

## **Celestial Bloodline**

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Amidst the towering walls of the maze, there were two paths in front of Kyle.

One was leading to the left side and one to the right.

Now that he was on the fourth floor, the old scroll he bought from the strange dwarf was useless that's why he have to find the exit of this vast maze by himself.

With a serious expression, Kyle started pondering as to which side he should go.

After a while, he decided to go toward the left path but before he could step forward two individuals wearing tattered clothes suddenly emerged out from that side.

With a caution expression, Kyle stepped back and gripped his sword hilt tightly. He looked at the two individuals who just appeared in front of him.

Both of them were almost the same height as him, the one who was leading had golden hair while the other had light red.

The golden hair individual was holding a spear while the red hair seemed to be a mage as there was a small red color wand tied to his waist.

The thing that caught Kyle's attention was the expensive grey armor underneath their tattered clothes.

Armors were not rare but they were too expensive.

'I think they are from a rich family.'

While Kyle was busy analyzing the two individuals, one of the individuals who had red hair suddenly fell to his knees.

Tears stream down his cheeks as he looked at the gate, Kyle entered from.

His voice was choked as he tried to grab the golden hair individual legs.

"N.ot agai..n."

They completely ignored Kyle who was dumbfounded when he saw the red-haired guy weeping with distress.

Bia who was sitting on top of Kyle also looked at the red hair individual and gave her opinion.

-I think he lost it.'

-You know that thing called brain?'

Under Kyle's gaze, the golden hair individual immediately stepped back, stopping the red hair individual from grabbing his legs.

The golden hair individual finally gazed at Kyle and become embarrassed because of the red hair individual.

"Get up, Jian. Someone else is present here beside us."

The red hair individual who was called Jian also looked at Kyle and tried to smile but his smile was not beautiful at all. He was smiling but tears were still streaming down his cheeks continuously.

Kyle was momentarily speechless. He didn't knew what to say anymore the situation was too awkward.

The red hair individual who was called Jian was sitting between the path Kyle wanted to enter that's why Kyle had no choice but to speak.

"Are you alright?"

Jian looked at Kyle while wiping away his tears.

"Am I ...alright? Do I look.. fine to you?"

After Kyle, Jian looked at the golden hair individual.

"Kelvin do something. I am too tired no I am dead tired. It's been three weeks since we appeared inside this floor and the only thing we did was to find the starting point two times."

The golden hair individual who was called Kelvin sighed and shook his head. It was not like he couldn't understand Jian. It's just he can't do anything about their situation.

They have been struck on this floor for three dam weeks!

No one would be able to remain composed after experiencing so much.

After a while, Jian finally calm down but he was too embarrassed to look at Kyle who just saw him weeping that's why Kelvin approached Kyle and introduced himself and Jian.

Kelvin didn't tell Kyle anything else except for their names and from which Kingdom they belonged as he didn't knew what type of person Kyle was.

Also, it was not right to trust someone immediately.

In reply, Kyle also introduced himself as 'Kyle Ohan' from Kingdom Escalante.

Once again there was silence because after Kyle introduced himself with a simple line he didn't speak anything else but then Jian stood up with a serious expression.

"Let's go together, no matter what I will find the exit of this maze and then I will kill the person who designed this dam maze!"

Jian determined voice echoed inside the vast maze, making Kelvin look at him with pride but Kyle only replied with an 'Oh'.

Kyle would have already left if not for Jian who was weeping between the path he wanted to enter.

He sighed, he wanted to go alone but after seeing the condition of Kelvin and Jian, Kyle changed his thoughts of going alone.

The maze seemed too dangerous.

Bia also urged him to go together with Kelvin and Jian as it was safest to have some meat shield with them.

After Kyle nodded, the three of them decided to find the exit together.

There were only two paths in front of them.

Both Kelvin and Jian looked at each other and left the decision to choose the path on Kyle because three weeks ago they choose the left path but in the end ended up coming back through the right path.

The second time they choose the right path but it seemed the starting point loved them so much that they ended up here again from the left path.

Kyle was surprised at how easily they left such a big decision on him.

With a serious expression, he entered the left path together with the others.

Under the bright sun that was burning on top of their heads, Bia fell asleep while Kyle and the others kept walking straight on the left path.

Kyle was still vigilant around Kelvin and Jian but after seeing them for a while he was sure they weren't bad people.

While walking Jian started talking. Telling Kyle about his experience inside the fourth floor.

Of course, he left a lot of embarrassing details as to how both he and Kelvin were targeted by a lot of 'Boss Monsters'.

"This floor is too dam shitty. I think it will take us months just to find the exit."

Kyle nodded and gripped his sword more tightly because according to Jian they will encounter monsters the moment they choose the next path.

There was also a 10 percent chance to encounter a boss monster.

The fourth floor was really too dangerous.

### *Chapter 82 Amazing Sight*

As Kyle, Jian and Kelvin walked together everyone was quiet.

There was silence because after Jian stopped talking no one started another conversation.

They took each step with caution and among them the most serious one was Kyle.

After listening to Jian, he was sure they would encounter monsters soon.

They walked straight for a while before seeing three more paths in front of them.

Kelvin looked at Kyle who pondered for a while and pointed toward the right path.

Jian took a deep breath and slowly walked behind Kelvin as they approached the right path with slow steps.

Kyle was also ready to fight anything that pounced on them.

As everyone made a turn to the right with serious expressions, their eyes narrowed because there was nothing.

The small straight path between the silver stone walls was empty.

Not just monsters it was devoid of even a single sound.

Kyle released his held breath and started walking straight again with the others.

Just like that every twenty to thirty minutes later they would see different paths and Kyle would choose as to which path they should enter.

Kyle's rhyme was very easy as first he would choose to go left and then right.

After 6 hours,

Jian's expression was blank as he looked at yet another straight empty path in front of him. Even Kelvin looked shocked.

They both have a lot of questions in their minds.

Were they even inside the same maze?

Where are the hundreds of monsters both Jian and Kelvin encounter during their time?

And Why the fuck is it so quiet?

Jian looked at Kyle who was wearing a serious expression.

He was intelligent and after linking everything together he knew it was all because of this man that they didn't encounter a single monster.

'I think he is the son of the goddess of fortune!'

With a serious expression, Jian immediately decided to befriend Kyle.

On the other hand, after one more hour Kyle was speechless.

'Didn't they say there are a lot of monsters? Why didn't we encounter any?'

After the bright day turned into night. They all decided to stop and rest.

Next day early morning, they finally encounter some monsters but all of the monsters were (+E)-Rank.

Together they took care of the monsters within a few minutes and continue advancing.

Kyle's rhyme of choosing left and right also continued.

Soon three more days passed. In these three days, they encounter monsters two more times but because the monsters were quite weak they easily took care of them.

Also, Jian tried everything to become close with Kyle but because Kyle was not talkative he wasn't able to make much progress.

As they made another turn toward the right path a huge circular area appeared in front of their eyes.

Everyone's jaw dropped as they saw thousands of finger-sized bright orbs and small golden boxes floating magically above the vast circular area.

Under those precious orbs and golden boxes, a large familiar white stairway was standing, beside the stairway there was a large stone tablet where 'Choose one and leave' was engraved.

Jian rubbed his eyes not believing what he was seeing before mumbling in a daze.

"I take back the words when I said It will take months to find the exit of this maze."

He looked at Kyle who was also shocked when he saw those thousands of orbs.

They were all skill core!

Also, those golden boxes probably held amazing treasures within them!

After everyone was done taking in the incredible sight in front of them, they approached the center of the area.

No one was an idiot, after seeing the stone tablet they knew they can only choose a single treasure from the thousands of treasures floating above them.

Jian was the first to speak.

"What will happen if we take more than one?"

Anyone will start drooling at the sight of so many treasures.

Both Kelvin and Kyle looked at each other. It's not like they knew anything.

With a mischievous smile, Kelvin looked at Jian.

"How about you try."

Jian eyes widened. How dare they use him as a testing subject?

"Fuck off!"

Kyle was also not idle, after thinking for a while he woke up Bia who was sleeping on top of his head.

'Bia? Bia.'

-'What?'

Bia's voice was sleeping when she opened her round eyes and looked at the surrounding only to become dumbfounded.

-'Wow where are we? Also, there are so many strange boxes and monster cores.'

'Yes, I can see. Go pick up a golden box for me.'

-'Why not.'

After speaking with Kyle for a while, Bia flapped her wings and flew toward the nearest golden box, and under everyone's eyes, she picked it up.

Jian eyes widened when he saw what was Bia doing.

"Kyle bro you are a genius."

On the other hand, Bia picked up the box and threw it toward Kyle.

Kyle catch the box and immediately opened it.

Jian and Kelvin also hurriedly walked toward him to see what was inside the box.

A single black dagger was lying inside the box. On the hilt of that dagger, a small black golden color snake was engraved.

Kyle looked at the dagger and blinked his eyes. He could sense the dagger aura, It was (A)-Rank!

"OMG."

Jian exclaimed with excitement before Kyle asked Bia to pick up another box.

But what happened next poured cold water upon their dreams.

Bia figure phased through the treasures. She wasn't able to touch anything else. It seemed one person can only choose one treasure no matter what.

Kyle sighed, his plan of sweeping this place clean completely shattered but because of Bia, he can choose two treasures unlike Jian and Kelvin who can only choose one each.

Jian looked at Kyle with a serious expression.

"Kyle bro what treasure are you going to choose."

"Huh."

After looking around, Kyle pointed at a core but before he could speak Jian shouted toward that core.

"I choose you!"

To everyone surprise after Jian shouted, the core started moving and stopped in front of Jian who looked at it with twinkling eyes.

On the other hand, Kyle was speechless and Bia started laughing.

-'He used you.'

While Kyle was looking at Jian, Kelvin approached him and tapped on his shoulder.

"Um, I wanted to ask what next are you going to choose?"

Kyle left eye twitched when he heard Kelvin's question.

He sighed and randomly pointed at one of the nearest golden boxes and the same scene occurred.

Kelvin took the box immediately in front of Kyle. He opened the box and there was a small bracelet inside the box.

After Kelvin wore the bracelet he was on cloud nine because it was an artifact that had a lot of storage space!

The space inside the bracelet was almost double compared to a supreme-grade storage ring.

Also, he could see a beautiful preserved dark brown flower floating in the middle of the storage space.

He looked at Kyle with a grateful smile.

Jian also absorbed the skill core and started laughing loudly.



"Hahaha, It's an (S)-Rank skill! I can't believe I finally acquired an (S)-Rank skill."

Kyle looked away from the two men who were staring at him with eyes filled with gratitude and decided to choose a skill core for himself as well.

### *Chapter 83 Swift steps*

As Kyle pointed at one of the white orbs floating above them, the orb started moving and arrived in front of him.

Both Kelvin and Jian were looking at the orb with twinkling eyes. In their minds, they immediately marked this skill core as something awesome.

Under everyone's gaze, Kyle grabbed the core and saw its information before his face lit up.

The skill was very useful!

Also, it was an agility-type skill!

With a delighted expression, Kyle hurriedly absorbed the skill core. And all the knowledge regarding the skill entered his mind.

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#\*Swift steps (S)-Rank:

The skill can be activated with the usage of mana, after activation it will increase the user's agility stat as long as the user has enough mana inside his body. In the future, the user can become so fast that the enemies won't even be able to see the user's silhouette before they are killed.

The skill 'Swift steps' is a growth-type skill, it will grow more powerful when the user advances to the next rank.

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The more Kyle thought about the skill, the happier he became.

The skill was simply too amazing because it was a growth-type skill, with a minimum mana requirement!

Right now if Kyle used 'swift steps' his agility stat would be doubled. He can also maintain the skill as long as he has enough mana inside his body.

While Kyle was grinning, Jian sighed and looked at Kelvin.

"I knew it, he got something amazing."

Both of them wanted to know what skill Kyle acquired but the topic was quite sensitive because people usually don't share their skill details with others, that's why they didn't ask anything.

After Kyle was done, it was time to leave the fourth floor.

Jian and Kelvin bid farewell to Kyle, now they were not sure if they would meet him again.

That's why before leaving Jian gave Kyle a small square-shaped family insignia and asked him that if Kyle ever went to 'Kingdom Whiteland' he was always welcome to visit them.

Kyle looked at the brown insignia. A white flower with three petals was engraved in the middle of the square-shaped insignia.

A family Insignia was only given to those who were trustworthy because it can be used for identification purposes or when you want to get entry inside the said family territory.

Kyle put the insignia inside his ring and nodded. He wasn't sure if he would visit them but if he ever got the chance to visit Kingdom Whiteland, this insignia could be useful in many ways.

After he took the insignia, both Kelvin and Jian approached the white stairway and left the floor under his gaze.

Kyle looked at the floating golden boxes and orbs one last time and sighed.

'What a pity.'

Afterward, he also climbed the white stairway and disappeared from the fourth floor.

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Meanwhile, Alec, Mia, Lara, and Carcel all advanced to the fourth floor when Kyle was finding treasures on the third floor.

Kyle was probably the last one to appear on the fourth floor but he was the first one who left the said floor.

After Kyle, Kelvin, and Jian, Carcel was the second person who found the exit of the maze.

It took him a whole month but when he saw the reward, Carcel was delighted.

From the thousands of rewards floating above the open area, he chose a golden box and left the fourth floor quietly.

After Carcel, a lot more people arrived at the same place.

Some of them wanted to try taking more than one treasure but after the first choice, their bodies phased through the other treasures that's why they had no choice but to leave the floor disappointed.

Among the 55 percent of people who were present on the third floor, only 40 percent were able to advance to the fourth floor.

Of those 40 percent, almost 2 percent of people died on the fourth floor because the maze was too dangerous.

In the end, only 25 percent of people were able to advance to the fifth floor.

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On the other hand, after arriving at the fifth floor. Kyle opened his eyes and looked around.

His eyes slightly narrowed when he saw his surroundings because he appeared inside a desert.

No matter where Kyle gazed, he could only see a sand desert filled with small swirling tornadoes.

Bia also started flying and looked around the desert but no matter where she looked she didn't find any path.

After looking around for a while, Kyle sighed and took a step forward but his foot didn't find a solid footing and sank inside the hot sand.

Due to the sand, walking normally was hard and tedious. Also, the temperature around the desert was too hot.

The hot temperature didn't affect Kyle that much due to his passive skill 'Fire resistance' but he had to put double the strength with each step just to walk normally.

He walked around the seemingly huge desert for a whole day but still found nothing.

After a long day, the burning sun disappeared from the horizon and a beautiful night filled with stars appeared on top of Kyle's head.

When the night arrived, the temperature around the desert decreased a lot. Kyle stopped walking and decided to rest for a while.

He didn't know anything about this floor nor was he sure how to find the exit to this floor.

Also, even after walking around for a whole day, he didn't see any living being.

The only thing around Kyle was a desert filled with small tornadoes.

Bia also flew back and sat on top of Kyle's head, she was tired after flying around for a whole day.

With another sigh, Kyle took out a sleeping bag from his storage ring.

The bag was square-shaped and fully brown. He bought it from the Academy before he left for the Tower

Kyle didn't use the sleeping bag on the lower floors as he could sleep on the trees but now he was sure he wouldn't be able to sleep with the small sand tornadoes flying around him.

After both Kyle and Bia entered the bag, they fell asleep.

Next day early morning, Kyle woke up and again started walking.

A week later,

A vein was bulging on Kyle's forehead. His feet were trembling due to walking non-stop. Also, he was dead tired.

"Just where the fuck is this place?"

Kyle shouted with frustration, even after walking for two whole days he didn't see anything or anyone.

Even Bia who was sitting on top of his head, looked tired and annoyed.

- 'Just how the hell are we going to find the exit of this dam floor?'

#### *Chapter 84 The fifth floor trial*

While Kyle was roaming around the desert, trying his best to find someone or something. The others who appeared on the fifth floor were standing on a sand mountain.

For some reason, everyone was gathered together.

The people standing on the mountain were a mixture of humans, elves and demi-humans.

Among the small crowd, Alec, Mia, Lara and Carcel could also be seen standing together in a group.

Even Nine, Kelvin and Jian were present on the mountain.

All of them were looking at a floating figure of a man present in front of them. The floating man was the one who brought everyone here.

The floating man was wearing white clothes. He had long white hair and white pupils.

He also had two small horns on top of his head and a long tail, indicating his identity as a demi-human.

Everyone standing on the mountain was curiously staring at the floating man who was calculating something with his fingers.

After a while the man finally stopped calculating and gazed at the people present beneath on the mountain.

He slowly mumbled under his breath with a hoarse voice.

"I think I brought everyone who cleared the fourth floor."

The man's voice was low but because the atmosphere was quiet, everyone was able to hear him.

After thinking for a while, the floating man took a deep breath and started speaking loudly.

"I Casian welcome all those who cleared the fourth floor. Right now you are standing on my territory and to advance toward the next floor you have to clear a trial."

"I won't say much as I don't like beating around the bush. To clear this floor, you only need to protect a sand castle for 2 weeks. Also, a team of 5 individuals will be assigned to protect a single castle. In these two weeks different waves of monsters will attack everyone's castle."

"After two weeks, all those who are successful in protecting their castle from the monster's waves will advance toward the next floor with rewards while those who failed to protect their castle would die. Even if they survive I will just throw them on the first floor."

"That's it. Now you can choose your team members, remember one team can only have 5 members. Hurry up, so I can start the trial."

After Casian stopped speaking, everyone looked at each other. There was fear, anxiety and excitement in their eyes.

Soon, small teams of 5 started forming within the crowds.

Alec, Carcel, Lara, Mia and Nine formed a team as they were familiar with each other.

Kelvin and Jian also teamed up with three other humans.

The elves and demi-humans also formed their own teams.

After everyone was done forming groups of 5, Casian who was floating in the sky waved his hand and a lot of small sand Castles appeared out of thin air.

All the castles were too far from each other.

Everyone looked at each other and after Casian gestured them to go toward the castles, they all hurriedly choose a castle to protect and left.

Looking at the fading image of the small humans, elves and demi-humans, Casian expressionless face finally showed a creepy smile.

"Finally after 20 years, a new batch of people arrived on this floor. It's going to be fun hehe."

He looked toward the clouds with a delighted expression.

"I think I should hide behind the clouds and enjoy the show."

After pondering for a while, Casian approached the clouds. He formed a chair out of thin air and placed it between the clouds.

The chair was made of sand. It was large and luxurious like a throne.

With a smirk, Casian sat on the chair and looked at the feeble and weak bugs he found in the past whole week.

On the other hand, all the teams choose a castle and immediately entered inside.

Now the only thing they needed to do was to protect the castle and survive for the next two weeks.

Alec and his team also choose a castle. After they entered, Nine finally spoke with a worried tone.

"I didn't see Kyle among the ones who were able to reach the fifth floor."

He was worried. Kyle was definitely stronger than him the last time Nine saw him, so why was he not here?

Lara who just heard Nine words frowned.

"He defeated me during the selection process but failed to climb until the fifth floor?"

Alec and Carcel also heard Nine and express their worries.

They all knew the fourth-floor maze was too hard, it took everyone a whole month just to find the exit of that dam maze.

Maybe Kyle wasn't able to find the exit of the maze?

Also, it's not like they can do anything for Kyle. They can only hope for Kyle to stay safe on the lower floors.

Nine sighed and also wished for Kyle to stay safe. He was sure he would be fine as Kyle was stronger than him.

Afterward, everyone stopped thinking about Kyle. They gathered together and started forming a good plan against the upcoming monster's waves.

In another Castle, Kelvin was looking at Jian who was frowning nonstop.

Kelvin sighed.

"Just speak if you want to say something."

Jian looked at Kelvin and spoke with confusion.

"Where's Kyle? Did he not leave the floor after us."

Hearing Jian Kelvin shrugged his shoulders.

"I don't know. Maybe he choose to stay there for a while. Also, don't worry about him, with the amount of luck he displayed in front of us do you think something will happen to him?"

Kelvin's words made Jian laugh.

"Hahaha, Of course, he will be fine."

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Meanwhile, at a place that was too far away from the sand castles.

A place where only a large desert and some sand tornadoes could be seen.

A person who was almost half sunk inside the sand was trying his best to find a way out of the desert.

When he moved, the sand would also move with his every step like water waves.

On top of that person's head, a bird whose wings were filled with sand was sitting tiredly.

Of course, they were Kyle and Bia!

He looked at the vast desert and almost had the urge to beat up the person who made this place.

With squinted eyes, he tried his best to see far and wide but in the end saw nothing.

Kyle had enough food and water inside his storage ring to last for a few months, so he wasn't worried about it.

Still, the desert harsh environment was very hard to bear.

"I wonder how the others are doing?"

*Chapter 85 First monster wave*

With the sun slowly leaving the horizon, a chilly breeze started to wander around the large sand desert.

The atmosphere around the mountain was tense because all the individuals who arrived on the fifth floor were standing guard in front of their assigned Castles.

Their gaze was vigilant as they tried to see any suspicious movements around them.

The castles created by Casian were all similar in shape and size.

They had thick sand walls, a long walled structure on the upper part with a walkway behind it for standing. And a single square-shaped huge room inside.



The castles weren't too big or too small. The space inside them was enough to hold more than thirty people.

Among the various castles, Alec and his team were standing around the castle which was present at the middle of all the castles.

From the walkway present on the upper part of the castle, Lara looked around with squinted eyes.

She was an archer that's why her range of perception was higher compared to the others.

Mia was also standing beside her.

On the other hand, Nine, Carcel and Alec were standing outside the castle, a few meters away from the gate.

Just like everyone else, they were also looking around continuously but even after the sun left the horizon and night arrived there was no sign of a monster wave.

On the other hand, a little further away from the castles. The sand suddenly started to sink at a fast speed.

With a loud whistling sound, two large monsters crawled out from the sand.

Their snake-like bodies were filled with pointy scales and they had six lower limbs. The moment the two monsters crawled out from the sand they looked at the castles with their brown-green eyes.

After those two monsters, like a wave hundreds of monsters started crawling out from the sand.

They all looked at the castles with bloodshot eyes before charging madly toward the castles in groups.

Lara who was standing on the upper part of the castle was the first to notice those sand-colored monsters. A frown appeared on her beautiful face when she saw the number of monsters.

They were too many!

After seeing the monsters, she immediately shot out a fire arrow to alert everyone standing outside the castle.

Mia who was standing beside her also become serious when she saw so many monsters charging toward the castles.

After the monsters closed in the distance everyone standing inside or outside the castles was able to sense their rank.

All the monsters were (E)-Rank!

After seeing the huge monster wave, Alec wasn't sure if his team would be able to handle the wave because even though their ranks were higher than the monsters, the monsters were just too many.

They could defeat a hundred or so monsters but after that, their energy and mana will be exhausted.

Not to mention the teams who weren't strong enough to fight back.

Seeing the monster wave, some become serious, some anxious while some started praying so they can survive.

If the first wave was so hard what will happen in the next wave?

Will they even be able to survive?

With gritted teeth, Alec gave his team the signal to attack.

No matter what they have to protect the sand castles or else instead of failing the trial, they will all die.

Jian and Kelvin's castle was a little further away from Alec and his team.

They also saw the monster wave and their facial expression showed utter disbelief.

There were just too many monsters!

With serious expressions, Kelvin immediately ordered Jian and his team members to attack the monsters charging toward their castle.

Meanwhile, Casian who was sitting on a luxurious chair present among the clouds laughed loudly when he saw the bug's expression.

He found it amusing how they were charging toward the first monster wave with their everything.

"The outer world is becoming weaker with every generation."

"I remember a hundred years ago when I was newly assigned as the 19th floor keeper those people who appeared inside the Tower were so powerful that they just directly beat me up and cleared the floor."

Casian smile darken when he remember the first time his master opened the Tower and the younger generation entered the Tower.

He was so embarrassed that he didn't appear around the Tower 9 floors for almost a hundred years.

Just like Casian there were guardians on each floor.

The outside world only knew that there were 9 floors inside the Tower but in reality, the Tower has a lot of floors and each floor had its own guardian.

It just after the first, second and third permanent floors, the guardians of the other floors have to fight for a place so they can get a chance to appear inside the said 9 floors.

After the winning guardians arrived at the lower floor, they can set up some trials for the people who were climbing the Tower.

There were a few restrictions but the guardians were allowed to do almost everything.

That's why after the 3rd floor, the other floors always had changed scenery whenever the new generation entered the Tower.

Casian was the guardian of the 19th floor. He wasn't really allowed to come down from the upper floors more than thrice continuously but for the past three generations, he has been bribing everyone and coming down at the lower floors.

It's because he enjoyed crushing the younger generation of the people who beat him up a long time ago.

"What a pity they cannot see it. I am still the same powerful and mighty but their descendants are just like bugs."

After a long time, Casian was finally able to enjoy himself and take revenge for the embarrassment he suffered a long time ago.

With a wave of his hand, a table formed out of thin air and a lot of delicious fruits appeared on top of the table.

Casian started eating while happily looking at the bugs who were busy defending the castles from the monsters.

He was thinking of killing a few with each wave.

"Hehehe"

A creepy laughter came out of his mouth as he thought of various plans to kill almost 90% of the people present on this floor.

"Well, if I killed all of them master will be angry."

Casian shuddered when he thought about his master, he wanted to kill everyone on this floor but because of his master, he decided to send 5-10 individuals to the next floor.

"Let's see, who are the ones I am leaving alive."

### *Chapter 86 A Silver Castle*

Meanwhile, after traveling inside the desert for a whole week. Kyle finally saw something.

It was a Castle!

After seeing the Castle which was silver in color, Kyle started running toward it.

He was finally able to leave this dam desert!

After spending a whole week inside the desert, Kyle's condition wasn't good at all.

He didn't encounter any monster or living being, but due to the hot wind and sandy land, his clothes were torn from various places.

Now seeing a huge luxurious castle, he was obviously happy.

Even Bia who was sitting on top of his head started flying. She wanted to enter the castle first!

As Bia was flying toward the castle at full speed, she suddenly saw a large transparent light blue barrier around the castle and her eyes contracted.

After barely stopping herself from colliding with the barrier she cursed.

Kyle also hurriedly appeared in front of the barrier. He punch the barrier with full power but after showing some tiny ripples the barrier returned to normal.

"There's no way I can break it."

Bia also looked at the barrier and wanted to cry.

-I want to go inside, I can't bear to stay inside this desert anymore!

With a gloomy expression, she flew back toward Kyle's head and was going to sit on top of his head before Kyle disappeared.

Not able to balance herself, Bia fell on the sandy ground.

-'Fucking shit, how dare you.'

She looked up and hurriedly tried to find Kyle. Her mood was already bad due to the barrier and now she was sure to beat him up or else her anger won't subdue.

With a dark expression, Bia looked around. Only to see Kyle standing inside the barrier and looking back at her with an innocent expression.

-'How the hell did you go inside?'

Bia shouted with disbelief.

"Ah I used 'Instant teleportation' I wasn't sure if it would work but it worked."

After hearing Kyle, Bia simply turned her head away from the barrier. She was really going to cry this time.

-'Why does this bastard have so many cheat skills!'

Sensing Bia's grumpy mood, Kyle smiled.

"Wait for me, I will be back after looking inside the castle."

Bia didn't reply but Kyle turn around and hurriedly started walking toward the castle gate.

There wasn't any guard around the castle. It seemed the owner of this castle had full confidence in the barrier he set up.

Alas, he just forget to consider people like Kyle.

After Kyle approached the huge gate, he could see the statues of the monsters present on the castle walls more clearly.

The monsters looked like humans but their skin was filled with scales. Also, they had two horns on their heads and a long tail on their back.

After looking around for a while, Kyle finally spotted a small window on the left side.

He hurriedly walked toward the window and after melting the window with some fireballs, Kyle jumped inside the castle.

The moment Kyle jumped inside, he almost freaked out because he appeared inside a dark room filled with skeletons.

With heavy heartbeat, Kyle looked at the skeletons. Few of them were human skeletons!

"What the hell..?"

He looked around the room but except for some chains and skeletons, there was nothing.

Still, after taking a deep breath to calm himself down. Kyle approached the only door present at the end of the room.

He pushed the door and it opened up immediately.

Kyle stepped out from the room and his eyes narrowed at the sight in front of him.

There was a huge hall in front of him. The hall was filled with red carpets and in the middle of the hall, a big luxurious throne was present.

There were hundreds of diamonds and rubies embedded on the throne.

After seeing the throne, Kyle started sweating. Now he was sure he entered inside a place where he shouldn't have entered.

"Hu, Calm down. I think there is no one inside the castle right now."

With a deep breath, Kyle approached the hall, there was another room at the other end of the hall.

After looking around inside the hall and finding nothing, Kyle entered the other room present at the end of the hall.

The moment Kyle entered the room his jaw dropped.

In front of him was a mountain of gold coins. The coin's shape was different from the coins used inside Kingdom Escalante but heck in the end all of the coins were made of gold!

Besides the gold coins mountain, Kyle could also see a small mountain of weapons.

After looking at the weapons closely, he saw some old bloodstains on them.

It seemed the weapons belonged to the people who died inside this castle!

On the left side of the weapons, Kyle saw a lot of storage rings scattered around on a table with some artifacts.

"Well, I am taking a risk but let's sweep this place clean before the owner come back."

With a nervous expression, Kyle picked up the storage rings from the table and after five minutes the room which was filled with gold and treasures was empty.

After taking everything from the room, Kyle immediately sped outside with a pouch filled with storage rings.

He found a total of 12 storage rings on the table. Among them, 10 were high grade while 2 supreme grade!

Kyle couldn't put the storage rings inside his own storage ring as it was not possible. That's why he took out a small cloth pouch and put the rings inside the pouch.

While Kyle was leaving the hall, he suddenly stopped and turned back before looking at the throne with twinkling eyes.

With an incredibly fast speed, Kyle arrived in front of the throne and placed it inside one of the storage rings.

"I can sell it after I leave the Tower."

With a satisfied expression, Kyle was going to leave the castle when he saw a black orb embedded in the wall opposite him.

The orb was hidden behind the throne but after Kyle took the throne, he saw it immediately due to the ominous feeling it was emitting.

"What's that?"

He approached the black ball and with a swift movement, Kyle took it out from the wall.

The moment Kyle grabbed the strange black ball, the barrier around the castle shattered and a white stairway appeared in the middle of the hall.

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While Kyle was staring at the familiar white stairway with a dumbfounded expression, Bia who was outside the barrier saw the barrier crumbling and immediately flew inside.

She entered from the same window Kyle used and was also shocked after seeing so many skeletons. With a serious expression, she hurriedly found Kyle who was standing in the middle of the hall.

-'What the hell did you do this time.'

Kyle snapped out of his daze and threw the black ball away as it was giving off a strange chill.

"Let's leave, I feel like something bad is going to happen."

*Chapter 87 Can we survive?*

Meanwhile on the battlefield.

After a long night, the first monster wave finally ended.

Everyone was panting heavily while they looked at the burning sun above their heads.

The first monster wave was neverending as everyone fought without any rest.

Now there wasn't a single person who wasn't drained of energy. All of them were tired with their bodies aching with pain.

Also, last night 1 demi-human and 2 humans died due to the onslaught of monsters.

Alec gazed at his team before mumbling under his breath.

"Can we even survive the second wave?"

Meanwhile, Casian who was sitting among the clouds laughed loudly. He gazed at the people who died and a satisfied expression appeared on his face.

It had been ten minutes since the first wave ended.

"They have rested enough, let's start the second wave."

With a creepy smile, he waved his hand and at a distance the sand started to sink again.

After a few seconds, familiar monsters with bloodshot eyes started crawling out from the ground. They immediately started making their way toward the Castles.

Lara who was standing on the upper part of the castle was panting heavily while looking around. Her fingers were bleeding due to stretching the bowstring continuously.

Suddenly she saw more monsters charging toward the castles and her eyes contracted.

Without waiting for even a second, she shouted.



"Another monster wave is coming!"

Her voice was loud because she coated it with mana. Everyone heard her words and gasped with shock.

Another wave was coming?

Didn't the first wave just ended a few minutes ago?

No one was in the condition to fight but still they stood up while holding their weapons tightly.

They looked at the far distance where the ground was slightly trembling due to the large amount of monsters charging toward them.

While everyone was waiting for the monsters with heavy hearts, their eyes finally spotted a large army of monsters charging toward the castles at full speed.

"The fuck?"

Nine cursed while looking at the monster wave with contracted eyes.

"How the heck are we going to win against such a big monster army?"

He shouted with disbelief. Alec looked at Nine and gripped his sword tightly.

"We can only try our best."

His voice was barely audible but Nine nodded his head seriously.

Soon, the monsters appeared in front of the castles but instead of attacking suddenly they all froze in their track.

Under everyone's shocked gaze, the monsters started disintegrating.

Not just the monsters, but the sand castles also started falling apart turning to normal sand particles.

"What's happening?"

Jian looked at the hundreds of white particles around him with wide eyes and questioned but no one knew the answer to his question.

Within a few seconds, all the sand castles and the monsters turned into particles and vanished into thin air, leaving behind the dumbfounded individuals who were supposed to protect the castles.

As everyone gazed at each other with confusion and anxiety suddenly a thunderous roar sounded among the clouds.

"Which bastard did it!"

The angry voice was loud and unpleasant. Everyone looked at the sky and tried to find out the owner of the voice.

Under their gaze, Casian the guardian who gave them the trial came out from the clouds. He was still floating but right now Casian was bleeding from his nose and mouth.

A vein was also bulging on his forehead as he looked at a faraway place with a dark expression.

Before anyone could say something, Casian stumbled and fell from the sky. He shouted again with anger.

"Bastard!"

With trembling hands, he immediately tore the air in front of him and a huge hole appeared in front of everyone.

With dark eyes, Casian gazed at the other side of the hole. A magnificent hall filled with red carpets appeared in his gaze.

The hall was empty devoid of anything else except for a single White stairway standing proudly in the middle.

Casian entered the hole within a second. He gazed at the white stairway and saw a young man standing on top of the stairway.

Casian eyes contracted as he disappeared from his place and tried to grab the young man standing on top of the white stairway but alas he was a little late because the young man's image faded the moment Casian tried to grab on to him.

"How dare you!"

Casian angry voice sounded within the whole floor as he gazed at his empty hand.

After a few seconds, he calm down and frantically started looking around the hall, seemingly finding something important.

While Casian was looking around the hall, the others who were standing on the other side of the hole looked at the hall and the white stairway with wide eyes.

Alec looked at Casian and at the hall, he knew staying on this floor any longer would be dangerous. With a caution expression, he hurriedly stepped inside the hole.

The moment Alec entered the hall, his left foot collided with something hard. He looked down and saw a black ball that had a small crack on its surface.

Alec picked up the ball, only to see Casian standing in front of him while staring directly at him. No to be more specific Casian was staring at the black ball Alec was holding.

"Give it to me."

With a commanding voice, Casian shouted toward Alec who was holding onto the black ball.

A huge pressure descended on Alec, making him wince in pain as Casian stared at him with dark eyes but Alec didn't give the black ball to Casian. Instead, Alec grabbed the ball more tightly.

Casian showed a painful expression the moment he grabbed the black ball more tightly.

Seeing his expression, Alec shouted with gritted teeth.

"I will, if you let us all go."

Casian didn't say anything. He just stared at the ball with dark eyes. The pressure around Alec immediately disappeared before Casian spoke with a hoarse and unpleasant voice.

"Okay, but you have to give it back to me."

Alec nodded and slowly stepped toward the stairway while looking at Casian.

"Everyone leave."

Hearing his shout, all the hesitant individuals standing on the other side of the hole immediately rushed inside the hall.

They all glanced at Casian and without waiting for even a second they stepped on the white stairway.

Carcel and Nine stood behind Alec and when they saw almost everyone was gone, both of them immediately climbed the stairway and shouted toward Alec.

"Alec, come on! You are the only one left now."

Alec's gaze was still fixed on Casian as he slowly moved back toward the stairway and started climbing.

After he reached the top, he threw the black ball toward Casian and disappeared.

On the other hand, Casian immediately grabbed the black ball. His mind was racing before he finally sighed with relief when the ball was in his hand.

The black ball was his life!

If something happened to it Casian would undoubtedly die!

He hurriedly placed the black ball back in the wall and all his injuries healed immediately.

Not just Casian, all the guardians of the Tower had their life tied with a specific thing.

It was done by their master as he wanted to restrict them to some degree so they don't cause trouble.

Suddenly Casian thought about the young man who found his abode.

"Why the hell did I not notice his presence when he stepped inside my territory?"

Thousands of questions appeared inside his head as he gazed at the empty castle with anger before he suddenly remember the man's appearance.

The man had black hair and black eyes. Also, strangely the corner of the man's hair were silver.

Suddenly Casian eyes widen.

"The earring!"

Now he knew why he wasn't able to detect the young man's presence. It was all because of the white earring the young man was wearing!

The earring was a special artifact crafted solely for the purpose of hiding the user's presence.

No one below (+SS)-Rank can sense the presence of the person wearing the white earring.

It had been hundreds of years, that's why Casian forgot about a lot of artifacts scattered around the lower floors.

After seeing the empty castle devoid of any precious things, Casian was angry.

He wanted to torture the individual who dare to steal his belongings under his nose but he knew now he can't do anything because the said individual had left the floor.

According to the rules, Casian can't leave this floor for the next 20 years.

"Don't you ever let me see you again or else I will tear you apart!"

"You bug!"

He shouted with anger and frustration. It was the first time after a long time he suffered such a huge blow.

While Casian was cursing, the black orb started trembling.

Under his horrid gaze, multiple cracks appeared on the black ball and Casian shouted with pain.

"Ahhhhhh...."

While his body twisted with pain, a serene voice sounded from behind.

"Sigh, why didn't you stop when I asked you to? Now the old ancient tree who was keeping an eye on a specific individual saw what you did."

A young woman wearing ancient clothes appeared behind Casian. Her face and body was hidden behind a white curtain.

"According to the rules, you have to spend a thousand years underground."

Casian turned around and looked at the woman while bleeding from various parts of his body. He shuddered when the woman mentioned the word 'Underground'.

That place was the worst nightmare for all the Guardians!

Casian wanted to apologize but voice didn't come out of his mouth and the woman mercilessly dragged him inside a black portal.

*Chapter 88 Golden Stairway I*

On the other hand, the moment Kyle threw the black ball away he felt a shiver run down his spine.

He gazed at the black ball and saw a small crack on its surface before he heard a thunderous roar.

"Bastard!"

After the voice resounded, the hall started trembling.

Without waiting for even a second, Kyle grabbed Bia and immediately started climbing the white stairway.

He knew he was dead if he didn't leave this floor!

When Kyle arrived at the top of the white stairway. He saw a huge tear appearing in the air in front of him, forming a wide hole.

It was the first time he saw someone tearing the air so effortlessly!

Kyle shuddered as he saw a horned man gazing at him from behind the hole with bloodshot eyes.

The horned man immediately entered the hole and shouted toward Kyle.

"How dare you!"

Kyle's heart almost leaped out from his chest as he saw a huge hand trying to grab him but fortunately, the white stairway did his job and Kyle disappeared.

After leaving the fifth floor, Kyle appeared at a strange place. He gasped for air because the horned man's pressure was too scary.

Bia who was inside his hand, looked at Kyle with horror.

- 'Just what the heck did you do? We almost died there!'

Not giving Bia any answer, Kyle sat down on the floor. After a few seconds, he finally calm down and his heart rate returned to normal.

"No, we survived!"

Bia had the urge to beat him up but suddenly her eyes widened when she saw her surrounding.

- 'Kyle look at the front!'

Hearing Bia's voice that was filled with disbelief, Kyle gazed toward the front and he almost fainted from the shock.

A huge golden stairway that was wide enough to fit a whole kingdom was standing in front of him. It was shining dimly, illuminating a small area around it.

No, Kyle wasn't shocked because of the golden stairway. He was shocked seeing the thousands of treasures floating above in the sky.

There were so many treasures that he wasn't even able to count!

Swords, spears, old artifacts, scrolls, fruits and god knows how many precious herbs.

While Kyle was looking at the floating treasures, he suddenly saw some white transparent boxes floating among the thousands of treasures.

The moment Kyle looked at the white transparent boxes, his eyes were glued to them because inside the boxes was something he needed desperately.

Inside those boxes were bundles of beautiful colorless flowers. The flowers also had 9 leaves underneath them.

"Elixir ..of life!"

Kyle shouted, his voice was almost trembling.

He finally found it!

After seeing the flowers, Kyle tried to step on the golden stairway but a transparent golden barrier appeared in front of him.

He looked at the transparent shield and mumbled under his breath.

"Instant Teleportation."

But unlike the last time his skill didn't work, he was still standing outside the barrier.

He tried to use the skill again but it didn't work again that's why Kyle stopped trying and started looking around to find another opening.

While Kyle was looking around, suddenly a deep yet calm voice resounded around the golden stairway.

"Hmm, someone's already here. I thought it would take at least a week before anyone passed Casian trial."

After hearing the voice, Kyle's gaze finally left the flowers. His face turn expressionless as he looked at the place where the voice originated from.

An old man wearing white robes was floating at the edge of the golden stairway. He was cleaning an old-looking armor.

The old man had long white hair, even his pupils were completely white as he gazed at Kyle warmly.

After looking at Kyle for a while, the old man threw the blue armor away and started floating toward him.

Kyle's eyes narrowed as he saw the old man floating toward him.

He waited patiently for the old man. This place was strange also he wasn't able to sense the old man's rank. That means the old man was a very strong individual.

While Kyle was waiting patiently Bia finally spoke.

-'Why is he so slow?'

Kyle looked at Bia and then looked at the old man who was still floating toward him.

"Well, maybe it's because he is old?"

While Bia and Kyle were conversing as to why the old man was so slow, suddenly someone appeared behind him.

Kyle immediately turn around and saw a familiar face, It was Mia.

Mia also looked at Kyle and become shocked.

"So you were the one..?"

She questioned with a low voice.

After Casian suddenly started shouting and opened up a hole in the air a lot of individuals saw a person standing on the white stairway but they didn't see who it was because the stairway was too far away.

Mia never expected it to be Kyle!

While she was questioning, some more people appeared behind her. Kyle also looked at the array of individuals appearing one by one.

He saw a lot of familiar faces, Lara, Jian and Kelvin. After a few seconds Nine and Carcel also appeared.

The last one to appear was Alec.

Kyle was standing opposite to everyone, that's why the moment everyone appeared their gaze was on Kyle.



The first one to speak was Nine.

He immediately rushed toward Kyle who was surprised to see so many people appearing in front of him.

Nine hugged Kyle and started laughing.

"Hahaha, I was worried when I didn't see you on the last floor but it seemed you were up to something big."

Kyle looked at him and shrugged his shoulders.

He also saw some individuals standing on the other side of the hole made by the horned man but because he was busy saving his own life that's why he didn't do anything.

Jian also walked toward Kyle and looked at him with mischievous eyes.

"So any plan telling us how you did it?"

All those who saw the individual standing on the white stairway had an idea of what happened.

They were all curious as to how Kyle found the white stairway.

While everyone was bombarding him with questions. Kyle pointed his finger backward. He really didn't want to answer so many questions!

They all looked at the way where he pointed his finger and their jaw dropped. Nine and Jian both gasped together in utter shock.

"So ..many treasures?"

### *Chapter 89 Golden Stairway II*

While everyone was looking at the treasures in a daze, Kyle noticed two individuals who were gazing in a different direction.

The first person was Alec while the other one was an elf who had long black hair and black eyes. Kyle wasn't able to see his facial features completely as the lower half of the elf's face was hidden behind a cloth mask.

Kyle raised his brow seeing their serious face and hurriedly followed their gaze.

He saw a one-hand sword emitting bright golden light. The sword was old yet it had a majestic aura around it.

Also, different from the other treasures, the sword was floating almost at the top of the golden stairway.

While Kyle was looking at the sword curiously, Nine exclaimed loudly.

"Holy shit! These treasures are almost thousands of times greater than what we saw at the end of the fourth-floor maze."

Before anyone could say anything more, some demi-humans, elves and humans standing inside the crowd hurriedly approached the golden stairway.

They were practically drooling while looking at the thousands of treasures flying above the golden stairway.

Under Kyle's gaze, they made their way toward the stairway. But before they could step on the stairway a transparent barrier appeared in front of them, immediately stopping them in their track.

Seeing the barrier, they looked at each other and without waiting for even a second they started attacking it.

-BAM!

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"Why can't we break it?"

"Fuck the barrier is too strong!"

They cursed loudly because even after attacking the barrier continuously there wasn't a single scratch on it.

Suddenly a loud and old voice sounded from above the stairway, stopping everyone in their track.

"Kids nowadays are very impatient."

The old man who was floating toward Kyle, finally appeared in front of everyone.

Kyle looked at the old man and blinked his eyes.

The old man was short almost half the size of a normal man. Also, his ears were slightly pointy.

Everyone stopped what they were doing and stared at the white-robed old man who suddenly appeared in front of them.

"Hmm, Why so many?"

The old man questioned with confusion. It was the first time he saw so many people passing Casian test. Still, he threw the thought to the back of his mind and looked at everyone with a smile.

After a long time, he was finally given a chance to appear on the lower floors. That's why he wanted to see the new talents of the outside world.

"Hello, kids. My name is Jordan and I am the guardian of this floor. I am very happy to see all of you."

Right now not just Kyle, everyone was blinking while looking at the old man.

He was too slow!

The old man paused in his sentence and looked at everyone again.

"It's so nice to see so many young people standing in front of me after such a long time. How about you all tell me what's happening in the outside world... "

Before the old man could continue, an elf suddenly walked forward and cut him off.

"What's the trial?"

The elf's voice was calm as he stare at the old man with an expressionless face.

After experiencing a trial on the last floor he was sure they have to complete a trial before they could get something from the thousands of treasures floating above the golden stairway.

That's why the elf didn't wanted to waste any more time.

Kyle looked at the burly elf who spoke up and almost had the urge to praise him because the old man's voice was so slow that he almost wanted to fall asleep.

Not just Kyle, Jian and Nine also looked at the elf with respectful eyes.

It was because they were too scared to offend the old man! Who knows how strong the old man was?

On the other hand, this elf was so confident that he directly cut off the old man.

He was really fearless!

The old man gazed at the elf who just spoke up before turning his gaze away from the crowd. He slowly started to fly back toward the armor he was cleaning before.

"Sigh. The younger generation is always too impatient. Very well. I shall tell you about the trial."

Everyone listened attentively as this was a very important topic.

"The trial is very simple. I will remove the barrier around the golden stairway and you have to climb upward. The higher one climb toward the top, the more precious reward will they get."

"Also, only those who are able to reach the top of the stairway would be able to advance toward the next floor."

Everyone heard the old man and sighed with relief because unlike the last floor, the trial the old man gave was really simple.

Among the crowd, a demi-human raised his hand and looked at the old man who was still floating toward the armor.

"What will happen to those who didn't reach the top and won't be able to advance toward the next floor."

The old man paused and a small chuckle escaped his lips.

"Don't worry I am not like that idiot Casian. This floor is not made to harm anyone. It's basically a floor where anyone can get a treasure as long as they step on the first stair."

"Also, to answer your question those who didn't qualify to advance toward the next floor have to go down."

Hearing the old man's words, Kyle mumbled under his breath.

"Go down?.."

He had a slight idea as to what was the old man trying to convey.

The old man finally appeared in front of the armor and started cleaning it again. He looked at everyone and spoke again.

"I will send them down. More specifically I will send them to the first floor."

Everyone went quiet and a pin-drop silence enveloped the atmosphere.

They were clear about the rules, as long as they reached the top of the golden stairway they will advance toward the next floor with a reward but if not they will be thrown on the first floor again.

Of course, climbing the stairway would definitely be hard or else why would they get a reward just because they stepped on the first stair?

### *Chapter 90 Golden Stairway III*

While everyone was thinking just how hard climbing a stairway could be, the old man waved his hand and with a small cracking sound the transparent barrier around the stairway disappeared.

This time the old man's voice was loud as he said in a commanding tone.

"Start climbing."

Kyle looked at the stairway. Alec also appeared beside him. He smiled at looked at Kyle.

"Kyle, how about betting on who will reach the top first?"

"Huh?"

Kyle looked at Alec but before he could reply Nine chimed in.

"Of course, I will win, both of you just wait and see. Hahaha."

Carcel also approached them from behind and said in a low voice.

"If we continue to stand idly and didn't start climbing, we will probably be last."

Nine, Alec and Kyle simultaneously gazed at Carcel who was pointing at the stairway.

They looked at the stairway, except for them almost everyone had started climbing.

Jian and Kelvin both were almost on the third stair. Lara and Mia were also seen on the second stair.

The other demi-humans humans and elves were just one step behind them.

Kyle looked at the stairway with squinted eyes before exclaiming with disbelief.

"Bia?"

He hurriedly checked on top of his head not believing what he was seeing.

After Kyle spoke, Nine, Carcel and Alec also looked at where he was staring with wide eyes.

They saw a small red bird climbing the stairway alongside Jian.

After seeing the bird, they burst into laughter.

Nine looked at Kyle with pity while wiping the invisible tear from his eyes.

"Hahaha, It seemed Kyle your pet betrayed you for treasures!"

Kyle looked at Bia and shouted inside his head before running toward the stairway.

'Bia what the fuck? Weren't we supposed to climb together? Just when the hell did you start climbing the stairway!'

Alec, Carcel and Nine also followed behind him and started climbing.

After hearing Kyle's voice Bia looked back and blinked her eyes with innocence.

-'When did I agree to climb with you?'

Kyle almost tripped but he remained calm because he didn't wanted to curse in front of so many people.

While everyone was climbing the stairway, the old man suddenly gazed at Alec and a surprised expression appeared on his face.

He mumbled under his breath.

"Why does he have the nature essence within his body? Did something happen outside?"

His voice was too low that's why no one heard his words.

As everyone climbed the stairway and easily crossed the halfway mark, suddenly a demi-human stopped in his track.

With sweat trickling down his forehead, he dropped to his knees.

Kyle looked at the demi-human with confusion.

"What happened?"

He, Nine, Alec and Carcel were almost at the starting stairs that's why they were able to see everyone's situation clearly from below.

The demi-human who stopped had a painful expression on his face. Also, it seemed he wasn't able to climb any further.

Soon, under their gaze a lot more individuals started sweating and dropped to their knees.

It was like they were experiencing a lot of pressure but the others who were still climbing looked at them with confusion.

Kelvin also stopped walking after the halfway mark. Jian looked at Kelvin who was sweating profoundly.

"What happened?"

Kelvin who was breathing heavily looked at Jian who was perfectly fine.

"Ugh, I don't know there's some invisible pressure pressing down on my body. I think if I climb another stair my bones will be crushed."

Jian wanted to help Kelvin in any way but he wasn't able to do anything.

In the end, Kelvin asked him to continue climbing because he didn't want him to stop there just because of him.

Also, according to the old man. The higher they climb the more precious treasure they will get. How can he be selfish enough to stop Jian here?

With a reluctant expression, Jian left Kelvin behind.

Just like Kelvin almost sixty person individuals stopped climbing after they crossed the halfway mark. They could do nothing but stare at the others who were still climbing.

After Nine passed the halfway mark he also stopped around the same stair as Kelvin.

Kyle looked back at Nine who smiled bitterly.

"I think I can't continue anymore."

"This..?"

Alec who was beside Kyle suddenly spoke seriously.

"I think the golden stairway is testing our talent!"

"What?"

Kyle looked at Alec seriously. If it was true doesn't that means he just exposed himself?

His talent was recorded as (B)-Rank inside the Academy and now he climbed higher than Nine whose talent was (+S)-Rank?

Still, after a second Kyle clam down. Now wasn't the time to think about useless things because he needed to climb as higher as possible to get the 'Elixir of life'.

Also, if Alec's guess was really right, he knew he won't be able to reach the top!

With a serious expression, Kyle looked away from Alec and started climbing again.

Alec looked at Kyle back. Now he was hundred percent sure Kyle's talent wasn't (B)-Rank.

The system was behaving strangely whenever he tried to use his appraisal skill on Kyle. That's why Alec was curious about his talent.

After Alec spoke, the atmosphere around the golden stairway turned heavy.

His voice was low but because no one was speaking that's why everyone heard his words.

Now they all knew what the stairway was testing.

It was their talent!

At the same time, after crossing the eighty percent mark, Lara also stopped in her track. She was panting heavily and was trying her best to maintain her balance.

Mia looked back at Lara, and after two more stairs, she also stopped advancing.

Both of them knew they reached their limits.

Soon, Carcel, Alec and Kyle passed beside them. After glancing at them they continue climbing.

Alec and Carcel both went upward while Kyle stopped at the same stair as Lara.

Carcel and Alec both looked back together. Carcel with surprise while Alec with a raised brow.

Now Alec had an idea about Kyle's talent.

If he was standing at the same stair as Lara that means his talent was definitely (SS)-Rank!



Lara also looked at Kyle with wide eyes.

Wasn't his talent lower than hers?

How did he climb so far!

She had so many questions going on inside her mind but didn't say anything and just gazed at Kyle with a neutral expression.

On the other hand, Kyle wanted to continue climbing but the pressure descending on his shoulder was too huge. He knew he would be crushed if he dared to take another step forward.

Kyle laughed bitterly and looked at the few individuals who were still climbing.

There were a total of seven individuals who were still climbing. Carcel, Alec, Jian, Bia, two elves and one demi-humans. The elf wearing a mask was also among the two elves who were still climbing.