

# Celestial Bloodline

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### *Chapter 91 Bia Potential*

After a minute, among the seven individuals who were still climbing, Carcel and the demi-human who was a few stairs above him stopped when they reached the 90 percent mark of the stairway.

Just a few seconds later, one of the two elves also stopped after reaching the 93 percent mark.

Now the elf who was wearing a mask, Alec, Jian and Bia were the only ones who were still trying to reach the top.

While they were climbing the people who weren't able to advance further were looking at them enviously.

After one minute, someone finally reached the top of the stairway.

The person who reached the top first was none other than Bia!

Kyle's eyes were almost bulging when he saw how effortlessly Bia reached the top of the Golden Stairway.

Not just him a lot of people were shocked. Lara and Mia who were standing beside him also had their eyes wide open as they looked at Bia who was standing proudly at the top of the golden stairway.

'Dam! This bird like phoenix potential is (+SSS)-Rank.'

Kyle muttered inwardly while looking at Bia with a newfound gaze.

At first, he thought she would probably reach (+S)-Rank in the future because even though Bia looked like a normal bird in the end she was a Phoenix. But now seeing her reaching the top so easily, Kyle was overjoyed.

Who would not like to have a bonded beast with (+SSS)-Rank potential!

'Well, I won't use her as a bait anymore. She is too precious, it would be a huge loss if something happened to her.'

Kyle gazed around with a proud smile and saw a lot of people who were also staring at Bia. Some were shocked, some were surprised while some with twinkling eyes...

Huh?

Twinkling eyes?

Kyle narrowed his eyes as he saw some humans, demi-humans and elves looking at Bia with greedy eyes.

The look in their eyes was very similar to the look when everyone first saw the thousands of treasures floating above the golden stairway.

'What the fuck! I didn't think about this matter.'

After he saw those individuals who were looking at Bia, Kyle became a little anxious. His happiness also vanished.

Now that Bia's talent was revealed these people who had seen her would definitely find trouble with him in the future!

Also, all the people staring at Bia were genius of different Kingdoms. After they left the Tower they will probably tell their elders or Leaders about this matter.

In the east Continent, bonded beasts were not rare but finding one with a talent of (+SSS)-Rank was almost impossible.

Even though all the Kingdoms had a peaceful relationship with each other right now but they will never hesitate to attack each other for something as precious as an (+SSS)-Rank beast.

Not to mention, someone weak like Kyle would probably be crushed just so they can get their hands on Bia!

While Kyle was sweating profoundly while thinking about his bleak future. Jian also reached the top of the golden stairway.

After Jian, Alec also reached the top. Meanwhile, the elf who was wearing a mask stopped at the 97 percent mark.

The elf was trying his best to advance further but after he climbed another stair his knees gave in. Also, he started bleeding from his nose and mouth.

In the end, Bia, Jian and Alec were the only ones who were able to reach the Top!

The old man looked at everyone including the ones who were standing at the top with a smile before waving his hand.

The moment the old man waved his hand, except for the three individuals who were standing at the top everyone else disappeared.

Bia looked back at where Kyle was standing just a moment ago and panicked. She wasn't able to sense his presence!

With a worried expression, she flapped her wings and started flying while shouting inside her mind.

-'Kyle? Kyle?'

'I am fine.'

Only when a calm voice resounded inside her head, did she finally calm down.

Jian and Alec also panicked when they saw everyone disappearing but then the old man started speaking.

"Don't worry they are fine. They are just getting their rewards."

The old man finally let go of the armor he was polishing and started floating toward the top of the Golden Stairway while looking at Alec and Jian seriously.

"You three are the only ones who reached the top of the golden stairway and according to the rules you can choose anything from the treasures floating around this floor."

"Remember you can only choose one. So choose wisely."

While speaking with a serious tone, the old man arrived in front of them within a second.

Seeing the old man who was previously too slow suddenly appearing in front of them within a second, Bia narrowed her eyes and hurriedly informed Kyle

-'Kyle this oldy is too suspicious be careful.'

'What?'

-'Right now the old man is even faster than an (+S)-Rank a far contrast to before when he looked like he would die any second.'

'Oh?'

While she was conversing with Kyle. The old man looked at Bia curiously and spoke seriously.

"Little one. It's the first time a bonded beast reached the top of the golden stairway without its partner. So, what are you going to choose as a reward."

"Also, will you go toward the next floor or accompany your friend who wasn't able to pass the trial?"

Bia looked at the old man and blinked before hurriedly shaking her tiny head.

Of course, she would not go to the next floor!

She was not in a hurry to die. Also, for some reason, she knew she would benefit more if she stayed with Kyle instead of going toward the next floor alone.

The old man looked at Bia and raised his brow. He could sense divine energy within her body but he didn't voice his opinion and slightly moved his fingers.

A small golden portal appeared behind the old man who looked at Alec, Jian and Bia.

"Hurry up choose your reward and go. This portal will take you to the seventh floor."

Alec looked at the old man and nodded. Without even waiting for a second he pointed toward the old sword floating among the thousands of treasures.

The sword shook slightly and arrived in front of Alec who was grinning.

*Chapter 92 Again on the first floor*

The moment Alec grabbed the sword a notification appeared in front of his eyes.

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'Mission; xX'

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

-Completed.

Reward:

2x Sub-ranks increase.

1x(S)-Rank skill.

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Alec's smile widened. He hurriedly looked at the sword blade which was slightly old before using his appraisal skill on the sword.

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'Name: Sword of Power.'

'Currently: Unbonded.'

'Rank: Unranked (Growth-Type Weapon)'

Special: Once belonged to a powerful individual who saved the mortal world from evil creatures. It is unbreakable as it was forged from a divine metal called 'methrine'.

-Error!

Trying to find the cause! Loading....

-Error!

No more information provided.

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Alec took a deep breath when he looked at the words, 'Growth type weapon'.

The sword was amazing!

It was a weapon that can be bonded with the owner. Even if in the future it was lost, Alec can just find its location through the connection.

Alos, the sword will simply grow together with Alec. Now he didn't have to care about his weapon breaking or acquiring a new weapon anymore.

While Alec was holding the sword, the old man looked at him with surprise.

"Kid, are you sure you want to take this sword? The sword is old, even I don't know its origin. Also, there are a lot of more powerful weapons present around you."

Alec looked at the old man and hurriedly hugged the sword.

"No, I like this one."

After a long time, he finally completed a mission. There was no way he was going to let go of the sword!

The old man shrugged his shoulders and looked at Jian who choose an (+SS)-Rank wand. Jian was a mage so he didn't care about the sword Alec was holding.

After both of them had chosen their reward the old man gestured them to leave the floor.

Alec and Jian looked at each other. They were the only ones advancing to the next floor.

After nodding toward each other both of them step inside the golden portal present behind the old man and disappeared from the floor.

On the other hand, the old man looked at Bia who was staring at a round fist-sized fire orb.

"Little one, the orb you are staring at belonged to an (+SS)-Rank fire monster. Do you want to take it?"

The old man's voice was warm. From the start to the end he never once spoke angrily. Bia looked at the old man and after pondering for a while she nodded her head.

The orb started floating and appeared in front of Bia.

She decided to absorb the fire orb because It will be definitely beneficial to her as she was a fire phoenix.

"Now, I will send you back where your friend is."

The old man smiled and a small white portal appeared in front of Bia.

Bia nodded her tiny head and entered the portal, leaving behind the old man who was alone again.

"Sigh. Now It will take a long time before anyone else appeared on my floor."

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Meanwhile, After Kyle disappeared from the stairway he appeared inside a white room filled with treasures.

Kyle was startled suddenly appearing inside a place he had never seen before but then a familiar old voice resounded inside the room.

"You can choose any one of the treasures present inside this room."

After hearing the voice, Kyle heaved a sigh of relief and started looking around the room.

The voice said he can only pick one, also he was sure like last time he won't be able to take more than one even if he wanted to.

While Kyle was looking around, he heard Bia worried voice inside his head.

-'Kyle? Kyle?'

He chuckled when he heard her panicked voice before telling her that he was fine.

Kyle was worried about the time when Bia potential would be known in the outside world but he threw the thought at the back of his mind.

Right now, no one knew who he was, after leaving the Tower he will just simply hide his identity!

After a few minutes, Kyle finally saw what he was looking for and his eyes lit up.

Among the hundreds of treasures piled around the white room, he saw a transparent box filled with colorless flowers.

After looking at the flowers for a while and confirming it was really the 'Elixir of life' Kyle immediately picked the transparent box.

He didn't even glance at the different (+S)-Rank artifacts and skill core present around him.

Kyle looked at the box that was filled with nine-leaves flowers. He felt happy. Now his brothers can be saved!

The main reason why he entered the Tower was finally complete.

He carefully placed the box inside the storage ring he was wearing before seeing a strange door at the end of the room.

Kyle approached the door and after glancing back at the white room one more time, he entered the door and his vision turned dark.

After a few seconds, he was finally able to see something.

The new scenery around him was familiar. A large forest filled with huge spiky trees.

"Sigh, I am again on the first floor."

Kyle sighed. He was a little disappointed because he wasn't able to advance to the next floor. Then suddenly an evil smile appeared on his lips.

"Hehe, The old man will probably regret sending me here because I am going to sweep this floor clean!"

He immediately took out the old map from his storage ring and looked at it with twinkling eyes.

There were still two months before the Tower closed again, so he wanted to make the most out of the remaining time.

Kyle didn't even notice how the four months passed in a blink of an eye. After the remaining two months passed, everyone would be probably thrown out of the Tower.

Suddenly out of thin air, a small white portal appeared in front of Kyle and Bia flew out from the portal with a fire orb.

"Bia."

Kyle shouted with excitement while opening his arms wide to hug Bia.

He actually wanted to shout, 'You are finally here. My dear (+SSS)-Rank birdy' but controlled himself.

Bia looked at Kyle and immediately flew toward him before stopping in front of him.

'-I am going to absorb the fire core. I will probably break through to the next rank. So guard my surroundings.'

After ordering Kyle who still had his arm wide open, she turned around and sat on top of a nearby tree to absorb the fire core.

"What the! At least give me a huge. You know I missed you a lot."

Bia looked at Kyle with narrowed eyes. Didn't we just saw each other a while ago? Why are you suddenly missing me?

'-Why are you behaving so strangely?'

"Sigh."

Another sigh escaped Kyle's lips as he turn around to guard their surrounding.



It was going to be very hard to make Bia his exclusive (+SSS)-Rank warrior considering their 'awful' history!

### *Chapter 93 Fire Skeletons*

Meanwhile; On the seventh floor.

After entering the golden portal, Alec saw himself inside a new environment.

The moment he stepped out of the portal, he felt a burning sensation under his feet. With a small wince, Alec hurriedly coated his feet with mana and looked down.

The ground was crimson and he could also see some fire sparks coming out from the red soil.

Suddenly another person arrived beside him. Alec hurriedly turned around and saw Jian.

Jian jumped the moment he arrived beside him.

"What the! Why is the ground so hot?"

Both of them looked around with squinted eyes.

There were no trees, no vegetation. The sky was dark, filled with lighting clouds.

In the distance, they could see cone-shaped volcanoes, lava lakes, and large red fire rocks.

The Temperature was also high, making them sweat profoundly within a few seconds.

Jian couldn't help but shudder while looking at their surrounding.

"What the hell are we supposed to do in this place?"

The moment he spoke, a figure wearing dark clothes flew out from behind the clouds. The figure was yawning seemingly uninterested in the two individuals who just arrived on its territory.

Alec and Jian both immediately looked at the figure. It had brown skin with two black horns protruding out from its head. Also, in the middle of the figure's eyes, they could see red lines instead of pupils.

After gazing at the duo, the figure spoke in a cold voice.

"Hmm, even though it was my turn to come down but I didn't expect anyone to arrive on this floor. Very well, now that you both have stepped on my territory I won't make things difficult for you."

"To pass my trial each of you need to find and kill one thousand fire skeletons."

After speaking, the figure wearing black clothes snapped its index finger and under Alec and Jian's gaze a fire skeleton crawled out from the ground.

The skeleton's eyes were hollow and its body was black. A ball of fire was also burning in the middle of the skeleton's chest.

The figure pointed at the fire skeleton while looking at Alec and Jian with an emotionless face.

"As you can see this is a fire skeleton. The red fire orb burning in the middle of its chest indicate the power of the skeleton. There are three types of fire skeletons in this place each with a different color fire core."

"Red color orb is the weakest and it's almost equal to a (-D)-Rank warrior. The second color is blue and it's equal to a (+D)-Rank warrior. Lastly, the ones with purple color orbs are the strongest skeleton warrior. They are equal to a (C)-Rank warrior."

"It doesn't matter what skeleton warrior you kill, you just need to kill one thousand of them and you will pass the trial."

The figure paused and looked at the duo who was swallowing all the information.

"After you are done you can leave for the next floor."

"Any questions?"

Jian and Alec looked at each other. There was a bitter smile on their faces.

What the fuck!

The weakest skeleton was (-D)-Rank!

Jian was only (+E)-Rank. On the other hand, after receiving the mission completion reward from the system, Alec directly broke through to (D)-Rank.

Still, it would take them months just to kill so many fire skeletons.

Suddenly Jian raised his hand and spoke with hesitation.

"What about the reward?"

The floating figure raised its brow at Jian's question before speaking indifferently.

"While finding and killing the skeletons you will probably stumble upon incredible treasures buried around this floor. That is your reward."

Jian expression turned ugly.

So even after killing one thousand skeletons, there was no reward!

Also, he knew from his experience that he almost had a zero percent chance of stumbling upon any treasure.

For a moment, Jian thought about Kyle before shaking his head with a smile.

"Kyle would have probably found something precious even if he casually stroll around this place!"

Jian mumbled under his breath. He was a little jealous.

Meanwhile, the figure floating in front of them clapped its hand.

"No more questions?"

Alec and Jian both nodded.

The figure snapped its figure again and a zero mark appeared on both Alec's and Jian's wrists.

"Alright, I put a counter on your body It will tell you the amount of fire skeletons you killed. After the counter reached 1000 a portal will be formed in front of both of you. The portal will take you to the next floor."

After speaking its final words, the figure turned around and disappeared among the clouds with a sleepy face.

After the horned figure disappeared from their view, both Alec and Jian got familiar with each other. They were the only ones present on this huge floor so it was better for them to roam around together.

While they were talking suddenly the ground a few meters away from them trembled and a black skeleton suddenly crawled out from the ground. Its core was blue.

With a sigh, both Alec and Jian immediately got ready for combat.

They have to kill one thousand skeletons with as minimum time as possible. So they can advance to the next floor.

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At the same time, On the first floor.

A small shockwave shook a large tree. On top of the tree was sitting a small red bird. A beautiful golden fire mark appeared between the bird's brow as she laugh madly.

-'Kyle, I directly broke through to (+D)-Rank! Also, my fire skills become stronger than before!'

Bia shouted excitedly while flying toward Kyle who was looking at her with squinted eyes.

"Why are you still small?"

Bia stopped and looked at Kyle with a deadpan expression.

-'I told you I broke through and you are calling this majestic me small?'

Kyle immediately changed his expression and looked at Bia while blinking his eyes innocently.

"Um, Congratulations."

Bia narrowed her eyes hearing his insincere congratulation. With a flap, she threw a fireball toward a nearby tree.

Kyle's eyes widen looking at the large head-sized golden fireball before he immediately stepped side way and the fireball collided with a nearby tree.

-BOOM!

Under Kyle's shocked gaze, the upper part of the tree blasted into tiny pieces.

Seeing Kyle shocked face, Bia had a proud expression on her face before she flew toward him and sat on top of his head.

Kyle sighed looking at the half-burnt tree. She just blew a towering tree with a single fireball. That was the power of the future (+SSS)-Rank Phoenix!

-'So, what's the plan now.'

After hearing Bia's words, Kyle smiled.

"What else, we are gonna take everything from this floor!"

-I like this plan!

Now that Kyle was (-D)-Rank and Bia was (+D)-Rank. Both of them were very confident in their abilities. Also, they could face everything as long as they didn't encounter any monster above (-C)-Rank.

#### *Chapter 94 Blue Snakes*

Just like Kyle. Lara, Mia, Carcel, Kelvin, Nine and the others who were present on the sixth floor also appeared on the first floor after they choose a treasure from the white room.

After arriving at the first floor, instead of being disappointed or sad about the fact that they were not able to advance to the seventh floor. They immediately started hunting monsters and looking around for treasures.

After experiencing so much on the upper floors everyone was clearly stronger than before. That's why the first-floor dangerous monsters were now like ants in their eyes.

Still, there were a lot of powerful 'Boss Monsters' present on the first floor but no one was idiot enough to approach those monsters.

Only two months were left before everyone have to leave the Tower. That's why they wanted to make the most out of the remaining time.

Also, the old man never said they can't advance to the next floor again. They can probably find a white stairway and go to the second floor again.

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On the north side of the first floor, everything was quiet around the hundreds of towering trees.

Suddenly a figure shot out from a hole present at the center of a tree trunk.

The figure had two fist-sized purple color eggs inside its hands. With a swift movement, the figure placed the egg inside a cloth bag and tied the bag to its waist while running at full speed.

After a second, a red bird also shot out from the tree hole. The bird was panting heavily as it looked at the running figure.

-'Kyle you fucker wait for me!'

Bia shouted with frustration while cursing Kyle. After Bia, two long blue snakes crawled out from the tree hole.

Both of the snakes looked at Bia and Kyle's retreating figures with bloodshot eyes.

Their body was covered with ice. Also, the snakes had two curved horns on top of their heads.

Both of them were (+C)-Rank!

With a large hissing sound, one of the snakes blasted a surrounding tree into pieces before following behind Kyle and Bia at full speed.

The other snake held its head high and a large ice ball appeared on top of its head. After forming the ice ball, the snake threw the large ice ball at Kyle with full force.

Kyle cursed, looking at the ice ball that was almost half the size of a tree. With a sweaty forehead, he immediately used 'Instant Teleportation' to teleport out from the ice ball range.

-BANG!

With a loud bang, the ice ball crashed into the ground and a huge crater appeared on the ground. Almost all the nearby trees froze and turn into ice particles before flying around with the winds.

Looking back at the destruction, Kyle sucked in a cold breath.

"I didn't expect they would be so strong!"

After seeing the first attack power, Kyle had the urge to apologize and return the eggs but he knew those snakes will probably skin him alive the moment he stopped.

With a serious expression, Kyle increased his speed. He also used the skill 'Swift steps'.

Soon, another ice ball appeared on top of Kyle's head. His eyes contracted as he immediately jumped toward the left side to avoid the incoming attack.

-BAM!

Another large crater appeared on the ground. Kyle's body trembled as the floating ice seeped into his body.

"Bia do something!"

With a shout, he hurriedly looked toward the east and started running again.

Bia who was flying above looked at the situation and cursed.

-'Who the hell asked you to steal their eggs? They are both (+C)-Rank. Do you think my attack will work on them!'

With gritted teeth, Bia threw some fireballs on the snakes to distract them but the fireballs turned into smoke the moment it touched their bodies.

One of the snakes looked at Bia with red eyes. The snake horns shone with a brilliant white light and a circular ball formed between its horns before an ice beam should out, directly heading toward Bia.

Bia's face was ashen when she looked at the fast-approaching beam. She hurriedly flapped her wings and threw some fireballs toward the ice beam but all the fireballs immediately turned into smoke.

While cursing Kyle inwardly, she used half of her mana and formed a bright red shield in front of her.

The beam crashed down on the shield and within a second a crack appeared on the shield, after another second one crack turned into hundreds of cracks.

After one more second, the fire shield broke down into small particles but Bia was nowhere to be seen.

While the beam attacked the shield she distance herself from the beam and Left the attack range.

The snake looked at the empty sky and Bia flying figure that was too far away and stopped the beam.

With a hissing sound, it again started to follow behind Kyle.

On the other hand, Kyle was panting heavily as he looked back at the blue snake following him.

Soon, another large ice ball appeared on top of the snake's head.

"Shit!"

With a curse, Kyle used 'Instant Teleportation' again to avoid the attack.

Kyle looked back, he wanted to attack the snake as it was alone but after a few seconds, the other snake also appeared behind the first snake.

With wide eyes, Kyle sped up toward the east again.

'Bia! I told you to do something.'

A tired voice sounded inside Kyle's head.

'I am trying. The snake had a strange ability. It just suddenly shot out an ice beam from its head. That's why I exhausted half of my mana.'

After hearing Bia, Kyle looked back. His mana was also exhausted. If he didn't get rid of the snakes soon then he was probably done for!

While Kyle was running he suddenly heard a sound nearby. His eyes lit up and he immediately turn around and started running toward the sound.

Within a second he arrived at the place where the sound was coming from but when Kyle saw what was in front of him he almost fainted.

Three 16 meter tall Apes were standing together.

They were all (C)-Rank!

Right now the Apes were munching on a monster corpse. Also, there were strange earth spikes all over the Ape's bodies.

Kyle looked at the Apes and the Apes also turned around after hearing a commotion.

With a teary expression, Kyle slowly spoke inside his head.

'Bia let's meet in our next Life.'

'-What?'

The moment Kyle spoke those words inside his head, the ground beneath his feet caved in and he fell underground with a loud thud.

The Apes looked at the place where Kyle was standing a while ago, only to see a large ice ball arriving in front of their eyes.

Their eyes contracted as they looked at the ice ball before hurriedly moving away from the ball range.

The Apes were very agile. With a swift movement, they disappeared from their place. The ice ball crashed down on the Ape's food with a loud bang.

A small tremor shook the ground and a large crater formed. Under the Ape's stunned eyes, their food turned into ice particles and vanished into thin air.

The two blue snakes also appeared on the spot where the Apes were standing.



The Apes were still shocked to see their food becoming invisible. When the snakes arrived, all three Apes turned around with dark eyes and looked at the snakes.

Without even waiting for a second the Apes attacked the snakes who were looking around for Kyle.

Meanwhile, a few meter underground. Kyle held his breath and looked above at the small opening from where he fell from.

He didn't even dare to move.

Loud battle sounds shook the entire place where he was sitting.

While Kyle was holding his breath so as to not attract the snakes and Ape's attention. A worried voice sounded inside his head.

-'Kyle, are you alright?'

'Yep, it seemed so. I am still alive.'

*Chapter 95 A Trespasser*

While sitting in a hole underground, Kyle could hear loud sounds of ongoing battle but after a few minutes suddenly everything turned quiet.

With a serious expression, he questioned Bia through their connection.

'How's the situation outside.'

A few meters away from the battle, Bia was sitting on top of a tree branch. She looked at the snakes and Apes with narrowed eyes before narrating everything to Kyle.

-'One of the three Apes died under the snake ice ball. On the other hand, one of the snakes got seriously injured. Right now the remaining two Apes are staring at the snakes. It seemed they are going to retreat soon because both parties have suffered heavy casualties.'

A few minutes later, the snakes and Apes finally left the area. The snakes were angry and wanted to find the person who stole their eggs but in the end, they reluctantly left due to the Apes.

After knowing that the snakes and Apes had left the vicinity, Kyle finally released his held breath.

He didn't expect the snakes to be so powerful!

Yesterday according to the map he arrived in front of a golden cross mark. After taking the treasure, Kyle was going to leave but then he saw a small hole present on a nearby tree trunk.

After spotting the hole, he and Bia both entered the tree hole but there was nothing inside the hole except narrow tunnels and strange-looking blue vines.

It took them a whole day just to find the end of the tunnels where a large black room was present. The room was dark with only a single nest made of an enormous pile of leaves in the middle.

Kyle approached the nest and saw a lot of blue eggs. There were a total of 5 eggs, the eggs were emitting a cold chilling aura.

After seeing the fist-sized eggs Kyle's eyes lit up. Monster's eggs were sought after as anyone can make a bond with the monster before they are hatched.

Kyle wanted to store the eggs in his storage ring but because they were living things he wasn't able to.

While he was picking up the eggs, suddenly Bia sensed two dangerous auras advancing toward them at full speed.

In the end, Kyle just grabbed two eggs and immediately started running toward the way he entered.

"Sigh."

With a long sigh, Kyle slowly crawled out from the narrow pit that saved his life from the snakes.

After coming out, he hurriedly dusted his clothes. Seeing himself dirty and sweaty, Kyle started walking toward a nearby water source.

In the past few days, he memorized all the directions where he could find water. Also, even though the first floor was one of the largest, its whole structure was almost the same.

While walking Kyle looked at Bia who was flying beside him. His expression was dead serious.

"Bia, let's not enter strange tree holes anymore."

The last time he saw a hole present on a tree trunk a large Scorpio chased him around the whole floor and now the snakes! That's why Kyle took a mental note to run away whenever he saw another hole present on a tree trunk.

Or else who knows if he would even survive the next time he was chased around by another 'Boss Monsters'.

-'It's not like it was me who was curious and wanted to check what was inside the tree hole?'

Bia's sarcastic voice sounded inside Kyle's head who just walked toward the nearest water source without speaking any further.

After Kyle and Bia left.

A floating white-haired old man looked at the broken trees and the dead Ape body.

He was wearing a silver robe filled with ancient symbols. The old man's blue eyes were emitting an extremely cold aura as he looked down at the place where Kyle had been standing a moment ago.

Even though his face was expressionless, his left eyelid couldn't help but twitch uncontrollably.

"This brat! I thought he would finally suffer some setbacks after angering the snake couple but he survived due to a pit?"

After observing Kyle for the past week, the old man was seriously having a lot of doubts about the life he had lived until now.

How the heck a person can survive from two (+C)-Rank monsters just because of a pit?

Kyle was just roaming around and within a week he found three secret places on the first floor.

The old man knew Kyle was using an 'old scroll' but finding the treasures and taking them in the presence of 'Boss Monsters' were two different things.

Also, even if Kyle took everything from this floor. The old man would just replace the empty spots with even greater treasures.

It's because the Tower was here to help the younger generation as much as possible but to get a reward they have to face danger. After all, nothing in this world is free.

"Also, why does he have that 'ugly thing' present within his body."

The old man frowned slightly sensing a very dirty thing present within Kyle's body but then his face turned expressionless again.

He was the oldest guardian of the Tower but even with his hundred years of experience, it was the first time he saw something so sinister leaching on someone's soul.

He wanted to remove 'the thing' from Kyle's body but it was within his heart and only the person who placed it can remove it without harming Kyle.

"I can't remove that thing or else the kid will die."

With a sigh, the old man opened a portal and entered. He was going to ask his 'master' as to what to do with the kid.

The thing present inside Kyle's body should not have been present on this planet as it belonged to a realm where powerful beings resided.

After entering the portal, the old man arrived at a rather plain-looking room.

The room was completely white with a single chair and a table present in the middle. The old man could also see an empty bookshelf in a corner and piles of ancient books lying around on the ground.

Within the white room, a man who seemed to be in his mid-thirties was standing in front of the bookshelf. He was continuously flipping the pages of an old-looking book.

The man was wearing a golden robe. His hair was completely pitch black and his eyes were grey. There wasn't a single emotion within the man's deep grey eyes.

Also, the man figure was illusionary, like a dimly lit candle that would extinguish if someone blew on it.

The black-haired man looked at the old man who just arrived through a portal.

"I know why you are here Susan. I can also sense the 'thing' present within the kid's body."

The old man whose name was Susan sighed and looked at the black-haired man.

"Master are you not going to do anything? Someone who should not be here had trespassed on this planet."

"He is also using a kid's body as a container."

The black-haired man closed the book he was reading.

"Even if I want to I can't as I am just a small remnant, my original self left behind."

"The moment I left this room, I will disappear."

The old man looked at the black-haired man and sighed before his face turned cold.

"Should I kill the kid?"

The black-haired man shook his head with a chuckle.

"I know if we killed the kid 'the thing' within his body would be destroyed and it would cause immense damage to the one who put 'the thing' inside the kid."

"But Susan it seemed you only noticed 'that thing' within the kid's body."

Susan raised his brow at the black-haired man's words.

The black-haired man suddenly waved his hand and a large screen appeared in front of him.

On the screen, both the black-haired man and Susan could see a young kid and a red bird roaming around inside a forest.

"Look closely at how nature is embracing his body like he is one with nature."

With a frown, Susan looked at Kyle but still didn't see anything but then suddenly his eyes widened as he saw the small blue crystal particles within Kyle's body.

"Blood?"

With a smile, the black-haired man closed the screen before picking up a book from the ground.

"It's seemed even the one who put that vile 'thing' within the kid's body is unaware of the fact that the blood flowing within the kid's veins is special."

With a pause, the black-haired man's voice became serious.

"Susan, only once in a billion years a person is born who is blessed to become a Celestial. A being who is even above me. That's why don't even try to harm him."

With a serious expression, Susan hurriedly nodded his head. After seeing the black-haired man reading a book, Susan opened a portal and was going to leave when the black-haired man suddenly spoke again.

"Send the kid to the upper floor. He failed the sixth-floor test as he hadn't completely awakened his true potential."

"Let's see how much longer he can survive against the thing leaching on his soul."

With a nod, Susan entered the portal. Leaving behind the black-haired youth who become grossed in reading.

*Chapter 96 Avoiding dark 'holes'*

After arriving in front of a small stream, Kyle hurriedly cleaned himself.

The water of the stream was crystal clear with some small fish monsters swimming here and there. On both sides of the stream, the only thing Kyle could see was large trees and grass.

"I don't have more clothes."

With an annoyed expression, Kyle looked at the clothes he was wearing.

A loose brown shirt with pants. It was the last clean dress he had left.

Kyle looked at his reflection present inside the stream water and frowned. The corner of his black hair started turning silver when he turned 16 but now almost 25 percent of his hair was silver.

Unlike before he was clearly able to see a big difference in his appearance because all this happened within a week. Even his black eyes were strangely giving off a greener shade.

"What's happening?"

Kyle questioned but after thinking for a few seconds, he stopped looking at himself.

'Is it because of my bloodline?'

He knew he would be turning 17 next month and just like last year, these changes started to appear again.

When the first time, Kyle's hair started changing color his father was a little worried because instead of turning silver from the roots his hair started turning silver from the corners. Baron Ohan called some healers to check on him but the healers didn't find any problem with Kyle.

That's why afterward Kyle just stopped thinking about this matter because the changes were not harming him. But now that he knew he possessed a bloodline something others didn't have, he was sure the changes in his appearance were related to his bloodline.

With a serious face, Kyle walked toward the cloth bag in which he placed the 2 blue eggs.

The eggs were still emitting cold chilling auras. Kyle placed the pouch containing the storage rings with the eggs and tied the bag to his waist.

After resting for a while, both Kyle and Bia started heading toward the east to find more treasures.

While Kyle was walking, Bia was flying above his head. Suddenly she spotted some humans and immediately informed Kyle.

With a nod, Kyle changed his direction as he didn't want to meet someone and waste time because he was very busy sweeping the 'first floor'.

After an hour, Kyle was standing in front of a strange structure.

In the center of three large trees, a large stone tablet engraved with ancient language was standing vertically. There was a large dark tunnel under the stone tablet.

Kyle looked at the stone tablet and frowned. The golden cross mark he was finding was a little further from this place.

Also, according to the map the place he was standing wasn't marked with any golden or black cross mark.

Bia also looked at the stone tablet and the dark tunnel before questioning Kyle.

- 'Are we going inside?'

With a serious expression, he hurriedly shook his head.

"Bia I think we should avoid dark 'holes' as much as possible."

After speaking, Kyle immediately turned around and left the place.

Just an hour ago he was chased around by the snakes. There was no way he wanted to experience that feeling again!

Bia looked at the tunnel and then at Kyle. She blinked her tiny eyes with a rather surprised expression.

- 'Okay.'

While Kyle was leaving, the old man who was called 'Susan' looked at his fading image. Even though his face was expressionless, one could see a vein bulging on his forehead.

"This kid! You entered every tunnel and hole you saw but now that I want to send you to the seventh floor you are avoiding the holes?"

For the time after a long time, Susan's old face which was always devoid of emotions finally became dark.

"Should I just pick him up and throw him inside the tunnel?"

Susan hurriedly shook his head. He wasn't allowed to harm the kid.

With a patient expression, he started floating toward the next destination where Kyle was going.

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Meanwhile, on the seventh floor;

Alec and Jian were sitting on top of a large stone. Their breathing was rough and various holes can be seen in their clothes.

The stone they were sitting on was the only place that wasn't hot.

The atmosphere around them was so hot that both of them felt like melting.

While they were resting, suddenly two fire skeletons crawled out from a small lava lake present opposite to them. One of the fire skeletons had a blue core in the middle of its chest while the other had a red core.

After crawling out both of the fire skeletons looked at Alec and Jian with their hollow eyes before running toward them.

Jian looked at the approaching skeletons, he wanted to cry.

"It's been a week since we arrived on this floor and the only thing we did was to search and kill these ugly skeletons! We didn't even find a single treasure."

"It's so unfair, I don't want to fight anymore."

Hearing Jian's voice, which was filled with frustration. Alec sighed and glanced at his wrist.

On his wrist number 289 was written in red bold letters. That means he needs to kill 711 more Fire skeletons to reach the number 1000.

Jian kill number was even lower than Alec's. His wrist showed the number 198.

Killing fire skeletons wasn't hard as both of them fighting together could deal with the skeletons.



The hard thing was finding those ugly skeletons and coping with the hot environment!

From time to time, the skeletons would crawl out from the lava lakes or pits but the number was ridiculously small.

With a serious expression, Alec stood up to fight the two skeletons who were running toward them.

"Let's continue. I believe we can do it."

After hearing Alec's cheering words, Jian didn't know whether to cry or laugh.

He just wanted to go home!

With a teary expression, Jian also stood up and threw some spells toward the approaching skeletons.

"You bastards. Piece of shit! I can't even cook or eat you. Why the hell are you all so ugly!"

Alec looked back at Jian dumbfounded.

Even the skeletons who were running toward the duo were momentarily speechless.

#### *Chapter 97 Strange Golden Portals*

On the other hand, after one more hour. Kyle finally appeared at the place where the map showed a golden cross mark.

In front of him was a large field of green grass. The grass was thick and long, its height was almost equal to the towering trees surrounding Kyle.

Even Bia who was flying above the grass wasn't able to see what was inside. With a caution expression, Kyle moved some patches of grass and entered inside.

After walking inside the grass for a minute, Kyle found a small open area in the middle of the grass.

The area was so small that only a single human could come out from the grass and stand in that place.

Also, it was completely hidden between the towering grass.

Seeing a white book floating in the middle of the area, Kyle's eyes lit up. He hurriedly grabbed the book but when he saw it was about arrays his excitement vanished.

He threw the book inside his storage ring like garbage.

"Why are we only finding books about arrays?"

Including the book he just acquired. Kyle found a total of 4 books about Arrays. He didn't know anything about arrays that's why he had no use for these books right now.

Kyle sighed and hurriedly left the grass and started walking further toward the east.

Meanwhile, above the grass field. Susan's eyes almost popped out when he saw how effortlessly Kyle entered the grass field and left after taking the book.

He shouted with frustration.

"What the heck are the grass monsters doing?"

He was so angry that he wanted to go down and kill all the useless green snail-like monsters who were present inside the grass field.

Susan wanted to throw Kyle to the seventh floor and be done with his job, but for some crappy reason Kyle had been avoiding almost all the holes, pits and tunnels like plague!

After taking a deep breath, Susan looked at Kyle. It was the first time in his life, he had to work so hard just to send someone out from his floor.

"I don't care anymore."

Susan waved his hand and a large golden portal appeared beneath Kyle's feet.

On the other hand, Kyle who just came out from the grass field suddenly felt a suction force dragging him downward.

He looked down and his eyes contracted, without even waiting for a second Kyle used 'Instant Teleportation' to teleport a few meters away from the golden portal.

Bia also looked at the portal and cried with surprise.

-'What the hell was that?'

Kyle looked at the portal which just appeared out of nowhere. He shook his head as he was also surprised and didn't know anything.

After seeing Kyle using 'Instant Teleportation' Susan almost coughed out blood.

He looked at the sky seemingly complaining to his master.

'Why the hell do you have to give me such a hard job!'

"Huu."

After taking another breath, he waved his hand again and another portal appeared behind Kyle who was staring at the previous portal with caution.

-'Kyle look back!'

Bia shouted as she saw another portal appearing behind Kyle out of nowhere.

Kyle's eyes widened as he sensed the familiar suction force. He wanted to use 'Instant Teleportation' again but an invisible hand grabbed his shoulder and dumped him inside the portal.

Bia shouted Kyle's name and looked at the portal. She was frozen in her place due to shock.

-'What is happening!'

Her question wasn't answered. While she was looking at the portal another small portal appeared underneath her.

With a horrid expression, Bia wanted to move away but an invisible hand pushed her inside the portal.

-'Help! I don't want to die young!'

Bia flapped her wings frantically and cried in her mind before she also disappeared within the portal.

After both of them were gone. Susan's floating figure looked at the portals with relief.

"I am done. Now I can finally go and rest."

With a wave of his hand, all the golden portals disappeared. Susan flew toward the vast sky with a tired expression.

The Tower guardians weren't omnipotent, they were trapped within the Tower. They can't see the outside world nor can they leave the Tower. Not until something big happened in the outside world or someone powerful called out to them.

Including the other four Towers present in the outside world, all five Towers have a total of 100 floors. A long time ago, 100 guardians were assigned to take care of all the Towers but 60 of them died after reaching the end of their lifespan.

Every time the younger generation of each Continent entered the Towers, all the remaining guardians had to fight so they could go down to the lower floors.

It's not they wanted to come down because of some young kids, it's just they were bored after living inside a trapped place for so long.

The first three floors of the Towers were similar as they were practice floors. The real test starts after the third floor when the floor's structure completely changes due to the guardian's powers.

All five Towers were connected but with the help of different space pockets, they were separated from each other.

After so many years, all the remaining guardians were old. That's why even though they were powerful some of them preferred to rest instead of taking care of their respective floors.

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Meanwhile, On the seventh floor;

Alec and Jian both were just done killing the two fire skeletons who crawled out from the lava lake.

They both walked back toward the large stone they had been sitting on a while ago.

Alec hurriedly climbed the stone and looked at Jian who was walking over with a grumpy expression.

Suddenly under Alec's gaze, a golden portal appeared a few meters above Jian's head.

Alec's eyes widened as he shouted toward Jian.

"Look up!"

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With a confused expression, Jian looked up. His eyes contracted when he saw a black figure coming out from the portal.

"OMG!"

Jian wanted to move away but it was too late. The figure directly crashed down on Jian who had a very ugly expression.

-BAM!

*Chapter 98 Crash Landing*

Jian fell on his chest and his nose directly touched the burning hot ground.

He groaned in pain and cursed the person who did a crash landing directly on his head.

"Ugh. Who the shit..?"

Before Jian could finish, someone's hand pressed down on the back of his head, and his whole face got buried in the hot sand.

"Ah."

With a painful sound, Jian wriggled and tried to move the hand pressing down on his head.

On the other hand, the figure who crashed into Jian immediately jumped backward with caution.

Jian stood up and was going to beat the shit out of the person who just tried to ruin his angelic face but then Alec shocked voice sounded behind Jian.

"Kyle?"

"Huh?"

With a dumbfounded expression, Jian hurriedly cleared his messy red hair and looked at the figure. It was Kyle!

"How are you here?"

He shouted while looking at Kyle with wide eyes. Then suddenly Jian saw his hair. Unlike before the corner of Kyle's hair was glowing more obviously like silver.

"What happened to your hair?"

Kyle was also confused but then he blinked his eyes while looking at the duo.

"Will you believe me if I said a strange portal forcefully kidnapped me?"

"Also, I think I am getting old that's why my hair is turning white."

Both Alec and Jian looked at Kyle and became speechless.

While they were talking, another small portal appeared a few meters above Jian's head who almost freaked out when he saw the portal.

A small fist-size figure came out from the portal but the figure stabilized itself in the air before it crashed on someone else.

Kyle looked at the small bird who just started flying after coming out from the portal and sighed with relief.

"It's good you are fine."

Bia looked at Kyle with moist eyes. She flapped her wings and hurriedly flew toward Kyle before sitting on top of his head.

-I thought I was dead when the portal suddenly sucked me inside.'

While Bia was talking, Kyle looked down at the ground because he felt a slight burning sensation under his feet.

The ground was completely red, with light smoke coming out from the soil.

Kyle coated his feet with mana and looked around only to see large volcanoes, lava lakes, and burnt-red ground before looking at Alec and Jian who were staring at him with wide eyes.

The moment Kyle saw them, he knew he was on the seventh floor of the Tower but the question was, how was he here?

Kyle's thoughts were disturbed by a surprised voice coming directly from the sky.

Kyle looked at the sky and saw a middle-aged horned man floating toward him.

The man was wearing dark clothes. His eyes which had red lines instead of pupils were staring directly at Kyle with curiosity.

"Hmm, another person arrived on my floor? Wasn't the test over a long time ago, so why are you so late?"

The curiosity in the man's eyes vanished after a second as it questioned Kyle with an indifferent voice.

Kyle shook his head while staring directly at the floating man.

"I don't know."

The man gazed at Kyle with narrowed eyes and flicked his index finger. A strange engraving appeared on Kyle's wrist.

"Well, it doesn't matter how you arrived here. I put the counter on your wrist. You can ask the other two for more information."

After pointing at Alec and Jian, the floating man turned around and disappeared into the clouds.

This time the man wasn't sleepy because first, Kyle's appearance was a surprise. Second, he didn't feel Kyle's presence when he arrived on his floor.

'What a strange kid. If I remember correctly, I think it's because of the earring?'

If not for the commotion Jian and Alec caused the man wouldn't even have known that Kyle appeared on his floor!

After the middle-aged man disappeared, both Alec and Jian looked at Kyle who was a little confused about the 0 number engraved on his wrist.

Both of them wanted to know how Kyle appeared on this floor but Kyle just sighed with confusion because he was also surprised suddenly seeing them standing in front of him.

With a distant sigh, Jian put his hand on Kyle's shoulder.

"Bro, I don't know how you appeared on this floor but I think it's time for me to tell you about the hardship you are going to face."

Kyle looked at Jian who was making a very sad expression. Bia was also curious after listening to Jian's words.

Within a few minutes, Jian narrated everything. How he and Alec suffered after appearing on this floor. He also told Kyle about the floor rules and the strange number on his wrist.

"So basically, you need to find and Kill 1000 fire skeletons."

Jian said and hurriedly gestured for Kyle to climb up a large stone present nearby because his feet were burning.

The stone was the only place that wasn't hot.

After hearing Jian's explanation, Kyle's expression was a little grim.

He wasn't worried about the temperature because unlike Alec and Jian he had a passive skill 'Fire resistance'. That's why he was not like them who were sweating buckets.

Bia was also not affected by the high temperature as she was a fire Phoenix.

The main problem was finding the Fire skeletons!

Kyle could easily kill them with the help of Bia but finding them on such a big floor was like finding needles.

Even Jian and Alec only found 300+ something fire skeletons after roaming around this floor for a whole week!

On the other hand, Alec shook his head with a sigh. Just now he tried to sense Kyle Rank and the result? He sensed nothing!

"What did I expect?"

With a bitter smile, he looked at the system appraisal result.

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'Name: Kyle Ohan'

'Race: Human'

'Special: ??'

'???'

Trying to find the cause! Loading....

No more information provided. The target is wearing a high-grade presence concealing Artifact.

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While Alec was thinking, Jian looked at Kyle.

"So, what's the plan?"

After pondering for a while, Kyle spoke seriously.

"You said some of the fire skeletons crawled out from the lava lakes. How about going to a nearby volcano? Maybe we can find a lot of fire skeletons there?"

Alec and Jian both looked at Kyle strangely. They were sweating buckets because of the heat and he wanted to go toward the Volcano.

Still, they didn't voice their thoughts as the temperature wasn't unbearable. Both of them were powerful enough to cope with this much.



*Chapter 99 Betrayed just like that?*

An hour later,

Kyle, Jian, and Alec were standing at the edge of a volcano. They could see lava and hot gas eruption from the top of the Volcano.

Alec and Jian's clothes were damped with sweat, Kyle was also sweating but compared to them he was in a better condition.

It took them an hour to reach a nearby Volcano. Alec wiped the sweat out of his forehead and looked at Kyle who was staring at the top of the mountain.

"Why didn't we encounter even a single Fire skeleton on our way?"

Jian stared at Alec. He was also thinking the same question. Before Kyle appeared every few minutes a fire skeleton would crawl out from a nearby lava lake or ground but it's been an hour, forget about seeing a fire skeleton they haven't even seen its shadow!

"What's that?"

Jian and Alec both looked at the place Kyle was pointing at and their eyes widened for a second. Under a large vertical red rock, they saw a patch of crimson flowers.

The flowers had four petals and they were emitting fire aura.

After seeing the flowers both Jian and Alec only had a single question in their heads.

Why the hell they didn't notice so many flowers?

After thinking for a while, Jian shook his head as he didn't know much about herbs but he was sure it was something good because the flowers were glowing.

On the other hand, Alec used the system appraisal skill on the flowers.

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System Analysis:

'Name: Inferno flower'

'Age: 70 years'

'Rank: High grade'

'Usage: After consumption, they can heal burned skin within a second.'

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Alec looked at the Rank of the flowers and raised his brow as he knew herbs were divided into five ranks;

Low.

Medium.

High.

Superior.

Divine.

In the outside world, low and medium-grade herbs were common but high-grade herbs were considered precious as they could sell for a large amount.

A superior grade herb was even rarer than a high grade herb and they would sell 10 times the amount of a normal high grade herb. Meanwhile, divine-grade herbs could only be seen in old textbooks as they were almost extinct.

Under Alec and Jian's gaze, Kyle approached the fire flowers and like a veteran, he immediately uprooted all the flowers and walked back toward Alec and Jian who were staring at him.

"There are a total of nine flowers."

Kyle gave three flowers to both of them and threw the remaining flowers inside the storage ring he was wearing.

If someone peeked inside the storage ring Kyle was wearing, he would probably faint from shock because there was a mountain of various herbs and fruits inside the storage ring.

Alec and Jian looked at the flowers Kyle handed them, even though Kyle uprooted the flowers very crudely, there wasn't a single harm present on the petals of the flowers.

They sighed and placed the flowers inside their storage rings before following behind Kyle who was already climbing the Volcano.

After another hour,

Alec and Jian's eyes were almost bulging as they looked at the large leafless tree in front of them, two beautiful yellow fruits were hanging on the tree's dry branches.

Even though the tree looked devoid of life, the fruits were ripe and glowing.

The tree was hidden inside a pit present between some rocks.

Jian looked at Alec and took in a deep breath.

"4th."

Alec nodded seriously. He was trying his best to suppress the shock present in his eyes.

In just 2 hours they found four treasures!

Was this even possible?

He thought back at how for the past whole week they hadn't even seen a single low-grade herb.

Wasn't Kyle just randomly walking beside them? So why the hell the difference was so huge?

Also, where the hell are the fire skeletons? Did they all die?

With a deep breath, Alec looked at Kyle who was walking toward them after taking the fruits from the leafless tree.

With a normal expression, Kyle gave both of them one fruit and started eating the other.

His action looked normal as he had done this hundreds of times.

With a blank expression, Alec and Jian divided the fruit and also started eating it.

A large amount of energy rushed inside their body, making them refreshed.

After leaving the leafless tree behind, all of them again started climbing the Volcano.

On their way, they gathered some more herbs. They even find a (D)-Rank skill core present inside a tunnel Kyle found 'accidentally'.

The skill inside the skill core was called 'Firery Wind'. It was an agility-type skill.

After thinking for a while both Kyle and Alec decided to give the skill core to Jian because both of them already had a high-rank agility skill.

After another hour, Jian and Alec were almost numb whenever Kyle saw or discovered something new.

All this while Bia who was sitting on top of Kyle's head would laugh from time to time seeing Alec and Jian's shocked expression.

As the three of them neared the Volcano top with sweaty foreheads, suddenly some fire skeletons emerged from the Volcano top.

Jian who always called the Skeletons ugly was so relieved seeing them that he almost had the urge to go and hug the Fire skeletons.

It was a very strange feeling. Never in his life, he would have imagined he would be happy to see some ugly skeletons!

Alec also sighed with relief when he saw some Fire skeletons charging toward him.

After Kyle appeared on this floor, the few fire skeletons that sometimes crawled out from the ground almost vanished into thin air like they never existed.

Kyle raised his brow when he saw both of them sighing with relief.

Without waiting for even a second, all three of them charged at the skeletons with a burning gaze.

Bia also started flying because she was tired after sitting for so long.

While everyone was focused on the few incoming skeletons, the ground shook, and like a tsunami, hundreds of fire skeletons crawled out from the Volcano top.

Their empty skulls were filled with lava as they stared at Alec, Jian, and Kyle with their hollow eyes.

Jian stopped in his tracks. His face had a smile that wasn't a smile at all.

"Ha. haha.. I never said I missed them. Why are there so many!"

Fighting ten or twenty fire skeletons at the same time was fine but fighting hundreds of them at the same time was not right at all.

Even Alec and Kyle stopped in their track and looked at the hundreds of approaching skeletons with shock.

"Hmm, how about running backward?"

Alec spoke and turned his head to look at Jian and Kyle, only to see nothing.

Kyle and Jian were already running down the Volcano.

Alec's eyes widened. He was betrayed just like that?

"Wait for me!"

Alec shouted and started running behind Jian and Kyle who were already a few meters ahead of him.

The skeletons looked at their fading image, and with a loud rumble, all the skeletons also started following behind the trio.

Meanwhile, at the sky, Bia blinked her tiny eyes as she saw hundreds of more skeletons emerging from the Volcano.

-'Wow, they are never-ending.'

#### *Chapter 100 Hundreds of Skeletons*

Behind a huge red rock present between a hollow pit, three figures could be seen hiding.

A few meters behind the three figures was an old leafless tree within a small empty area. All three of them were panting heavily, their clothes drenched with sweat.

Suddenly one of the figures popped out his head from behind the rock and looked outside the hole.

The figure had deep blue hair and beautiful black eyes. It was Alec.

As he looked at the situation outside, Alec couldn't help but narrow his eyes.

Hundreds of Fire skeletons were roaming around the Volcano, they seemed to be finding something or someone.

Alec wasn't able to count the exact number but seeing the roaming skeletons just a few meters away from the hollow pit, he was sure there were at least 500+ Fire skeletons.

He could also see that with every second their number was increasing because for some reason more fire skeletons seemed to be gushing out from the Volcano top.

With a deep breath, Alec retracted his head and looked at the other two figures crouching beside him before whispering in a low voice.

"Kyle, Jian. I think we are surrounded."

With a deep breath, Jian also popped out his head from behind the large rock and looked at the hundreds of fire skeletons.

Eighty-five percent of the skeletons had red fire cores in the middle of their chest means they were all equivalent to (-D)-Rank. Jian could also see some blue-core skeletons that were equivalent to (+D)-Rank.

"Thank god there wasn't any purple core fire skeleton following behind us."

He wiped his sweaty forehead. His deep red eyes showed a hint of relief.

A purple core skeleton was equivalent to (C)-Rank!

They easily avoided all the (-D)-Rank and (+D)-Rank monsters chasing after them as the skeletons were slower and weaker compared to actual monsters. Jian was not weak himself as he broke through to (-D)-Rank two days ago.

On the other hand, sensing Alec's powerful aura he was sure Alec was almost on the verge of breaking through to (+D)-Rank.

Suddenly Jian looked at Kyle. He wasn't able to sense Kyle's rank but seeing him running with speed even higher than Alec's, he was sure Kyle was also at least (-D)-Rank.

If not for this hollow pit they discovered while climbing the Volcano, they would have probably perished under the ruthless pursuit of hundreds of fire skeletons.

All three of them looked at each other, their mind racing as to what to do next.

While they were crouching behind the rocks, pondering about their next actions. A creepy red core skeleton with hollow eyes appeared at the edge of the pit, the skeleton's empty eyes shone with a dim flicker of light as it looked at the pit.

With a loud whistling sound the skeleton immediately rushed inside the pit, shocking the three individuals who were crouching behind the large rock.

"What the hell!"

Jian freaked out as he looked at the fire skeleton who was running toward the crouching trio. With a hurried movement, he jumped backward.

Within a second, Alec unleashed the sword hanging on his waist and his figure flashed as he attacked the skeleton. With a fast slash, he severed the skeleton's left shoulder.

He wanted to break the core within the skeleton's chest because it would directly kill the skeleton but he knew from his experience that the skeleton ribcage surrounding the core was harder than the other body part.

The skeleton whose whole shoulder was severed by a single slash didn't stop at all. Its emotionless gaze was still fixed on the trio.

The skeleton opened its mouth wide and threw out lava on Alec who sidestepped and easily dodged the incoming lava attack.

Kyle who was standing a few centimeters away from Alec threw two 'Thunder arrows' at the skeleton chest, aiming for its core.

The skeleton ribcage cracked a little, taking advantage of the momentum Alec slashed at the skeleton ribcage. He wanted to take out this skeleton without causing any commotion. With a small sound, the skeleton ribcage cracked completely and fell to the ground.

At the same time, Jian hurriedly formed and threw a fireball at the skeleton's red core which was now bare and the rest of the skeleton's body slumped on the ground.

Both Alec and Kyle looked back at Jian with dark eyes. They did all the work and he stole the kill?

With an innocent expression, Jian hurriedly looked away. Internally he was laughing because his kill count increased from 198 to 199.

While Kyle and Alec were staring at Jian. A loud rumble shook the ground.

All of them abruptly looked in front and their eyes almost popped out.

More than 20 skeletons were looking at the trio who were standing in the middle of the hollow pit.

Without even waiting for a second, the skeletons immediately charged inside the pit.

"Shit!"

Jian cursed. Now they were surrounded from all sides!

Alec and Kyle were also sweating buckets of water.

Due to the commotion, all the nearby skeletons also charged toward the pit.

Within a minute, the entrance of the pit was flooded with fire skeletons who were staring daggers at the trio.

"Hu.."

Kyle took a deep breath and looked at Alec who was standing beside him.

"Do your best to stay alive!"

Alec looked back at Kyle seriously before both of them charged at the incoming skeletons with their swords.

Jian was standing behind the duo because he was a mage. He grabbed the (+SS)-Rank wand he got from the sixth floor and started throwing different spells on the skeletons.

The wand was blue, there was also a green gemstone embedded in the middle of the wand. The wand lowered the amount of mana he needed to use for a single spell.

Unlike Kyle and Alec who had to solely rely on their skills to manipulate mana present within their bodies into desired natural elements, Jian could form fireballs, earth spikes, or any other small elemental attack without skills.

He just needs to memorize the desired spell and cast it correctly.

With a direct stab, Alec took out another Fire skeleton but the incoming skeletons were never ending.

The entrance of the pit was crowded with fire skeletons who were looking at the trio with empty eyes.

With a deep breath, Kyle looked at the pit entrance. He was sure because of the commotion, all the skeletons would be soon arriving at the pit!

While his gaze was fixated on the skeletons, suddenly he took a step back with a serious expression.

Alec felt his back hair stand up as he sensed the aura around Kyle's sword.

He subconsciously knew Kyle was preparing for a big attack that's why without wasting even a second Alec jumped at the front and stopped all the skeletons advancing toward Kyle.

On the other hand, Kyle's grip on his sword tightened and a whitish-grey hue enveloped his sword completely.

Under Kyle's gaze, a small vortex formed on the tip of his sword but compared to the first time he used this move the vortex was bigger and more darker.

All this happened within a few seconds.