' but it was locked and can only be used when his mana stat reached (-C).

With a deep breath, Kyle jumped backward and used the second move of 'Void shattering strikes'.

-BOOM!

With a thundering sound, a lot of skeletons died under his attack.

Kyle looked at his wrist and the number jumped upward to '861'. With a serious expression, he spoke inside his mind.

'Bia where are you!'

After a second, a slow voice replied to Kyle

-'Hmm resting? Remember you told me to rest.'

A vein appeared on Kyle's forehead when he heard a sleepy voice inside his head.

Chapter 104 Something is Wrong!

'Are you sleeping?'

Kyle shouted inside his head with frustration. He was a little angry. Now the situation wasn't good because he was fighting alone.

He knew with his recovered stamina and mana, he would be able to defeat some more skeletons. Maybe in another ten or twenty minutes, he would be able to complete the 1000 mark.

-'No! Of course not!'

Bia replied with a loud voice. She was really tired because unlike Kyle and the others, she didn't receive that strange green hue from Nixen.

With a sigh, Kyle sidestepped to avoid another lava attack coming from one of the skeletons. He was going to strike back but suddenly, he felt something inside him tremble.

"Agh...Cough!"

With a cough, Kyle immediately jumped back, toward the leafless tree present behind him. A drop of blood seeped out from his sealed lips.

Kyle used his sleeve and wiped his mouth but when he saw blood, his eyes widened.

'What happened?'

With Kyle jumping backward toward the leafless tree, the skeletons easily crossed the pit and arrived at the small open area present at the end of the pit.

Kyle looked at the skeleton, he wanted to rush at them and attack but his heart started beating faster. Within a second, beads of sweat formed on his forehead.

Kyle clenched his heart as he looked at the skeletons. With each passing second his eyes were turning red.

'Something is wrong!'

Kyle panicked, he could feel his strength leaving his body and his knees becoming weak.

'Bia! Tell me which nearest area outside the pit is empty. If not then make sure there are least skeletons! Hurry up!'

Bia who was flying outside the pit, heard Kyle's urgent voice. Because of their connection, a strange feeling welled up inside her chest. Without even waiting for a second, she immediately glanced around.

The pit was horizontal, present in between some large red rocks. Bia gazed downward toward the Volcano's edge, there were at least 500+ skeletons. The pit entrance was also filled with skeletons

-'Kyle! Outside, the pit upper left area. There's only a group of 7 Skeletons!'

Kyle heard Bia's voice, he hurriedly kicked another skeleton and threw it on the other skeletons.

With rough breathing, he jumped and grabbed a thick branch of the leafless tree. His vision was a little blurry when he gazed at the ceiling present on top of the leafless tree.

"Instant Teleportation."

Kyle mumbled under his breath. His voice was barely audible. The skeletons were still charging inside the pit nonstop. Their gaze was fixed on his body.

Under their gaze, Kyle disappeared.

He appeared outside the pit. Kyle gazed upward, he could see the Volcano top from where smoke was coming out nonstop.

Bia who was flying outside the pit with a worried expression saw Kyle's figure appearing out of nowhere.

He was grabbing his knees and panting heavily.

-'Be careful!'

Bia shouted when she some skeletons charging at Kyle from behind.

Kyle turned around and kicked the skeletons. Bia also hurriedly flew toward him and threw some fireballs at the skeletons.

After kicking the skeletons, Kyle gritted his teeth and started running in the opposite direction.

While Kyle was running, Bia threw fireballs at the skeletons to distract their attention. After resting for a while, she only recovered 20% of her mana but that was enough to give Kyle some time.

At the same time, Kyle didn't stop running. He clenched his chest and used the skill 'Swift steps' to increase his speed.

Kyle only had 10% mana left inside his body after he used 'Instant Teleportation'.

After three minutes, the remaining mana inside his body depleted and Kyle stopped running. He stumbled as his knees gave in.

With a deep breath, he looked around and saw a large red boulder a few steps away from him. Dragging his feet toward the boulder, Kyle hid behind the boulder.

"Hu...huu.."

Kyle started taking deep breaths to relax his agitated heart, but no matter what he did, his heartbeat didn't slow down.

"What the ..hell is happ.. Cough!"

Kyle spoke with frustration but then again he stopped midway, and coughed up blood.

He wasn't in pain but for some reason, Kyle's body turned cold. A chilled thought continuously resounded inside his head.

'Something is going to happen!'

While Kyle was struggling to breathe, Bia took care of the few skeletons following behind her.

With a serious expression, she hurriedly started looking around for Kyle.

After a few minutes, she saw him sitting behind a large boulder. His face was incredibly pale and blood was coming out from his nose and mouth.

Bia panicked. She flapped her wings and hurriedly arrived in front of Kyle.

Kyle's expression was blank. She could see red veins inside his eyes.

With a teary expression, Bia hurriedly buried her head inside his hair.

-'Kyle! What's happening?'

-'Kyle!'

Bia shouted. After getting no reply, she started flying around Kyle with worry.

-'What should I do!'

Suddenly under Bia's gaze, Kyle clenched his hair and started shouting.

"Ahhhhh....."

He could feel it! Just now something started spinning inside his heart.

The pain was unbearable! A loud tearing sound resounded within his body, like someone forcefully tore a piece of his soul.

"Ahhh...."

Kyle was shouting nonstop as blood started coming out from his head and eyes.

Bia looked at Kyle's condition and started crying. Due to their connection, she could feel just how much pain he was going through right now.

While Kyle's mind went black due to extreme pain. His heart stopped beating.

In the middle of his heart, a nail-sized, drop-shaped red crystal was spinning nonstop.

The energy around the crystal, danced with joy because it had just tasted a very delicious thing.

After tasting the host soul once, the crystal increased its speed and started to spin with more vigor.

It wanted to eat another piece but suddenly it trembled. From Kyle's veins, hundreds of tiny blue sparks hurriedly rushed at the crystal.

The tiny sparks surrounded Kyle's heart and immediately moved toward the red crystal.

Before the tiny sparks could touch the red crystal, it stopped spinning and hurriedly went dormant.

The blue sparks moved around the crystal. After a few seconds, the sparks moved back with confusion because they were unable to sense anything from the crystal.

Chapter 105 (-SSS)-Rank talent

Meanwhile, When Kyle's heart stopped beating. Bia felt the connection present between both of them dimmed.

Her body trembled as she looked at Kyle with tears.

At the same time, Kyle's hand slumped on the hot ground and he stopped shouting. He was breathing but his heart stopped beating.

After a few seconds, Kyle's motionless body moved. He blinked his eyes and looked at Bia who was flying in front of him.

Bia looked at Kyle who was gazing at her.

-'Are you.. alright?'

Her childlike voice trembled as she tried to stop her tears.

Kyle didn't reply. Even if he wanted to voice didn't come out from his lips. Now that some of his senses returned, he could feel something was happening within his body.

While Kyle was looking at Bia, the blue sparks present within his body shone brightly before they moved toward his soul.

They appeared inside a small white void. In the middle of the empty void, a transparent body was floating vertically.

The body was completely golden, and its facial features were similar to Kyle's. The body wasn't complete because its whole left shoulder was completely gone.

Its eyes were closed but an extremely painful expression could be seen on the body's face.

The blue sparks approached the golden body and surrounded the golden body.

All the blue sparks slowly started merging with the body. Within a few seconds, half of the blue sparks disappeared but the painful expression present on the body's face also disappeared.

After absorbing the blue sparks, the body became complete once again. Also, now it was shining more brilliantly than before.

The remaining blue sparks lost their radiance. With a wave, they returned inside Kyle's veins.

If Kyle could see his stats now, he would be able to know that his bloodline was temporarily unlocked but because of his condition, he wasn't able to see it.

At the same time, Bia who was looking at Kyle, narrowed her eyes. The beautiful green shade present within his eyes disappeared. His hair also started changing color.

The corner of his hair which shone brightly with silver color before became ash grey.

The brightness present within them disappeared.

Under Bia's gaze, suddenly Kyle gasped and clenched his chest. After a second, his heart started beating normally.

The pain also disappeared. He moved his hand and sighed with relief.

With a deep breath, Kyle wiped the sweat from his forehead. His body temperature also became normal.

Hundreds of questions roamed inside his head. Was this because of his bloodline? But no one could answer his questions, even he himself knew nothing.

Kyle didn't like it, how he had no control over his own body. If something like this happened again, he would probably die because of the unbearable pain.

Seeing him moving, Bia slowly flew toward Kyle.

Kyle looked at her. Bia's eyes were completely red. It seemed she cried.

With a light smile, Kyle grabbed Bia and creased her fur. He knew even though they quarreled and cursed each other a lot, she was worried about him.

"I.. am fine!"

Kyle said. With every second, his pale complexion was turning normal.

"It's just I felt... I lost a big part of my strength."

His voice was barely audible, because he was not sure what just happened but then Kyle shook his head.

Kyle gazed into Bia's eyes. He could see his reflection. A frown appeared on Kyle's face as he saw his hair.

The corner of his hair turned Ash grey.

'Tsk, I liked silver ones more.'

After a minute, Kyle heard some sounds from behind the boulder he was hiding.

"Hey, can you stop crying my sleeve is getting wet?"

Bia looked at Kyle with dark eyes. She was so worried about him and he was worried about a dam sleeve?

With a cold 'hump' she hurriedly left Kyle's hand and started flying.

Kyle chuckled at her reaction. He stretched his legs and stood up with caution.

"Who's behind the boulder?"

Bia looked at Kyle with a serious expression.

-'Two red core (-D)-Rank skeletons are standing behind the boulder, also I can see more are approaching. It seemed they heard when you were shouting.'

Kyle nodded and took out his sword from the storage ring. He was a little angry because of all the pain he had to suffer. Now he was going to take out all his frustration on these skeletons.

Bia looked at Kyle who took out his sword and became a little worried.

-'Hmm are you really fine now?'

"I am fine. No, actually I feel more energized than before."

Suddenly Kyle raised his bro, he hurriedly looked at his stats from the corner of his eyes.

Stats:

Name: Kyle

Bloodline: Celestial (Locked)

Rank: D

Strength: D

Mana: +D

Agility: D

Talent: -SSS Rank (suppressed)

Luck: A

Skills:

#*Fireball (F)-Rank:

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Kyle's eyes widened when he looked at his rank.

"I broke through?"

He said with shock. Just a few weeks ago Kyle broke through to (-D)-Rank. He knew, it would have taken him a few more months before he broke through again!

Bia also became surprised. She hurriedly tried to sense Kyle's rank but then clicked her tongue because after Kyle wore that strange earring, she wasn't able to sense anything from him.

On the other hand, Kyle's shock increased as he looked at his talent.

"What the hell!"

He mumbled under his breath. It was (-SSS)-Rank!

Kyle recalled that after the Phoenix helped him, his talent was (SS)-Rank but now it's showing (-SSS)-Rank!

Also, it's still suppressed!

But then Kyle suddenly thought about the pain he suffered a while ago. He shuddered, there was no way he wanted to experience that much pain again.

'Does it mean whenever my bloodline awakened a little, I have to suffer pain?'

Kyle's thoughts were disturbed when one of the red skeletons standing behind the boulder popped out his head to look behind the boulder.

With an annoyed expression, Kyle crushed the skeleton skull with a single strike.

-CRACK!

Kyle jumped out from behind the boulder and looked at Bia.

"How many more skeletons are coming?"

A simple question but Bia didn't reply.

"Bia?"

Kyle shouted her name and attacked another skeleton present in front of him.

-'Maybe 400 or something?'

Kyle almost tripped when he heard Bia's words. In the end, after killing another skeleton, Kyle turned around with a blank expression and started running in the opposite direction.

'I don't care about releasing frustration! My life matters more!'

Chapter 106 Red Crystal

At the same time, when Kyle was feeling extreme pain. In an empty dark place,

The black-haired man who was sitting cross-legged behind the huge white color orb suddenly opened his eyes.

His golden pupils shone brightly within the darkness as he gazed at the floating red crystal in front of him.

Under the man's gaze, the trembling crystal started spinning. The man raised his brow when he saw the crystal spinning.

"Is it time?"

A hoarse voice resounded everywhere as the man looked at the crystal with anticipation.

To be more specific, it wasn't a crystal. It was a god-grade artifact. The black-haired man stole it from his enemies who conquered and enslaved his home planet.

After acquiring the Artifact, and binding it with himself. The black-haired man knew it was sinister because the artifact absorbed soul energy from a 'host' and converted it into Divine energy.

The Artifact would then provide the energy to the owner. Divine energy was very precious even in the upper realm because it could give godly powers to anyone.

That's why the person whose soul would be consumed by the Artifact would never be able to reincarnate!

The Artifact was overpowered but there were some problems. It had many restrictions and took a lot of time to activate. One needs to place it inside a compatible young host and only after 10 or 15 years later will it Activate.

After running away from his home planet, the black-haired man was injured. He was also chased around by his enemies, and during a life and death battle, he lost a big part of his strength.

While he was running away, he accidentally crossed an invisible wall and saw a small yet beautiful planet. At first, the man was shocked because the planet was hidden from the outside, even after standing in front of the planet the man wasn't able to sense its presence.

Without thinking much the man entered the planet, but he was shocked once again because the small planet was filled with natural resources.

The man was delighted when he saw the planet native. They were weak like ants.

After thinking for a while he decided to heal himself by absorbing some energy from the planet's core.

He knew it would take many years for him to heal completely that's why before going toward the planet core, he found a random 'host' for the Artifact.

He knew it was sinister, but he didn't care. He needed power for revenge. That's why he didn't care even if he destroyed the whole planet.

In the end, even if he was injured the natives were too weak to do anything with him.

While the black-haired man was thinking, a melodic ting rang out inside the darkness. The crystal shone brightly with golden light, and with a delightful hum, it started spinning with more vigor.

The black-haired eyes widened looking at the crystal.

"Shouldn't it return to me after absorbing the host soul?"

He questioned with shock and disbelief. His emotionless eyes trembled with excitement when he saw the spinning crystal in front of him.

It seemed, he accidentally found a very powerful host! Because even after consuming so much soul energy, the host didn't die.

Under his gaze, the crystal started brimming with energy. There was so much Divine energy that the man almost stood up in shock.

Suddenly the man's shocked eyes narrowed because the crystal abruptly halted its movement and went dormant within a second.

"What's happened? Didn't..."

Before the man could complete his sentence, the red crystal started changing color and turned pitch black.

The man looked at the crystal with greedy eyes, there was so much divine energy inside the crystal, but he couldn't consume it. Not until the other half of the crystal returned.

With a smirk, the man closed his golden eyes. He wasn't in a hurry, because the small planet was hidden, and it would take a lot of time for his enemies to find this planet.

"It's okay! I can wait for a few more years."

He knew after one more devouring session, the other crystal would probably return.

The man thought about the 'host'. It was a young boy he randomly picked up from a place he didn't even remember.

Who would have known the young boy would give him such a big surprise!

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Meanwhile, inside the Tower.

After an hour of running. Kyle finally left all the skeletons behind.

He panted heavily as he looked at his surroundings. He was standing a little further away from the Volcano top.

With a deep breath, Kyle looked back. Some skeletons were still chasing after him.

"What do they even want from me!"

Looking at the approaching skeletons, Kyle got a little angry.

He was tired but his mana was recovered as he didn't use any skill while running.

Kyle looked at the skeletons. He sighed and activated one of his skills.

"Fire rain."

Kyle mumbled under his breath and a huge black cloud formed on top of the incoming skeletons.

Within a second, small finger-sized lava drops started pouring out from the cloud.

Kyle raised his brow as he saw the fireballs melting the skeletons.

The mana inside his body was decreasing as the fire rain descended on the skeletons.

After a minute, 60% of his mana was gone but a satisfied smile appeared on Kyle's face when he looked at his wrist.

"949. Just need 51 more kills!"

More skeletons were approaching but it would take them a few minutes before they arrived in front of Kyle.

Bia who was flying above Kyle suddenly narrowed her eyes.

-'What's that?'

"What?"

Kyle looked at where Bia was looking. A few meters behind him, under a rock a red color book was floating.

He approached the book and looked at it before he picked it up. There were some ancient symbols on the book cover.

"Thank god it's not about arrays!"

Kyle sighed with relief and opened the book.

The moment he opened the book, the book turned into white particles and entered his body.

Chapter 107 Overpowered skill

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Kyle felt a tingling sensation before a red petal appeared on the back of his hand.

He didn't even see the petal and it disappeared within his body before a large amount of knowledge entered his mind.

#*Black Skeletons (S)-Rank

User can use mana to create skeleton warriors. The more mana used the higher the rank skeleton warrior. With enough mana, the user can even call upon an undead army.

To use this skill at least (-D)-Rank mana is required.

Kyle opened his eyes with shock.

"Such an overpowered skill!"

The more Kyle thought about the skill the more happy he became. According to the description, with enough mana, he could call upon an undead army!

While Kyle was grinning and thinking about the skill. Two red core skeletons were approaching him from behind.

He heard their footsteps and turned around.

"Let's check out my new skill!"

Bia looked at Kyle curiously. After seeing his delighted expression, she knew he got something amazing again.

Under her gaze, Kyle took a deep breath and looked at the skeletons.

He thought about it and the skill activated.

"Haa.."

Kyle's eyes widened because all the mana present within his body disappeared in a second.

A few meters ahead of him, a black hand crawled out from the ground. It was completely pitch black. Soon a black body came out from the ground and stood in front of Kyle.

Kyle narrowed his eyes. He could feel a small connection with the black body standing in front of him.

"But why the hell is it incomplete?"

The black skeleton in front of him lacked one hand and one foot. The white core floating in the middle of the skeleton chest was tiny!

Yes! It was so tiny that if someone took a breath in front of it, it would extinguish!

Bia looked at the skeleton standing in front of Kyle and started laughing.

-'Haha, What an overpowered skill!'

Kyle ignored Bia.

"What do you know, the skeleton's power is hidden inside its broken body."

He ordered the skeleton to move and attack the two incoming skeletons.

The tiny core skeleton moved and took a step forward...

-CRACK...

And its body broke and turned into black dust.

Kyle looked at the black dust. His left eye was twitching nonstop.

Bia gazed at the black dust and looked at Kyle with a consoling expression.

-'It's okay. Sometimes it's happened.'

Kyle heard Bia and the tip of his ears turned slightly red. He was embarrassed. Just now he boasted in front of her, but the skeleton he created didn't even take a step forward!

With a serious expression, he attacked the incoming skeletons.

With a slash, he broke one of the skeleton's ribcage and destroyed its core before kicking the other.

While Kyle was fighting the skeletons, a horned figure was floating in the sky.

The figure looked at Kyle.

It was Nixen. While he was sleeping, he suddenly heard a loud shout. He immediately arrived at the Volcano, only to see Kyle shouting in pain.

He observed Kyle for a while. Susan did tell him about Kyle's circumstances but he didn't think much about it.

When Kyle's heart stopped beating, Nixen thought he died but to his surprise, Kyle's heartbeat returned after a few seconds.

"He found my signature skill?"

Nixen mumbled under his breath and shook his head. It was the first time someone found his skill that's why he was surprised.

"Should I leave now? Hmm, I am bored anyway let's watch a little more."

With an expressionless face, Nixen started following behind Kyle.

At the same time, Kyle killed the two skeletons and the number present on his wrist increased once again.

After killing the skeletons, he started walking in a random direction.

After an hour,

Kyle was standing at the edge of the Volcano. The number on his wrist showed '997'.

"Three more to go!"

His gaze darted around but he didn't see any skeleton nearby.

-'There's some skeletons a few meters ahead.'

Bia's voice resounded inside his head. Kyle nodded and started walking again.

While walking his gaze landed on another patch of flowers. They were purple in color.

Without much thought, Kyle plucked the flowers and threw them inside his storage ring.

Seeing Kyle's casual actions, Nixen who was floating above in the sky almost lost his balance.

"Be gentle. The flowers were supreme grade!"

Nixen mumbled under his breath and looked at Kyle's figure. He took a deep breath to calm down.

Within an hour, this was the fourth natural treasure Kyle found randomly!

Just in a single day, Nixen had felt so many emotions that sweat appeared on his expressionless face.

He wasn't worried about treasures because he could just put some more but Kyle was finding natural treasures that even he didn't know were present inside his floor!

"I can't watch anymore."

With a jealous expression, Nixen immediately turned around and disappeared. It was a big mistake when he decided to follow Kyle!

On the other hand, Kyle appeared in front of the skeletons.

He used the skill 'Fire rain' and Killed a group of skeletons in one go.

The number present on his wrist reached '1000' and a golden portal appeared beneath Kyle's feet.

Bia flew toward Kyle before sitting on top of his head.

Kyle looked at the portal and his figure disappeared from the Seventh floor.

After a while, Kyle opened his eyes only to find himself inside pitch-black darkness.

The place in front of him was dark, and his body was floating. No matter where he looked there was nothing. Even Bia who was sitting on top of his head was nowhere to be seen.

'Bia?'

He called out Bia's name inside his head because even though he could feel their connection, he wasn't able to converse with her. Kyle called Bia's name again but after receiving no reply, his expression turned serious.

With a deep sigh, Kyle started floating aimlessly inside the darkness. He knew he entered the golden portal with Bia but he appeared in this strange place.

Chapter 108 Illusion I

After floating around in the darkness for a minute, Kyle's vision turned blurry and he lost consciousness.

His body was still floating in the darkness when a crack appeared in front of his body. A young black-haired woman stepped outside from the crack and stood in front of Kyle's floating body.

The woman was beautiful. She gazed at Kyle's body with her crimson eyes.

Her clothes were completely white and a brown color flower was engraved on the back of her hand.

Bia was sitting on top of her shoulder. When Bia saw Kyle, she approached his floating body and called out his name.

-'Kyle?'

The woman looked at Bia and spoke in a cold voice.

"Don't worry he is fine."

"Even if he failed the trial, he won't die."

Bia sighed with relief after hearing the woman's words.

After gazing at Kyle's body once, the woman waved her hand and the pitch-black darkness disappeared.

The woman and Bia both appeared inside a white room. The room was vast filled with multicolor floating books. A single chair and a table were placed in the middle of the room.

The woman approached the table and sat down before picking up a floating red book to read.

Bia who was flying looked at the three floating figures in a corner of the room.

The figures were Kyle, Alec and Jian. All three of them were unconscious.

With a sigh, Bia flew toward the table and started waiting for Kyle to wake up.

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"Kyle?"

A familiar voice called out Kyle's name in a worried voice.

"Huh?"

Kyle opened his eyes and saw the figure calling out his name.

"Father?"

A black-haired middle-aged man was standing in front of Kyle. It was Baron Ohan.

He gazed at Kyle with worry.

"How about you play outside with friends until the healer checks your mom?"

With a confused expression, Kyle looked at his father. The man standing in front of him was definitely his father but for some reason to Kyle, he looked younger.

'I feel like I am forgetting something important.'

Kyle looked at himself, his hands were short just like a 5-6 year old child's.

While Kyle was thinking another voice resounded. A black-haired, ten year-old kid looked at Baron Ohan. The kid pitch pitch-black eyes were anxious and showed worry.

"Father! Is mother fine?"

Kyle looked at the boy. It was Neon.

"Brother?"

The boy looked at Kyle and blinked his eyes. Baron Ohan looked at the kids with worry. His wife's condition was critical, the doctors were doing their best.

"Neon, Don't worry mom is fine. Take Kyle outside to play for a while."

Neon looked at Baron Ohan and nodded his head before grabbing Kyle's hand.

"Let's go outside."

Kyle was confused as to what was happening but he followed behind Neon.

Soon, they left the corridor and arrived in front of the large gate. After leaving the house both of them arrived in a park.

There park was not that far from Baron Ohan's household. It was a large open area filled with feet-sized grass.

Small kids were playing around the park. Seeing Kyle and Neon some kids hurriedly surrounded them.

Neon wasn't in the mood to play. After leaving Kyle with the kids, he returned home.

Kyle looked at Neon's fading figure with narrowed eyes. Suddenly a 6 year old kid standing behind Kyle spoke.

"Kyle, I heard your mother is dead. Is it true?"

Kyle looked at the kid. He had golden hair and black eyes. There was a playful smile on the kid's face.

"No, she is just sick."

With a serious expression, Kyle replied but then he frowned. He felt like something was wrong.

'She is sick?'

The golden-haired kid snorted and pushed Kyle back.

"She is dead! Just accept it. Why are you lying."

"You..."

Kyle was going to reply when a black-haired middle-aged man suddenly descended from the sky.

The man was wearing golden robes. With an expressionless face, he looked at the kids.

For some reason, Kyle felt like the man's golden pupils were familiar.

The man approached the kids and tried to grab one of the kid. All the kids surrounding Kyle panicked. They hurriedly started running away from the park.

Kyle looked at the man and narrowed his eyes. He felt like he had seen him before but he didn't remember.

"Uncle, do you need something."

The man frowned when all the kids ran away. Now only Kyle was standing in front of him.

With a cold gaze, he grabbed Kyle by the collar and picked him up.

"What are you doing?"

Kyle spoke with frustration. He didn't understand what was happening. With a serious expression, he clenched his small hand into a fist and punched the man's hand.

"Let me go!"

The man raised his brow at Kyle's bold actions. He chuckled and forced something inside Kyle's mouth before throwing him away.

"Cough.. Cough...What did you feed me?"

The black-haired man gazed at Kyle's small figure and started walking away.

"Tsk, be grateful that I chose an ant like you."

The man spoke with disdain before he started floating and disappeared from Kyle's view.

Kyle was coughing nonstop. He heard the man's words.

'An ant?'

Suddenly blood started coming out from his mouth and nose. A sharp pain appeared inside his chest.

"Ugh..."

He clenched his chest and a tear came out from his eyes.

"It's painful."

After crying for a few minutes, Kyle stood up and wiped his face. He was feeling strange pain but it wasn't unbearable.

"I should tell father!"

He started walking back home with red eyes. After entering the house gate, Kyle walked inside a beautiful garden. The garden was filled with different flowers because his mother liked flowers.

After walking inside the large house for a while, he appeared in front of his father's room.

Kyle stopped a little further away from the room door and blinked his eyes. His father and brothers were pacing outside the room.

Suddenly the door room opened and a healer came out from inside. There was a relief expression on the healer's face when he spoke with Baron Ohan.

After speaking with the healer for a while Baron Ohan started smiling. Even Neon and Ray both sighed with relief. After saying goodbye to the healer, all three of them hurriedly entered the room.

Kyle looked at the fading healer and started walking toward the room. He stopped at the door and looked inside.

The room belonged to his father. There wasn't anything expensive in the room but it was filled with paintings and some old antiques.

Suddenly Kyle's gaze landed on the bed. His father and brothers were standing around the bed with happy expressions.

On the bed, a brown-haired pale woman was sitting. Even though she was pale she looked beautiful. She laughed and looked at Baron Ohan with warm eyes.

"I said I am fine! You always worry too much."

"Look even the kids are anxious because of you."

Baron Ohan grabbed the woman's hand.

"I am happy you are fine Nicole. Now we all can stay together forever."

Both Neon and Ray hugged the woman and started expressing their worries.

On the other hand, Kyle was frozen in his spot. He started crying while looking at the pale woman.

"Mom?"

Baron Ohan looked at the room door. Kyle was looking at the woman with teary eyes.

"Kyle come here, mom is fine now."

The woman looked at Kyle warmly and waved her hand.

The woman called again but Kyle didn't move. He was just crying while looking at her.

Baron Ohan walked toward Kyle. He bent down and wiped his tears.

"Why are you crying like a baby? Mom is fine now. She will stay with us forever."

Neon and Ray also approached Kyle and started patting his back.

"Father he is an idiot. Always crying!"

Neon pinched Kyle's cheek and walked back toward the pale woman.

Baron Ohan grabbed Kyle's hand and started walking toward the bed but Kyle grabbed his hand tightly and didn't move.

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"What happened Kyle."

He looked at Kyle with confusion. At the same time, the woman sitting on the bed smiled and looked at Kyle.

"Don't you want to hug mom."

Kyle looked at his mom and took a step back.

Baron Ohan frowned.

"Are you gonna let your mom wait?"

With a deep breath, Kyle wiped his tears with his sleeve and looked at his father seriously.

"I remember she died today."

He pointed at the woman with a trembling finger and spoke with a choked voice.

"She is dead."

Baron Ohan's eyes darken, he grabbed Kyle's shoulder tightly and shouted angrily.

"Are you crazy? She is fine!"

While shaking his head, Kyle repeated his words.

"I don't know what's happening but mom is dead."

Baron Ohan's grip on Kyle's shoulder loosened and he fell to his knees.

Under Kyle's gaze, like a mirror everything cracked and his vision turned dark again.

Chapter 109 Illusion II

Meanwhile, After Alec disappeared from the seventh floor. He appeared in front of a beautiful lake.

The lake was calm and there wasn't anything else present around it.

He gazed around but there was nothing. After walking around the lake for a while, he became dizzy and lost consciousness.

After a few minutes, he opened his eyes only to find himself inside a worn-out room.

The room was small and old. A single old bed was present in the middle of the room.

Alec looked around with confusion. He walked outside the room.

While Alec was looking around a voice called out to him from behind.

"Alec you are late again. Hurry up eat something. Everyone else has already eaten. You are the only one left."

Alec turned around and saw an old woman standing a few meters behind him.

She was waving at Alec with a warm smile.

Some small kids were running around the woman.

Alec looked at the old woman and a warm feeling welled up inside his chest. Some tears appeared in the corner of his eyes.

After wiping his eyes Alec smiled and hurriedly approached the woman.

The kids running around the old woman saw Alec and started running toward him.

"Brother you are awake. Let's play after eating!"

A brown-haired young boy grabbed Alec's hand and looked at him with puppy eyes.

With a smile, Alec nodded his head and grabbed a piece of bread from the old woman's hand.

Alec was a little confused but he knew where he was. He was at the orphanage, where he spent his childhood.

The old woman and the kids standing in front of him were his only family when he was young.

The orphanage was small but the few kids living inside the orphanage were well-fed.

Also, the old woman took care of everyone like a mother.

Alec also considered the other kids his brothers and sisters.

He was going to eat the bread but then a notification sounded in front of Alec.

Warning! Unknown energy is detected around the host mind!

An emergency mission is assigned to the host!

'Mission; xX'

Break the Illusion of the eighth-floor guardian.

Reward:

Trial cleared.

1xSub-Rank increased.

Penalty:

Failed to advance to the next floor.

-1×Sub-Rank.

Time remaining: 7 days.

Alec gazed at the system panel and closed his eyes. He was confused but he somewhat knew it was an illusion.

Because the old woman standing in front of him was dead. Even the kids surrounding him were dead.

The moment he saw the old woman, her blood-filled figure appeared inside his head.

With a deep breath, Alec dismissed the System panel.

He knew his new friends who were like a new family were waiting for him outside the Illusion.

He knew he had to do a lot of things. He also needs to take revenge for their death by killing all the monsters but he wanted to spend some time with the old woman and the kids.

With a smile, he devoured the bread and started playing with the kids.

Everyone was laughing and playing but the more time Alec spent inside the Illusion the blurry his memory became.

Even though he remembered everything after seeing the system panel, but after two days, his mind became a little foggy.

After spending three more days inside the Illusion, he forgets the names of his friends. He even forgets their faces.

"Didn't the system say I have 7 days so why?"

Alec questioned with teary eyes. He had to leave because if he stayed inside the Illusion another day. He will probably forget about the system.

With a deep breath. He accepted the fact that the people standing in front of him were dead and the happy image in front of him cracked like a mirror.

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Meanwhile, After entering the golden portal. Jian appeared on top of a vast mountain.

The mountain was filled with grass and flowers.

Jian looked around the mountain for a while and after finding nothing. He fell asleep because he was tired after destroying so many ugly skeletons.

Even in his sleep, he was cursing the skeletons for their ugliness.

After a few seconds, his thoughts became dizzy and he opened his eyes with annoyance, only to find himself standing inside a big room.

The room was majestic with expensive paintings and carpets lying around everywhere. There were rubies and diamonds embedded in the walls.

A large luxurious bed was placed in the middle of the room. On top of the bed, a beautiful golden-haired woman was reading a book.

Jian looked at himself and became shocked. He was grabbing some broken pieces of the vase in his tiny hands.

"Wasn't I...?"

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With a perplexed expression. He tried to remember what he was going to say but no matter how hard he tried, he didn't remember anything.

Jian threw the vase pieces away and put his middle finger on his cheek.

"I feel like I am forgetting something!"

The woman sitting on top of the bed chuckled when she saw Jian's movements.

While Jian was thinking a cute voice sounded from behind the bed.

"Jian are you going to find me or not."

Jian looked at the place where the voice came and raised his brow.

"Prince Kelvin, I know you are hiding behind the bed!"

"No I am not! Also, I didn't break the vase!"

Jian blinked his red eyes and approached the bed.

"Don't you know there are insects behind the bed? Are you really not coming out!"

"The insects are ugly just like the ugly skeletons...?"

"Ugly skeletons?"

Jian widened his eyes. How can he forget the ugly skeletons?

But then suddenly he looked at the golden-haired woman sitting on top of the bed.

It was Kelvin's mom who died when they were young. Memories of the past appeared inside Jian's head and he started crying.

After Kelvin, she was the only person who was close to Jian because Jian's parents died in an accident.

The golden-haired woman looked at Jian worriedly.

"What happened Jian? Why are crying, come here!"

Kelvin also came out from the bed and approached Jian.

"Are you crying because I lied about the vase?"

"I am sorry. Don't cry."

Kelvin started crying as well.

Jian looked at Kelvin and started crying more.

"You looked ugly while crying. Even uglier than the ugly skeletons."

The golden-haired woman sitting on top of the bed sighed and stood up. She approached the kids and wiped their tears.

"Why are you both crying because of a vase? I can buy 100 new vases don't you know I am the Queen."

Kelvin chuckled when he heard her mom.

"Yes! We are rich!"

He kicked the broken pieces of the vase away and looked at Jian with a smile.

"Let's go play outside!"

Jian shook his head and suddenly hugged the golden-haired woman.

The woman was confused but she patted his back with assurance.

"It's okay."

After calming down Jian stepped back and the image in front of him cracked.

Chapter 110 Illusion III

-CRACK!

After everything cracked and disappeared, Kyle's vision became blurry again. His eyes were slightly red due to crying.

It's been a long time since he saw his mother. He remembered that day he returned home, only to see his mother's lifeless body lying on the bed.

His father and brothers were sitting around the bed and crying.

How can he forget that day? The day when his family became incomplete.

With a deep breath, Kyle shook his head and looked in front of him.

It was dark but in the next second, he found himself standing in front of a fist-sized silver orb.

Kyle looked back, he was inside a large hall. The hall was devoid of any antiques or paintings but its structure was decent-looking.

Many young and old people were standing a few meters behind Kyle in groups.

Inside the large crowd, he also spotted his father who waved his hand at Kyle with assurance.

"What was I doing?"

With a confused expression, he ruffled his black hair. They were completely black.

"Was I crying?"

Kyle frowned when he saw his reflection inside the silver orb.

"Kid, what are you doing? Put your hand on the orb."

An old voice resounded and Kyle looked up. A brown-haired middle-aged man, wearing a black robe was looking at him with a frown.

"Ah, sorry.."

Kyle hurriedly apologized and placed his hand on the orb. The orb shone brightly for a while.

The middle-aged man standing behind the orb gazed at Kyle and sighed. He expected a better result but alas.

"(B)-Rank talent."

The man spoke and asked Kyle to leave the platform, so he could test the talent of other kids.

The silver orb was used in every small city to awaken talent after the young kids turned 15.

Kyle heard the man and nodded.

'(B)-Rank? It's not that bad.'

With an expressionless face, he stepped down from the platform and started walking toward his father.

Suddenly a golden-haired kid stopped Kyle midway.

"Hey, Kyle."

There was a mocking smile present on the face of the golden-haired youth. Kyle looked at the boy.

It was Sen, his neighbor. When Kyle was young, he played together with him sometimes. But after his mother's death Kyle stopped playing with him and others his age.

Sen's father was a (+S)-Rank hunter that's why they were respected around the city.

'What does he want?'

Kyle didn't like Sen at all because his personality wasn't good.

"I thought your talent would be better than your father's as you are always wearing a cold expression but it's trash. Just like your father, it's better you became a merchant!"

"Because with such a low talent, you won't be able to achieve anything in your life."

Kyle heard Sen's words but didn't say anything. A few days ago, Sen's talent was tested and just like his father, he awakened (+S)-Rank talent.

It was enough to give Sen a bright future but Kyle wasn't jealous because even if he cared, it's not like his talent will change.

Someone's talent was destined from birth as it shows a person's potential or how much power people can achieve in their whole life.

Kyle turned around and started walking toward his father. He wasn't in the mood to hear the blabbering of a spoiled kid.

Getting no reaction from Kyle, Sen's face turned red.

"Are you ignoring me?"

He shouted but Kyle didn't stop.

"Huh? Tsk, I heard your mother was a beauty and also a (-S)-Rank hunter."

Hearing about his mother, Kyle stopped and frowned.

'What the hell does he want?'

Sen raised his brow. Finally, he got some reaction from this emotionless guy.

"It's truly a waste she married your father who was only a (B)-Rank merchant and gave birth to you and your useless brothers."

With a dark expression, Kyle turned around and looked at Sen.

Sen's smile widened when he saw Kyle's reaction. For some reason, he didn't like the aloof mask Kyle wore, it's like he didn't care about anything.

Sen was rich and liked it when others sucked up to him because of his powerful father and wealth, but among all the kids his age Kyle was the only one who never showed any reaction to Sen.

Today he finally saw a crack in the mask Kyle was wearing!

"What did I say anything wrong? She would have been a little useful if she fuc.... "

Sen's words were cut off because Kyle punched his face.

"Ahh..."

With a shout, Sen grabbed his jaw with both hands. His front teeth were broken and blood started pouring out from his mouth. He looked at Kyle who was glaring at him with a dark expression.

"If you don't know how to respect others you should learn to keep your mouth shut."

A cold and chilling voice came out of Kyle's mouth.

The crowd gasped with shock when they saw Kyle punching Sen out of nowhere.

Baron Ohan, Kyle's father was also shocked because Kyle rarely harmed others.

He hurriedly left the crowd and ran toward Kyle to stop him.

At the same time, Sen gazed back at Kyle with anger.

"How dare an ant like you hit me!"

Sen shouted and pointed his middle finger at Kyle.

'An ant?'

The word 'ant' resounded inside Kyle's head again and again. He hated this word.

Kyle's anger rose again and he clenched his right hand into a fist.

He was going to punch Sen again but suddenly a loud shout resounded, and someone grabbed his hand.

"How dare you hit my son?"

Kyle looked at the person who grabbed his fist. It was a muscular middle-aged man. His hair was golden just like Sen.

'Uncle John?'

While Kyle was looking at the man, a huge pressure descended on his shoulder before he fell to his knees with a painful expression.

With a serious expression, Baron Ohan arrived in front of John and tried to stop his pressure.

However, he failed miserably because he was only a (B)-Rank merchant while John was an experienced (+S)-Rank hunter. There was a big gap between their strength.

The crowd looked at them and started whispering.

Even the man conducting the talent test looked at Kyle and Sen with a frown. He sighed and stopped John's pressure because he was stronger.

"If you want to fight go outside because I need to finish my job."

The man conducting the talent test spoke coldly and looked at John and Baron Ohan.

With a nod, John grabbed Sen's hand and started walking. He glared at Kyle and Baron Ohan before gesturing for them to follow behind him.

Under the watchful gaze of the curious crowd, they left the hall and arrived outside in an open area.

John gave a healing potion to Sen before looking at Kyle with anger.

Even though Sen was a little spoiled, he was his only son!

Kyle glared back at John.

Meanwhile, Baron Ohan looked at Kyle worriedly. He knew if Kyle punched Sen, it was definitely the latter fault. But he wasn't powerful enough to protect his family if John wanted to take out his anger on them.

'I can't let anything happen to Kyle.'

While Kyle was glaring at John, Baron Ohan suddenly lowered his head and apologized.

Kyle looked at his father with wide eyes. His anger dissipated within a second.

'Ah...They are stronger than us.'

With a blank expression, Kyle grabbed his father's shoulder and stopped him.

"I was the one who hit him. I will apologize for my mistakes."

Kyle looked at Sen with a cold face and apologized. He was angry that's why he forgot to consider his limits.

The world they were living in was ruled by the strong and Kyle was among the ordinary people. If he didn't apologize, who knows what consequences his family had to face because of him?

Sen scoffed at Kyle and looked at John.

"Father, there's no need to get angry because of some ants!"

John looked at Sen and sighed. On the other hand, Sen gave Kyle another disdainful glance and mumbled under his breath.

"Tsk, lowly Ant!"

Seeing Kyle's expressionless face. Sen's face became sour.

"What are you looking at? Don't you want to punch me again? Here Punch me now. Let's see if you have any balls."

Sen started taunting Kyle with a mocking smile but no matter what he said, Kyle didn't do anything.

With a deep breath, Kyle took a step back. He gazed at Sen with cold eyes.

'I will punch you when we meet again in reality.'

Sen's smile froze and with a loud sound, everything started cracking like a mirror.

Kyle looked at the broken pieces and sighed.

"I almost fell into the trap. If not for the fact that my talent isn't (B)-Rank anymore, I would have accepted the illusion as reality."

He gazed at the broken pieces.

"I wonder what he's doing after leaving the Kingdom?"

Kyle shook his head with a laugh.

"I remember, after John insulted my father I somewhat lost the will to work hard."

Fate is a very powerful existence. In the past, Kyle laughed it out after the incident but it left a bad taste in his mouth.

When his brothers asked him to learn swordsmanship in the past, Kyle just lazily said,

'The world is not ending nor the Kingdoms are waging wars so why do a (B)-Rank talent like me need to work hard?'

Kyle did get beaten up a little after his remarks but his lazy nature never changed.

"Sigh, I said I am not jealous but in the end inwardly I always wanted to become someone strong."

He looked in front of him and saw a bright white portal.

"So the illusion is finally ending?"

With a serious expression, Kyle gazed at the broken images one last time and stepped inside the white portal.