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After leaving the black stone-like monsters, Kyle didn't stop and directly start running toward the biggest golden cross mark.

From time to time, Bia who was flying above him would give him a strange look but Kyle didn't care and kept running.

He knew why she was giving him such a look.

It was because he didn't take those black stones. Actually, Kyle had an idea as to what those stones were used for, he just didn't expect to see so many in a single place.

Before entering the Tower, the Academy give everyone a lot of information regarding the Tower and during one of his classes, Professor Aliza mentioned about those stones.

They were special teleportation stones that can only be used inside the Tower.

After seeing a whole pile of black stones in a single place, Kyle was tempted to take some as they would be quite useful in any dangerous situation, but he didn't wanted to endanger himself or Bia just because of some stones.

Fooling a single (-C)-Rank monster was fine but even he didn't dare to do something when there were three (-C)-Rank monster present at a single place.

He also thought about using his newly acquired skill 'Instant Teleportation' to pick up one or two stones but right now his teleportation range was too low.

Also, he can only use that skill once or twice before exhausting all of his mana.

That's why he knew the moment he tried to grab even a single stone, all the (-C)-Rank monsters would have started chasing after him.

Kyle sighed when he thought about those stones.

'What a pity.'

While he was running, the ground beneath his feet shook slightly.

He looked at Bia but she shook her head, indicating that there was nothing in their surrounding.

With a confused expression, Kyle hurriedly climbed up a nearby tree to see what was going on.

Bia also flew upward toward the clear sky.

Both of them looked around with squinted eyes, but even after looking around for a few minutes they didn't see anything.

On the other hand, the intensity of the tremor was increasing with every second.

With a serious expression, Kyle gestured Bia and both of them started moving in the opposite direction from the sounds.

It was better for them to stay away from any potential danger.

While Kyle was running, after thirty or so minutes the tremor suddenly disappeared.

He gazed toward the place where the sounds were coming from but didn't see anything. Suddenly, the earring around his left ear glowed with white light and the scene in front of Kyle changed.

The blue sky which was clearly empty suddenly showed a huge pillar of light descending from above.

Kyle eyes widened when he looked at the pillar. In front of his surprised gaze, the pillar broke into white particles and disappeared into thin air.

"What the...?"

He muttered under his breath in a daze before Bia's confused voice sounded inside his head.

-'What happened?'

Kyle gripped the earring inside his ear. Just now he felt that there was a connection between this earring and the light pillar he saw.

He looked at Bia confused expression, it seemed she didn't see anything.

After shaking his head Kyle sighed.

"It's nothing. Let's go."

He really didn't know what was going on. For a second he just felt like a very powerful existence was looking at everyone from above.

It was just for a moment but Kyle felt the existence was directly gazing at him. The feeling was very dangerous yet majestic.

Bia looked at the place where Kyle stared but after seeing nothing, she just quietly followed behind Kyle.

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One week later, Kyle was seen hiding behind some bushes.

While hiding, he peeked at the huge old tree standing not so far from him with a serious expression.

In front of that huge tree, Kyle was like a tiny sprout.

The tree was old and rusty. There wasn't a single leaf on its branches but among the empty brown branches, a single branch present on the upper right corner was green in color.

Three circular red color fruits were hanging vertically on top of that green branch. A huge amount of mana was continuously gushing out from the seemingly old tree trunk, directly entering the red fruits.

While peeking at the tree, Kyle frowned because the tree branches were dancing playing with some pebbles. Also, there was a huge creepy face at the center of the tree trunk.

After following the biggest golden cross mark present on the map, Kyle appeared at this place but he didn't expect to see a creepy-looking alive tree.

Seeing the red fruits hanging on top of the tree's green branch, Kyle was hundred percent sure that this tree was the one mentioned on the map as the biggest golden cross mark.

Bia who was sitting on the tree behind him spoke with a serious tone.

- 'So what's the plan.'

Kyle looked at the tree once more and his frown deepened.

'The tree is alive and seeing its huge appearance do you think we can defeat it or snatch the fruits from it?'

Bia hurriedly shook her small head.

-'There is no way we can. As I can fly I could have tried picking up the fruits but because there are too many branches and also they are alive, that's why I can't do anything.'

While Bia and Kyle were talking to each other, the large tree suddenly spoke in an irritated manner.

When the tree spoke, its two empty eyes curved up like a moon and the hole present at the center of the tree trunk moved up and down.

"Kid, how long are you going to stare at me?"

Kyle heard the loud cranky voice and jumped back with fright. Bia also widened her eyes hearing the tree voice.

The tree branches that were playing with some pebbles stopped moving when the tree hollow eyes directly gazed at Kyle.

After looking at Kyle, the tree wooden face suddenly made a sighing expression and again a cranky voice came out from its mouth.

"Hmm, why are you so weak? The last two people who came before you were even weaker than you."

"Last time the ones who came were also very weak, had the world stopped producing genius after master left?"

"Also, how the hell did weak ants like you survived on this floor?"

The tree cranky voice resounded around the whole area, it spoke and threw many questions toward Kyle who was looking at the tree with shock.

Within a minute, Kyle came back to his senses and stood up while looking at the tree with caution.

After taking a deep breath, Kyle approached the tree with slow steps.

"Who are you and why are you able to speak?"

The tree seemingly lost interest when it heard Kyle's question. It had seen a lot of individuals. They all asked the same questions but it didn't like answering their questions.

"Hoho, It doesn't matter who I am. Kid now that you have found me, you can't leave. Not until you complete my trial."

The moment the tree spoke about the trial, a transparent thin shield formed out of thin air.

The shield immediately encircled Kyle.

Seeing the shield, Kyle's heart trembled. He hurriedly gathered mana around his fist and punched the shield but the recoiled force threw his punch backward.

Bia saw the situation and immediately flew toward Kyle but to her surprise the moment she touched the shield her body phased through it without any resistance.

She looked at Kyle and hurriedly sat on top of his head before speaking worriedly.

-'What should we do?'

Kyle looked at the tree with a serious expression. Just now the tree said something about a trial. That's mean it wasn't going to kill them.

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After enclosing Kyle inside a shield, the tree was going to speak when it saw a small red bird hurriedly flying toward Kyle.

The old tree looked at Bia with narrowed eyes. It was shocked!

'This kid seemed to have acquired something interesting.'

While the tree thought inwardly, Kyle looked at it seriously.

"What do you want."

Hearing Kyle's calm voice even in such an unfavorable situation, the tree smiled.

"Hoho, you are more impatient than me. Alright, let's not waste time. I will ask you a riddle, if you answer correctly I will give you one of my fruits but if you answer incorrectly I will take your life."

"Also, if you are thinking about leaving then forgot about it because when someone finds me that person only had two options."

"First, you answer me correctly and advanced to the next floor with a reward. Second, you answer me incorrectly and die on this floor."

After hearing the tree words, Kyle started sweating. His heart was already beating wildly inside his chest.

With a deep breath, Kyle looked at the tree and nodded. Its not like he had any other choice.

The tree smile widened and without waiting anymore it ask Kyle a riddle.

"If you have me, you will want to share me. If you share me, you will no longer have me. What am I?"

Hearing the riddle Kyle almost tripped. After seeing the tree's overbearing power, he was actually waiting to hear a very hard riddle but the riddle was quite easy!

Was the tree joking?

He looked at the tree smug face, somewhat suspicious.

"A secret."

Hearing Kyle answer the tree smile vanished. Without saying anything it moved its branch and the shield around Kyle disappeared.

After the shield disappeared, Kyle finally sighed with relief.

On the other hand, the tree broke one of its fruit with a reluctant expression and gave it to Kyle.

'Why do these ant-size individuals always know the answer to my riddles? Is it not hard enough?'

Seeing the fruits in front of him, Kyle hurriedly grabbed it with a small smile.

The tree looked at Kyle and spoke grumpily.

"Now, I will send you to the next floor."

Hearing the tree's words, Kyle hurriedly put the red fruit inside his storage ring and looked at the tree with seriousness.

"Wait."

"What."

Kyle picked up Bia from his head. His expression dead serious when he pointed his finger toward her.

"She wants to try as well."

The old tree almost cursed but then it saw the loopholes inside its own rules.

'This kid sure know how to take advantage of others.'

With a serious expression the tree spoke again while looking directly at Kyle with narrowed eyes.

"But the bird can't speak."

Kyle nodded.

"You are right, but she can speak inside my mind, so I will answer on her behalf. Let's start the next trial."

Seeing Kyle's serious expression, the tree was flabbergasted. It didn't knew what to say anymore.

'Well, it isn't against the rules.'

"Alright. I will ask another riddle but remember if you answer wrongly I will take your life."

Hearing the tree words, Kyle hurriedly corrected the old tree.

"Not mine. She is answering so if she answered wrongly, you will take her life."

Bia who was inside Kyle's hands had a blank expression on her face.

-'Fuck!'

-'Why do I feel like I am being used.'

-'I don't want to take part in the trial at all!'

She flapped her wings frantically, trying to free herself from Kyle's grip.

Kyle looked at Bia and then looked at the tree.

"She wants you to hurry up and say the riddle."

The first riddle was very easy, that's why Kyle was confident in himself.

The tree looked at Kyle with an expression saying;

'Are you sure?'

With a loud hmm, the tree asked another riddle.

"What has a head and a tail, but no body?"

Hearing the tree question, Bia started sweating.

-I don't know the answer! What should I do, I am going to die. Someone save me from this demon.'

Her loud voice echoed inside Kyle's head who seemingly looked at Bia with understanding and nodded.

"She is saying the answer is a coin."

The tree looked at Kyle with wide eyes.

The answer was correct again!

The tree broke another fruit from its branch and hurriedly handed it to Kyle. Now it had only one fruit left on its branch.

"Now, I will send you to the next floor."

Again, a resolute voice sounded and the tree barely stopped himself from smacking Kyle to death.

"Wait."

The tree looked at Kyle with a deadpan expression.

"What is it now."

"Actually, I have a question."

"What?"

"Well, when I am on the next floor can you appear there?"

Kyle's question was very simple while he stare at the only remaining fruit present on the tree branch.

The tree looked at Kyle with confusion.

"Of course, I can't appear on the next floor. It's not my territory."

Kyle nodded.



The tree finally heaved a sigh of relief and hurriedly moved its branches. A huge array appeared beneath Kyle's feet.

Kyle looked at the array underneath his feet. He knew within a few seconds he would be teleported to the next floor.

Suddenly, a sharp glint flashed through his eyes.

On the other hand, the tree looked at Kyle with an expression filled with emotions.

"Goodbye, kid."

The moment those words left the tree's mouth, Kyle immediately mumbled under his breath 'Instant Teleportation'.

He disappeared from his place and appeared beside the last fruit. Within a second he broke the fruit before mumbling 'Instant Teleportation' again.

Kyle immediately appeared at the place he was originally standing, his lips curved upward while looking at the tree before he disappeared toward the next floor, under the effect of the array.

The tree looked at Kyle fading image dumbfounded.

Only after a few minutes passed, did the tree snap out from its daze.

"You rascal! Don't you ever let me see you again or else I will eat you up."

For the first time in its life, the tree was conned. While the tree was fuming with anger, it heard a small rustle behind some bushes.

The tree looked at the bushes and a young individual with dark blue hair and black eyes came out.

It was Alec!

After following the dot in the system window, he finally appeared at his destination.

The tree looked at the new arrival and its annoyed expression immediately disappeared.

It could sense the power of origin inside this young man!

Before the tree could speak, Alec looked at the tree with a serious expression. He was a little taken aback seeing a face on the tree trunk.

Also, just like the system described it was an old tree but he didn't see any fruit on top of the tree.

Alec was hesitant but still directly spoke to the tree.

"I am here for the fruits."

The tree sighed while looking at Alec.

"Just a moment ago a rasc... Ahem I meant someone took the last fruit I had. Now, it will take twenty years before another fruit sprout on my branch."

Alec widened his eyes.

If there were no fruits then why didn't the system notify him about the mission failure?

Then suddenly the tree spoke again with a smile.

"How about waiting for twenty years? You can accept my trial at that time and take one of my fruits."

Hearing the tree's words, Alec immediately understood why there was no time limit on the mission and why it didn't fail even when the tree didn't have any fruits.

It's because in the future, there will definitely be fruits on the tree and then Alec can take them.

But does he have to stay on this floor for twenty years?

Alec hurriedly shook his head. No way he was staying on this floor for twenty years!

"It's okay, I think I should leave."

Alec hurriedly turned around. He wanted to run away when suddenly a tree branch stopped his path.

Alec almost freaked out but then looked at the tree nervously.

"Kid, I can't give you a fruit but because you found me. I will send you to the next floor."

Hearing the tree words, Alec sighed with relief. The tree wasn't kidnapping him for the next twenty years.

Under Alec gaze the tree made another array and send him to the next floor.

After Alec left the tree looked at the sky with a serious expression.

"Did something happen, why is the unknown power getting involved with mortals?"

*Chapter 73 Third Floor*

With a splitting headache, Kyle appeared on the third floor.

He was dizzy due to the sudden teleportation. Also, he used 85 percent of his mana just to use the skill 'Instant Teleportation' twice.

That's why it was better for him to use this skill only when it was necessary.

While he was busy clearing his head, his feet suddenly caved inside the soil.

Kyle shuddered feeling a slightly wet feeling around his feet and legs.

He hurriedly looked down.

The ground under his feet was filled with wet soil!

He was still inside a forest but instead of grass, the ground was muddy.

Also, the large towering trees around him didn't have green leaves. All the leaves were orange or yellow, giving off a strange unsettling feeling.

Kyle didn't have many clothes to begin with. Now seeing the environment, he was sure the last remaining sets of clothes present inside his storage ring would also soon vanish into thin air.

While he was still panicking looking at the surroundings, a huge golden fireball suddenly shot out from the air directly aiming at his head.

Kyle's hair stood up as he jumped toward the left side to avoid the attack, his already half-dirty clothes became completely unsightly with mud.

With a dark expression, he hurriedly looked at the sky where the attack came from.

It was Bia!

She was furious!

Kyle gazed at Bia, for some reason he felt like he knew why she was so angry.

With a sly smile, he hurriedly tried to pacify her anger. Only to see two more golden fireballs coming directly at him.

"Shit."

Kyle barely dodged the fireballs with a sweaty forehead.

When the fireballs landed on the wet ground, it instantly vaporized.

Seeing Bia's dead serious expression, Kyle didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

In five minutes, his whole body was filled with mud. Making him look like a swamp monster.

Kyle was easily able to dodge her attacks but his clothes were not so lucky as him.

Also, he almost becomes bald due to Bia's restless attacks.

In the end, to save his hair Kyle sincerely apologized. Bia also took two of the three red fruits he acquired after so much difficulty.

Kyle's heart ached when he saw her eat the two fruits in front of him.

The fruits didn't even show any effect on Bia!

He sighed, it was too unfair.

After observing the old tree's behavior for a while, Kyle knew the tree was a little childish.

He was sure the next riddle given by the old tree would be easy and he would be able to answer it.

That's why he said that Bia would also participate in the trial. He wasn't really putting her in any danger.

Well, if he really did answer wrongly and had no choice but to sacrifice Bia. He was planning on using all his skills, so she could run away.

Anyway, it was definitely not because Kyle wanted all the fruits that he decided to bet on Bia's life.

Also, the tree was rooted in a single place. It's not like it would suddenly uproot itself just to follow them.

'It probably won't right?'

Kyle hurriedly shook his head, he didn't even dare to imagine a huge tree following behind him with its roots popping out.

After seeing himself so dirty, Kyle was uncomfortable. He wanted to change his clothes but it was useless as they would get dirty again because of the environment.

He looked at the last red fruit left inside his storage ring. It was better for him to eat this fruit or else he would really start regretting everything.

Kyle hurriedly found a quiet place before eating the fruit.

The moment he ate the fruit, a warm feeling spread over his whole body but after a while, his expression changed.

The warm feeling turned too warm and soon his body started burning.

A sharp pain shot out from his abdomen before spreading inside his whole body.

Feeling the intense pain, Kyle cursed. Bia ate two red fruits but felt nothing, while he ate only one and the pain was so unbearable.

What type of fruit was it for him to feel so much pain?

After spending a whole hour in pain, Kyle's body finally returned to its normal temperature.

Kyle looked at his hands dumbfounded.

"I broke through to (-D)-Rank?"

He hurriedly gazed at his stats from the corner of his eyes.

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Stats:

Name: Kyle

Bloodline: Celestial (Locked)

Rank: -D

Strength: D

Mana: D

Agility: +E

Talent: SS Rank (suppressed)

Luck: A

Skills:

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If not for the fruit, it would have taken him one or two more months before he broke through again.

He could feel, his physique was also greatly enhanced!

With an excited expression, he was ready to hunt some monsters to check out his new strength.

Bia who was sitting opposite to him, clicked her tongue. She ate two of the fruits but wasn't even near a breakthrough. On the other hand, he directly broke through to (-D)-Rank.

After cleaning his hands, Kyle hurriedly took out the map and looked at the last section.

The third floor was the last floor drawn on the map, which means his advantage over the others will also disappear after he advanced to the next floor.

Also, there were only ten or so golden marks on this floor. He wasn't sure why the golden marks were so low on this floor.

"Maybe, not everything is recorded inside the old scroll."

Kyle climbed up a nearby tree, he looked around with squinted eyes. Just like the map, there were only four mountains on this floor.

Also, all the mountains were too far away from him.

"I think the floors are getting smaller."

After getting a general idea of his location, he decided to go toward the biggest mountain because there were two golden marks on that mountain.

Still, Kyle didn't walk. He jumped from one tree to another to avoid becoming any more dirty.

While he was moving, he saw a group of monsters. Their body was covered with pointy scales and they looked like large lizards.

One of the monsters who seemed to be the leader of the group was (-D)-Rank while all the remaining monsters were (+E)-Rank or lower.

When Kyle saw the monsters were unable to climb trees. He directly attacked as he wanted to check his new strength.

Even though the monsters were weak, they were too many that's why it took Kyle more than two hours to defeat all of them.

After defeating the monsters, Kyle roamed around that area for a day but he didn't encounter more monsters.

He didn't even see any humans or people from any other race.

#### *Chapter 74 (-C)-Rank Worms*

One week later,

Kyle was wearing a gloomy expression because no matter how much he tried to protect his clothes, they would become dirty whenever he fought with the monsters.

He was feeling a headache because if things continue like this soon he wouldn't have anything to wear.

After a few more days, Kyle finally spotted some humans who were busy fighting with some snake-like monsters.

While moving toward the biggest mountain, he also saw two elves but because Kyle didn't know who they were, that's why he left without even giving them a second glance.

After moving for one more day, he finally arrived in front of the biggest mountain.

With a relieved expression, Kyle immediately jumped down from the tree and started climbing the mountain.

He also hurriedly changed his damp clothes into clean ones.

Finally feeling comfortable.

For the past two weeks, he was like a ghost who jumped around from one tree to another.

While he was moving toward the biggest mountain, a human accidentally saw him sitting on a tree branch. The human freaked out and ran away while shouting a single word;

'Ghost.'

Seeing the human running away, Bia laughed so hard that she was on the verge of tears.

Thinking about that human who called him a ghost, Kyle clicked his tongue with irritation.

'My clothes were just slightly dirty, how dare he called me a ghost.'

With a serious expression, he looked at himself.

His clothes were clean and tidy.

At least while he was on the mountain they won't get dirty.

After nodding his head with satisfaction, Kyle started walking upward toward the top of the mountain.

He already saw the old scroll and knew both of the golden cross marks were almost at the top of the mountain.

Kyle only walked for around ten minutes when he heard some loud shouts.

He looked up and saw two figures running toward him frantically.

They were approaching Kyle at a very fast speed.

Both of the figures were wearing dirty clothes filled with mud. Even their faces were not visible due to the huge amount of mud sticking to their bodies.

Seeing the dirty figures, Kyle wanted to move away giving them plenty of space to pass through but before he could his eyes contracted into a slit when he saw three huge 16-meter large segmented worms following behind those figures.

All the worms were (-C)-Rank!

"Fuck!"

Kyle turned around and started running toward the way he came from.

He just changed his clothes a few minutes ago. No way in hell would he let them get dirty again!

While he was running away from the dirty figures and the huge worms, suddenly he heard a familiar excited voice calling his name from behind.



"Kyle!"

Kyle slowed down and turned his head backward to confirm his doubt.

"Nine?"

"Hahaha, yes it's me!"

Another loud excited laughter came from above, but for some reason Kyle shuddered when he saw Nine waving his muddy hand toward him.

Without even waiting for a second, Kyle sped up.

He didn't care who it was, his clothes were more important!

Bia who was flying above him and seeing everything, started laughing crazily.

She laughed so much that Kyle almost had the urge to stop and smack her toward the worms but because he was running, he completely ignored her.

On the other hand, seeing Kyle speeding up. Nine also sped up directly going toward his direction.

After reaching the end of the mountain, Kyle jumped and climbed up the nearest tree.

He finally sighed with relief after he was a few meters away from the mountain.

'Phew, My clothes are safe.'

After Kyle, Nine and the other figure running beside him also jumped down the mountain and hurriedly climbed some of the trees nearby.

The segmented worms following behind them stopped when they reached the edge of the mountain.

After shouting loudly, the worms actually started retreating.

Nine saw the worms retreating and sighed with relief before looking at Kyle with a smirk.

"Kyle, how have you been? I didn't expect to see you here."

Kyle who was sitting on a nearby tree smiled back. He also didn't expect to see Nine with so many monsters.

"I am fine."

While he replied, he scanned Nine's body and was surprised to find out that Nine was already (E)-Rank.

Nine also scanned Kyle's body but he wasn't able to tell his rank.

He looked at Kyle with slightly wide eyes before introducing the other person beside him.

The other figure with Nine was called 'Tainin' and he was from 'Kingdom Loringnad'.

Nine met him yesterday when he appeared on the third floor and because both of them were humans, they decided to team up.

Tainin looked at Kyle and nodded. Just like Kyle, he wasn't much of a talkative person.

After the worms went away the three of them left the trees, directly jumping on the mountain edge.

While Kyle was patting his clothes, Nine slowly approached him from behind with a mischievous smile.

Before Kyle could react, Nine slapped his dirty hand on his back.

"Hahaha, we are meeting after so long why are you behaving so distant."

Kyle barely stopped himself from cursing and looked at Nine with a dark expression.

In the end, he wasn't able to save his clothes!

Seeing Kyle's dark expression, Nine's smile widened.

It seems he was right!

Nine hurriedly wrapped his dirty arm around Kyle's neck with a smile.

"I didn't expect you to care about clothes so much."

Kyle looked at Nine's smug expression and almost coughed up blood.

'You knew and yet still placed your dirty arm around my neck!'

While Nine was laughing, Kyle smacked him, directly throwing him off the mountain edge.

On the side, Tainin looked at the duo and started laughing as well.

After Nine walked out from the mud. He looked at Kyle with resentment. Now he was completely enveloped with wet soil.

He wanted revenge but then Kyle spoke up with seriousness.

"Why were the worms following behind both of you."

Nine and Tainin both looked at each other before telling Kyle everything.

After both of them teamed up, they looked around the forest but found nothing that's why they decided to climb the mountain nearest to them.

When they approached the middle half of the mountain, they saw a cave which was filled with mana stones.

After seeing the mana stones they become excited and were going to pick up some of the mana stones but then suddenly some worm-type monsters came out from underground and started chasing after them.

The worms were so persistent that even after they left the cave, the worms didn't stop chasing after them.

#### *Chapter 75 A Bait*

After hearing Nine explanation, Kyle nodded with understanding. It's seemed they have actually found a treasure trove.

Also, when Kyle heard about the location of the cave, he was sure it was the same as one of two the golden cross marks present on this mountain.

Kyle started pondering, mana stones were precious as they were used for the activation of teleportation arrays and many other things.

Mana stones were a type of blue color stones that hold abundant of mana within them and were only produced naturally.

That's why all the Kingdoms used them as a second currency after gold coins.

Also, selling one mana stone was enough for a poor family of 5-6 to live comfortably for a month because;

1 mana stone=100 gold coins,

1 gold coin= 100 silver coins,

1 silver coin= 100 bronze coins.

It would be a pity if Kyle left those precious stones for someone else.

Right now, the only thing he lack was money but if Nine was telling the truth then this problem can be solved for a while.

After thinking for a while, Kyle asked Nine and Tainin if they would like to go toward the mana stone cave again.

Kyle wasn't expecting them to agree because just now he saw how they were chased by so many (-C)-Rank worms.

He just asked for the sake of politeness as they were the ones who found the mana cave before him.

But to his surprise even after experiencing such a tragic incident both Nine and Tainin immediately agreed.

It seems they also didn't wanted to let go of the mana stones.

Around thirty minutes later;

Three individuals wearing dirty mud-filled clothes and a small red bird were hiding behind some boulders present at the entrance of a cave.

They didn't dare to advance because in front of the boulders was a huge open area where more than five (-C)-Rank worms were munching on some mana stones.

Also, at the end of the open area, a lot of mana stones were piled in small mountains.

As Kyle peeked from behind the boulder and looked at the mana stones present behind the worms, a glint flashed through his eyes.

There were so many mana stones!

He will become rich even if he got half of them. Kyle wasn't even able to count how many they were.

The entrance of the cave wasn't hidden nor was there any trap that's why the moment they entered the cave, Kyle was able to see the worms and all the mana stones.

It was like the mana stones were calling everyone to pick them up.

While Kyle was peeking at the mana stones, Nine who was sitting beside him whispered.

"So what's the plan?"

Kyle took a deep breath and retracted his head. He already knew what they needs to do.

"I think we need a bait."

Hearing Kyle's words both Nine and Tianin looked at each other and hurriedly shook their heads.

There was no way they were going to act as a bait.

Just an hour ago they saw their death flash through their eyes when the worms were chasing after them.

It was fortunate that the worms were not fast or else Nine and Tainin didn't even dare to imagine what would have happened to them.

When Kyle saw their reluctant expression, he also immediately shook his head.

He also refused to become a bait.

While everyone was thinking about what to do, Bia who was sitting on top of a nearby boulder yawned.

All three of them simultaneously looked toward Bia and a smile formed on their faces.

Bia who just wanted to sleep because she was too tired suddenly felt a shiver run down her spine when she saw everyone smiling while looking at her.

-'Shit.'

In the end, after cursing Kyle for a while Bia agreed to become a bait with a reluctant expression.

Kyle, Nine and Tainin hurriedly moved away from behind the boulder and hid behind another boulder present at a corner.

On the other hand, after taking a deep breath Bia flapped her wings and flew toward the worms.

Her eyes showed reluctance. She didn't wanted to do this but because Kyle promised to give her the next treasure he found that's why she agreed.

With her small figure, she appeared on top of the worms who were busy munching on mana stones without caring about anything else.

After taking a deep breath, Bia flapped her wings and two golden fireballs the size of a fist shot out from under her wings.

The fireballs directly collided with the heads of two worms but it didn't affect them in the slightest because all the worms were (-C)-Rank.

The worms screeched loudly and hurriedly looked toward Bia who was sweating buckets.

With their long large bodies, the worms tried to bite her but Bia started flying around barely dodging their attacks.

Due to the commotion, the other worms who were lying around also saw Bia and started attacking her.

Soon, all the worms present inside the cave were hell-bent on killing Bia because she intruded inside their territory.

Bia also sighed with relief, the worms were not able to approach her because she was flying. Now she only needed to lure them outside so Kyle and the others could take the mana stones.

While Bia was getting relaxed, suddenly the whole cave shook.

She looked down and almost freaked out.

A large black color worm that was double the size of the previous worms suddenly shot out from the underground.

Its body was huge almost reaching the top of the cave. The worm hissed loudly and opened its huge mouth to directly eat up the small insect that dare to disturb its sleep.

Bia's eyes contracted seeing the long razor-sharp teeth.

It was (+C)-Rank!

On the other hand, Kyle's eyes also widened when he saw another Boss Monster.

He didn't expect this outcome.

Seeing Bia's daze expression, Kyle hastily screamed inside her mind.

'Bia fly back immediately!!!'

Kyle was ready to attack the worm when he saw its razor-sharp teeth almost tearing Bia into pieces.

But then under Kyle worried gaze, suddenly huge golden flames burst out from Bia's body and the (+C)-Rank worm withdrew its mouth back with a screech.

It wasn't injured, it was just surprised seeing the sudden outburst of flames.

Taking advantage of the worm distraction, Bia hurriedly retreated toward the exit of the cave.

Her face was ashen as she seemingly cursed someone inside her head.

-'Kyle, you fucker this time I am really gonna kill you.'

### *Chapter 76 Acquiring Tons of Mana Stones*

After Bia flew toward the exit of the cave. The huge worm screeched loudly and the whole cave started shaking before it immediately started following behind her.

All the other (-C)-Rank also started following behind the (+C)-Rank worm who was the leader of their group.

After reaching the end of the cave, Bia directly flew outside with all the worms chasing after her.

On the other hand, Kyle stood in his place with his eyes wide. His mind was flooded with the hundred of curse Bia was throwing toward him.

He finally sighed with relief, seeing everything going according to the plan. The (+C)-Rank worm appearance was a huge scare but Bia seemed to have handled everything.

Nine and Tainin were also surprised when they saw Bia using golden flames. When they saw her they thought she was just a normal bird but now seeing her using golden flames they were sure she was bounded to Kyle.

After all the worms left. Kyle, Nine and Tainin stopped hiding and immediately rushed toward the piles of mana stones.

They don't have much time!

According to the previous discovery, the worms won't leave the mountain.

They will probably stop chasing after Bia when she entered the forest and will return within twenty or so minutes.

With happy expressions, Nine and Tainin hurriedly touched some mana stones and filled their storage rings but even after that there were a lot of mana stones left.

They only had one storage ring that's why after filling the ring they looked at Kyle who was standing beside them seemingly waiting for them to finish.

With a serious expression, Kyle hurriedly put both of his hands on some mana stones.

Nine almost had the urge to curse when he saw so many storage rings present on Kyle's fingers.

Most importantly among the six storage rings Kyle was wearing 5 were high grade!

"Where the heck did you get so many storage rings."

Hearing Nine bitter voice, Kyle shrugged his shoulders and hurriedly started filling his storage rings.

After a few minutes, all the mana stones present inside the cave were nowhere to be seen and among the six storage rings Kyle's hand 4 were filled to the brim with the mana stones.

Nine clicked his tongue with jealousy seeing Kyle's satisfied expression.

"Let's leave before the worms came back."

Kyle and Tainin nodded and all three of them hurriedly left the cave.

Meanwhile, when Bia reached the edge of the mountain the worm stopped chasing after her, they shouted loudly at Bia's flying figure before reluctantly retreating toward the cave.

When the worms appeared back inside the cave, they almost went crazy.

The cave was desolate and not a single mana stone could be seen.

The leader worm that was (+C)-Rank screeched loudly with bloodshot eyes and the whole cave shook violently.

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Kyle and the others who were already too far from the cave, felt the ground beneath their feet tremble because of the loud screeching sounds coming directly from the cave.

Only when they were almost at the opposite side of the mountain did they stop and sighed with relief.

They looked at each other and started laughing.



It was indeed hilarious how they tricked the monsters.

After everyone calm down, Nine asked Kyle about his plans as to what he was going to do next.

He also asked Kyle to travel together for a while because the floor was quite dangerous, filled with high-rank monsters.

Anyway, when they left who knows when they will meet again?

Kyle was hesitant because he liked it when he roam around alone but then he looked at Nine pleading face and agreed with a sigh.

Tainin also didn't have any problem with everyone traveling together for a while. He just nodded with a smile.

While everyone was talking, Bia also appeared.

She was angry but she didn't wanted to talk to Kyle that's why she just hmped angrily and sat on top of his head.

Kyle laughed bitterly feeling Bia's angry mood but he didn't say anything because he could feel her trying to sleep.

She had been helping him a lot and Kyle knew she deserved some rest.

On the other hand, Kyle was also facing another dilemma. He was not sure if he should tell Nine and Tainin about the old scroll.

He knew Nine personally and trusted him that's why he was willing to tell him but Kyle wasn't sure about Tainin.

After thinking for a while, he decided to not tell them about the map. It was better that way.

Next morning, after everyone was done resting and eating. Kyle suggested going toward the top of the mountain.

He wanted to go toward the next golden cross mark present on the mountain but he didn't wanted to tell them about the map that's why Kyle just said that they should 'thoroughly' search the mountain before leaving.

Nine and Tainin were confused but then they agreed. It's not like they had other plans.

After climbing toward the top of the mountain for two whole days. They saw a huge stone tablet standing vertically between a pile of rocks.

Different from the rocks, the table was filled with strange patterns.

Kyle and Nine didn't understand anything written on the tablet but the moment Tainin saw the tablet he spoke with a serious expression.

"It's an array."

Tainin had learned about arrays from his grandfather. He didn't know about them much but the array on the stone tablet was a low-rank array. That's why he was able to see through it easily.

Kyle and Nine looked at Tainin who was busy studying the array and hurriedly moved back.

It was better for the professional to take care of the problem.

While Kyle and Nine were waiting at the side, suddenly Tainin's confused expression changed into understanding and he hurriedly waved his hand on the stone tablet.

The stone tablet lit up and all the pattern present on it gathered together before the floor beneath Tainin's feet disappeared.

He wasn't even able to scream when his body fell inside the hole.

Kyle and Nine hurriedly approached the place where Tainin was standing and saw a huge dark tunnel leading underground.

They looked at each other seemingly waiting for the other to go first.

"Kyle I think you should...."

Before Nine could complete his sentence Kyle moved backward and kicked him inside the dark tunnel.

Under Kyle's gaze, Nine disappeared inside the dark tunnel.

After a few seconds, Kyle heard some shouts coming from the dark tunnel.

"Kyle, you bastard!!"

Hearing the voice Kyle nodded his head.

"It's safe."

Without waiting any further, Kyle took a deep breath and jumped down as well.

*Chapter 77 The tunnel leading underground*

After Kyle jumped down, he landed straight on his feet. The ground beneath his feet was black and the surrounding was dimly lit due to some scattered stones emitting a white hue.

The tunnel leading underground looked endless from outside but it seemed it wasn't that deep.

Bia also flew inside behind Kyle, after glancing around the place she hurriedly settled herself on top of Kyle's head.

On the other hand, Kyle looked around and saw Nine rubbing his back while looking at him with resentment.

"Where's Tainin?"

Hearing Kyle's question, Nine became serious and pointed his finger on the left side.

Just a few meters away from them, Tainin was lying on the ground.

Seeing Tainin's steady breathing, Kyle sighed with relief. It seemed he fainted due to the sudden descent.

Nine approached Tainin and hurriedly shook his body, trying to wake him up.

"Tainin?.."

"Agh ...."

With a muffled sound, Tainin opened his eyes and looked around before hurriedly standing up straight and dusting his clothes.

After everyone gathered, they gazed at the path ahead of them. There was a big desolate tunnel leading forward and nothing else.

Everyone slowly started walking forward with caution. The tunnel ground was black and it was made of a bunch of uneven rocks.

Seeing himself in the front, Kyle frowned and looked back at the two men following behind him.

"Why am I leading?"

It was obvious, if there was any danger Kyle had to face it first but to his question Nine replied proudly with a serious expression.

"It's because you are the strongest."

Tainin also chimed in and nodded his head seriously. Kyle narrowed his eyes looking at both of them before clicking his tongue.

To Kyle's surprise after hearing their conversation, Bia slowly flapped her wings and went backward, sitting on top of Nine's shoulder.

Kyle cursed, it was because they were treating him like a meat shield.

When was the last time he was used like this?

Still, he walked forward leading everyone deeper inside the tunnel. The whole tunnel was the same, nothing changed on their way nor did they face any danger.

After five or so minutes, they saw some light at the end of the tunnel.

Kyle was the first who left the tunnel and appeared inside an open clearing.

Behind him, Nine and Tainin also left the tunnel and looked around the open area.

Unlike the faintly dim tunnel, the area in front of them was brightly lit up with hundreds of bright golden color stones scattered everywhere.

On their left side, under the bright golden glow, water was gushing out from the top of the ceiling but it didn't stop inside the area instead the water made its way downward through some cracks and holes present on the ground.

There were 5-6 golden-colored flowers blooming around the water, giving off an ethereal yet calm feeling.

In front of them were six more tunnels but unlike the tunnel they traveled from, these tunnels were engraved with different numbers.

The first tunnel had number 1 engraved on top of it while the last tunnel had number 6 engraved on top of it.

Without waiting for the others, Kyle hurriedly walked toward the golden flowers and directly uprooted all of them, making everyone dumbfounded.

He looked at Nine and Tainin and gave them two each before tossing the others inside one of his storage rings.

Nine sighed looking at the lifeless flowers present inside his hand. He didn't know what they were used for but seeing the faint golden glow around the flowers, he was sure they were valuable.

After placing the flowers gently inside his storage ring which barely had any space, Nine looked at Kyle and Tainin.

"So which tunnel should we enter?"

Hearing Nine question, Kyle pondered before pointing his finger toward the number 1 tunnel.

Tainin choose the tunnel with number two because number two was his favorite.

Meanwhile, Nine hurriedly shook his head.

"No, I think we should choose the middle one. What if the first one is hell difficulty."

Then suddenly Tainin's eyes showed a hint of seriousness.

"Now that everyone's choice is different, how about we all go inside the one we choose."

Kyle blinked his eyes twice before directly heading toward the first number tunnel.

He wasn't sure about other things but one thing for sure, Kyle was confident in his choice.

Well even if he told them it's not like they would believe him.

Bia who was sitting on top of Nine's shoulder, hurriedly flew toward Kyle.

Even though he was a detestable being, she was sure following Kyle was the safest.

At the same time, Tainin walked and entered the second tunnel.

Nine looked at the fading backs and become dumbfounded. He slowly mumbled under his breath.

"Why are they so confident and going alone, what's if it's dangerous?"

He sighed and reluctantly entered the middle tunnel, now there was no meat shield in front of him. He has to face all the danger himself.

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After Kyle entered the tunnel, blinding golden light invaded his vision and the image in front of him become blurry.

A few seconds later, the vision in front of his eyes changed and he found himself inside a white empty room.

There was nothing inside the room, it was completely white with smoke-like clouds hovering around him.

He gazed around and saw a white book hovering in the air at the end of the room.

Kyle stepped forward toward the book but then suddenly the white smoke around him trembled and turned into hundreds of monsters.

Some monsters were flying, some were standing on limbs while some were crawling.

The monster were all white, with no true body form but they all fixed their hollow eyes at Kyle who was trying to approach the book.

There wasn't any mana or pressure around their bodies, making it hard to identify their rank.

Kyle left eye twitched when he saw all types of white fog monsters staring at him with creepy hollow eyes just because he took a step toward the book.

'What will happen if I took another step forward?'

Bia who was sitting on top of his head didn't knew whether to laugh or cry. She spoke with a choked voice.

'Of course. They will pounce on us.'

Bia choose to follow Kyle because he was the safest choice.

And after seeing the white book she was sure he entered the tunnel with the most benefit but was it fortune or misfortune?

In this type of situations, Bia really wished Kyle didn't have this much luck or else one day she will die due to his too excessive luck.

*Chapter 78 Ancient book of Arrays*

After the white clouds monsters assembled around Kyle.

He knew it was going to be a tough fight because there was no path leading outside.

The only thing he could see behind himself was white light.

On the other hand, with teary eyes, Bia had the urge to slap her past self.

-'Why the fuck did I choose to follow Kyle.'

Still, in the end, she swallowed back the tears threatening to emerge from her eyes and started flying.

Kyle also unsheathed his sword. He knew the moment he took another step forward, all the monsters in his surroundings would immediately pounce at him.

After getting ready, he stepped forward with a serious expression, and just like he thought all the monsters lunged forward directly at him.

He slashed his sword at one of the nearby white monsters that was similar to a bear.

-SLASH!

To his surprise, the bear-type fog monster disappeared after his sword slashed its body into two.

Kyle narrowed his eyes looking at the few white particles disappearing into the air.

He didn't feel any resistance from the monster, it was like his sword passed through butter. It was too easy to kill!

Kyle's expression gradually relaxed a little. There were hundreds of monsters but if he tried, he could kill them all because their bodies weren't as hard as an actual monster nor did they have any skill.

They were just pouncing at him with their huge bodies.

With another swing of his sword, Kyle slashed two more white monsters.

Meanwhile, Bia gazed at the flying monsters around her with seriousness.

She didn't care and just started throwing fireballs at them.

Under her gaze, a single fireball killed two white fog monsters.

Kyle didn't use any skill and just slashed his sword left and right continuously to kill the monsters around him.

Seeing the weak monsters dying one by one under his sword, he was baffled.

Killing them wasn't difficult at all. It's just they were too many.

Suddenly a thought flashed through Kyle's mind, for some time he had been thinking of practicing the second move of his sword Art but because the second move required a lot of practice targets that's why Kyle left it for the future.

But now seeing so many targets in front of him his sword rhythm suddenly changed.

Huge Mana surged out from his body directly entering the sword. A whitish-grey hue enveloped his sword completely before Kyle hurriedly took a step back.

As he grabbed his sword more tightly between his fingers a small black color vortex formed on the tip of his sword.

Kyle wasn't expecting anything grand as it was the first time he was using the second move of 'Void Shattering Strikes'.

The vortex on the tip of the sword was barely visible but when Kyle saw it, his eyes lit up and he swung his sword vertically on the monster pouching toward him. All this transpired within a few seconds.

With a cracking sound, a huge amount of mana poured out from his sword.

-BOOM!

As his sword struck the ground and the white fog monsters in front of him. Kyle was stunned when he saw the aftereffects of his attack.

A large few-meter gap formed between the wave of monsters coming at him, eliminating almost 100 monsters in one go.

With a serious expression, Kyle mumbled under his breath.

"That's the effect of the Second strike: Eradicate."

Compared to the first strike 'eliminate' which was only used to kill a single enemy the second strike was a large-range attack. It was used for killing multiple enemies at the same time.

"Still, it consumed too much of my mana."

Kyle sighed while he slashed some more white monsters.

The single strike caused him almost 50 percent of his total mana which means he can only use it twice right now.

Bia who was fighting above his head was also surprised to see the effect of Kyle's sword strike.



More than four hours later, both of them were finally able to kill all of the white fog monsters.

Kyle was lying on the white ground while breathing heavily. Bia was also sitting beside him, she used all of her mana during the battle.

Even though Kyle have no power left within his body, he made himself stand up after lying around for ten minutes.

With a smile, he looked at the white book hovering at the end of the room.

He approached the book with slow steps, right now there wasn't a single white fog monster around him.

After arriving in front of the book. Kyle creased his fingers on top of the silver words written on the book cover.

"Ancient Arrays."

He sighed. It wasn't very useful because Kyle knew nothing about arrays.

Then suddenly the face of his 'master' flashed through Kyle's eyes.

"I will ask the old man, he should probably know something about it."

He tossed the book inside his storage ring.

The moment he placed the book inside his storage ring, the white room shook and the image in front of Kyle became distorted again before he and Bia both appeared in the same area from where they parted with the others.

Kyle looked back and the tunnel with the number 1 engraved on it was nowhere to be found.

He looked at the other five tunnels and tried to enter the one with the number 6 but the tunnel entrance was blocked by some invisible screen that's why he wasn't able to enter.

Kyle sighed and simply sat down at a side, waiting for the Nine and Tainin to come out from the tunnels.

He didn't have to wait a lot as after twenty minutes, Tainin came out from the tunnel where number two was engraved.

Compared to Kyle whose clothes were intact Tainin's clothes were tattered.

Kyle could even see some holes in various places.

After dusting his clothes, Kyle approached Tainin and asked him how did it go.

In answer, Tainin sighed and said that after entering the tunnel he appeared inside an empty white room filled with fog-type monsters and all of them pounced at him the moment he stepped forward.

After Tainin was done defeating the monsters he appeared outside.

While Kyle and Tainin were talking Nine also emerged from the middle tunnel. His condition was even worse than Tainin's.

His whole upper shirt was torn, making him half-naked.

Seeing Nine condition, Bia immediately took back all of her past words where she was thinking of following him instead of Kyle.

On the other hand, Nine had tears in his eyes when he looked at Kyle and Tainin.

He also encountered an empty white room filled with fog monsters.

Nine was fine killing the fog monsters but then suddenly a big huge white monster appeared out of thin air. It was too strong and started beating Nine up like a ball.

After Nine was done telling his sad story, he looked at Kyle and Tainin and asked them if they found something.

Tainin immediately shook his head, indicating he didn't find anything.

Meanwhile, a big smirk appeared on Kyle's face as he looked at Nine tattered condition.

Nine saw his smirk and cursed before looking at Kyle with pleading eyes.

"What did you find?"

With a humble smile, Kyle showed both of them the white book for a second before throwing the book back inside his storage ring in front of their regretful eyes.

Nine wanted to cry. He placed his hand around Kyle's neck and showed him a genuine smile.

"Next time, I am definitely going to follow you bro."

Afterward, all of them immediately walked out of the tunnel.

There wasn't anything left inside the tunnel so there was no point in staying there.

Also, even after trying a few times, they weren't able to enter the other tunnels.

When they left the tunnel, the sun was already setting down the horizon, indicating the end of the day.

They spent the night on the mountain and the next day early morning Kyle decided to say farewell to Nine and Tainin.

He wanted to go toward the other golden cross marks.

Nine sighed but agreed.

After Kyle, Tainin also said he wanted to go in a different direction to search for more opportunities.

And all three of them went in different directions after entering the forest.

#### *Chapter 79 Leaving the third floor*

After leaving Nine and Tainin, Kyle took out the old scroll from his storage ring.

He gazed at it, there were only 8 or so golden cross marks left after he was done with the ones present on the biggest mountain.

With a sigh, Kyle tossed the scroll back inside his storage ring.

"Why are they so dam far?"

Every single golden cross mark engraved on the scroll was present at a long distance. It would take him one or two weeks just to reach the nearest one.

There was no way he would be able to collect all of them with his speed.

Also, it had been almost two months since he appeared inside the Tower and yet he held zero clue regarding the 'Elixir of life', his main purpose.

With each passing second, Kyle was getting a little anxious and slowly but surely some doubts were appearing inside his mind.

What if he wasn't able to find the Elixir?

Kyle hurriedly shook his head, getting rid of all the negative thoughts.

There wasn't any choice for what if's.

'I will find the Elixir no matter what.'

Kyle gazed around and looked at the tall green trees. He was sitting on top of a tree as the ground was filled with wet soil.

When he saw the condition of his clothes he almost had the urge to throw them away but he stopped himself.

"I only have 3-4 sets of clothes left."

After looking around for a while, he directly sped up toward the north as the nearest golden cross mark was present there.

On his way, he saw a lot more individuals fighting with monsters compared to the first week he arrived on the third floor.

Still, the number of people Kyle saw was too small.

It was like only 55 percent of the original 500 people who entered the Tower were able to arrive at the third floor.

Also, among the ones present on the third floor many will not be able to advance toward the next floor.

It was because the Tower was becoming dangerous with every floor they climbed.

Not everyone was powerful enough to advance further toward the top floors.

While traveling, Kyle killed a lot of monsters. Mostly the monsters he encounter were earth lizards who lived inside wet soil.

It was hard to fight them as they would just enter inside the ground and hid their presence completely.

That's why those strange lizards mostly escaped before Kyle could kill them.

He was quite frustrated due to them.

A week later, Kyle saw a familiar face among the people he saw while climbing from one tree to another.

It was Lily.

One of Kyle's classmates.

Just like Kyle, her attire was dirty with dust and mud.

Kyle only recognized her due to her striking silver hair and silver eyes.

Together with two elves, Lily was fighting with a large (+D)-Rank turtle who was completely brown.

It was huge with six small feet underneath its sturdy shell.

The turtle also had an affinity with earth element as it was easily able to manipulate the said element around its body, forming a huge shield whenever Lily or the elves tried to attack it.

Kyle raised his brow sensing Lily's rank, she wasn't any weaker than Nine. Almost on the verge of breaking through to (+E)-Rank. It seemed she found a lot of good stuff on the first and second floors.

After watching the fight for a while, Kyle frowned because the situation was worsening because one of the elves got injured.

He sighed and jumped down from the tree. Even though he didn't know about her much but still Lily was his classmate so it was better to help her.

It's not like it would take much time.

When Kyle jumped down, Lily and the elves were surprised to see him appearing out of nowhere but soon the surprise turned into caution as no one knew who he was.

Also, he was looking like a lump of clay due to all the mud present on his clothes.

Kyle didn't bother with them and after helping them defeat the turtle, he left without saying anything.

After Kyle left, Lily and the elves looked at each other before Lily sighed and spoke seriously.

"I think I know who he was. I just didn't expect him to become so strong."

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On the other hand, Kyle ventured around the forest, finding the golden cross marks. Time was ticking very fast and within the blink of an eye, one month passed.

In this month, he found a lot of good things. Mainly fruits and herbs.

He also faced death two times because some boss monsters were always present whenever the treasure was too precious.

Well, mostly Bia was the one who did all the dirty work or stealing. She was quite useful whenever Kyle needed to pick up something under someone else nose.

He was quite satisfied with his gains on this floor but still, he didn't find the 'Elixir of life'.

Kyle sighed, right now he was standing inside a dark room.

In front of him was a majestic white stairway that will probably send him to the next floor.

A finger size white orb was also floating in front of the stairway.

Just a few hours ago, Kyle found the location of one of the golden cross marks which was present at the edge of a mountain.

With the help of Bia, he defeated a (D)-Rank monster and some (+E)-Rank monsters roaming around at the edge of the mountain.

After the (D)-Rank monster died, he entered a small passageway leading underground where he fought some more (+E)-Rank monsters.

While he advanced further inside the dark passageway, he also saw a (+C)-Rank horned fox monster but with the help of a good bait like Bia, Kyle was able to avoid dying under that (+C)-Rank monster.

After tricking the (+C)-Rank monster, he arrived in this dark room where a familiar stairway was standing proudly in front of him.

Kyle stepped forward and grabbed the core floating in front of him.

It was a skill core.

He checked the skill information but it wasn't much useful.

The skill was a long-range fire attack called 'Fire Rain'.

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#\*Fire rain (B)-Rank:

User can use mana to create a sea of fire descending directly on the enemies from the sky. The more mana used, the larger the range of the attack.

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Just like Kyle other skills it also consumed a lot of mana. Still, he learned the skill as it will be useful in the future.

After learning the skill, he looked at the white stairway.

Now it was time to leave this floor, he wanted to stay more as there were still some golden cross marks he didn't plunder but they were too far away.

It will probably take one more month, if he decided to sweep all of them.

-'But you don't have time.'

Bia's child like voice resounded inside Kyle's head, who nodded his head slightly in answer.

He can only stay inside the Tower for six months and almost 3 months had already passed, that's why he can't stay on this floor anymore.

With a sigh, Kyle stepped on the white stairway.

After he reached the top, white light enveloped his body and he disappeared from the third floor.

#### *Chapter 80 A Maze I*

On the fourth floor of the 'Tower of Opportunity'.

Amidst a huge maze, spreading thousands of kilometers in radius. Two individuals wearing tattered clothes were seen advancing with all their might.

After facing hundreds of monsters with every twist and turn, the two of them looked dead tired.

Inside the maze, they could see a big sun and a vast sky on top of their heads.

The towering walls of the maze were made of a bunch of silver stones stacked on top of each other. Their tall height touched the vast blue sky.

Hundreds of tree vines were also descending from above, seemingly trying to wrap the silver stones together.

Even though the walls of the maze looked very weak and feeble but the silver stones didn't even move slightly when the two individuals used their most powerful attacks on them.

One of the two individuals who was at the front cursed loudly. His golden hair fluttered as he killed another monster.

Even though his clothes were tattered, they were luxurious like royals.

The person standing behind him also didn't look weak or poor as he radiated an elegant and powerful aura.

Suddenly the individual standing behind the golden hair youth spoke with a tired face.

"It's the 79th monster we encounter, Prince Kelvin."

Prince Kelvin looked back at his companion with a frown.

"Jian, I think you should lead. I can't carry on, I am tired."

Jian who had light red hair showed a teary expression, indicating he was too tired to even move.

"Sigh, okay let's rest for a while."

With the permission of Prince Kelvin both of them sat beside the silver stone wall.

Prince Kelvin was the second son of King Foraan who is the current ruler of 'Kingdom Whiteland' and Jian was his childhood friend.

Both of them grew up together, the only difference was that Prince Kelvin awakened (+S)-Rank talent while Jian awakened the legendary (+SSS)-Rank.

Still, even after that their friendship never changed.

They knew each other from a very young age, there was no way they would become distant just because one of them awakened a low talent.

Also, after entering the Tower they were easily able to locate each other because King Foraan made some special arrangements for them before they left the Kingdom.

The King called an old array master who drew a V-shaped special symbol on their wrist.

With the help of that V-shaped symbol, Jian and Kelvin were able to locate each other inside the Tower.

Jian who was sitting beside Kelvin glanced at his tired face.

'I feel like crying, I never knew we were so unfortunate.'



His thoughts wandered around, from the moment they left the Kingdom to the moment they arrived on the fourth floor, they faced so many problems that even Jian the person who was always serious wanted to cry.

First, after arriving at the city around the Tower they lost the precious 'Scroll' King Foraan gave them when they left for the Tower.

Not just the scroll, they lost all their weapons and accessories.

Of course, the dam thief was never found even when Prince Kelvin deployed all his forces.

It was like they were plagued with bad luck because after the scroll, they lost all the mana stones and money they bought with them.

Making it impossible for them to buy new weapons for themselves.

Still, with the help of some elders who came with them, the problem of money and weapons was solved.

Both Jian and Kelvin finally sighed with relief, thinking now everything will be fine.

After entering the Tower, just like they decided Jian hurriedly found Prince Kelvin, but the moment he found him they were chased around by two Boss monsters.

In the end, the only thing they did on the first floor was to run for their life.

After the first floor, the experience on the second floor was also very bad. Leaving a very bad taste inside Jian's mouth.

The third floor was better as after meeting each other on that floor they found some incredible fruits but now it seemed they used all of their luck on the third floor.

Because the moment they appeared on the fourth floor, they have been fighting nonstop.

They didn't find a single clue regarding the maze surrounding them.

With every turn they took new monsters would emerge, heck they even almost died a few hours ago when a (-C)-Rank monster suddenly pounced on them.

It was all thanks to the past experiences of running around on the first and second floor did they survive or else Jian was sure he would have probably perished together with his dear friend.

After resting for a while, Kelvin stood up and sighed.

"Let's continue we have to find a way out of this maze."

Jian nodded and also stood up while trying to wipe his non-existent tears.

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Meanwhile, after disappearing from the third floor. Kyle appeared in front of a huge open majestic gate.

He looked back and saw nothing except white walls and clouds.

"There's no other way, we have to enter inside the gate."

Bia who was beside him also looked at the gate with curiosity.

The gate was made of silver stones with long tree vines dangling around it.

With a deep breath, Kyle stepped inside the gate, only to see long towering silver stone walls surrounding him from all sides.

He walked toward the nearest wall and tried to punch it with full power.

-BOOM!

A loud sound reverberated inside the empty path, but the stone wall didn't even budge from its place.

On the other hand, Bia who was hovering above Kyle finally spoke seeing the long walls and strange paths.

-It's a maze.'

"A maze?"

Kyle blinked his eyes.

"Hmm, It seems it's true that the Tower floors are altered every time after the third floor because a maze has never appeared inside the Tower before."

After looking around, Bia went toward Kyle.

-The walls are too tall, I don't think I will be able to reach their edges.'

Kyle sighed. It seems for the fourth floor he has to find the exit of this maze or else he won't be able to advance further.

