

Celestial Bloodline

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The lecture lasted an hour before Aliza left the classroom.

As usual, after the lecture, the students entered the training ground.

Alec stood in front of a dummy with the sword unsheathed, his palms were sweating and his clothes drenched. He wiped the sweat with a towel and glanced at his friends they were all practicing diligently. Not far from Carcel, Nine was also practicing a new skill on a dummy.

He put the towel away and looked at the person standing next to him.

Kyle looked engrossed in reading the sword Art he got from the library. He would frown from time to time but had not done anything else for the past thirty minutes.

After taking a deep breath Alec started practicing again.

Professor Liam the weapon training instructor also glanced at Kyle and frowned, he had been watching over the kids and helping them if they had any problems.

He walked toward Kyle.

"Kid what are you doing, looking at the Art manual you are holding it's 3-star. If you don't understand it, how about asking me for help? I am standing here to help anyway."

"!..."

Kyle looked at the tall professor standing in front of him.

"It's fine. Thank you, sir."

He nodded politely before putting the book inside the storage ring, it seemed he was too engrossed in reading and forgot about the surroundings.

Professor Liam's frown deepened, 'Whatever I just wanted to help, let's see how you understand such a hard manual by yourself.'

Not caring anymore the Professor walked toward another student. He had seen this type of students a lot who think they can learn anything without anyone's help. In the end, they all come running for help.

On the other hand, Kyle walked toward one of the dummies. Taking out the sword from the storage ring he took a deep breath.

He has been reading the Art book and after just reading it for half an hour he comprehends all four moves!

It seems his understanding and comprehension abilities increased incredibly after the suppression effect of the bloodline lessened.

After understanding all the moves first, he cursed inwardly because now he knew why it would take hundreds of years just to master a single move.

The four moves themselves were very easy to execute. To execute the first move you can't use brute force. Using light as a medium a fast single tap can cut the enemy in half. They were light and destructive at the same time.

The day when the strength in your arm becomes one with the sword, only then will you be able to master the first move.

Kyle looked at the dummy, holding the sword he took an overwhelming stance.

Alec who was practicing near him stopped and looked at Kyle with anticipation.

When they were fighting the Goblins, Alec noticed Kyle only used brute force without any proper technique to kill the Goblins.

Professor Liam who was waiting for Kyle to ask for help also looked at him. The sudden change in the atmosphere attracted a few other students standing behind the professor, they also looked toward Kyle.

Meanwhile, Kyle who had not even executed the move felt the burning stare coming from Alec. He also felt someone staring from behind.

He started sweating.

'Dam.'

Taking a deep breath again Kyle decided to empty his mind.

After grabbing the sword more firmly, he slowly slashed it horizontally and the move everyone was waiting so eagerly to see was executed.

Alec looked at the tip of the sword and frowned because he didn't feel any force from the attack.

'Is he going to attack the chest? But It is too slow and can be blocked easily.'

Alec and Professor Liam both thought the same thing but the sword suddenly became too fast and changed trajectory mid-way aiming for the neck of the dummy.

' ? '

Professor Liam showed a surprised expression.

Meanwhile, the sword hit the dummy's neck with a,

'Tap'

"Huh? " Alec exclaimed dumbfounded because the dummy didn't even move an inch.

The hit was so light that he felt like he would be able to take thousands of those hits without getting a scratch.

"Pffff." The laughter of the students standing behind the professor attracted the attention of the other students.

"What happened?"

Someone questioned.

"Hahaha Dam! It's so funny. He took such an overbearing stance only to tap the dummy gently?"

"Hahaha Right, I thought after standing for so long he was going to perform something awesome."

Hearing the countless laughs Kyle was so embarrassed that the tip of his ears turned red.

'Fuck who the heck wrote this Art. Pray I never found you or else I am definitely gonna beat you up.'

After cursing the creator of the Art inwardly he tried to ignore those fools who were laughing non-stop.

'What do they know, the Art is very powerful I just need some more practice.'

Kyle was still consoling himself inwardly when he heard a small choke laughter from the left side.

He turned around and saw It was Alec!

Alec was covering his mouth with one hand and holding a sword in another, it seemed like he tried to hold the laughter but failed miserably.

Seeing the shaking body of Alec a vein bulged on Kyle's forehead and he lost it.

"Are you laughing at me? It seems you want to take a hit from my sword."

Kyle exclaimed with frustration before pointing the tip of the sword toward Alec.

"Haha No I..."

Alec knew that things were going bad, but he still wasn't able to stop laughing.

He found it funny how Kyle was trying his best to show a serious expression just like a kid who lost a bet.

Alec's laughter attracted more attention, now all the students present inside the training ground looked toward Alec and Kyle.

"Huh."

Kyle Hmph sarcastically and looked at Alec dumbfounded.

'What so funny, even the students standing behind the Professor didn't laugh this much.'

"Dam you asked for it!"

With an angry face, Kyle attacked Alec.

Alec wanted to stop laughing and apologize but seeing a sword coming straight at his face he stopped laughing before easily deflecting Kyle's attack with a single slash.

After deflecting the attack Alec decided to patch things up. He knew he went too far this time.

"I am sorry, I didn't mean to. It's just your expression was funny."

His apology made Kyle more angry because even when apologizing Alec was smiling.

Now Kyle wanted nothing but to wipe that annoying smile out of Alec's face.

"Damit! You are still laughing. Stop laughing and then apologize."

Kyle attacked again and again, but what made him more frustrated was that no matter how he attacked, Alec would deflect it with ease without facing pressure.

Only Professor Liam who was watching the fight seriously from the start noticed the small change in Kyle's movement.

'His movements are becoming refined the more he uses his sword, is it my imagination?'

Chapter 32: First Strike

The more Professor Liam watched the fight, the more he became sure that he wasn't imagining things.

Kyle was indeed improving while attacking!

On the other hand, Kyle also noticed how he was improving at a very fast pace because now he was executing all the basic sword moves perfectly.

What made him astonished was that he only practiced them a few times before with his elder brother. At that time he wasn't even able to complete the basic training due to lack of interest.

Kyle glanced at Alec who was blocking the attack directly, only to find him gazing back with a surprised expression.

Seeing the sweat dripping from his forehead Kyle was sure right now Alec was feeling pressure. For Alec, the pressure wasn't much because he was still able to block Kyle's every attack with ease.

But for Kyle, it was a big achievement because he just started learning.

Kyle attacked again but now more seriously, while observing every small movement.

Their swords clashed again, making a loud sound.

-CLANK!

Alec blocked the attack easily, only to see Kyle attacking once again.

Just like before Alec was going to block the attack but found that Kyle's sword blurred and became too fast.

Alec's eyes widened after seeing the sword changing trajectory midway.

It was the same move that made everyone laugh!

And for the first time, he felt an overwhelming threat coming from Kyle's sword.

Alec hurriedly moved back to block the sword aiming at his neck.

-CLANK!

This time the sound was too loud and Alec was pushed back a few steps.

He looked at Kyle with shock, not just him even Professor Liam had shock hidden behind his serious face.

They both knew if Alec had not seen the move before there was no way he would be able to block it.

The students laughing before would have never believed that the strength behind that small 'tap' was so immense if they hadn't seen it with their own eyes.

Panting heavily, Kyle looked at Alec with a smirk. He used all his stamina and was exhausted.

"ha ha.. let's stop. I admit defeat you can laugh at me."

Kyle put the sword inside the storage ring with a satisfied expression before lying on the ground while thinking inwardly,

'First strike: Eliminate'

Professor Liam smiled upon hearing Kyle's words. He looked at all the other students watching Kyle and Alec fight.

"What are you all doing? If you don't want to train then leave the training grounds now."

The professor's angry shout made everyone snap out of their thoughts and focus on their training.

Alec shook his head and took out a bottle of water before throwing it toward Kyle.

"You did great. Let's fight again next time."

An invitation to fight the number 1 first-year student why won't Kyle agree?

"Sure."

Kyle agreed with a small smile.

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Meanwhile, Professor Aliza after leaving the classroom went toward Vice Principal George's office to report on the Ranking Assessment.

She knocked on the door slightly before hearing a calm and serene voice from the office.

"Come in."

Aliza opened the door and walked inside. There was nothing fancy inside the office. A few paintings hung on the walls and a small desk filled with papers. Vice Principal George was sitting on a chair behind the desk wearing glasses.

"I am here to report about the new student's performance."

Vice Principal George looked at Aliza before removing the glasses he was wearing.

"How did they perform? Any students exceeding expectations."

Aliza placed some documents in front of the vice principal before speaking.

"As expected Alec took the first place, Carcel second, and so on. Only the student named 'Kyle Ohan' performed exceptionally exceeding the criteria you set. He also reached (+F)-Rank suddenly."

Vice Principal George was nodding at everything Aliza said.

"Oh as expected of that student Kyl-

He stopped midway and looked at Aliza with wide eyes before asking with a hint of doubt.

"Who did you say reached (+F)-Rank."

Aliza smiled, she knew it was hard to believe considering how the Vice principal described Kyle as a lazy and untalented kid who only had luck. Nevertheless, she repeated her words.

Vice Principal George frowned and thought deeply,

'How?'

It was fine for Kyle to reach (+F)-Rank. But reaching it only in a week was not right at all!

After telling about a few more students Aliza left the office as she had to deal with some other matters.

Vice Principal George also hurriedly sorted out some papers before leaving the office with a serious expression.

Soon he reached the training grounds designed for the first year students.

Standing at the upper part of the training ground he glanced at the students.

Everyone was practicing diligently.

Scanning through the crowd of students his eyes spotted Carcel and Lara before stopping at Alec who was sweating heavily but still swinging the sword at the dummy non-stop.

Alec made the principal serious face soften a little, but soon that softness was nowhere to be found.

A student lying luxury on the floor while playfully swirling a water bottle with his hands.

That student wasn't sweating nor was holding any weapon.

The Vice principal barely stopped himself to go and kick Kyle.

He took a deep breath to calm down as he wouldn't look good beating up a student.

After calming down, the Vice Principal left with a disappointed expression.

'What was I expecting.'

On the other hand, Kyle who was lying on the floor while thinking about how his mind became more clear recently, felt like someone was badmouthing him behind his back.

He stood up and looked around to see who dared, but found no one. Everyone was busy training.

"Maybe I am thinking too much."

After stretching his body a little Kyle take out the sword from the storage ring.

Standing properly in front of the dummy he swung his sword horizontally. Just like before the sword changed trajectory mid-way before hitting the neck of the dummy.

Following the sound of the hit the dummy trembled from its place a little, showing the incredible force behind the attack.

Chapter 33: Is it going to hatch?

The students of Royal Academy become busy with their daily lives, waking up early, taking classes, and training afterward.

This routine was similar for everyone, Kyle also followed it but unlike other hard-working students who practice day and night Kyle wasn't so optimistic, as he would only practice for a few hours before going to rest.

He wanted to become strong after finding out about the bloodline, but there wasn't anything important he needed to take care of urgently. Also, the people he knew right now were capable of taking care of themselves. That's why even though Kyle wanted to become strong he wasn't in a hurry like Alec who had seen the end of the world.

On the other hand, Alec who was keeping an eye on Kyle became more and more shocked when they sparred, because in just a single month Kyle's achievements were equivalent to someone who had practiced for years.

When they spar Kyle would always lose but as time passed his movements were becoming refined and stronger. What astonished Alec more was that Kyle didn't even practice those movements, it was like Kyle was observing everyone the whole time he stayed in the training grounds and used those moves when he fought with Alec.

Except for Alec, Kyle also sparred with Carcel. The first time Carcel fought with Kyle, not just him but everyone present inside the training ground was shocked because even though Kyle lost in the end, he was able to fight Carcel head-on for more than five minutes.

It was incredible indeed considering Kyle's talent was only (B)-Rank while Carcel was someone with (-SSS)-Rank talent.

There was also something that frustrated Alec a lot. He and Carcel with the others would practice the whole night even Nine sometimes practiced the whole night but Kyle would leave the moment the clock hit 6:00 PM. Kyle was lazy, not just a little he was too lazy.

The talent Kyle showed just in a month was enough to make others envious.

Professor Liam the training instructor was also amazed at Kyle's performance. He was tempted to take Kyle as a disciple but when Professor Aliza told him that Kyle's talent was only (B)-Rank, Professor Liam had no choice but to sigh.

What's the point of such incredible potential when he can't go beyond (B)-Rank? He found it a pity that someone like Kyle had such a low talent. If only he was someone with (S)-Rank or higher talent, he would easily be able to rival someone like Alec.

In this month Kyle also got a little closer with Alec and Carcel due to them sparring with each other a lot.

At first, Kyle found Alec's friendly behavior suspicious because even when Kyle ignored him he would try to approach him, but as time passed and he saw Alec still being too friendly Kyle thought maybe he misunderstood his good intentions.

And also because thinking about the same thing for a long time wasn't what Kyle would do. He found it bothersome and time consuming, instead of thinking and exhausting his brain he would better sleep.

Kyle and Alec's interaction wasn't to the point of calling them best friends but it was enough to make them causal friends with each other.

Lara was still uncomfortable around Kyle because she ignored him first. It was also too much for her to just go and sit with Kyle and pretend nothing happened. That's why she would always drag Mia toward the back seats. Due to them, Alec had no choice but to go and sit with them.

When the first-month mark hit, Alec was the first one to break through to (-E)-Rank. He was already near a breakthrough before entering the Royal Academy but due to someone stealing his mission during the Ranking Assessment, he had no choice but to wait for a natural breakthrough.

The moment Alec broke through to (-E)-Rank, there was an uproar inside the Royal Academy. Breaking through to (-E)-Rank at such a young age was a huge achievement.

Vice Principal George also personally visited Alec and praised him in front of the whole class.

Vice Principal George wanted the kids to become competitive and the biggest reason was that he wanted to tell some lucky brat to practice hard or else he would kick him out of the Academy.

Kyle who was sitting with Nine didn't know what he did wrong to get such a cold stare from the Vice Principal. He was working hard and everyone was praising him so why was the Vice principal glaring at him?

The thing he didn't know was that whenever he was being lazy or resting the Vice Principal would see him and become angry. The Vice principal barely controlled himself to just throw Kyle out of the Academy. No one knew if it was a coincidence or Kyle's bad luck.

The next morning as usual Kyle woke up and started to prepare for class, but before he could open the dorm door he noticed something was missing. He frantically turned

around and looked at the only table present inside the room, a bundle of clothes clustered around was also present on top of the table,

but there was nothing else!

'Where's the egg?'

Kyle panicked. He hurriedly approached the table and picked up all the clothes, but there was nothing. He also looked below the table but found nothing.

"..Where is it."

Kyle started sweating, he clearly remembered he saw the egg last night before he went to sleep. How can he be so careless, he promised the Phoenix to take care of it.

"Dam it!"

With sweaty palms Kyle went toward the bed, he wanted to throw the bed sheets away and check around the whole room, but before he could something hard hit his left foot.

-Click!

Kyle looked below toward his feet, he sighed with relief before picking up the red egg present on the floor.

"Why are you here? You almost freaked me out."

He looked at the egg with narrowed eyes because the red color was starting to change into a deep fire color.

"Is it going to hatch?"

He walked toward the table with a questioning look. He would have studied the egg more but he was getting late for the class. That's why Kyle gently put the egg on top of the clustered clothes and was going to leave.

"Tremble...Click"

Kyle looked at the egg dumfounded, it was trembling and the moment he took a step back, it looked like the egg was trying to follow him.

"What the heck!*"

He cursed loudly. This little fella! What if after he left the room, it fell on the floor again? This time it would be probably broken.

"If you are going to hatch, just come out already. It's not like I can carry you around always. It's dangerous."

With a frustrated expression, Kyle picked up the egg and after putting it inside a small bag he tied it on his waist before finally leaving for the classroom.

Chapter 34: Monster Lord

Inside a luxurious castle room of 'Kingdom Escalante', a meeting was held between the big shots of every Kingdom of the East Continent.

The room was spacious, filled with various antiques of history. In the middle of the room surrounded by various projections of different sizes 'King Cedric' sat on a sofa while wearing a serious expression.

Sitting on his left was Duke Valenza and on his right was Duke Evan.

The silence was broken by a deep voice coming from one of the biggest projections floating inside the room.

"It's what we expected."

The projection showed an old man wearing white clothes, sitting cross-legged on top of a tree. The old man sighed with a complicated expression.

If Vice Principal George saw the old man he would have recognized him immediately. The old man was the Principal of the Royal Academy who left a few months ago without saying anything.

After getting news of the monster's unusual behavior near the borders, the Principal immediately left the Kingdom heading straight toward the Dark forest.

And as everyone feared he found traces of a 'Monster Lord' being born inside the Dark forest.

The Principal sighed and spoke, his voice carried a hint of reluctance.

"The last time a 'Monster Lord' appeared and attacked the humans a whole continent was destroyed. In the end, all the other Continents combined forces to defeat the Monster Lord."

After the Principal confirmed his words a heated discussion broke out inside the room. All the people present inside the projections were kings of different Kingdoms, they all voiced their worries.

If a Monster Lord really appeared, then the East continent which was the nearest to the 'Dark Forest' would be its first target.

And According to history the destruction caused by a 'Monster Lord' wasn't something they could stop with their meager power.

A total of five Kingdoms were present inside the 'East Continent'. And all of them were surrounded by 'Dark forest'.

Among those five Kingdoms, Kingdom Escalante was one of the biggest and also the richest due to its high economy.

Right now the strongest person inside the East Continent was the Principal of the Royal Academy. He was an individual who broke through to (SSS)-Rank a few years ago.

Everyone present inside the room knew that except for the Central Continent which belonged to humans, they couldn't count on any other Continent because in recent years the relationship between humans and other races had worsened.

King Cedric also wore a dark expression after hearing the Principal words but despite that, he spoke with calmness.

"How much time do we have?"

His words were like a thunderstorm as everyone became quiet, waiting for the Principal to answer.

The Principal who was sitting on a tree trunk stood up and looked toward the sky with a serious expression.

"Maximum 8 years, but if it decided to attack early maybe even less than 6 years."

Everyone was quiet, it was a situation where they had to use everything they had or else the only thing approaching them was destruction.

King Foraan from 'Kingdom Whiteland' broke the silence and spoke about another pressing matter that was left undiscussed due to the sudden dangerous news.

"Sigh! The gate of 'Tower of Opportunity' are going to be opened soon, we need to start selecting the younger talents so they can become strong enough to fight the incoming doom."

"Now they are our hope."

After King Foraan spoke, from one of the projections a person wearing dark clothes looked at King Cedric and King Foraan before speaking in a serious tone.

"You are right Foraan, I heard two people with (+SSS)-Rank talent have appeared recently. One is studying inside the Royal Academy while the other is being nurtured under Kingdom Whiteland."

"Prince Carcel the second son of King Cedric also awakened (-SSS)-Rank talent. If my daughter wasn't studying in the Royal Academy I would have never found out about this."

Hearing that two people with (+SSS)-Rank talent have appeared inside the neighboring kingdom everyone present gasped with shock. They didn't even know about this news!

King Cedric frowned hearing the dark clothes man's words, he was going to tell everyone about it but due to the recent events, he completely forgot about everything else.

"It's not like I was trying to hide it, I also just found out recently through Vice Principal George that a commoner named 'Alec' awakened (+SSS)-Rank talent. And about Carcel, sigh! What can I do about him he didn't even tell his mother that he had a talent surpassing his brother."

King Foraan nodded his head and also cleared his name with a serious expression.

"The person from my Kingdom who awakened (+SSS)-Rank talent is 'Jian' one of my distant family relatives. It was a surprise for me as well to find out about him."

The discussion topic inside the room changed. Everyone first expressed their shock before expressing happiness. If before the news about 'Monster Lord' they knew that the neighboring Kingdom had someone with (+SSS)-Rank talent, they would have done everything to kill that person or tried to scout him to their sides.

But now the situation was bad. Everyone knew that if they didn't unite, forgot about stealing talents, they wouldn't even be alive to see the next morning sun.

The discussion lasted for a few more hours before the projections started disappearing, leaving behind only a single projection containing the Principal.

The principal looked at King Cedric and spoke with irritation.

"Why did you invite that dark mage, I wanted to hide the news about Alec and Carcel for a while."

"Now everyone knows Sigh."

King Cedric smiled seeing the old man grumbling like a child.

"It's okay, now is not the time to hide. Let's start preparing for the Tower of Opportunity It's going to open soon."

The Principal sighed again before reluctantly nodding his head. The matter of the Tower of Opportunity was of utmost importance, considering the impending doom standing in front of their doors.

The towers were created by the Ancestors of 'Blue Planet' for the younger generation. Every Continent has a similar tower that opens once every 20 years. The number of entries inside the tower were limited that's why each Kingdom could only send 100 individual each.

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Meanwhile, as usual Kyle entered the classroom with a lazy expression, he walked toward the front seats and sat down.

The seat beside him was empty, it's seem today he was earlier than Nine. Not just Nine even Alec's group wasn't present yet, because there were still fifty minutes left before the class started.

Kyle yawned and put his head on the table, he was going to sleep for a while because waiting for the lecture to start was quite boring, but his sleep was disturbed by a panicked voice.

"Kyle?"

Kyle frowned and looked at Nine who was panting heavily, looking like he just run a marathon. He stood up and hurriedly walked toward Nine.

"Calm down, What happened?"

After calming his breath Nine looked at Kyle with a serious expression.

"I have bad news for you."

Kyle's frown deepened, from the morning he was having a nagging feeling that something bad was going to happen and now hearing Nine words he also panicked a little.

Nine looked at Kyle, hesitating if he should tell him but he knew he had to tell everything because if not Kyle would find out from someone else.

Chapter 35: They are fine... Right?

"Due to some reason, the monsters near the border suddenly attacked some small cities and a lot of people died. They also destroyed some buildings.. also Nyan City was among the cities that got attacked."

"I remember you are from.."

Kyle's mind went blank for a while, he shuddered at the thought of anything happening to his family. Nine was speaking but right now Kyle wasn't in the condition to hear what he was saying.

Seeing Kyle making a dark expression like he could kill anyone, Nine was literally scared. Still, he was worried and was going to say something but before he could Kyle panicked and immediately left the classroom.

Kyle didn't have any communication device which he could use to contact his family. The only thing he wanted to do was to leave the Academy immediately to see his family.

Nine looked at Kyle's fading image, it was almost time for Professor Aliza to enter the classroom. He cursed but still followed behind Kyle.

At first Nine wanted to get close to Kyle because he thought of him as someone strong, but now after spending a whole month together, he was seriously worried about Kyle.

After running out of the classroom Kyle didn't know what to do, as leaving the Academy without permission wasn't allowed. With sweaty palms and a blank expression, he was thinking about what to do when Nine grabbed his shoulder to calm him down.

"Everything will be fine, Let's take a mission and go together."

Kyle glanced at Nine and after hearing his words he started to calm down. He clenched his fists and nodded, now was not the time to be impulsive.

Both of them hurriedly walked toward the Mission Hall and without even glancing at the surroundings, Kyle walked toward the mission board and picked up a random mission on herb collecting.

Nine also followed suit, both of them handed the mission page they selected to the Young man sitting behind the reception.

The young man took the pages and glanced at Kyle with narrowed eyes, finding him somewhat familiar.

'It's the trash I saw last month.'

The disdain in the young man's eyes was visible, he also glanced at Nine who was wearing an awkward smile. Without giving them a second glance he registered their names before speaking sarcastically.

"These missions of 'Herb collecting' were posted just yesterday, You have two weeks to complete them and return with the items."

Kyle wasn't bothered nor did he care about the way the young man was speaking, after getting the confirmation of the mission he hurriedly walked out of the hall with Nine.

Soon both of them left the Academy, heading straight toward the only teleportation array present outside the Academy.

The streets in front of the Academy were filled with different shops, some were selling low-rank skill cores while some were Arts. A few shops were also selling clothes and some other daily necessities.

Looking through the storage ring Kyle took out some mana stones his Second brother left inside, he was quite busy in the Academy and there was never a time he needed to use mana stones. But After looking through the amount it was only enough for a single person to travel.

On the other hand, after seeing Kyle taking out some mana stones and wearing a worried expression, Nine sighed.

"I can pay for myself."

Kyle was relieved and didn't ask about anything else. After waiting for their turn they used the teleportation array to directly head toward the Capital City.

Usually, teleportation arrays weren't able to teleport people to such long distances but due to the influence of the Royal Academy, it wasn't hard to acquire some advanced materials for the teleportation arrays.

After arriving at the Capital City Kyle was feeling edgy due to the after effects of the Teleportation array, due to that it took them an hour to find the teleportation array heading straight toward Nyan City.

But because there was a huge crowd of people heading toward Nyan City it took a few more hours before it was their turn.

The more time passed the more anxious Kyle was feeling. His worries worsened when they arrived at Nyan City because the only things awaiting their arrival were broken buildings.

When he left, the small city was bustling with all kinds of people busy in their daily lives.

But now the sky was filled with grey clouds and the atmosphere around the city was gloomy. Hundreds of people were running here and there trying to find help or trying to save someone else.

There was no alive monster in sight as different guards holding blood-red weapons were roaming around the city.

But it seems the reinforcement from the Capital City arrived a little late as quite a lot of dead bodies were lying around.

Kyle gazed at his surroundings, living inside a world filled with cruel people he had seen dead bodies before, but it was the first time in his life he felt so angry. Clenching his fist with anger he walked toward the way his house was.

His feet felt heavy and his heart trembled with the mere thought of seeing his house in a similar condition.

On the other hand, Nine quietly followed behind without saying much. After seeing the condition of the city, he just hoped for everything to be fine.

After walking quietly for around thirty minutes, they arrived in front of one of the largest buildings present in the city.

The condition around the house was better than every other place they saw on their way.

Kyle saw a familiar tired face standing in front of the gates, talking with some servants. After seeing the middle-aged man Kyle finally sighed in relief before hurriedly running toward the man.

"Father?"

Baron Ohan turned around hearing a familiar voice calling him from behind.

His clothes were wrinkled and filled with blood. Seeing Kyle running toward him the Baron's tired face showed happiness for a moment.

Kyle didn't care about the heavy stench of blood coming from the old man, with a relieved expression he hugged his father tightly.

After a few minutes, Kyle finally let go of his father and questioned in a worried tone.

"Where are Elder brother and Second brother?"

Baron Ohan didn't say anything and wore a sad expression, seeing his father's slightly wet eyes Kyle's voice trembled.

"They are fine... Right.?"

Chapter 36: A Way

"They are fine... Right.?"

Getting no response from the old man, Kyle's grip loosened as he took a step back with a blank expression.

'Why isn't father saying anything.'

He looked at the servants standing not so far from them with a throbbing headache.

"Where are my brothers?"

The same question, but this time Kyle's voice was calmer and face expressionless.

Among the servants, an old man wearing the butler outfit walked toward Kyle with hurried footsteps.

He gazed at Kyle but then lowered his head not daring to meet those scary eyes. As the butler of the house the old man had been watching over Kyle from a young age, that's why he knew how the young master was always lazy and carefree.

Now seeing Kyle exuding such a powerful aura, he wondered how just in a month the young master changed so much.

Two days ago when the monsters attacked, the situation was very dire. Some of the relatives suggested connecting Kyle who was at the Royal Academy to ask for help, but Kyle's father Baron Ohan rejected the idea.

As he knew Kyle's talent was only (B)-Rank even if they told him about the situation he won't be able to do anything to help. Also because Baron Ohan knew if they told Kyle he would rush over without caring about anything else.

The butler sighed, he knew now that Kyle was here they couldn't hide anything from him.

"Young master Please follow me."

Without saying anything else Kyle quietly followed behind the old man who always nagged him during his childhood.

Soon they passed from the once beautiful garden filled with broken branches of trees.

Inhaling the lingering stench of blood from the surrounding, Kyle glanced at the blood filled grass and the few monsters lying around lifelessly.

He didn't say anything. Even if he wanted to words didn't come out from his throat.

After passing through the large empty corridor they arrived in front of the largest room inside the building.

The butler turned around and faced Kyle with a serious expression,

"Young Master, it's great to see that you are doing fine."

"Due to the sudden outbreak of monsters both Master Neon and Master Ray fought together with some other powerful individuals present inside the city. They were also able to safely evacuate half of the citizens."

The butler looked at Kyle who had now his gaze fixed on the room doors.

Kyle wanted to hurry inside to see the situation but waited patiently for the old man to finish speaking.

"Everything was fine, the reinforcement also arrived after a few hours but... suddenly for some reason the leader of the monsters used a lethal poison skill on the group of people fighting at the front."

"It was an (A)-Rank python, including Master Neon and Masters Ray two other people got injured by the sudden attack."

"At first it was nothing serious but just after three hours all of them suddenly went into coma. Right now some healers from the Capital City are trying their best to save them."

After finishing his words the butler turned around and opened the door.

With slow footsteps, Kyle staggered inside the room. Glancing at the four beds present inside, he finally saw the two familiar faces he had been wanting to see.

Their breathing was heavy and their complexions were pale, strange black color veins were spreading all around their bodies.

'What can I do to help.'

Kyle stood motionless in front of the door and watched the healers who were trying their best to stabilize the patients, but it seemed nothing was working.

'I can't do anything.'

For the first time Kyle felt useless. He glanced at his palms.

'If I was stronger maybe this wouldn't have happened.'

'It's my fault.'

Even though he was more mature than his peers, he was only 16 years old. His brothers were fighting death in front of him and the only thing he could do was to watch them in pain.

With trembling hands and a blank expression, he looked at the cold hand grabbing his shoulder.

"Father."

Baron Ohan stood beside Kyle with wet eyes, he tapped his shoulder tightly.

"They will be fine."

Kyle who was on the verge of crying controlled the tears trying to leave his eyes. He glanced at his father and clenched his fists tightly.

'What am I doing? They are fighting with everything they have. How can I lose hope.'

After getting some courage from the old man Kyle's heart felt calmer. He gazed at the four people lying on different beds and a beautiful green light flashed through Kyle's eyes before it completely disappeared.

Meanwhile, the butler who was standing behind the father-son duo looked at the new face Kyle brought with him.

He walked toward Nine and after knowing Nine was Kyle's classmate and friend the butler apologized and ordered some servants to lead Nine toward a clean room.

But Nine rejected the offer and decided to complete the mission they took before leaving the Academy. After telling the butler to convey his message to Kyle he left to look for the mission herbs.

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After standing for an hour, Baron Ohan and Kyle both went to the study to wait for the healers to bring some news.

Time was trickling very slowly as Kyle paced around inside the study. He wasn't able to sit still nor was he able to eat or drink anything.

Finally, after one more day of waiting, a healer who seemed to be the head of the group walked out of the room.

But the news he brought wasn't something Kyle or anyone wanted to hear.

After trying their best and using one of the best healing potions, the healers were able to stabilize the patient's condition but it was only temporary.

Even if they used one of the highest grade healing potions it won't work because the python poison was fast reacting. The moment it entered their bodies it spread inside the veins and damaged the heart.

According to the healers if they used high-level potions regularly on the patients to stabilize their condition, the patients can live up to eight months maximum.

The news was like a bolt of lightning as Baron Ohan lumped on the study chair and Kyle slammed his fist on the wall.

But Kyle wasn't going to accept it, there's no way he can just let his brothers die.

With a sweaty forehead, he looked at the healer with a crazed expression.

"Are you sure there's no way left? I believe there's something we can do to save them."

"Dam it! Anything is fine as long as there's hope. I am willing to pay any price."

The healer looked at Kyle who seemed to have lost his cool. After thinking for a while and remembering something impossible the healer hesitated,

"There's a way."

Kyle glanced at the healer with ragged breathing. It doesn't matter what it was as long as he could save them, he was willing to do anything.

"What is it."

Chapter 37: A Colorless Flower

"Elixir of life."

Everyone becomes quiet and a pin-drop silence enveloped the room. Including the healer everyone presents inside the room knew about the 'Elixir of life', it was something very precious.

It wasn't a potion or anything one could easily make. Elixer of life was a special 9-leaf herb only found at the depth of the Dark forest. A beautiful colorless flower would sprout on top of the herb after spending five hundred years growing.

It was said that as long as one was not dead, the 'Elixer of life' could cure any disease, even those standing on the death door.

But the problem was its rarity, because of its preciousness for a normal person getting or finding the 'Elixer of life' was almost impossible. And even if by chance it appeared in the market, there's no way the rich nobles would let go of such a precious herb.

It has been more than three hundred years since the last time the 'Elixer of Life' appeared inside Kingdom Escalante.

Kyle glanced at Baron Ohan who seemed to have lost all hope. Baron Ohan was a merchant, over the years of working he had accumulated a lot of wealth. He could buy all the high-grade potions for his sons but even he knew that Elixer of Life was something he could not afford.

With a face filled with despair, he was shaking while a few tears welled up inside his eyes.

On the other hand, Kyle wasn't someone who was going to just accept everything and do nothing. He walked toward his father with a serious expression.

"No matter what I will find the Elixer even If I have to enter the Dark forest."

Baron Ohan gazed at Kyle with wet eyes, his two elder sons were already standing at death door, how can he bear it if something happened to his youngest?

"K..yl.e"

He called out to Kyle with a choked voice before shaking his head. He knew there was nothing they could do. Thinking how the only thing he could do was to watch them die made him feel useless and ashamed of himself.

On the other hand, Kyle didn't care what his father was thinking.

'I can't let them die! No matter what, I will do anything.'

Gazing at the crying old man once more, Kyle walked toward the butler and the healer. He ordered them to follow him outside.

Baron Ohan wanted to stop Kyle but he was not even able to utter a single word, the only thing he could do was watch Kyle's fading image leaving the room.

After coming out from the study room with a calm composure, Kyle ordered the butler to bring all the records of the money they currently have.

The old butler looked at Kyle's strong frame with complicated emotions and sighed before nodding his head in reply.

It took Kyle half a day to gather all the money they currently have. According to the total amount he divided it into different portions, first the funds for basic house needs, second he ordered some trusted servants to buy enough high-rank potions that could be used for the next eight months.

Afterward, Kyle talked to the healers and convinced them to stay at the manor and take care of the patients for eight months. He promised them enough rewards and also no matter what he would return with the Elixir.

And without caring about the consequences Kyle started preparing to enter the Dark forest because he knew even if the Elixir appeared inside the Kingdom there was no way he would be able to get his hands on it.

'I promised to bring the Elixir even if I have to search the whole Dark forest.'

He didn't care about the danger nor himself, as long as he could save his brothers he would do everything.

Among the hundreds of thoughts going around inside Kyle's head, not once did it occur to him that he would fail. It was an unfamiliar emotion he felt for the first time like he could do anything as long as he tried.

While Kyle was packing and handling all the matters related to the Ohan household, Nine returned with the mission items the next day. He also brought a piece of news that changed Kyle's plans of entering the Dark Forest.

The 'Tower of Opportunity' was going to open in a month, the only place after the Dark forest where finding the Elixir of life' was guaranteed.

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Meanwhile, In the Royal Academy everything was going as usual. Professor Aliza entered the classroom and frowned.

'They are absent again?'

Today was the third day both Kyle and Nine were absent. She got information through the mission hall that they took on a mission, but seeing they hadn't returned even after three days had passed Aliza was quite furious.

Usually after entering the Academy the new students don't take on missions and only focus on improving themselves, but it's the second time Kyle took a mission. She would have understood if the mission was about hunting monsters but the mission Kyle and Nine took was about collecting some herbs! And to top it off those herbs were not even rare, because they could be easily found all around inside the mountains surrounding the Academy.

'Just how long can it take to collect some herbs? What the hell are they doing!'

Aliza was quite angry because Kyle have been showing a lot of improvement recently. She was happy to see someone with low talent improve with such a fast speed, but now that he disappeared without a word she was once again changing her perspective of Kyle.

'And he also took Nine with him. What the? If you want to roam around just go alone.'

According to her Kyle has been a bad influence on Nine as Nine was always hard-working but recently he has been following Kyle around a lot and neglecting his training.

Alec was also a little worried about not seeing Kyle for consecutive three days. He went to Kyle's dorm to check but found no one.

A few days ago he used the system appraisal skill on Kyle again but the results he got were the same as before. He was curious as to what Kyle had been doing recently.

After asking around the class, he finally got some news from a classmate that he saw both Kyle and Nine taking a mission and leaving the Academy.

He would have inquired more as to why Kyle suddenly left the Academy, but the system which was too quiet recently unexpectedly gave out a big mission to Alec. A mission he couldn't fail no matter what! That's why he forgot to find out more about Kyle.

'Mission; xX'

Enter the 'Tower of Opportunity' and get the Artifact 'Sword of Power' before anyone else.

Reward:

2x Sub-ranks increase.

1x(S)-Rank skill.

Penalty:

-1×Rank.

The sword will go into the wrong hands.

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Time remaining: 7 months.

Chapter 38: Announcement I

Next day early morning, after taking care of all the house related matters Kyle decided to leave for the Academy with Nine. Because if he wanted to enter the Tower of Opportunity the best way for him was to enter through the Academy.

And because Baron Ohan's condition was not good enough to take care of everything in Kyle's absence due to the sudden shock, Kyle gave the authority to make decisions and take care of all the other house related matters to the butler who has been serving the house for the last 25 years.

He wasn't worried about the butler doing anything bad behind his back as the butler was among the loyal subordinates the Baron relied on a lot.

After dividing the money there wasn't much left, that's why Kyle only took enough to make it back to the Academy.

Recently while practicing the sword art at the Academy, he found out that he needed a better weapon for himself to execute the Art more perfectly. That's why except for money the second thing he took from the house was the only (D)-Rank sword available inside the manor weaponry because the sword Kyle was currently using wasn't ranked.

Similar to humans, weapons were also divided into two different categories;

Ranked and Unranked.

The Unranked weapons were not as powerful as the Ranked weapons because they were made of normal materials. On the other hand, Ranked weapons were more sturdy and durable due to the huge amount of time and resources spent on their construction.

That's why the higher the rank of the weapon the more powerful it was.

Before leaving Kyle once again assured his father that he would return with the Elixir of life. The only thing Baron Ohan needed to do was to wait for him and not lose hope.

Baron Ohan was reluctant at first but when he heard that instead of the 'Dark Forest' Kyle would be entering the 'Tower of Opportunity' to find the Elixir he agreed, because the Tower wasn't as dangerous as the Dark Forest where dying was normal.

Afterward, Kyle went to check on his brothers one last time, their condition wasn't much better than before.

Rather than better, their condition seemed to have become worse as the black lines spreading on their bodies became more vivid.

The other two patients who got injured with his brothers during the monster attack were also being taken care of by the healers.

Kyle didn't know where they were from because they were just some adventurers who decided to provide assistance during the monster attack.

Even after asking around for a while Kyle wasn't able to locate their families, that's why he asked the healers to take care of them as well until someone from their families came looking for them.

Kyle sat beside his brothers for a while with a warm expression and started talking about his experience inside the Academy.

He knew they wouldn't be able to hear him because they were in a coma, but he just wanted to tell them that their small brother who always got beaten up by them due to his lazy nature had grown up.

Afterward, together with Nine, Kyle left the manor.

Standing in front of the house Kyle once again turned around and looked at huge gates, countless memories of the past flashed through his mind making him feel somewhat nostalgic.

It's only been more than a month since he left for the Academy, who would have imagined that things would turn out like this?

Kyle gazed at the manor garden which was in the middle of construction once more before leaving with Nine.

While traveling they saw that just in a few days almost all the surrounding buildings were completely constructed. Also, the atmosphere around the city was not so gloomy anymore.

Everyone was busy in their lives again, forgetting the tragic incident that happened just a few days ago. But those who lost their loved ones will always remember the pain they felt.

Nine who was always beside Kyle during their travel noticed some minor changes in Kyle's appearance.

First, the corners of Kyle's black hair which were slightly silver before were now more noticeable and brighter, and there was also a tint of emerald color in the center of Kyle's black eyes.

At first, Nine didn't notice these changes

because they were too small, but when he was conversing with Kyle or standing near him he couldn't help but notice them.

But knowing how it was impossible to change someone's natural eye color Nine shook his head and stopped overthinking.

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It took Nine and Kyle not more than six hours to reach the Academy because both of them didn't stop anywhere to rest.

Also, they wanted to hurry up and reach the Academy to learn more about the upcoming opening of the Tower of Opportunity.

And just like they expected the moment they arrived at the Academy everyone inside the Academy was talking about the Tower.

First, they went to the mission hall to submit the mission items, only to get a disdainful look from the young man sitting behind the reception.

Seeing the disdainful gaze of the young man who didn't even bother to reply to them, Kyle was unfazed as he was used to it.

But Nine felt like crying because it was the first time someone was looking down at him. He was born with a lot of talent and always worked hard that's why he was not used to such treatment.

Afterward, both of them started following the first-year student who told them that Vice Principal George was going to announce something, and because of that all the first and second-year students were required to gather at the center of the Academy.

It took them ten minutes to reach the center of the Academy.

The center of the Academy was a large empty ground surrounded by buildings, a small platform was set up at the edge of the ground.

In front of the platform, all the first and second-year students were gathered making a small crowd of almost four hundred people.

Everyone was talking about the sudden announcement and also eagerly waiting for the Vice Principal's arrival, because almost all the people present guessed the reason behind the sudden announcement.

It was because some of the students studying inside the Academy were Royals. Their families would have definitely told them about the Tower even before they entered the Academy.

Chapter 39: Announcement II

As both Kyle and Nine were a little late that's why they stood at the end of the crowd.

While waiting for the Vice Principal Kyle saw Alec and his team standing further away from them, almost in front of the platform.

Kyle shook his head with a bitter smile thinking how easily he spotted them among the crowd, the four of them were looking dazzling due to their other-worldly appearance.

Maybe the four of them were favored by the heavens because they also had enough talent to make anyone jealous.

At first, when Kyle entered the Academy he thought he was too far away to ever be able to reach them, but he wasn't bothered as he knew what he could and couldn't do.

But now looking at them his perspective was completely different, because now approaching them didn't look hard.

And maybe unknowingly he was even thinking that someday he could surpass them! A far contrast to his previous thoughts where he only wanted to reach them.

As Kyle was thinking all this, he himself didn't notice how his thoughts which were previously too easy going were changing!

And the reason behind all this, was it really due to his brother's incident?

Or is it because of something else? But unfortunately, no one in this world was capable enough to notice or tell him about all this.

Disrupting Kyle from his thoughts was the Vice Principal's loud voice.

"Hello everyone, I believe you all are working hard and learning new things every day inside the Academy."

"First I would like to apologize for calling everyone so suddenly without any prior notice, as I know you all would have been busy training or preparing for the first-term exams which are almost around the corner. But you see there's an important announcement I have to make today....."

Kyle gazed at the platform where the Vice principal was standing.

Standing on his left was Professor Liam and standing behind him were four different Professors.

Kyle glanced around to see if Professor Aliza was present, but even glancing around for a while Professor Aliza was nowhere to be found.

On the other hand, after talking about some random topics Vice Principal George finally started talking about the topic everyone was waiting eagerly to hear.

He announced that the 'Tower of Opportunity' which opened every 20 years was going to open next month.

And just like last time 100 spots have been given out to each Kingdom present inside the East Continent.

Like every other Kingdom, 'Kingdom Escalante' will also choose 100 talented individuals from the younger generation.

Among the 100 spots 14 are given to the Royal Academy because it is the No.1 Academy present inside the Kingdom.

And for a while, the Vice Principal started boasting about the prestigiousness of the Royal Academy and how the students were lucky enough to get a chance to enter the Academy.

Only when Professor Liam gave him a light tap on the shoulder did he stop, but the Vice Principal's annoyed face showed that he wanted to talk more about the Royal Academy.

The Principal continued by saying that 46 more spots are given out to the other Academies present inside the Kingdom according to their Ranking.

And to make it fair the remaining 40 spots would be given out to the general public, everyone living inside the Kingdom can fight for those spots through a competition that will be held in one of the cities present on the west side of the Kingdom.

Afterward, the Vice Principal said that all the first and second year students of the Royal Academy would be allowed to fight for the 14 spots available to the Academy.

The third year students weren't able to fight for those spots because according to the rules of the Tower, those who are older than 18 can't enter inside.

All the first year students panicked after hearing that they had to fight the second year students to get a spot, it had only been a month since the first year students entered the Academy so they thought it wasn't fair to fight the Second year students who were already so strong.

But Vice Principal George's next words made everyone sigh with relief.

"To make it fair for the students, two different competitions will be held inside the Academy after a week. One among the first year students and the other among the Second year students. 7 spots would be given out to each year, now it's up to you all to win a spot for yourself."

After telling some other things about the Tower, Vice Principal George gazed around seeing the familiar faces of the students.

First, his gaze landed on Alec who was standing at the front with Carcel, Lara and Mia, then on some other students who were showing quite a lot of talent before finally landing on a face he had not seen for a while.

But contrary to the Vice Principal's expectations the said student was very attentive and wasn't lazing around.

Kyle who was standing at the far end of the crowd was directly looking at the Vice Principal while carefully taking in all the information related to the Tower.

Suddenly his gaze met with the Vice Principal who seemed a little taken aback seeing Kyle's unwavering gaze.

The Vice Principal was the first to withdraw his gaze.

'This rascal, what's with his gaze did I just feel pressured when I locked eyes with him? No way, it must have been my imagination.'

Vice Principal George shook his head clearing his mind before ordering everyone to go back and rest for the day because it was almost the end of the day.

All the students scattered around some leaving for their dorms while others for training.

Kyle and Nine also left for their dorms because the last few days have been very hectic for them, especially for Kyle who has experienced a lot recently.

After reaching the dorms Kyle bid farewell to Nine before entering the dorm room.

The moment he entered inside, he walked toward the bed and slumped on it with a tired expression.

His eyes started getting heavy because for the past few days, he hadn't slept even for a single moment.

Thus he decided to sleep for today because from tomorrow he was going to start preparing for the biggest challenge of his life.

But before he could close his eyes something tied on his waist trembled slightly.

"Ah, I almost forgot about you."

Kyle untied the Phoenix egg tied on his waist, due to so many things happening recently he almost forgot about it.

After taking out the egg he looked at it for a while before tucking it with the blanket.

Afterward, Kyle also buried himself inside the blanket and hugged the pillow tightly before closing his eyes to sleep.

Chapter 40: Bia

Kyle's usual peaceful morning was disturbed by the sudden sharp pain inflicted on his left cheek.

With an annoyed expression, he tried to bury his face under the blanket but unfortunately, the endless pecking didn't stop at his face, It started pulling his hair.

Kyle was still sleepy to see the reason for all this, that's why instead of checking what it was he just wrapped himself inside the blanket to avoid the pain disrupting his sleep.

-'Wake up. I am hungry.'

'?..'

Hearing a child-like voice inside his head, Kyle was jolted awake.

"What? Who."

With eyes wide open he looked at the dorm door to see who was talking to him, but there was no one.

"Was it my imagination?"

He briefly glanced at his room, but as usual, the room was empty.

As it was still too early in the morning that's why after shaking his head, Kyle was going to bury himself inside the blanket again.

-'Are you ignoring me? I am hungry!'

"? Who."

This time the childish voice resounded too clearly inside Kyle's head to be ignored.

He hurriedly started looking here and there to see if anyone was present inside his room when suddenly something fluffy touched his hand.

"Huh."

He looked down and saw a small bright red color bird staring at him eagerly with her big blue eyes.

"What are you?"

Kyle picked up the small bird which was barely the size of a fist with two fingers and looked at it curiously.

The bird started wriggling inside his hand trying to free himself.

-'What are you doing? Let me go! Don't you know how to gently pick up someone?'

-'Also why are you still sleeping? I am hungry give me something to eat.'

Hearing the familiar child-like voice inside his head Kyle was dumbfounded.

"You.."

-Crick! Crick!

With an expression full of disbelief he was going to confirm something when he heard the sound of something breaking under his blanket.

Kyle hurriedly removed the blanket and confirmed his suspicions after seeing the red broken pieces of something, which was once an egg.

-'Hey, are you gonna let me go or not?'

His shock was interrupted by the endless chattering that resounded inside his head, coming from the small bird.

Or should he say the small Phoenix?

He wasn't sure... Why is it so small? Kyle couldn't help but think was it adopted?

"Why are you so small, did the Phoenix give me someone else child?"

The small bird seemed to be offended as its skin started burning with golden flames but she made sure it wouldn't harm Kyle too much.

Due to the sudden heat burning Kyle's finger's flesh, he let go of the bird with a wince.

-I am not short! I am a legendary being.'

-And here you are being ungrateful by making fun of my appearance.'

-Also, I just came out from that egg that's why I am hungry, so give me some food.'

Kyle looked at the proud expression of the small fluffy ball with a complicated expression.

'I thought I would have a phoenix as a pet but what is this thing, it's not a phoenix at all!'

But amidst all the grumbling Kyle wasn't able to deny the fact that she was quite strong despite her small and cute appearance, because the moment she used the burning skill on Kyle, he was able to feel her Rank which was (E)-Rank!

Even higher than Kyle!

'As expected from a Phoenix. No, I should call it a bird.'

Kyle sighed before taking out something edible from his storage ring and placing it in front of the bird.

The bird started eating the food and after finishing she had a satisfied expression on her face before she flew and sat on top of Kyle's head.

Kyle looked up and smiled because for some reason he found it cute.

He could feel a small thread connecting them, and because of that Kyle was also able to feel a portion of her emotions.

He wonder if she could do the same.

-Stop staring and give me a name.'

The bird looked at Kyle with her big blue eyes filled with expectations.

Kyle nodded seriously and started pondering about a suitable name for the little fellow.

"A name hmm."

"How about birdy? or reddy? I think it's similar to your appearance."

The bird looked at Kyle with wide eyes filled with disbelief, making Kyle doubt his naming skills.

"Was it that bad?"

-'Just bad? No, It's terrible! Your naming sense is very bad.'

Even though Kyle was getting scolded, he still found it cute how she was trying to speak like an adult with her child-like voice.

He also noticed that she had knowledge about her surroundings and was able to converse with him very easily.

'It seems it's true that monsters with intelligence can share some part of their knowledge with their offspring.'

"Then how about Bia It's the name of the goddess of strength."

Kyle lightly tapped the head of the bird who seemed to be enjoying herself.

-'Okay considering the previous options Bia is 1000 times better! I will go with it for the time being.'

-'I am a little sleepy, so I will sleep for a while don't wake me up for a while.'

"Alright."

Kyle picked up Bia from his head and carefully placed her on the pillow.

It seems Bia was getting tired too easily because she just left the egg.

Afterward, Kyle started preparing for the morning class he had been missing for a few days.

On the other hand, Nine also woke up early morning and after getting ready he knocked on Kyle's door.

But then he realized how waking up Kyle had become a habit because Nine had been doing it for the past month.

Nine sighed and was going to knock again but Kyle opened the door and greeted him with a small smile.

Afterward, both of them started walking toward the classroom.

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As usual, the first-year classroom was filled with students but today a heated discussion was going on inside the class.

Everyone was chattering about the Tower and what kind of competition would be held to fill the 7 spots given to the first-year students.

Alec and Carcel both were sitting in the first row where Kyle usually sat with Nine, while Lara and Mia were sitting behind them.

They were also discussing about the Tower and the competition which will be held in a week.

The classroom door opened and two familiar faces entered the room, attracting the attention of everyone as they were the last to enter.

Alec looked at Kyle who entered the classroom with Nine, he waved toward them and gestured for them to sit beside him and Carcel.

Kyle replied with a greeting and sat on one of the two unoccupied seats beside Alec, but Kyle was feeling somewhat confused.

'Did he leave these seats for me and Nine? I wonder why. We are not that close.'

And just like Mia and Lara the four of them started conversing with each other, but like always among the four Carcel and Kyle were quiet only nodding their heads or speaking when necessary.