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After a while Professor Aliza entered the classroom, ceasing the countless chattering of the students.

As usual, her expression was cold and her long black hair was tied in a ponytail.

Gazing at all the familiar faces present inside, she stood on the stage while holding the attendance sheet.

Her eyes briefly paused at Kyle and a small frown appeared on her beautiful face.

'He returned.'

But she didn't say anything to Kyle or anyone else and started calling out names from the attendance sheet.

Yesterday after getting too angry at Kyle who has been absent for four consecutive days, Aliza left the Academy to find out what he was doing.

But after reaching Nyan city and seeing the condition of Kyle's family she was worried.

'He didn't tell anyone, he could have asked for help from the Academy?.'

What made Aliza annoyed was that one of her students was going through a hard time but he wouldn't even share it with the Academy.

Also just how is he going to find the 'Elixir of life' which even she hadn't seen in her life?

But despite experiencing such a setback in life Kyle was wearing a calm expression.

Aliza couldn't help but praise his bearing.

She sighed, because she couldn't help him if he didn't ask.

The only thing Aliza could do was to ask the Vice Principal to look for the Elixir of life, but she knew even for the Vice Principal finding the Elixir in 8 months was an impossible task.

After taking attendance, Aliza started her lecture which lasted for almost two hours.

Afterward, she gave some information about the history of the Tower of Opportunity.

A lot of students raise their hands to ask questions regarding the Tower because for them the Tower was a huge opportunity to become strong.

Aliza patiently answered everyone's queries before saying goodbye and leaving the classroom.

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Meanwhile, Kyle and Nine who were expecting to get some punishment because they were absent for the past 4 days, were dumbfounded when Professor Aliza left without a single word.

Nevertheless, it was good for them as both of them looked at each other with surprise.

Alec who was sitting beside Kyle stood up.

"Let's leave for training."

Kyle nodded, and all of them left the classroom heading straight toward the training ground.

Seeing them leaving the other students also started following behind them.

Soon, they entered the training ground which was the same as before.

As usual Alec, Nine and Carcel took out their weapons and went toward the dummies.

And Lara and Mia went toward the long distance targets.

On the other hand, standing in front of a dummy Kyle took out his sword and closed his eyes for a while.

All the basic sword moves flashed through his head.

For the past whole month, Kyle had been observing a lot of students practicing different sword Arts and he noticed that there was something similar in every sword Art.

And those were the basic moves of the sword!

That's why Kyle wanted to master all the basic moves, in this way he would be able to easily seize any openings present inside his opponent's moves.

After taking a deep breath Kyle started hitting the dummy with all his strength, executing all the basic moves.

He also practiced the first move of 'Void Shattering Strikes'

'Eliminate'

While practicing he didn't even notice how the morning sun went down and a moon appeared between the dark clouds.

Alec who was practicing beside Kyle couldn't help but look at Kyle because his sword was faster and sharper than before.

Also, the move Kyle used before while fighting Alec was now very different, as Kyle's sword after changing trajectory would not just hit the neck but also all the other parts of the dummy.

Alec wonder just what Kyle did in the past week for him to advance so much.

Slowly but surely all the students started leaving the training grounds, to rest for the day.

Even Alec and Carcel were tired, they stopped and grouped up with Lara and Mia who seemed to be also stopping for today.

But Kyle didn't stop, he was so absorbed in practicing that he didn't even notice that the whole training ground was now empty.

Alec looked at Kyle and sighed because Kyle was always the first person to leave the training ground but today he seemed a little disturbed for some reason.

But among the people present, no one except Nine knew the reason behind Kyle's behavior.

And because Kyle's gaze was too fixed on attacking the dummy he wasn't able to hear the others calling out his name.

Suddenly a familiar child-like voice resounded inside his head.

-'Hey, did you just leave me alone inside that cramped room? And to top it off you didn't even leave any food for me.'

"?."

Kyle finally stopped, and under everyone's gaze a small red fur ball flew inside the training ground before sitting on top of Kyle's head.

-'Why didn't you hear when I was calling your name?'

Kyle put his sword inside the storage ring and gently patted Bia's head with an apologetic face.

"Sorry, I didn't notice the time. But how did you find me? Also, it's dangerous you should have stayed inside the room."

-'It's not hard for me to find you because we are connected. Also, how can you expect me to stay inside that gloomy room, if you are so worried next time be sure to take me with you.'

Kyle sighed and turned around, only to see everyone staring at him with strange expressions.

"What happened?"

Nine was the first one to ask about the bird sitting on top of Kyle's head.

Kyle smiled and pointed at Bia.

"It came out from an egg I found during the first mission I took from the Academy."

"Oh"

After Nine unexpectedly it was Mia who approached Kyle and tried to touch Bia because she was just too cute with big blue eyes and red fur enveloping her whole body.

And to Kyle's surprise, Bia flew toward Mia before sitting on her shoulder.

Lara the one who was always grumpy toward Kyle also approached Bia and started patting her head.

'Bia seemed to be enjoying herself.'

Kyle looked at Bia with a smirk before glancing at Carcel and Alec, but Alec's expression showed utter shock.

Shock?

Kyle walked toward Alec.

"What happened."

"Huh, it's nothing."

Getting no response from Alec, Kyle shrugged his shoulders.

Alec walked toward Bia because he also wanted to touch her but before he could Bia started flying, making everyone laugh at Alec.

With an embarrassed expression, Alec smiled bitterly because the thing he just saw was something no one would be able to know in their whole life, maybe not even Kyle.

System Analysis:

'Name: Bia'

'Age: One day'

'Rank: (E)'

'Special: mutated due to absorbing ??? essence'

'Mutation effects: grade Legendary? Divine'

'Talent: (SSS+)-Rank'

'???'

-Error!

Trying to find the cause! Loading....

-Error!

No more information provided.

'Kyle just where the hell did you find her?'

Chapter 42 Training

The next morning, Kyle got up early and went to class with Nine. After a few hours of usual lectures, he went back to the dorm for a bath before heading straight to the training ground.

His current schedule was insane since now apart from training or attending lectures, he didn't have time for any other thing.

Professor Liam the training instructor of first-year students was also impressed seeing Kyle working so hard and showing incredible improvements.

Even though Kyle never asked, Professor Liam would give him pointers here and there about the mistakes he was making because the more Professor Liam observed Kyle the more he felt that it was indeed a pity that his talent was only (B)-Rank.

And since the time of the competition was getting near, including Alec and his team all the first years students were working harder than usual, but Kyle would always practice till late at night.

The whole training ground would be empty and only after when he was exhausted and had no strength left inside his body would he staggered toward his dorm.

Due to Kyle's influence, Nine also started training like crazy, but no matter how much he tried he would still leave the training ground earlier than Kyle.

At first Nine and the others waited for Kyle to finish, but the next day Kyle stopped them because he didn't want to waste their time of rest.

And after communicating with Bia, Kyle found that he could also talk with her through telepathy because they were bonded to each other.

At first, talking through telepathy with Bia was hard but after trying it a few times Kyle got the gist of it.

Also during this time due to Bia, Lara started conversing with Kyle normally. She would still ignore him from time to time but it was a lot better compared to before.

All this while Professor Aliza kept an eye on Kyle. She wasn't able to help him directly but she secretly asked Vice Principal George to look for the Elixir of life.

One week passed in this manner, Kyle was able to make good progress in his training. His stats also improved a lot compared to before.

Stats:

Name: Kyle

Bloodline: Celestial (Locked)

Rank: +F

Strength: -E

Mana: +F

Agility: +F

Talent: SS Rank (suppressed)

Luck: A

Skills:

#*Fireball (F)-Rank:

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Kyle's agility stat increased by a sub-rank and his strength stat increased by 2 sub-ranks!

Who would believe that just a little more than a month ago both these stats were at (G)-Rank.

All this was possible because for the past whole week, Kyle's schedule was to attend classes, training, eating and again training.

He only used 1-2 hours daily for rest. But what made Kyle surprised was that his body was able to cope with such intense training!

Now Kyle was almost on the verge of a breakthrough and according to him in half a month he would probably breakthrough to (-E)-Rank.

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While everyone was training and working hard, finally the day of the competition arrived.

The competition for the first-year students was held inside the Academy Hall.

That's why early morning, all the first-year students were seen heading toward the hall.

Kyle and Nine were also walking behind some of the first-year students when someone called their name from behind.

It was Alec. As usual, he was walking with Carcel, Lara and Mia. The moment they appeared all the nearby eyes were on them due to their gorgeous appearance.

At first, Kyle was a little uncomfortable getting all the attention due to interacting with Alec and others but after some time he started ignoring the few eyes staring at him.

After greeting each other they started chatting and walking together.

Bia who was sitting on top of Kyle's head started flying after seeing Mia and Lara before sitting on top of Mia's shoulder.

Kyle looked at Bia with narrowed eyes. It seems for some reason Bia liked Mia.

'Did you just betray the person who fed you this morning with love and care just to get some caresses from a beauty?'

Bia snickered hearing a complain filled voice inside her head before turning her big blue eyes toward Mia and ignoring Kyle completely.

Soon, they arrived at the Academy Hall.

Twenty different small stages were set up in the middle of the hall surrounded by hundreds of audience seats.

But only a few audience seats were occupied by first and some third-year students because the second-year students were busy with their own competition and 80% of the third-year students were out doing missions.

Slowly but surely all the first-year students appeared inside the hall, settling down on the empty audience seats.

The person in charge of overseeing the competition was Elder Lu with Professor Liam and two other professors acting as referees.

Professor Liam walked and stood in the middle of the hall, making all the students cease their conversations.

"Hello, everyone. I hope you all have been working hard for the competition because the results will decide who will occupy the 7 available spots of the 'Tower of Opportunity' from the first-year students."

Professor Liam's clear and loud voice resounded inside the hall.

"This competition will last for five days and because of that no class or training will be held in the next five days. All the rounds of the competition will be one vs one battles. There are a total of 200 students participating that's why we will try to conclude the first round today."

Afterward, Professor Liam told everyone that 20 battles would be held at a time because there were 20 stages present inside the hall and called 40 different students on the stage.

The called students got up from their seats and walked toward the stages, awaiting Professor Liam's instructions.

"This is not a life and death battle so remember to give up once you feel like you can't deal with your opponent's attack."

"If your opponent is not in the condition to fight back, you are not allowed to continue attacking. After one of the participants admits defeat, the other participant is not allowed to attack."

After shouting out the rules Professor Liam gave the signal to start the fight and the first round of the competition officially began.

Alec, Lara and Nine were also in the first batch of students fighting on the stage.

But Alec's fight only lasted for a few seconds before he won and returned to his seat. Nine and Lara also easily won their battles before returning to their seats.

After the first batch, two more batches of students were called on the stage.

In the fourth batch, Carcel and Mia's name was called. Both of them also easily defeated their opponents.

Kyle's name was called with the last batch of students, after entering the Academy he hadn't fought with anyone else except Alec, Nine and Carcel.

That's why Kyle was looking forward to the upcoming fight.

But contrary to his expectations his opponent was someone very weak and he defeated him very easily, just in half a minute!

Also, it seemed that the Professors made sure not to match the top ten students against each other because Kyle, Nine and the others were not called out against each other.

After the first round, 100 students made it to the second round. At the end of the first round, Professor Liam told everyone to rest for the day and be ready for the second round which will be held tomorrow morning.

Chapter 43 Selection Process

Next day early morning just like yesterday all the first-year students made their way toward the Hall.

Everyone was looking forward to the second round.

After everyone arrived and settled down Professor Liam walked and stood in the middle of the hall.

He glanced at the 100 students who won the first round and without further wait, he started calling different students on the stage.

The remaining 100 students who lost yesterday were now sitting in the audience seats, cheering or watching the qualified participants with envy.

Just like the first round Kyle, Alec and the others defeated their opponents easily, entering the third round without facing much difficulty.

Out of the 100 students, 50 students made it to the third round.

And just like Kyle assumed the Professors made sure to not call the top 10 students against each other. That's why all the top 10 students advanced to the third round.

The third round was also not much eventful because Kyle, Alec and the others easily made it to the semi-finals.

But because the number of students wasn't even, Elder Lu took out a big box and asked the winning 25 students to choose a number plate present inside the big box.

The one choosing the zero number plate will directly qualify for the finals.

After getting the instructions the 25 students stood making a line and started picking up the number plates present inside the box.

Kyle and Nine were standing together almost at the end of the line.

Nine took out a number plate and cursed because his number wasn't zero before looking at Kyle.

"What number did you get?"

Kyle's smile made Nine have a bad premonition. He bend down to see Kyle's number plate only to curse loudly.

"Lucky bastard. You got number zero."

Alec and Carcel also looked at Kyle's number plate with surprised expressions.

Alec walked toward Nine and after making a sorrowful expression he started patting his shoulder.

"I can feel your pain."

"What the..?"

Nine slapped Alec's hand away before looking at Kyle with pleading eyes.

"How about changing the number plate with me."

But Elder Lu who was standing opposite everyone glanced at the duo before staring deeply at Kyle's number plate.

"The participant holding number plate zero please head back to your seat."

Hearing the deep loud voice, Nine stepped back while looking at Elder Lu with a smile.

"I was joking."

Kyle and the others started laughing. Even Bia looked at Nine pitifully.

After laughing at Nine for a full minute, Kyle walked back to his seat with Bia sitting on top of his head.

Alec and the other students went to different stages after knowing their opponents and the long awaited battles of the semi-finals started.

Alec's first battle was against Nike, someone ranked 16 in the class ranking. He was having a little difficulty at first because he didn't use any of his skills but afterward, he defeated his opponent within a minute.

Carcel's battle was against Bill, someone ranked 19 in the class ranking. Just like Alec he also defeated his opponent in less than a minute.

Lara and Mia's match was against Jessica and Luna, ranked 12 and 15 in the class ranking. At first, they looked evenly matched but after a minute Lara and Mia started having the upper hand and both of them won as well.

On the other hand, Nine was seen crying and running around the stage making all the students sitting in the audience seats laugh at him. He was happy that his opponent was not someone ranked among the top 6 but still, his opponent wasn't someone weak.

In the end after struggling on the stage for more than twenty minutes, he won by taking opportunity of a small gap present in his opponent's defense.

At the end of day four, 13 students made it to the finals.

The rules for the final round were a little different. In this round, all the remaining participants were required to fight 12 different battles without taking a break.

According to the number of battles won by the participants, they would select the top 7 students who won the most battles.

For the final round instead of 20, seven different stages were set up in the center of the hall.

As usual Kyle and the others arrived together. Alec and his team's winning chances were very high because all of them were in the top five.

Kyle was also determined to win because he had to enter the Tower no matter what.

Before the final round, Nine practically begged Carcel and Alec to admit defeat against him or else there was no way he would win the final round.

He didn't ask Kyle because he knew that right now Kyle needed the spot more than anyone else.

At first, both Alec and Carcel were hesitant but even if they lost 1 out of 12 fights they would still qualify for one of the spots available, that's why they agreed.

All the winning participants stood against one another and they started fighting after getting the signal from the Professors.

In the first stage Alec stood fighting Lily, ranked 6th in the class ranking. After he defeated Lily he walked toward the second stage where Carcel was waiting for him.

Carcel and Alec's fight was remarkable with both of them fighting with everything they got, but in the end Alec won and proceeded to fight on the third stage.

In the third stage, he fought with Mia and won. In the fourth stage Nine was waiting for him, but instead of fighting Alec admitted defeat and proceeded to the next stage.

Nine was over the top after Alec admit defeat. Afterward, he walked onto the stage where Carcel was present and Carcel also admit defeat.

The referee looking over their battle looked at Nine with narrowed eyes, but in the end there were no rules saying that the participants weren't allowed to help each other.

'These brats! They are taking advantage of the loopholes present inside the rules.'

The referee sighed before announcing Nine as the winner and asking him to proceed to the next stage, but the next match wasn't so lovely for Nine because he was almost

beaten to death by Lily who for some reason attacked the moment Nine stepped on the stage.

The referee looked at Nine with eyes filled with mockery.

'Brat you were destined for a beating. Trying to cheat in front of me, no chance.'

Nine looked at the referee who was giving thumbs up to Lily with a painful expression. He was going to admit defeat because he knew he couldn't defeat Lily, but it seemed the referee asked Lily to rough him up a little for cheating.

He wanted to cry but tears didn't come out because his next opponent was Lara.

After accepting his fate, with tattered clothes Nine dragged himself onto the next stage. He simply made himself ready for another beating.

Chapter 44 One VS One battles I

Meanwhile, Kyle's first opponent was Jake, ranked 5th in the class ranking.

After getting the go signal from Professor Liam who was the referee of stage 6 and 5, Kyle gazed at Jake from the corner of his eyes.

'A lance user?'

He didn't feel intimidated by Jake who seemed to be the same rank as him.

'-You can defeat him because I can see he is weaker than you.'

Bia's voice resounded inside Kyle's head, she was sitting in the audience seats.

Kyle looked surprised, with a serious expression he attacked Jake first while conversing with Bia.

'Do you have a skill that tells if the opponent is strong or weak?'

He was expecting to hear a positive response because if Bia had such a skill, it could help Kyle to avoid a lot of trouble.

But Kyle's expectations were met with cold water.

'-No, I just guessed.'

Kyle had the urge to curse but because he couldn't lose focus during the fight he controlled himself.

The fight with Jake wasn't as difficult as Kyle expected because even though their rank was same, Kyle's stats were probably superior than Jake's.

But amidst all this Kyle noticed a lot of shortcomings. Among them, the most frustrating one was when Jake used agility based skills.

After defeating Jake, Kyle fought against another two opponents and won before standing in front of Alec.

Alec was looking forward to his fight with Kyle because he had seen Kyle working very hard for the past week.

Also, the system still hasn't shown him full information regarding Kyle, so he wanted to see just how much Kyle had improved from their last fight.

With a serious expression, Alec gave Kyle a chance to attack first, but Kyle looked at him with a humble expression while raising his hand toward the referee.

"I admit defeat."

Alec barely stopped himself from tripping after hearing Kyle's words.

"What?"

Not wanting to answer Alec's question Kyle turned around and left the stage, leaving behind the dumbfounded Alec.

Bia snickered at Kyle from afar only to get a glare in return.

Actually Kyle was going to try fighting Alec and see if he could defeat him, but Alec's proficiency in sword and rank was higher than him.

He knew he would only exhaust himself if he fought against Alec that's why he decided that admitting defeat was a better choice.

Afterward, Kyle climbed the next stage only to see the pitiful face of his friend.

"Are you sure you are Nine?"

This question made Nine look at Kyle with hatred. Without even glancing at Kyle Nine jumped off the stage.

"I admit defeat. You devil, I know you will tear my remaining clothes if I fought with you."

Nine left while complaining, leaving behind the referee and Kyle who were laughing at him.

Kyle's next opponent was Mia.

After getting the go signal from the referee Kyle attacked first because he knew if he wanted to defeat a mage he had to close the distance between them.

Mia was also not standing idle she hurriedly constructed a shield to block Kyle's attack before increasing the distance between them.

Afterward, she used the skill "Freezing barrier" to decrease Kyle's speed, but contrary to her expectations after she blocked his attack Kyle retreated.

Not giving him a chance to attack again, Mia assembled 10 fireballs and threw them toward Kyle.

Kyle blocked some of it and evaded the remaining easily. Even if he doesn't have any agility type skills, his agility stat was high enough for him to easily evade the upcoming attack.

Giving Mia a shock, Kyle copied Mia's skill and assembled 10 fireballs, throwing them directly toward Mia.

Mia's agility stat was high, but it wasn't high enough to evade all the fireballs coming directly toward her. That's why she constructed a few small shields to protect herself.

Kyle used almost all of his mana in this attack, so after gaining the advantage he hurriedly closed the distance before pointing the tip of his sword at Mia's neck.

"?."

The referee overseeing the match declared Kyle as the winner.

Mia looked at Kyle, after Alex and Carcel he was the third person who defeated her.

She still had a lot of mana left but the unexpected attack caught her off guard, making her lose focus for a while.

She sighed and nodded at Kyle with a smile before leaving the stage.

The moment Kyle defeated Mia, a lot of eyes were on him.

First Professor Liam who had been observing Kyle.

He saw Kyle improve but he never thought he would be capable enough to defeat Mia.

Some of the students sitting in the audience seats also expressed their surprise when they saw Kyle winning.

Among everyone the most shocked person was Lara. She had been looking down at Kyle from the start because of his low talent.

Now he defeated Mia, someone she wasn't able to defeat. Her eyes passed at Kyle for a brief moment.

'Was I wrong?'

Lara didn't like it when someone with a low talent approached her, rather than calling it dislike she would call it habit.

At first, she didn't look down on anyone no matter who it was but when she was nine years old, one of her friends who belonged to a poor family got jealous and tried to harm Lara.

One day she told Lara that a very beautiful flower had bloomed inside the forest near her house.

They were all together when they entered the forest but suddenly Lara found herself alone.

While She was finding her friends thinking they were playing tricks on her, an unranked monster appeared out of nowhere.

The monster was hideous and scary but no matter how much Lara shouted for help, no one was there to hear her plea. If not for a wandering warrior maybe she would have died that day.

After returning home Lara found the petty reason behind all this. It was because she was born into a well-off family and had everything they didn't and that's why her friends tried to harm her.

The more she thought about that incident the more angry she felt.

'Was it worth it to harm others just because you are jealous of them?'

After that day she started to make fewer friends or rather she only interacted with those who were equal to her, because she never wanted to experience something like that again.

A lot of time passed, and Lara didn't even notice when she started looking down at others.

The moment Lara found out that Kyle's talent was only (B)-Rank, she knew they were world apart. Even though she wanted to act normal with him because Carcel and Alec both started interacting with Kyle she wasn't able to.

But to her surprise instead of getting angry, Kyle completely ignored her existence like he didn't care or was he just used to it?

After a while Lara wanted to apologize to Kyle but due to her ego, the words never left her mouth.

Now seeing Kyle defeating Mia there was only one thought in her mind,

'He is stronger than me.'

Chapter 45 One VS One battles II

Kyle's next battle was with Lara, as usual, her gaze was cold when she stepped on the stage and looked at Kyle.

After getting the go signal from the referee, both of them attacked together.

As Kyle's mana was depleted due to casting 10 fireballs while fighting Mia, he was unable to use mana for a while.

That's why the moment the fight started Kyle wanted to decrease the distance between them, but Lara released two arrows directly aiming at Kyle's head.

Kyle had no choice but to retreat if he wanted to dodge the arrows because they were too fast and it seemed Lara coated them with mana.

The moment the arrows struck the ground a small crack formed in the middle of the stage.

Kyle looked at the crack while sweat trickled down his forehead.

'What's with her, did she just try to kill me?'

He gazed at Lara only to find her staring back at him with eyes saying,

'You can't defeat me.'

Kyle let out a dry laugh before looking at the referee who seemed to be enjoying the show.

'Dam it.'

After clenching the sword firmly he attacked once again this time his gaze was fixed on the arrows Lara released.

Dodging the arrows was hard but it was not impossible, but the problem was just like Lara Kyle's attack wasn't landing at her.

He had no choice but to run around in circles on the stage to avoid the arrows.

'Why is she so fast?'

After a few minutes, Kyle was finally able to land a hit on Lara but to his surprise, she blocked the sword with her bow before pushing Kyle back.

Lara looked at her hand holding the bow, it was trembling. Even though she blocked the sword the force behind Kyle's attack wasn't something to be scoffed off.

Their fight continued, no one was willing to admit defeat. The audience was now looking at the stage where Kyle and Lara were fighting.

Their fight truly turned fantastic when an arrow grazed Kyle's neck, if he hadn't evaded it on time maybe he would have gotten seriously injured.

Both Kyle and Lara looked at each other while breathing heavily, their fight was the longest fight of the finals.

Alec who was already done with his battles looked at Kyle with a grumpy face.

'Why didn't you fight with me.'

He was the only one Kyle didn't fight.

On the other hand, Kyle and Lara's fight reached its climax when Kyle used his sword Art. He wasn't going to use it against Lara but in the end, he had no choice but to use it.

After deflecting Lara's attack he jumped forward closing the distance between them in an instant and attacked. Lara was going to deflect the attack with her bow but the sword changed direction midway before sending her bow flying.

Due to the sudden force, Lara was unable to stand still. She fell on her butt and when she looked up Kyle's sword was just inches away from her neck.

After the referee gave the signal that Kyle won, Kyle removed his sword before asking Lara politely.

"Are you okay?"

He was not expecting any answers but to his surprise, Lara replied while staring directly at him.

"I am fine, but next time I won't lose."

Kyle smiled and got ahead of himself by offering Lara his hand so she could stand up, but the only thing he got in return was her gaze saying,

'Are you crazy?'

Taking his hand back awkwardly, Kyle gazed at the next person climbing the stage.

"Who is my next opponent."

Meanwhile, Lara stood up on her own and left the stage.

The moment Kyle saw his next opponent he had the urge to admit defeat because just now the fight with Lara made him exhausted.

His next opponent was Carcel who seemed to be looking at Kyle with a surprised expression, not just Carcel the others were also expressing different emotions seeing Kyle win so many battles against the students who were ranked higher than him.

After Carcel stood opposite Kyle the referee gave them the signal to start the fight.

The moment the fight started it was evident that Carcel had the upper hand. Kyle was exhausted but after the first few clashes, he started to decrease his movements to save his stamina.

As Kyle had fought with Carcel before he knew his fighting style that's why after the first few clashes he adjusted to his style.

Soon, it looked like both of them were equally matched. Shocking Carcel and the ones watching.

It was not even two weeks when Carcel last fought with Kyle, so how was it possible for him to improve this much in such a short time?

Carcel would be lying if he said that he wasn't having difficulty fending Kyle's attacks.

The most frustrating one was Kyle Art. It seemed Kyle's mastery of his Art had improved, because now Carcel was having difficulty whenever Kyle used the move 'Eliminate'.

Seeing an intense fight going on Professor Liam also left the stage he was in charge of, he looked at Kyle.

'To think he improved this much on his own.'

Not just Professor Liam, Nine who was just done with his fights looked at Kyle with shock.

'Thank god, I admit defeat.'

While he was looking at Kyle he felt someone standing near him cursing.

Nine turned around to see who it was and his shock increased, it was Alec! The person who always had a smile on his face. Why was he cursing?

Alec who just got angry because he was the only one Kyle didn't fight, saw Nine shocked face looking at him directly.

He hurriedly changed his annoyed face to a smile.

"I was talking to myself."

Nine smiled not wanting to offend Alec, he nodded his head hurriedly before looking away.

'I just changed my tattered clothes, I am not in the mood to get beaten up again.'

Meanwhile, on the stage after a while of fighting equally. Kyle started having difficulty. From the start he knew defeating Carcel would be hard but he didn't expect it to be this hard.

Sure he was able to equally match Carcel for six minutes but afterward Carcel started to take the upper hand again.

Soon, the fight came to an end. In the end, Kyle lost. He still needed to work a lot before he caught up to Alec and Carcel.

Chapter 46 End of the Selection Process

After the competition, 7 students from the first year were selected according to the number of battles they won.

Alec took the 1st position with 12 consecutive wins and one loss where he admitted defeat against Nine.

Carcel got the second position with 11 wins, and to everyone's surprise, Kyle was tied with Carcel with 11 winning streaks.

He only lost when he fought against Alec and Carcel.

Mia was 3rd and Lara got the 4th position. Standing in the fifth position was Lily. She lost to Kyle but she defeated Jake who was a rank higher than her in the class ranking.

Nine got the last spot making it among the top 7 participants. He was so happy that he embraced Alec and Carcel to thank them wholeheartedly.

The moment the result was announced Professor Aliza who was nowhere to be seen during the competition walked inside the hall.

She looked at the winning participants, her gaze paused at Kyle for a while before she nodded because she expected such results.

Afterward, she asked the 7 students to follow behind her. Outside the hall, 7 more students from the second year were waiting for Aliza.

She introduced all the students to each other before taking all of them to a special Classroom.

The classroom seemed to be specially prepared for the 14 winning participants as the only things present inside were 14 benches and chairs lined together in two rows.

Professor Aliza stood in front of the students sitting on the chairs and started briefing them about their new schedule.

There was still a week left before they left for the tower, that's why their classes and training schedule for the next whole week was changed.

Early morning instead of leaving for usual classes they would go to different Professors who would give them survival training for hours.

After the training at dawn, Professor Aliza would give them different lectures and tell them all the information related to the tower she knew.

As Aliza was not from the lucky generation who entered the Tower that's why her knowledge regarding the Tower was lacking, but she compensated for it by reading various books and old theories written about the Tower.

According to her 'Tower of Opportunity' had a total of 9 floors and the size of each floor was comparable to a Kingdom.

The first 3 floors were the same every time but information regarding the other floors was lacking because the structure of those floors was different every time the new climbers entered the Tower.

All the people entering the Tower have to stay inside for 6 months. No matter what, they couldn't come outside before the six months passed.

There was another way to exit the Tower and that was to climb all 9 floors and choose an exit scroll as a reward on the 9th floor.

But something like that had not happened in the past hundred years, because no one was idiot enough to climb the Tower of Opportunity just to choose an exit scroll in the end?

Also, six months was a lot of time and during this time those entering the Tower could get various opportunities by completing different trials or they could hone their skills through life and death battles.

The Tower was like a treasure trove for the younger generation because those older than 18 were not able to enter no matter what they did.

Various powerful individuals tried to enter the Tower forcefully but failed miserably, even those high rankers were not able to enter due to the arrays of restrictions set around the Tower.

The Tower which had so many opportunities to exploit also wasn't devoid of danger because a single negligence or mistake can cause death.

That's why every time the Tower opened only the best around the whole continent were selected to enter the Tower.

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One week passed in a blink of an eye and today early morning, all 14 winning participants were standing in front of the Academy gate with Professor Aliza waiting for the Vice Principal.

Kyle was also standing with Nine at the far end of the small crowd.

While they were talking a student wearing glasses approached them, he was from the second-year batch.

Even though for the past week they have been studying and training together, Kyle hasn't talked to anyone else except Nine, Alec, and his team

Kyle glanced at the student who greeted him with a smile.

"Hi, I am Blane."

Kyle only nodded his head in response but Nine pushed him back and grabbed Blane's hand with a smile.

"Hi senior, I am Nine and he is Kyle. Also, he is a little shy around others so don't mind him."

'Shy who? me?'

A question mark appeared inside Kyle's head as he stared deeply at Nine's back.

"I mean he's not much talkative."

After kicking Kyle out of the conversation, Nine and Blane both started talking like old buddies.

'Bia go hit this guy. He's irritating me.'

Kyle ordered Bia who was sleeping peacefully, but the only thing he got in return was his hair being pulled by Bia.

"Ah."

'-Shut up don't disturb me.'

'What, do something useful at least for once. Will you.'

Kyle sighed because he knew he wouldn't get anything by fighting with Bia, the only thing he feared was his hair being burned and him becoming bald if she got too angry.

After obtaining the skill 'Fire resistance' normal flames stopped working on Kyle but for some reason Bia's golden flames were capable of injuring him.

As everyone was talking to each other, Vice Principal George finally appeared but he brought an unexpected person with him.

After nodding toward Professor Aliza Vice Principal George stood in front of the students, on his left stood an old man wearing mage robes who for some reason felt familiar to all the students but no one was able to exactly pinpoint who he was.

When everyone was whispering about the identity of the new person a small voice was heard.

"The librarian?"

The old man standing beside the Vice Principal gazed at Kyle stunned. He only had one question inside his head.

'I changed my hair and eye color so how the hell did you know about my identity?'

Vice Principal George's gaze also paused at Kyle but strangely his question was different from the Librarian's.

'He got selected?'

Vice Principal George didn't care about how Kyle knew about the identity of the Librarian because from his point of view, the Librarian's concealing techniques were always useless.

But how the heck did a lazy person who didn't even have a proper sword Art a while ago fight and win against so many students and get selected?

It was true that Professor Aliza had been reporting to the Vice Principal that Kyle had been working hard recently but he didn't believe a single word.

Because whenever he went to oversee the students, Kyle was always lazing around.

But now the Vice Principal was having second thoughts.

Maybe Kyle was working hard and he was the only one who failed to notice it.

Vice Principal George's point of view of Kyle was finally changing.

Meanwhile, Professor Aliza who was standing behind the two old men followed their gaze and sighed before asking them to continue because they were getting late.

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Kyle was startled when two deep pairs of eyes suddenly landed on his body, and because of the Vice Principal other students also turned around looking straight at Kyle.

'What the? I just said it was the Librarian why are they looking at me so strangely.'

It was definitely the Librarian. He just changed his eye and hair color!

How can Kyle forget about the annoying Librarian who mercilessly kicked him out of the Library?

Alec and Nine also gazed at Kyle, their eyes were strangely filled with pity.

Kyle wanted to curse but fortunately, Vice Principal George finally stopped staring at him after getting a signal from Professor Aliza.

Kyle sighed with relief while thanking Professor Aliza in his heart.

Meanwhile, Vice Principal George cleared his throat and first congratulated the 14 hard-working students who were going to enter the Tower before giving all of them a high-grade storage ring as a reward.

Different from weapons, storage rings were crafted using space magic. Also according to the space available inside the storage rings, they were divided into different grades;

Low grade.

Medium grade.

High grade.

Supreme grade.

The higher the grade of the storage ring the more expensive and valuable it was because higher-grade storage rings can hold more objects compared to low-grade ones.

Vice Principal George waved his right hand and 14 similar blue-colored rings appeared, each floating directly toward the students.

Kyle also got a storage ring, he peaked inside the ring using his senses.

The space inside the storage ring was comparable to the biggest room he had seen in his life. There was also something present inside the ring.

When Kyle's senses went a little closer toward the things stored inside the ring, he found out it was stored food and water which could last for months.

There was also a small pile of mana stones in a corner.

Kyle already had a storage ring but it was a low-grade storage ring given by his brother before he entered the Academy.

That's why he was thinking of getting at least a medium-grade storage ring for himself but the problem was he lacked the money to buy it.

Kyle looked at the Vice Principal, he was grateful for the storage ring.

Among the students, the storage ring was practically useless for rich kids like Carcel and Lara because they already had high-grade storage rings.

Still, having two at the same time was also not a bad thing at all.

After giving storage rings to the students, the Vice Principal's usual long and boring speech started.

He talked about how he was busy for the past two weeks preparing everything for the students and he also emphasized how the students have gotten such an amazing once in a lifetime opportunity all thanks to the Academy.

Everyone would have probably fallen asleep if the Librarian standing next to the Vice Principal didn't beg him to stop.

Well, he didn't beg but his voice was almost pleading.

Vice Principal George frowned but he stopped speaking after seeing the lifeless eyes of the students.

And finally, after introducing the Librarian as Elder Han, Vice Principal George waved his hand and a big ship appeared in front of everyone.

The students were not surprised because they were familiar with the big ship. It was the same ship the Vice Principal used when they passed the Academy Entrance test.

After getting a signal from the Vice Principal all the students and the Librarian entered the ship.

It seemed Professor Aliza wasn't going with them because she didn't enter the ship.

Under her gaze the towering ship started floating and reached the sky, disappearing from her sight.

Inside the ship,

All The students stood at the front, gazing at the clouds with excitement.

This time Kyle wasn't standing alone, he stood with Nine and Carcel. Even if he wanted to stand alone he didn't dare because the Librarian was continuously staring at his back.

On the other hand, Vice Principal George seemed to be really tired because the moment the ship departed he went to an empty room to sleep.

The small journey which lasted for a few hours was different for everyone, some were excited about a new adventure while some were tense about the danger they had to face after entering the Tower.

Meanwhile, Kyle was sweating buckets. He wanted to enjoy himself like everyone else but the deep stare from the Librarian didn't let him.

In the end, Kyle had no choice but to stay with Nine and Carcel the whole time.

He didn't let them go for even a second, fearing the Librarian might do something if he was alone.

Nine was a little surprised seeing Kyle so clingy, but even after probing for a while he was unable to find the cause.

On the other hand, Bia who was sitting on top of Kyle's head laughed crazily seeing the situation. She was laughing nonstop making Kyle even more annoyed.

After taking a deep breath, Kyle picked up Bia gently with his fingers and threw her toward the Librarian with an evil smile.

But even after Kyle did that Bia's laughter was heard around the whole ship.

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After a few hours of floating the ship finally arrived at its destination.

Everyone gazed below and was awed seeing the luxurious Castle present below on the land.

Vice Principal George also walked out of the room, he waved his right hand and the ship slowly descended in front of the big Castle.

All the students left the ship, following behind Elder Han and Vice Principal George.

They gazed at the majestic gates of the Castle. The moment their eyes landed on the gates an invisible force descended on their shoulders but the force disappeared the moment Vice Principal George waved his hand.

The Castle gates opened and a huge beautiful garden was awaiting their arrival.

A few guards standing inside the garden welcome Vice Principal George before asking everyone to follow behind them.

While following the guards, the students saw the beauty of one of the biggest gardens they have seen in their lives.

The security around the Castle was also suffocating because the pressure radiating from the bodies of the guards was equivalent to (A)-Rank.

Among the students, only one person was unfazed seeing such luxury. It was Carcel.

He gazed at the garden and the Castle before sighing. He was finally back home after he left for the Academy.

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Soon, after passing the garden and a large empty corridor filled with hundreds of antiques and paintings everyone arrived in front of a large huge empty ground.

The empty ground seemed to be used for training because a lot of different weapons were stacked in a corner. On the left side, a lot of young individuals wearing different Academy uniforms were seen conversing with some Old Professors.

On the right side, some young people wearing regular clothes were standing properly behind an old-looking individual. They were probably the ones who got selected through public competition.

The moment Vice Principal George entered the ground all eyes were on him and the students standing behind him.

Some of the old individuals walked toward Vice Principal George and Elder Han and greeted them politely.

While everyone was busy greeting each other, the guards announced the arrival of King Cedric.

Wearing a beautiful golden robe the King with four guards walked out from one of the doors present in front of the empty ground.

All the Old people hurriedly gathered the younger ones before greeting the king politely.

Kyle gazed at the King. The pressure radiating from the guards standing behind the king was immense.

'What's the King Rank?'

He questioned Bia who was sitting on Mia's shoulder. Kyle could feel that the guard's rank was probably higher than (A)-Rank but he didn't feel an ounce of energy coming out of the King's body.

'I can feel he just broke through recently to (SS+)-Rank. Also, I don't know why but it seems there's a barrier around the King's body that's why no one can see his rank.'

Bia's reply made Kyle surprised because according to the rumors he heard the current king of Kingdom Escalante only had (S+)-Rank talent.

'It seems the rumors were wrong.'

After talking with the Older individuals for a while, the King warmly gazed at the 100 kids who were going to enter the Tower from Kingdom Escalante.

The King's gaze paused on Carcel for a while, making him flinch.

After giving some encouraging words to the young ones the King didn't hold them any longer. He asked the guards to start the teleportation arrays present on the empty ground.

Also, it seemed to protect the location of the 'Tower of Opportunity' from other Continents, Each Kingdom only had a single teleportation array leading straight toward the Tower, and the teleportation array of Kingdom Escalante was manufactured inside the Royal Castle.

After getting a signal from the King everyone gathered in the middle of the ground.

Soon, a brilliant light enveloped their bodies and they all disappeared.

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Kyle opened his eyes and saw a vast empty land devoid of any type of greenery.

The land was dry, except for some pebbles lying around there was nothing else.

While Kyle gazed around, the first thing that entered his eyes was the huge long Tower touching the vast blue sky.

He looked at the Tower which was far away with a serious expression.

'I am here. Now I just need to enter the Tower and find the Elixir.'

After checking everyone, Vice Principal George took the lead and walked toward the only bridge present at the edge of the vast land.

Everyone quietly followed behind the Vice Principal and passed the small bridge without any difficulty.

But the moment they left the bridge, their surrounding changed drastically.

The feeling was the same as using a teleportation array.

In front of them were hundreds of small houses surrounding the huge Tower, making a small city around it.

Individuals from different races were seen walking around the streets which were filled with different merchants selling weapons and other things.

There was still no greenery in sight but the atmosphere was just like any normal market.

Kyle and Nine both looked around, it was their first time seeing people from different races.

On the other hand, after entering the small city Vice Principal George said goodbye to all the other Professors and students before asking the 14 students he brought with him to follow behind him.

After 15 minutes of walking in the crowd, they arrived in front of a small hotel.

Vice Principal George gave everyone a key to a room and asked them to rest for the day before leaving with Elder Han.

He was going to talk with the envoys of other Kingdoms who brought their students to enter the Tower.

After Vice Principal George left, some of the students instead of resting went to look around the market.

Kyle also wanted to go but it was late and he was tired. Also, there was still another day before the Tower opened so he decided to rest for today and look around tomorrow.

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Next day early morning, Kyle woke up when Bia asked for food. After giving her something to eat, he stretched his body and took a bath.

Wearing comfortable clothes, he walked outside of his room because he wanted to eat outside.

As Kyle walked down the stairs of the hotel, he saw Nine eating together with Alec and the others.

Kyle also joined them for breakfast and after eating he said that he was going to look around for a while.

Not just Nine but also Alec and his team, all of them went to look around yesterday. They were tired because they only returned to the hotel late at night.

That's why Nine said farewell to Kyle before leaving to sleep for a while.

But when Alec heard Kyle was going outside, he immediately offered to go together.

It was because he only had one thought in his mind,

'Whenever Kyle goes outside he always finds something amazing. This time no matter what I am gonna follow him!'

But alas! Fate had something else written for Alec because before he could leave with Kyle, Mia told him that Vice Principal George was looking for him and Carcel.

With regretful eyes, Alec saw Kyle leave the hotel with Bia.

Kyle didn't even glance back at Alec who was being dragged by Mia to meet the Vice Principal.

After walking out of the hotel, Kyle started looking around the bustling market filled with different small stalls.

He saw a lot of things, there was also someone selling high rank storage rings at a low price but Kyle didn't have money, well he had some mana stones inside the storage ring the Vice Principal gave him but he wanted to buy something useful using them.

Chapter 49 Old scroll I

Vice Principal George and Elder Han both were sitting and having tea inside a small room.

There was nothing extraordinary inside the room, only a single bed in the middle and two chairs in one corner with a table.

While they were talking and sipping on tea a knock was heard on the door.

Elder Han gazed at the door and asked the people standing outside to enter.

"Come in."

It was Carcel and Alec, both of them walked inside the room and greeted the Vice Principal and the Librarian.

But amidst the polite greeting, Alec was wearing an annoyed expression.

Vice Principal George put down his teacup before looking at Alec and Carcel seriously.

"There's something I would like to give both of you."

Elder Han who was sitting opposite to the Vice Principal looked at him with irritation because the Vice Principal only called the top two students.

What about Kyle? The student he recommended.

According to Elder Han Kyle should also be included if they were thinking of giving safety measures to some promising students.

So what if his talent was low? Among all the students Kyle was the only one capable enough to see through the Librarian's concealing technique.

It's true that the concealing technique he used was a little weak but still seeing through the technique itself was quite an incredible feat.

So why was Kyle not included?

Vice Principal George waved his hand and two small black stones filled with golden inscriptions appeared on the table, he was going to speak with Alec and Carcel when Elder Han stopped him midway.

"Are you sure to only give the stones to these two kids, I think you should also consider the one I recommended."

Vice Principal looked at the Librarian and frowned, he knew who the Librarian was referring to but there was no point in giving the stone to Kyle.

These stones were precious, found by the Principal of the Royal Academy when he entered the Tower in his teens. Also, it was a one time use item that can only be used inside the Tower.

By crushing these stones one can teleport to a small distance inside the Tower. It can said to be a life saving treasure for the individuals entering the Tower.

The Principal gave these stones to Vice Principal George before leaving and asked him to give one to the student having the highest talent, but now Prince Carcel was also a part of the Academy that's why Vice Principal George had no choice but to give one to Carcel as well.

Because if the King found out that the Academy had such a treasure and still didn't give it to the Prince, he would surely fight with the Principal.

Also, the Vice Principal only had two stones. That's why he was thinking to give one stone to Carcel and one to Alec.

Vice Principal George sighed before asking Elder Han to leave the room. Elder Han didn't pester anymore and quietly left the room because he knew this old man would never listen to anyone.

After coming out from the room the Librarian smiled because he had a nagging feeling the Vice Principal was going to regret it soon.

'Also, I don't believe Kyle only had (B)-Rank talent. Not until I confirm it myself.'

During the journey, Elder Han kept an eye on Kyle but whenever he was going to talk or approach him, Kyle would run away. That's why he was not able to confirm his talent.

After a long sigh, Elder Han left. This time he was going to find Kyle and check his talent and potential himself.

If his guess was right, and Kyle was a hidden gem then he would take him as his disciple. It was not bad at all.

Meanwhile, Inside the room Vice Principal George gave a summary about the stones to Alec and Carcel before giving both of them a stone and asking them to keep it a secret.

Alec and Carcel both were a little surprised but still, they thanked the Vice Principal and left the room.

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On the other hand, Kyle who was roaming around the bustling market saw a small crowd at a corner.

He was curious and went to check, inside the crowd stood an old looking dwarf with brown hair and eyes.

The old dwarf was wearing a smug smile while continuously asking the crowd to look at the weapons piled on his left side.

Kyle heard the crowd whispering that the Dwarf was selling high-rank weapons at a very low price but no one believed his claims.

The reason was simple, why would someone sell high-grade weapons like vegetables?

The crowd soon started to leave not believing a single word of the dwarf who seemed to be lowering the price of weapons even more.

After the crowd left only Kyle and a few young people were left around the dwarf.

They started looking at the weapons, Kyle was definitely not crazy. He also thought that the weapons were fake hearing the low price.

But then Bia who was sitting on top of Kyle's head told him that all the weapons were original! Not a single weapon was fake!

That's the only reason Kyle stopped and started looking at the weapons. The other young individuals all bought a weapon from the dwarf and left, leaving behind only Kyle and the dwarf.

Kyle already had a (D)-Rank sword that's why even though the weapons were all good, he wasn't going to buy one because right now they were practically useless to him.

After looking for a while Kyle was going to leave but the old dwarf who was watching him lowered the price even more.

The dwarf showed a beautiful bow to Kyle and asked him to buy it because he was going to leave this place and maybe they would never meet again.

But seeing the dwarf sleazy smile Kyle knew something was wrong that's why he politely declined the offer and tried to leave but the dwarf stopped him again.

"Young one. I can't lower the price anymore. Also, it seems you don't want to buy a weapon how about buying something else? I sell other things as well."

With a sly smile, the dwarf took out some more objects from his storage ring before looking at Kyle.

"I am almost near my monthly quota so buy one thing at least, hehe."

Now Kyle was even more suspicious,

What monthly quota?

But the problem was after seeing Kyle wearing a high-grade ring, the dwarf was not going to let him go. Not until he bought something.

Chapter 50 Old scroll II

With no other choice, Kyle reluctantly gazed at the small pile of old artifacts and scrolls.

Among the pile, a scroll that seemed to be relatively old caught his eyes due to the light glow it was emitting.

Kyle pointed at the scroll while looking at the dwarf.

"What's this?"

The dwarf gazed at the scroll with a confused expression before his eyes showed a bright light, like a con artist who just found a way to sell a defective product.

"Hoho Kid you have a good eye. It's incomplete but it's a map of the Tower."

Kyle was stunned, he gazed at the dwarf with blank eyes and turned around to leave.

Map of the Tower?

Don't you know even con artists lie about something which is actually possible?

How are you selling something not even the Kings have.

If you had said the same thing to someone else he would have probably beaten you to death!

The dwarf who was smiling smugly saw Kyle leaving, he hurriedly picked up the map and appeared in front of Kyle.

"Kid I am telling the truth. If you leave today you will regret this decision your whole life!"

Kyle looked at the serious eyes of the dwarf who seemed to be oozing innocence.

Ridiculous!

He wanted nothing but to run away, however no matter how much Kyle tried the dwarf didn't let him go.

In the end, Kyle had no choice but to buy the scroll from the dwarf.

The moment Kyle brought the scroll and turned around, finally getting rid of the clingy dwarf he heard Bia exclaiming with surprise.

-'Wow magic.'

'What?'

Kyle turned around to see what was she referring to and his worldview changed. There was nothing behind him, no dwarf, no weapon, no artifact...

Just like magic the dwarf seemed to have disappeared within seconds.

'Don't tell me I just interacted with a ghost?'

Not wanting to stay at that suspicious place anymore Kyle hurriedly left, heading straight toward the hotel he was staying at.

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Meanwhile, in another empty place hidden behind some small houses. Three young individuals wearing Royal clothes were angrily talking to some guards.

Those three belonged to Kingdom Whiteland, among them the one wearing the most luxurious clothes was a prince.

He angrily shouted at one of the trembling guards.

"Did you find the scroll?"

"I am fucking gonna kill that bastard who stole all my belongings while I was sleeping."

The guard didn't dare to look at the angry prince.

"Your Highness Kelvin, we are trying our best."

The prince angrily clenched his fists and kicked the empty ground.

"This is your best? The Tower will open tomorrow what's the point of finding the scroll afterward?"

"If Father finds out I lost the scroll which he acquired after so much trouble, he is going to punish me. Dam it!"

Among the two individuals standing behind the Prince, one sighed with a distant gaze before trying to pacify the prince's anger.

In the end, there was nothing they could do.

The thief was too cunning he stole everything not even leaving behind their accessories, while everyone was sleeping.

Who could have thought that something like this could happen at the place where various powerful individuals from all the Kingdoms were gathered?

But unbeknownst to them this type of thing happened to almost half of the people who were here to enter the Tower.

And the one behind all this had already gone far away after completing his monthly quota.

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On the hand, after leaving the market Kyle arrived in front of the hotel. He sighed while looking at the scroll he was holding.

He opened the scroll to see what was inside.

There were three portions inside the scroll each with a different name and structure.

But all three portions showed a forest and mountains, inside the forest and on the mountains there were also some red and golden cross marks.

Kyle sighed again not understanding a single thing, he closed the scroll.

He was going to enter the hotel and go to his assigned room to rest when a large hand suddenly grabbed his shoulder.

Kyle turned around to see who it was. He almost freaked out seeing the Librarian standing behind him with a smile.

"Finally found you!"

Kyle laughed dryly and politely greeted the Elder who seemed to be tightly holding his shoulder.

"Elder, is there anything you want from me?"

An innocent question, with four eyes looking directly at Elder Han.

Elder Han who was looking at Kyle, saw Bia and was intrigued by her color.

His hand left Kyle's shoulder and tried to catch Bia but with a horrid expression she flew away.

'I am leaving. He is too scary to deal with.'

Kyle cursed Bia in his head, whenever he needed her help she always run away without looking back.

Elder Han looked at Bia's fading image with confusion for a while before focusing on Kyle again.

"It's nothing, you must be tired after walking around so go and rest."

With a wide smile, Elder Han asked Kyle who was sweating buckets to go and rest.

Kyle didn't even look back and hurriedly entered the hotel leaving the elder alone.

Seeing, Kyle fading back Elder Han had a smirk on his face.

'I knew it, his talent is not (B)-Rank. Comparable to those two young monsters his talent is lacking but (SS)-Rank talent is also considered top-notch.'

The moment Elder Han touched Kyle's shoulder, he used a hidden artifact to check his talent and just like he thought Kyle's talent was high.

'But why did that idiot George say he had only (B)-Rank talent? Did the orb inside the Hall make a mistake?'

Also, the bird sitting on top of Kyle's head was not ordinary. Elder Han had seen the bird before, it was like any ordinary bird but now when he was closer he saw a small glow emitting from her body.

That bird was (E)-Rank!

It was the first time the Elder saw a bird with such high rank.

'Is it a bounded beast? This kid sure knows how to make me more interested in him.'

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Meanwhile, the moment Kyle entered the hotel he was greeted by Nine, Alec and all the other students who were eating together.

He also joined them, but suddenly Alec saw the scroll he was holding.

"What's this."

Kyle laughed while showing everyone the scroll.

"It's the map of the Tower."

Not even a single person believed his words and everyone started laughing. Nine also joked.

"Wow, such a precious item. Dam! Where the hell did you find it."

Kyle looked at Nine seriously,

"What, you want it. It's going to cost a fortune."

While, everyone was joking and talking only one person had his hand shaking continuously. It was Alec.

With an expression filled with regret, he promised himself to never use the appraisal skill on Kyle or anything related to him.

Carcel who was sitting near Alec saw his expression and stopped eating.

"What happened?"

Alec gazed at Carcel with a blank smile.

"Nothing. I am just pondering on my life."

"What?"

Not getting any answers from Alec, Carcel looked away.

In the end, Carcel could never understand the pain Alec was feeling after using the appraisal skill on the scroll.

System analysis;

'Old Scroll'

'Design by an Ancient Cartographer'

'Rank: Low'

'Special: Had some information regarding the first three floors of Tower of Opportunity.'

'I knew it whenever Kyle goes outside he always brings back something amazing. Sigh! It would have been nice if I went together with him.'