

# DUNGEON OF PRIDE, LAPLACE

## **Chapter 18: Hobby**

On an oddly big porcelain table, one man could be seen having a meal. The man had two jagged horns protruding from his head indicating that he was not human. He was topless and only had a simple pants on and a pair of leather boots that climbed up to his ankle.

Simon was currently having a cream stew which he exchanged from the [Shop]. The food could be said quite delicious, even though it was generated by the shop instead of hand-cooked. Right now he was browsing the [Shop] from the dungeon's menu. Looking for something of interest that could break his boring monotonous life.

"If I remember correctly this dungeon shop also listed musical items..hmm where is it?..ahh found it."

What Simon was looking at was a piano. In his previous life, Simon learned piano as a hobby. But after getting employed by the company, the time he could give to his hobby was very limited. After few years he stopped and completely dedicated himself to his work.

Now that he saw a piano again many deep and once-forgotten memories came flooding back to him. Reminiscing in these wonderful wonderful memories he made a decision.

[500,000 DP Exchanged]

He immediately exchanged his DP for the piano, the remaining amount he had with him was 3,240,000 DP

The thing that appeared was a concert grand piano. It had an impressive black ebony body. Its open lid reveals the remarkable tableau in gleaming gold. Simon marveled at its grandeur, a true work of art.

Its keys produced big beautiful sounds filling the entire floor. Looking at it he thought the 500,000 DP he paid was not exorbitant at all. He also bought a piece called Sound of the Vale along with the piano. Because his fingers grew unaccustomed It took him some time to play the notes in sync.

The music that came out was heavy yet light, it had an unconcealed fervor in it giving whoever listening to it a tinge of dread. He played the piece for a while, the sound reverberating across the entire floor. Displayed at one of his corners were windows showing hordes of enemies on every floor enticed by

the Elixir of Enticement. Some dying to the traps others stepping on their corpses roaming the dungeon in a trance.

Simon added two new fifth and sixth floors. The fourth floor was structured the same as the third but the ceiling and walls are bigger and are lighted by the phosphorescence above. The floor spans 600m across the ground. The fifth floor was similar to the fourth but due to the mist that endlessly drifts here. It makes visibility terrible even with skills.

The sixth floor currently became his personal space and also the dungeon core's current location. It was still the size of a football but the light emitted by it was more ethereal and lifelike. The concentration of manas had also increased on all the floors. Dungeon's menu still displayed its rank as [E], but Simon knew that he was making progress, and the dungeon was growing.

In these past few days, he also tried his luck on the [Gacha] but the outcome was not satisfactory but it was still good. [C] and [D] rank items filled his [Inventory]. He was not worried about the space in his [Inventory] being full. That was because during the beta phase lots of players complained about the limited space in the [Inventory], which led him to expand its space substantially. Now it can easily house more than 10,000 items.

Another thing of note was that he got a new skill called [Mental Map] which allows him to map the outside world in his mind. This skill was quite useful as it allowed him to mark out places with a high concentration of monsters in the forest. The north part according to his [Mental Map] had three peaks, which were set quite far apart from each other.

Each peak had a very powerful presence guarding it. Clearly, the three peaks were the territory of the three most powerful entities on the north side of the forest. Whenever Simon explored the north side he made sure, not to delve too near these three peaks.

He was not being fearful of these monsters but was biding his time quietly. Because he knew that given enough time, he can easily surpass and defeat them.