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Chapter 251 The Foot Of Bleak Everson Hills

[Of course, it's me. Who else would it be?]

Realizing that Devo is the one talking inside his head, Rex widens his eyes as Chandler never said about any spirit can retain its consciousness after getting assimilated with.

Any spirit that got assimilated and has its media destroyed will not retain its consciousness.

One might think that what the humans do to the spirits is cruel, but that is the only way to reach higher power and the times are also desperate.

There's no cruelty in this time, only survival of the fittest.

Just like when humans sometimes died during the assimilating process, it's because of their media being destroyed forcefully by the spirit they're trying to assimilate with.

So hearing Devo talking inside his head greatly shocked Rex.

'How did you retain your consciousness? Isn't that impossible?', Rex thought.

[You are not even knowledgeable about the spirit world, I'm disappointed in myself for losing to you], Devo said mockingly.

Hearing Devo's still cocky tone, Rex then said, 'Just answer the damn question'

[You mistake me, for a lower spirit!], Devo answered angrily, it seems that his pride is hurt.

Rex was put into thought when he heard this, 'So basically, the spirit has rankings too?'

[Yes! and to think that someone would mistake me for a lower spirit never crossed my mind for thousands of years], Devo added.

Based on what Devo said, Rex deduce that spirit has rankings too.

Devo the Gatekeeper that he just assimilated with should be high-rank just like what the system stated, so this somehow makes him able to retain his consciousness even after getting assimilated or absorbed by Rex.

But this lead to another conclusion,

If the norm for the sixth rank Awakened stated that a spirit's consciousness will be erased after getting assimilated by someone, then that means all of their spirits are lower-rank.

'So basically, you're going to be inside my head and can read my mind?', Rex asks.

[Pretty much], Devo replied with a calm tone.

But his answer piqued Rex's interests, 'I bet there is a way to get rid of your consciousness right? but you won't tell me'

Hearing this, Devo didn't reply and went silent.

'I knew it!', Rex thought evilly.

[You won't find the way to get rid of me, and besides, you will need me], Devo said assuringly.

But this didn't convince Rex at all, 'System, Do you know how to get rid of Devo's consciousness for good?'

<Information will cost the user 20,000 gold, Do the user want to continue?>

Reading this, a smile appeared on Rex's face as he just confirm that the system have the information to get rid of Devo's consciousness.

[Are you asking me? I'm not going to tell you], Devo replied feeling annoyed.

Rex then frowns hearing Devo's reply, 'What do you mean I'm asking you? Can't you hear all of my thoughts?'

[I can, and asking me about how to get rid of me is just plain dumb]

After Devo said that, something suddenly hits Rex's mind.

Now that he thinks about it, if Devo can hear all of his thoughts then that means Devo can hear him talking with System!

But Rex is not worried because Devo can't spread around that he's talking to the system.

'I'm not talking to you, I'm talking to the system', Rex answered nonchalantly, it's futile even if he tries to keep the system a secret from Devo who can read his mind.

[Talking to who? Can you think clearly?]

'The System!', Rex shouted inside his head, he's starting to get annoyed.

[You're messing with me, right? If you're trying to fool me then it won't work]

Hearing this, Rex started to doubt that Devo is trying to make him feel annoyed, 'So you can't hear the word System?'

[I don't know what you said but I can't hear it]

Realizing this, Rex sighs lightly realizing that Devo can't hear the word system.

He then got back to the topic they were talking about before, 'So, Did you see the remnants of the fruit I just ate too?'

[Vaguely, but yes]

'You said that figure is your race, What do you think he's trying to say?', Rex asks.

[That figure is certainly older than me, his hair is very long, and also the markings on his body show that he's what we call the ancient one], Devo explained with a hint of awe in his tone.

He then continues, [I think he's showing you something, but I don't know what]

Hearing this, Rex was put into thoughts because Devo didn't quite help understand the remnant.

'No matter how I remember it, the ancient one is showing somekind of mantra? or Spell?', Rex thought, because there's nothing to it other than that.

But Rex is still unsure whether his hunch is correct or not.

[I must say the world has deteriorated this much, I'm not surprised everyone is weak here], Devo suddenly said snapping Rex out of his thoughts.

He then shouted when he saw a plane go past them, [What is that?! I never saw such a thing since I was born to this world]

[10,000 years ago, there are no spells for traveling like this]

Devo kept talking every time he saw a car, a plane, or even a hologram map beside the street making Rex's thoughts rowdy.

This clearly annoyed Rex until he finally asks, 'System, Can I push Devo's spirit aside?'

<3,000 gold to learn Spirit Suppression, Do the user wants to continue?>

'Yes', Rex replied hurriedly.

Right after he said yes, another fragment of information enters Rex's brain as he instantly learn how to suppress a spirit like Devo.

Turns out, to suppress Devo's mind is simple.

Rex just needs to concentrate on his permanent mana with the sole purpose of containing Devo and supplying them to the brain media to push off Devo's consciousness to the side.

After Rex started to regulate his permanent mana,

[Wait, What are you doing?! Stop!!]

Devo pleaded to try to stop Rex as his voice inside Rex's head started to fade, it went on for a couple of seconds before Devo's voice can't be heard anymore.

'Ah... Finally some peace', Rex thought in relaxation.

The road is rowdy and they still haven't left Ratmawati City yet, because the Crystalline of mana is located in sector two which means they're more in the center of the city.

It takes quite a long time to reach the end of Ratmawati City.

While on the road, Rex got bored with only listening to music and hear Adhara playing with her phone on the back.

He wanted to open the Moon Box he got from the system, but he can't do it in here.

Even when Adhara and Edward believe the fruit Rex takes out before, it wouldn't be believable if Rex suddenly takes another weird box out of nowhere.

They both believed him but they must have an extent, so Rex will open the box when he's alone.

But then suddenly,

Ring!

Adhara's phone rang as her ringtone plays,

She looks at her phone to see who's calling before her eyes widen for a moment, "Hello?"

"Yes, it's me"

"I'm out today, so can we reschedule to another time?"

"That would be great, but just so you know I won't be the one coming there but my associate will be there in my stead"

"No can't do, that is my term"

"Goodbye"

After talking with the person on the other side, Adhara turns off the phone before she suddenly notices Rex is looking at her from the center rearview mirror.

"What?", Adhara asks nervously.

Rex squinted his eyes before he asks, "Who are you talking to?"

"My dad called and ask me for something, it's personal stuff", Adhara replied after averting her gaze, the way she acted made Rex suspicious but he won't push it.

If he thought of it calmly, her excuse doesn't make sense.

Edward repositioned the center rearview mirror that Rex used to look at Adhara before he too give a look to Adhara.

"So, Do you know anything about Lountain City?", Edward asks opening a conversation.

Rex then answered while looking out of the window, "It's a city in the east of Ratmawati City, Lountain City is a city located on the Bleak Everson Hills, the place is always raining and misty, there are also mutated animals roaming on the foot of the mountain"

"I don't know about the actual city though", Rex added.

But then, Adhara suddenly intervenes, "I searched for the city on the internet, and I find an interesting story about the Bleak Everson Hills"

Hearing this, Edward and Rex's interest got piqued.

"They said there is a bat-like creature that haunts the mountain, the people there called this creature Vashag the Mist Demon. There are some people there that said to believe in this creature, they occasionally give sacrifice to that creature so that they're not taken by it", Adhara explained.

Rex and Edward look at each other,

"Are you sure you're not just reading a horror story?", Edward asks feeling that Adhara's story is a made-up horror story.

Adhara pouted after getting mocked by both of them, "Fine, Ignore me then"

The day passed,

Rex and the others almost arrived at the foot of the mountain at night, they will be meeting up with Kyran who will bring Delta here.

The place they're on right now is already rocky and cold.

Rains pour down from the sky making a ticking sound as they hit the windshield.

At the end of their vision lies a huge mountain with a couple of hills surrounding it with spikey tops, mist already started to block their vision as they approach the mountain.

It doesn't take long before they can't move further with the car.

Many cracks on the ground are deep and the car might just get stuck on it, so they needed to walk on foot and leave the car here.

"I'm sorry for not acting professional, but this car costs me 300 grand", Edward said.

Hearing this, Rex glance at him with a slightly amused smile on his face, "Come on, there are no people that dare to go to this place so the car will be fine"

"That's not what I'm talking about, what if a mutated animal finds this car offensive and just slams its body onto the car and destroyed it", Edward replied with a slight paranoid tone.

But this makes Rex and Adhara chuckle, "Fine, let's find somewhere to park it"

After deciding to go find a place to park the car, Edward reverse the car and went around the mountain to find a small outpost.

They need to drive slowly because the mist is thick here.

Because of how thick the mist are, the car's windshield started to get dewy.

It makes their vision worst and it will be bad when they suddenly meet a cliff and fall, the car will definitely break if they were to fall into a cliff.

Even Rex frowns while looking at the view in front of the car.

'I can't see anything, my vision here is useless', Rex thought in worry.

The darkness of the night, the heavy droplets from the rain added with the thick mist render his night vision ability useless.

It's almost impossible to see in this kind of environment.

Rex opened the car window a bit before the cold wind and the rain suddenly rushes inside, this makes Edward and Adhara startled.

"Close the window! It's freaking cold!", Edward complained.

But Rex didn't mind Edward as he feel the environment outside with a frown, 'Not only my vision but my hearing and smell are weakened in this place', Rex thought.

The wind is blowing hard, and it almost rendered his senses numb.

After checking the outside, Rex closed the window again as the car drive slowly.

"There should be a village over here", Adahra said while looking at the map on her phone.

Right after she said that Edward saw a red light shining amidst the mist, then a couple more red lights appear.

"Stop the car", Rex said when he saw a glimpse of a figure approaching them.

Edward stopped the car before Rex and Edward walked out of the car,

Their clothes instantly get wet because of the rain, and the cold air outside makes Edward immediately shivers because of the cold.

"You're a Fire Elementalist, How can you get cold that easily", Rex said with a slight chuckle, his voice is dimmed by the rough wind but Edward can hear him.

Edward summons a black fire on his palm before he said, "Look at my fire"

Rex looks at Edward's fire that is now black before he frowns,

"Exactly, my fire doesn't emit heat but you will still get burned if you touch it, and it can also turn anything it touches into black ash", Edward added with a sigh.

It seems his elements changed nature since the accident.

After talking for a brief moment,

They walk towards the figure but then suddenly, the figure dashes towards them catching them off guard, "What the heck!", Edward shouted in surprise.

Both him and Rex jumped back to create distance,

But as the figure got closer, they confirm that the figure is a human which makes them look at each other before their frown ease, "It's just a human"

Upon closer look, the figure is wearing a tight winter jacket.

From the small frame of the figure, it is clear that the figure is a woman who Rex and Edward thought to be a citizen near this mountain.

The woman stops before she widens her eyes upon seeing both of them, "You... You're not supposed to do that"

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The woman widened her eyes upon seeing both of them, "Y-You're not supposed to do that"

"Not supposed to do what?", Rex asks in confusion.

All they're doing is just standing under the rain, they didn't do anything that somehow can make the woman say what she said.

"Hello there, we're trying to find shelter can you help us?", Edward asks politely.

But the woman's eyes are not looking at them, but she's looking at their backs.

Edward glance to his back upon noticing the woman's eyes are transfixed to their backs and finds only their car there, nothing else besides it.

Even Rex try to spot anything aside from the car, but the rain is too heavy and he can't really sense anything beyond the mist.

It's like his senses are trapped to just a couple of meters around him.

Kyran may be able to sense further beyond the mist, but Rex doubts it with such conditions.

The rough rain that creates a heavy splashing sound, the thick mist that covered the surroundings, it's just simply impossible to sense anything beyond what they can see.

Before Edward can ask again, the woman suddenly runs towards their backs.

Rex already scans the woman and finds that she's a normal human, so he's not worried about what the woman is trying to do.

The woman runs towards the car before kneeling in front of it.

She then looks around before fixating her gaze onto a rock before picking it up strugglingly.

After picking a medium-sized rock with quite a bit of effort, she then suddenly slammed the medium-sized rock to Edward's car headlight desperately.

Crash!!

The car's left headlight dimmed as it got crashed by the medium-sized rock.

Looking at this, Edward's expression turns pale as he didn't expect the woman to do that, "WHAT THE HECK!!", he shouted.

Edward then grabs the woman's shoulder and tossed her to the side.

"My car!!", Edward shouted as he saw his car's left headlight is broken because of the woman.

Rex approach Edward with a slight chuckle, "Why don't you put a protection rune on it? It's a good investment for this kind of situation"

"Shut up! Who would've thought I will be going to this kind of place anyway", Edward rebutted.

While Edward is picking up the shattered glasses on the ground, Rex glance at the woman that got tossed to the side in worry.

Edward might put too much force on her,

But instead of feeling guilty for what she has done, the woman looks at Edward in disbelief before she shouted, "Are you mad?!!"

"ARE YOU MAD?!!", Edward shouted back.

Hearing both of their quarrel, Rex steps between them before he looks at the woman.

"What are you afraid of?", Rex asks, he saw the bleak aura coming from this woman is immense just like when he threatened Clarice.

The woman then replied in a panic, "You don't understand!"

Rex frowns upon hearing this, but then the woman continues, "YOU WILL ATTRACT ITS ATTENTION!", the woman shouted in horror.

Right after she said that,

ROAR!!

A very loud roar suddenly can be heard, the roar is still far but the thudding sound states that whatever the creature is, it is heading this way.

The woman falls to the ground butt first while looking at the sound direction in horror.

Adhara came out of the car after hearing the loud roar, "What is happening?"

Because of that roar, Edward also stopped whatever he's doing and stand up while looking in the sound direction, "What kind of creature can make such a roar?"

"What is that creature? Tell me", Rex asks while shaking the woman's shoulders.

The woman then slowly looks at Rex before she said, "It is coming, Vashag is coming!! EVERYONE HIDE!!", she shouted signaling to the others to hide.

After she shouted that, many figures that were supposed to be humans scattered around.

It seems the map is right to say that there's a village here, but from Rex and the other's standpoint they still can't see the village

Only a couple of shadows beyond the mist can be seen running around.

"Vashag?", Rex mumbles upon hearing the creature's name.

Upon hearing what the creature's name is, Rex and Edward, look at each other with a frown before they both look at Adhara in a union.

"There's no way right?", Edward said with a wry smile when suddenly,

THUD!!

BAM!!

Something landed from above right behind them, the moonlight creates a shadow from the creature that landed behind them as the shadow covers Rex and the others.

This caught each one of them off guard as the woman crawl back in fear.

Grrr...

The low growling sound can be heard as a cold wind brushed their backs, this makes Rex and the others' bodies stiff.

Rex glance at his back slowly and saw the creature at his back,

<Sudden Quest!>

<The Mist Demon>

Upon arriving at the door of Bleak Everson Hills, the user has been ambushed by the mist demon, Vashag. Once Vashag lays his eyes on something, he won't stop until he gets them. Survive the ordeal without casualties!

Time to complete: 12 minutes

Quest Reward: Immunity to Mist Effect, Vashag Eyes, 30,000,000 Exp

Reading the sudden quest from the system, Rex's expression turns pale, "Survive...", he mutters.

It's the first time the system asks Rex to survive rather than defeating something, this can only mean one thing, it's impossible to kill Vashag at his current level!

"W-We jinxed it", Edward said while stepping back.

From what the woman said, the creature in front of them is clearly Vashag.

Adhara already told them about this Vashag creature that has a name around the Bleak Everson Hills, but they laughed at her and thought that the story is made up.

The reason for this is because Lountain City is a developed level three city.

With that on their head, there is no way that Lountain City can thrive and develop if there's a creature like Vashag.

They would be killed and obliterated by Vashag.

But now they need to swallow their own words, the creature is standing right in front of them.

Rex needs to raise his eyes up to see Vashag's whole body,

Vashag is not exactly like what the story describes it to be, there are some differences.

Aside from the bat-like wings on Vashag's back, its body is ashy color while its arms are blood red. Vashag's body is slender and tall that reaches at least 10 feet, its eyes are glowing red and its face is more like an owl rather than a bat.

Looking at Vashag, Rex's eyes glister as he scans it,

<Vashag (Buffed)>

Race: Mutated Strigiformes

Power: Rank Six(Mid)

Mental: 473

Strength: 540

Agility: 371

Endurance: 489

Intelligence: 498

Vashag's stats makes Rex grit his teeth in concern, almost all of its stats are above 400 except for its agility.

With the low agility, Rex can match it in terms of speed.

Because it's currently night, Rex's stats got enhanced by 50% thanks to his passive.

But all of his other stats got trampled easily by Vashag, but this shouldn't be an impossible opponent to fight because he still got other buffs that he can use.

In fact, he may be able to match its stats aside from its ridiculously high mental stats.

"Edward, Adhara, Run!", Rex shouted.

Right after he said that, both Edward and Adhara dashes away.

Without wasting any more seconds further, Rex grabs the woman that is crawling on the ground in fright and dashes away too.

ROAR!!

Looking at its prey running, Vashag went after them too.

Rex looks back trying to find Vashag but to his surprise, its entire presence vanished.

Feeling that Vashag is stalking them from beyond the mist, "Adhara!! Catch!", Rex shouted as he tossed the woman that he carry.

But right after he tossed the woman,

SLASH!!

Vashag strikes Rex from the side by slashing him with its red claws.

Because of the mist and the heavy rain, Vashag's presence can't be sensed even with Rex's werewolf senses as he got slashed right on his back.

"Rrrghh!", Rex grunted as a nasty claw wound can be seen on his back.

With his insane reflex, Rex swings his fist to his back.

But instead of hitting something, Vashag disappears again like a ghost.

Rex didn't have the time to idle around as he run after the others, he will be separated if they left him behind in this place filled with mist.

'This mist is its natural advantage, we need to get out of here', Rex thought.

Vashag appears again and clawed Rex's side but this time, Rex manage to block it.

Rex's arms are glowing with a yellow hue but then his eyes widen when he saw Vashag's red claw is emitting an energy, with a push of its arm Rex got sent crashing to the side like a broken kite.

CRASH!!

BOOM!!

He got planted to the mountain's wall because of that attack.

But when Rex snapped out of his daze, "ARGHH!!", a shout can be heard from beyond the mist, it's Adhara's scream.

Rex activates his Pure Brace of Moonlight skill, force, and also his black lightning.

BOOM!

He dash towards the scream direction like a flying arrow, and then he saw Edward and Adhara putting their backs on each other.

After noticing that both of them are okay,

Rex looks to his side and vaguely saw a shadow inside the mist, his body started to blitz with black lightning as he points towards the shadow.

"Great Lightning Spell! Sky Rupture!"

CRACKK!!

BOOM!!

With a chant of his, Rex summons huge lightning strikes to hit the vague shadow that he thought was Vashag.

A second after the lightning strike hit the ground, Rex saw Vashag's shadow inside the mist.

'There!', Rex thought as the ground turns black.

Rex activates his Black Field Orko spell as the ground turns black, but this time, the spell area is massively wider than when he's still in the fifth rank.

Aside from that, the black lightning also emits many times more mana than before.

Right after the ground turns black, Rex summons dozens of black lightning tentacles and tries to catch Vashag that is inside the mist.

With its nimble movement, Vashag manages to dodge the tentacles.

But Rex already expected this as he summons another Sky Rupture right when Vashag jumped to avoid the black lightning tentacles.

The dark sky cracked open as a lightning bolt strikes down in a flash.

CRACK!!

BOOM!

It was summoned at the perfect moment but Vashag notices the lightning bolt too, its body disappears like a mist and appears on the side.

Thanks to Black Field Orko spell, Rex knows exactly where Vashag landed.

ROAR!!

Vashag got entangled by the black lightning tentacles as its feet landed on the ground.

While this is happening, Adhara and Edward also notice that the ground turns black as Vashag's roar enters their ears.

"Edward, take this woman and run. I'll help Rex", Adhara said.

Hearing this, Edward nodded his head because he knows that Adhara is stronger than him and she will be better at helping Rex.

After Edward leaves, Adhara looks at Vashag that got entangled in Rex's spell.

SWOOSH!!

Her eyes burn with purple fire as a fire vortex levitated her from the ground, she looks like a fire goddess as she stands on the purple fire vortex.

"Great Spell!", Adhara chanted as a purple fire line appeared around the entangled Vashag.

The rune on her neck and her hand glows brightly enhancing the fire mana that she absorbed, it was simply astonishing for a fifth rank.

If anyone were to see Adhara's spell right now, their eyes will pop out.

This great spell is not something a fifth rank can do, she's simply a monster just like Rex.

The fire mana got absorbed by the purple fire line on the ground as it started to glow brighter, with a clap of Adhara's hands, "Fire Maelstorm!!"

BOOM!!

A huge purple fire vortex blasted from the ground engulfing Vashag in the process.

The place turns purplish because of the fire vortex bursting from the ground, anyone inside the mist will definitely see this occurrence.

But the event is not over yet,

Seeing the purple fire vortex that erupted from the ground, a smile appeared on Rex's face.

RUMBLE!!

The dark sky rumble with lightning as Rex's body blitz with heavy lightning mana, all of the lightning mana in the surrounding got sucked into him.

With the everlasting storm that embodied this place, the lightning mana here is abundant.

Rex points his hand to the sky as he tries to gather the lightning mana on the sky,

Because of reaching the sixth rank, Rex feels that he can do anything right now as three swirls appeared in the dark stormy sky.

"SUCK ON THIS!!", Rex shouted as the three swirls rumble with lightning.

CRACKKK!

Three lightning bolts struck down from the sky,

Rex conjures three Sky Rupture spell at the same time, it's a feat that he can't possibly do without achieving the sixth rank and assimilating with Devo.

BLITZ!!

The three lightning bolts hit the purple fire vortex,

Lightning and Purple Fire clash with each other creating an even more powerful phenomenon.

With a spark of both elements,

BOOM!!

The purple fire vortex that is also blitzing with black lightning exploded.

Even Rex himself got blasted away because of the lightning blast, and so is Adhara who is also not far away from the lightning blast.

After the blast receded, Rex stands back up while looking in the explosion direction.

"Did we kill it?", Rex mumbles after recovering from the explosion.

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"Did we kill it?", Rex mumbles lightly.

Without a doubt, that spell that he conjures added with Adhara's new great spell is the most destructive spell that both of them ever did.

Both of their energy clashed against each other and exploded pushing them away.

If any normal sixth rank mutated animals, Supernatural, or even Awakened got hit by that, Rex is confident that they won't stand back up.

His hopeful thinking vanished after waiting for a couple of moments.

'The quest has not finished yet', Rex thought with a frown.

Although the system told Rex to survive against Vashag's attack, killing it should also finish the quest because he and Adhara survived.

But there is no notification that Rex hoped to pop in front of him.

"Adhara!", Rex shouted.

Vashag is clearly not dead yet, Rex didn't even know if that attack hurt it at all.

Hearing Rex called out to her, Adhara then shouted back, "I'm here!!"

After hearing Adhara's voice, Rex dashes towards her voice direction with full caution.

The mist and the rain are still making his vision blurry and his senses dull, he walks blindly inside the mist with Adhara's voice as his guide.

"Keep shouting!", Rex called out because he still can't find Adhara.

Right after he shouted that Adhara's voice can be heard again, "I'm here!"

But upon hearing her voice, Rex frowns as he looks at his back with a frown, "Didn't her voice come from this way?", Rex mumbles in confusion.

Adhara should be right around in front of him,

Rex feels that he's already close with Adhara's first voice direction, but then her second shout suddenly came from his back.

'Did this mist confuses my sense of direction too?', Rex thought warily.

This mist is Vashag's main advantage as it seems to live in this place, so Rex is currently at a huge disadvantage as he can't seem to find a way to get out of here.

It's like fighting a shark in the sea,

Rex's movement is restricted, he can't see beyond the deep-sea darkness while the shark on the other hand can see and feel his every movement.

After stopping for a moment, Rex ran to the other side.

"I'm here!", Adhara's voice can be heard again, and it is very close.

But then, another voice interrupted Rex, "Rex! I'm here!!"

Another voice can be heard from the opposite direction Rex is going to, and the voice should be Adhara and this makes Rex frown in confusion.

It's like something is playing with him, and he can't tell which one is real.

At the end of Rex's vision, he saw a silhouette not far from him, "Adhara!", Rex shouted.

But upon getting closer to the silhouette, the silhouette turns out to be very tall and it's clear that the silhouette is Vashag as its red eyes glare at Rex.

"I'm here...", Vashag suddenly said making Rex widen his eyes in horror.

The voice that came out of Vashag's mouth is identical to Adhara, 'He can mimic Adhara's sound?!', Rex thought in surprise.

In a flash, Vashag suddenly appears behind Rex.

Rex's body wanted to react after sensing Vashag is on his back but it's too late.

BAM!!

"HUAKH!!", Rex spat a mouthful of blood as he got hit right on his stomach.

His force barrier can't withstand one attack from Vashag as it shatters into a million pieces.

But the attack didn't stop,

Vashag turns into a mist, appears behind him before attacking him again.

Its movement is fast and every time Rex wanted to block its attack, Vashag's limbs turn into mist before it attacks with its other limbs.

BAM!

SKKKRTT!

Rex got pushed by Vashag's attack as he creates two lines on the ground trying to stop the momentum from pushing him further.

Blood leaked out of his mouth because of Vashag's heavy attack.

"Rex! Where are you?!", Adhara shouted from Rex's back.

Hearing this, Rex gritted his teeth as he shouted, "Just try to get out of this place! I will be fleeing right after you"

After shouting that, Rex then look to his front and saw Vashag staring at him.

Its red glowing eyes fixated on him before suddenly, its entire being turned into the mist but there's a slight smirk that can be seen on its face before vanishing.

Looking at this, Rex frown for a moment before suddenly.

CRASH!!

"Adhara?!", Rex shouted after hearing a crashing sound from his back.

While gritting his teeth, Rex dashes towards the sound direction as his body started making cracking sounds.

<Werewolf Form!>

<All of the user's stats have been increased by 100%!>

Having no time to waste, Rex was forced to turn into his Werewolf form.

Rex's muscles become even stronger and bigger, his body gains a few inches in height as two horns curving back and down grow on his head.

His aura instantly changed as it grows even violent.

BOOM!

The ground cracked every time Rex dashes towards the sound direction, his speed now is two times faster than before.

Now that he turn into his Werewolf Form,

Rex can sense Adhara's whereabouts because of their invisible link to each other, but aside from that, his senses are still dull just like during his human form.

TAP!

After reaching where Adhara should be, Rex saw Vashag slamming Adhara to the ground.

BOOM!

Fresh blood burst from Adhara's mouth as she got slammed to the ground, even the ground creates a web-like crack because of the impact.

Seeing this, Rex's eyes becomes violent,

SWOOSH!

His body turns into a streak of lightning, and in a flash, he appeared beside Vashag.

Vashag can be seen surprised for a moment seeing Rex suddenly appear beside it, but right when Rex was about to punch Vashag with Force Beam.

Its body turns into mist again and materializes on Rex's back.

But this time, Rex is already prepared for it, "Flash!"

BLITZ!!

Rex activates a spell as his body blurred and reappeared on Vashag's back, it happened in the blink of a second catching Vashag off guard.

"Force Beam!!"

BAM!!

His fist connects sending Vashag crashing away,

Because of the mist environment, Vashag is almost untouchable because of its ability to turn into mist whenever Rex's attack was about to land on it.

But by analyzing its movement, and the way its stats look.

Rex found that there is a loophole to beat Vashag,

Its agility is relatively low compared to the other stats, this means Rex needs to be faster than Vashag whenever it attacked.

This proved to be effective,

BAM!!

Rex landed another punch as he flashes step Vashag's claw swipe.

With one slash from its claw, Rex's tough skin is slashed open which shows just how sharp Vashag's claw really is.

BAM!

Another Force Beam connects at Vashag's stomach as it growls in pain.

Before Vashag can recover, Rex's fist already glows with a yellow hue and also black lightning as he punches Vashag right on its face.

BAM!!

CRACK!!

A cracking sound can be heard right after Rex punched Vashag's face.

'I think I broke something', Rex thought with a smile.

While this is all happening, Adhara is trying to stand up with difficulty because she just got bodied by Vashag.

The power gap is too wide between them, and she might die if Rex hadn't come in clutch.

"Are you okay?", Rex asks after blasting Vashag away.

Looking at Rex's form, Adhara got surprised for a moment before she sigh.

Adhara then fall to her knees weakly, she feel her back with her hand before she said with a painful look, "I think my ribs broke"

Hearing this, Rex sigh, "Let's get out of here"

Although Adhara is also a Werewolf, she's nothing but a regular Werewolf.

Both Adhara and Kyran haven't reached high Werewolf yet, and their healing ability is above average than Awakened at best.

But right after he said that,

ROARR!!!

A deafening roar penetrated their eardrums, Rex and Adhara covered their ears with their hands.

Because of that roar, both Adhara and Rex feel dizzy for some reason.

<The user's stats has been decreased by 20%>

The system's notification follows after the loud roar, and Rex glance at the roar direction with a slight worry because of it.

"We need to run", Rex said before carrying Adhara in a princess style.

Rex then started to run in a random direction trying to flee from Vashag, but Rex can still sense Vashag's eyes fixated on them.

But Rex didn't look back and kept running with all his might.

BLITZ!

His body is enveloped with Black Lightning as he dashes away desperately.

But then suddenly,

SWOOSH!!

A swirling sound can be heard from Rex's back, and when he glance at his back, Rex widened his eyes in horror.

There is a swirling mist headed towards them fast!

Without a doubt, the swirling mist must be Vashag that uses one of its skills.

Rex tries to outrun it like a madman but finds that it is futile, the swirling mist behind him kept getting closer and closer.

It's like a mist vortex and it's heading towards Rex.

While Rex is trying to outrun it, Rex can feel his body getting pulled to the mist vortex.

Knowing that he can't run from it anymore, Rex's arms muscle bulged as he throw Adhara to the side far enough from the mist vortex.

After doing that, Rex turns to his back and readies himself.

The moonlight sparks his body with moonlight energy, yellow heat hue enveloped Rex's body enhancing his physical power further, black lightning enhances his power further as a crescent moon symbol appeared on Rex's forehead.

Seeing the mist vortex already arrived in front of him, Rex swings his fist with all his might.

"Force Beam!"

BOOOM!!

His fist that is filled with everything Rex got clashes with the mist vortex,

Right after his fist collided with the mist vortex, Rex can feel the mist vortex is trying to drill inside his fist making him grit his teeth in pain.

The clash between both energies creates an endless spark of white and yellow.

'I can win this!', Rex thought as he drill his fist further.

His Werewolf Form added with many enhancements that he used should raise his strength to an unbelievable level way above Vashag, so this clash should be won by him.

Even with the debuff from the roar before, his strength should be higher than Vashag.

But then suddenly, Rex widen his eyes as his fist got pushed back instead.

Weird energy gathers on the tip of the mist vortex making it stronger, and this pushed Rex back from the collision that he was supposed to win.

KABOOM!

The spark of energy exploded sending both of them away,

A powerful shockwave was created from their collision as the ground got grated from its crust, and debris fly to the surroundings like bullets.

Adhara rolled a couple of times because of the powerful shockwave.

While Rex on the other hand that is near the shockwave got blasted away, he rolled on the ground powerfully before crashing to a huge rock.

"Damn!", Rex grunted feeling pain all over his body.

He looks to his right hand and finds it injured beyond comprehension.

A big slice of meat got chunked from his right arm, slashes filled his entire arm until his shoulder, and his right arm is also tilting to the side which means his bone also broke.

But all of that started to heal gradually as Rex stands up with difficulty.

Rex looks around him warily,

He can feel Adhara's presence on his left and it seems that she's okay, but when he looks to his front Rex saw a pair of eyes looking at him from beyond the mist.

Vashag walks out of the mist slowly, and its arms are also in the same state as Rex.

But Rex is worst because Vashag's arms are only filled with a slight injury, but its claws are missing a few from the collision before.

Aside from that, Vashag is still in fighting mode.

While Rex is already exhausted, he can't keep fighting like this where he's at a disadvantage.

But then suddenly, he remembered something.

Rex let Devo go from his suppression before he shouted inside his head, 'Devo! Can you hear me?'

Devo didn't answer making Rex desperate.

'Can you do something about the mist? I wanted to flee', Rex asks again.

Hearing no answer from Devo, Rex gritted his teeth because he know Devo is angry at him, 'Please! I need your help', Rex thought.

Vashag started to walk towards Rex slowly with its bloodthirsty eyes.

This makes Rex even more desperate, [You dare ask me for a favor after doing that to me?!]

After hearing Devo finally answer, a slight hope appeared in Rex's expression as he replied, 'Just help me this once, and I won't do that again'

[As if I would believe that! I already lived long enough to know that is a lie]

But in front of the approaching Vashag, Rex then said, 'It's true! I swear I won't do it again'

Devo didn't answer making Rex nervous,

Vashag's claw started to glow with faint energy as it tilts its head to the side a little, then suddenly, it disappeared and appear right in front of Rex.

Seeing this, 'DEVO!!', Rex screamed in his head when suddenly,

BOOM!!

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SWOOSH!!

Lightning energy blasted from within Rex's body pushing Vashag back,

Rex inspected his body and found that Devo decided to help him, his lightning mana becomes even more destructive after Devo added his power to it.

After pushing Vashag back, the lightning energy creates a cocoon around Rex's body.

The area that is around Rex that was supposed to be covered with mist started to dissipate, it got pushed back by the cocoon Devo created, even the rain got blocked by the cocoon.

'What is this?', Rex asks inside his head.

[It's one of my abilities], Devo replied nonchalantly.

Hearing what Devo said, Rex then suddenly remembered, The system told him that Devo has Weather Control ability.

As the mist got pushed back by the lightning energy,

Rex saw Adhara revealed on the side sitting on the ground, she's still hurt but she then looks back when she notices the mist starting to dissipate.

"Rex!", Adhara called out after seeing Rex.

Rex smiles lightly before he slowly walks towards Adhara.

The cocoon of lightning didn't dissipate the mist completely or even make the rain stop but rather it only pushes the mist away in a circle around Rex and block the rain.

It follows Rex's movement as he walks towards Adhara.

"How can you do that?", Adhara asks while looking around her.

Rex then points at his head before he replied, "The Spirit I assimilated with have this ability"

"You need to reach the sixth rank too, I will tell you how later so remind me to explain it to you", Rex said before he glance to his side feeling something looking at him.

On his right, he saw a pair of red eyes looking at him from the mist.

Because the lightning cocoon pushes the mist away, Vashag seems hesitant to go out of the mist and rather stay in it.

Vashag can only glare at them from the side hoping the lightning cocoon will disappear.

While Rex is helping Adhara to get up, Devo suddenly remind Rex, [You can't maintain this for long, you're still not used to using my power]

Hearing this, Rex immediately picks Adhara up, "Let's find Edward"

Rex then dashes away trying to locate Edward as the lightning cocoon follows him, even Vashag keeps following him from the mist.

The cocoon only uncovers the mist 10 meters around him.

Now that he can see his surrounding somewhat clearly, Rex can see that they're currently on another hill with a spikey top closer to the Bleak Everson Mountain which is the tallest.

Because of the mist before, Rex and Adhara didn't realize that they ran that far.

They're at least half a mile away from Edward's car position,

After running around while calling for Edward for five minutes, Devo reminds him again that the lightning cocoon won't hold.

Feeling the pressure from the glaring red eyes,

Rex suddenly got an idea as he chanted, "Black Lightning Spell, Black Field Orko..." Although the lightning cocoon helps him in seeing his surrounding, the Black Field Orko spell reach further than the lightning cocoon thanks to reaching the sixth rank so it's better to use it.

The ground around him turn black as it kept going even into the mist, it kept going until stopping at 25 meters mark.

Instantly after Rex activates it, he can feel many presences standing on top of his spell.

'There's one over there', Rex thought.

He then went to the right as he feel someone is hiding there, and when he reaches the place, "AAHHH!", an old woman suddenly shouted.

Looking at this, Rex clicks his tongue because it's not Edward.

"It's okay, I'm not a bad guy", Rex said slowly trying to calm the old woman down.

The old woman looks at Rex and found that it's not Vashag, she just got startled because of Rex's sudden appearance, "Do you know your way back to the village?"

"Y-Yes...", the old woman replied meekly.

Hearing this, Rex then said, "Then go back to your village, you're not safe here"

The old woman then stands up but soon her expression turns pale when she saw the pair of red eyes glaring at them, her legs tremble in fright upon seeing this.

Noticing this, Rex sigh helplessly.

From the looks of it, the old woman can't be left alone.

But then, the old woman suddenly takes out a glowing red flower from her pocket.

"What is that?", Rex asks in confusion.

Adhara who is on Rex's back also looks at the flower curiously.

The old woman looks at both of them before she realized, "You both must be a foreigner"

"As you know we live in this place despite Vashag is also living here, but thanks to this flower we can somehow live peacefully without fearing Vashag might attack", the old woman explained.

Rex stretches out his hand to touch the flower, "May I?"

Looking at this, the old woman gave Rex the flower before Rex scans the flower.

<Vermillion Red Flower>

A fifth rank mutated flower that is the product from an active lava environment, Vermillion Red Flower will glow in red upon activation by twisting the bottom of its stalk and it will glow for 3 days at max. The flower will grant a slight mana boost for Fire Elementalist.

After reading this, Rex gives the flower back to the old woman.

"Normal light attract Vashag greatly and it will be rampage anything that catches its sight, the red light from this flower somehow annoys Vashag that is why the village collects this flower. But Vashag will be immune to the red light after getting exposed to normal light, that is why all of us are hiding until Vashag calms down", the old woman added while looking at the red flower.

Hearing this, Rex then realized what they have done, 'So that's why the woman that meets us freaked out, turns out Vashag is attracted to the light from Edward's car'

Realizing that it's their fault for endangering the village, Rex sigh.

But then suddenly, tears fall from the old woman's eyes as Adhara pinch Rex's back after noticing that the old woman started crying.

Under Adhara's pressuring gaze,

"What's wrong?", Rex asks lightly, he looks back trying to find Vashag but turns out Vashag is nowhere to be seen.

He thought that the old woman is crying because of Vashag but it doesn't seem like it.

The old woman sobbed lightly trying to hold onto her tears, she held the red flower tightly while biting her lips.

Rex holds the old woman's shoulder lightly and asks again, "What's wrong?"

"I-It's just that, I just realized the other villagers will also activate their flower. Each of them has one for their safety, and then it hits me when I remembered that it's my husband's turn to restock the flower for the villagers", the old woman said as her tears burst.

Looking at this, Rex frown in confusion.

Seeing that Rex is slow to figure the situation, Adhara then asks, "Where can we find these flowers? We'll help the villagers restock the flower"

Hearing this, the old woman's eyes lit up in delight.

She then stands up before she said excitedly, "It sprouted in a valley not far from here, the place is filled with mutated bears"

"Mutated bears?", Rex asks again.

He then glances at Adhara on their back after realizing that the mutated bears must be the Grisly Mist Bear which is one of the things they came here for.

Rex then finally said, "Don't worry, we'll help to restock the flowers"

After agreeing to help the villagers, the old woman goes back to the village while Rex and Adhara keep looking for Edward.

They find many other villagers that are hiding around the place in fright.

All of them already activate the Vermillion Flowers fearing that Vashag will come after them.

Rex told them to go back to the village knowing that Vashag has already calmed down, he didn't sense any pair of red eyes glaring at him anymore.

Not long after that, Rex and Adhara found Edward hiding on a small crack.

The woman that is brought by him also hiding with him inside, and his expression lit up when he saw Rex and Adhara.

"Woah, What is this?", Edward asks after looking at the lightning cocoon.

Rex ignore Edward before he said to the woman, "Vashag already calmed down, you can go back to your village now"

Hearing this, the woman scoffed and wanted to leave.

It is clear that she's angry with Rex and the others because of attracting Vashag and endangering the village, and Rex didn't mind it at all because it's their fault.

But before the woman can leave, "We're going to help you restock the Vermillion Flowers"

The woman stopped on her track and looks back at Rex with a slight surprise, Rex then added, "It's our fault for attracting Vashag, so the least we can do is to help you guys to restock the flower"

After hearing what Rex has to say, the woman widened her eyes before turning back again.

But Rex stopped her again, "Do you know the way to Lountain City? We're a bit lost and don't know which direction to go?"

"After you restock our flowers, then I will tell you the way to Lountain City", the woman replied coldly before she left.

Edward approach Rex before he asks, "It's our fault? How come?"

"The light from your car attracts that monster, so it's our fault for not preparing ourselves better and putting their village in danger", Rex explains while shaking his head.

But then suddenly, "Rrghh!", Rex grunted.

[Times Up!], Devo said as the lightning cocoon around Rex crumble.

Instantly after the lightning cocoon dissipates, the mist covers their vision again while the rain follows making their already wet clothes wetter.

Looking at this, Adhara asks in concern, "Are you okay?"

"Yeah I can't maintain it for long, so we have to make do with this", Rex replied calmly.

Rex then added, "Follow me", he said before he dashes in a direction followed by Edward.

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Meanwhile,

Stuart brings the big bag with the maid's corpse in it out of the room.

Many people gaze at him curiously with such a big bag, but upon noticing that Stuart is the butler from Rex's room the curious students didn't mind him anymore.

The students of Faraday University consider Rex to be their role model and star.

So they expect nothing like doing illegal things, or even killing an Awakened and instructing the butler to dump a corpse.

Because he's carrying a corpse inside the bag, Stuart already put something on the bag.

The smell of a corpse can surely be smelled even only from walking past it, so he did something to cover the corpse's smell.

He then arrived at the elevator,

The elevator is not the elevator used by the student but rather it is a hidden elevator in a small hallway, it's completely hidden because Stuart needs to open a door to access the elevator.

After entering the elevator, Stuart presses the fourth floor.

If what he's doing is supposed to get rid of the corpse, then he should go to the ground floor.

But instead of going down, he went up instead.

The elevator door opened on the fourth floor,

Stuart looks around the place and finds that the floor is almost devoid of students because the day is just starting, and students are currently in class.

He then walks out of the elevator cautiously.

Stuart follows went straight to a door not far from the elevator, he knocked on the door in a pattern lightly before the door opened.

A woman greeted him from the inside,

If Rex was here, then he will instantly recognize the woman, Linda.

Linda opened the door and saw Stuart in front of the room with a big bag on his back, "Ms. Linda, I brought you something"

Hearing this, Linda steps aside signaling Stuart to come in.

After Stuart comes in, Linda poked her head out to see if anyone is watching before closing the door lightly again.

Inside the room, Stuart takes out the corpse from the big bag.

"Did Rex do this?", Linda asks with a frown.

Stuart shakes his head before he replied, "No, it's Kyran that did this"

Linda then go on her knee before inspecting the corpse, her expression changed a bit because of the rotten smell from the corpse but she kept looking.

"I can't identify which family she's from", Linda said before standing back up.

Stuart then said with a frown, "Whichever family this woman is from, it's clear that she's trying to do something and Rex caught up to it"

After a moment of thinking, Linda got a thought in her mind.

"How did this girl manage to get inside Rex's room?", Linda asks.

Stuart recalled the event before he said, "I think she blackmailed Clarice the maid, that's how she can get inside the room"

"Bring Clarice here", Linda commanded before sitting on her desk.

Hearing Linda's command, Stuart bowed slightly before heading towards the door.

But when he's about to leave, Linda suddenly stopped him, "Didn't Rex just make an alliance with the Reed Family?"

"Yes, Ari is guarding the university and his room", Stuart replied.

Linda then frowns for a moment before her eyes widen in realization, "Then where is he when there's an infiltrator inside Rex's room?"

Hearing what Linda said, Stuart froze in his spot.

Both of them look at each other and realized that they just found a lead, "I'll tell Vargas about this", Linda said before she takes her phone and dialed a number.

Chapter 255 Deep Bleak Valley

<Sudden Quest Completed!>

<Obtained Immunity to Mist Effect, Vashag Eyes, and 30,000,000 Exp>

The system gave notification of completing the quest Rex got before, he then takes out Vashag Eyes that he got before he absorb Vashag Eyes into his eyes.

<Obtained 1,000 Eyes Exp!>

<The user's eyes have leveled up!>

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<The user's eyes have leveled up!>

<Increase Mental by 9!>

Rex smiles after seeing the series of notifications appear in front of his vision.

This is the first time he got an item that gives him eyes exp and thus leveling his eyes three times in a row, 'I got mental from leveling my eyes? Maybe I should focus on my eyes'

While he's looking at the notifications, another notification replaced the previous one.

<Sudden Quest!>

<Villagers Crisis>

Because of angering Vashag, the user puts the villagers in danger. The villagers are forced to use the Vermillion Flower in order to hide from Vashag's bloodthirsty eyes. Repay the trouble the user brings to the villagers by getting the Vermillion Flower in their stead.

Quest Reward:

*Get 100 Vermillion Flowers and Kill 10 Grisly Brown Bear: 5,000,000 Exp, and 10 Grisly Brown Bear Claw

*Get 200 Vermillion Flowers and Kill 20 Grisly Brown Bear: 10,000,000 Exp, and 20 Grisly Brown Bear Claw

*Get 500 Vermillion Flowers and Kill 20 Grisly Mist Bear: 30,000,000 Exp, 10,000 gold, 20 Grisly Mist Bear Claw, and Blood Moon Essence

Reading the new sudden quest he got, Rex was quite surprised because this is the first time he got such a quest.

Usually, he will just get a fixed reward or calculated rewards.

But this time, the system gave him a target to get a higher reward and the reward surely is rich if he manages to get the last one.

While reading the quest, Rex's eyes fall onto the last reward.

Blood Moon Essence...

'System, Can you tell me about the Blood Moon Essence?', Rex asks hopefully.

The system ignored Rex making him sigh in defeat, 'Well that's a stupid question, I'll just need to get it then', Rex thought.

But while he's talking to himself, Adhara and Edward look at him in confusion.

"What is it?", Edward asks warily.

Adhara is also on full alert, she glances around the place warily trying to find any sign of mutated animals or even Supernatural, "I can't sense anything", she said lightly.

Hearing this, Rex snapped out of his daze and glance at both of them.

Rex glances at Adhara and Edward and finds them looking at him in confusion.

Turns out while Rex is busy with the system's notifications, Rex stopped on his track subconsciously making Adhara and Edward alert.

They thought Rex felt something but he didn't, he just got distracted.

"Nothing, Let's keep going", Rex smile wryly before resuming their travel to the valley.

Rex and the others dash through the thick mist like three ghosts,

Because of the thick mist, Adhara and Edward stick close to Rex because it seems Rex can navigate through the thick mist easily and they don't want to get left behind.

Lost in this kind of place is a common occurrence, and both of them try to keep up with Rex.

'Thanks to the system, I get all of my senses back', Rex thought.

Aside from the Experience and Vashag Eyes that he got, Rex also got immunity to the mist effect that blocks all of his senses.

Now he can see the entire surroundings clearly just like without the mist.

Not long after they dashes through the thick mist, Rex stopped when they saw a gushing flowing river in front of them.

"This should be the place, Deep Bleak Valley", Rex said while looking at the surroundings.

The old woman told Rex about this valley that should be the home of Vermillion Flowers, she said that they only needed to head north until they meet a river.

Rex glance around and saw many huge rock spikes decorate the surroundings.

"Shit!", Edward cursed as he slipped.

Adhara and Rex glance towards him and see Edward lying on the ground, he tripped on something that makes him fall.

Rex looks to the ground and finds green mosses and lichens covering the rocky ground.

The mosses and the lichens are contrasting with the entire color background of the place which is dominated with grey, it gives somekind of liveliness in this place.

But when Edward was about to get up, Rex glance to his right.

He felt something coming from his right and saw a creature there, it's similar to a bear.

"Heads up, we got a company", Rex said while pointing to his right.

Hearing this, Adhara and Edward glance to the right before slowly a shadowy huge figure appeared from the mist.

The creature turns out to be a mutated bear that the old woman is talking about.

Rex scans the bear before a smirk appeared on his face,

<Grisly Brown Bear>

Race: Mutated Mammals

Power: Fourth Rank (Mid)

Mental: 48

Strength: 91

Agility: 45

Endurance: 61

Intelligence: 0

Seeing the Grisly Brown Bear's stats, Rex smile lightly before he sat on a rock behind him,

"Alright, you guys take care of the mutated brown bear around here"

Hearing this, Edward and Adhara glance at each other briefly.

"Alright!", Edward replied with excitement.

Because of the incident in the Crystalline of Mana, he never got to truly use his new element prowess but he knows that his fire becomes stronger.

These mutated brown bears are the perfect dummy for him to test his new element.

In front of the three of them, a Grisly Brown Bear appeared.

The mutated brown bear stands hulkingly in front of them, its sheer size is easily two to three times bigger than Rex's Werewolf Form.

Its claws are long and sharp just like black steel, and they have two sharp sabertooth fangs.

Looking at the massive target practice in front of them, Edward takes out his daggers as battle intent emerges from within.

The black flame that he newly possessed cloaked his daggers menacingly.

Although there is no heat coming out from the black flame, it still emits weird frightening energy that makes the mutated brown bear glance at them.

But right after Edward's eyes burn with excitement,

Grrr...

Raawrgh!

Many growling sounds suddenly can be heard from behind as many shadowy figures appeared from the mist like ants.

Looking at this, cold sweat runs down Edward's forehead.

"Adhara? I think I might need your help", Edward mumbles seeing the approaching creatures.

A dozen or probably more mutated brown bears appeared from beyond the mist, and they all are baring their sabertooth fangs menacingly.

Adhara who is standing beside Edward also takes out her daggers.

Her daggers burn brightly with purple flames as she gets into her battle stance, "Don't worry we can take them on, we don't need Rex's help"

Hearing this, Edward also gets on his battle stance.

ROAR!!

The dozens of mutated brown bears sprint towards Adhara and Edward's direction with bloodthirsty eyes, the ground shook because of their sheer weight.

CLASH!!

SWOOSH!

Both Adhara and Edward clash with the dozens of mutated brown bears.

CLANG!

Their daggers create fiery sparks as they clash with the mutated brown bears' claw, their claws proves to be stronger than they look.

Edward dodges a series of attacks from the mutated brown bears cleanly.

All of the mutated brown bears' attacks missed as they crashed the ground, Edward's defense is rock solid because their movements are clumsy.

SLASH!

Edward managed to dodge two attacks from two mutated brown bears,

He jumped between the attacks and swings his daggers cloaked with black flame, the daggers slashes the two mutated brown bears as two deep cuts bursting with blood appeared.

The deep cuts is starting to burn with black flame,

GROWL!

Both of the mutated brown bears tumble down as their throat gets cut and slowly turn to ash.

Edward's eyes daggers to the surroundings, his body glows with a red hue as he rolled to the side dodging another mutated brown bear's attack.

Meanwhile, Adhara is also fighting with the mutated brown bears.

Three of the mutated brown bears surrounded her from all sides, but with her having fifth rank power and also the breathing technique Rex gave.

Her agility stats have risen further and she can see their attacks clearly.

BAM!

BAM!

BAM!

Adhara dances through their attacks like a slippery eel, none of their attacks manage to reach her as she counters slash with her burning purple daggers.

SLASH!

Different from Edward's attack,

Adhara's attack cuts through their claws easily like butter, her violet flame heat is too much for the Grisly Brown Bear.

After taking down one mutated brown bear, Adhara jumped up with a blast of fire.

Her eyes glow with purple fire as she a fire appeared on the ground creating a circle with the two other mutated brown bears inside it, "Fire Spell, Ring of Fire!"

BOOM!

The ground exploded as it engulfs the two mutated brown bears in flame.

She killed the two mutated brown bears easily,

While this is all happening, Rex is sitting on the side watching the fire sparks in awe.

<The user's pack member has killed a mid-fourth rank mutated animal, Obtained 50,000 Exp>

<Obtained 50,000 Exp>

<Obtained 50,000 Exp>

Notifications from the system appeared in front of him as Adhara killed the mutated brown bear.

One of the things that Rex got from adding a pack member is getting a 5% increase in stats for each pack member he has, but aside from that, he also got a shared exp from his pack members.

Seeing this, Rex frowns, 'Didn't Kyran go to the dungeon to train? He must've killed a couple of mutated animals there'

A couple of days ago, Adhara told him that Kyran went to the dungeon and meet Hans.

Kyran go there must be because he's training his new dark element, and he should've killed mutated animals there.

If the system allows a shared exp from his pack members, Rex should've gotten the exp from Kyran killing the mutated animals in the dungeon just like he gets from Adhara right now.

But turns out he didn't, Rex never get the experience.

'Do I need to be close to them? That's inconvenient', Rex thought with a sigh.

Speaking of Kyran, Rex suddenly wonders if Kyran got to Lountain City yet, 'With Ari on his side, he should be fine and probably already arrived at Lountain City'

'We, unfortunately, met Vashag on the way', Rex thought.

While he's thinking, Adhara and Edward already finished their fight with the mutated brown bears as carcasses lie on the ground.

They manage to clear the surrounding bears easily with little to almost no scratch.

"Took you long enough", Rex teased with a smile.

Hearing this, Edward and Adhara rolled their eyes because they know that they can't be compared to Rex with the power they currently have.

The fight should've exhausted them because they just took down almost more than a dozen.

It seems a couple of mutated brown bears joins the ongoing fight,

This is especially true for Edward who is already sitting on the ground drained, his new element might just take too much mana than it used to.

Adhara on the other hand is tired, but she's still standing firmly.

"Don't get tired yet, I can sense many other creatures coming towards us", Rex said while tapping Edward's shoulder lightly.

Hearing this, Edward takes a deep breath and stands back up.

Not long after he stands up, another dozen of mutated brown bears appeared.

Adhara's explosives attack creates a loud sound that attracts their attention and thus making the other mutated brown bears in the area come towards them.

"We can deal with this", Adhara said confidently.

Edward sigh helplessly before he also said, "Yeah, we don't need you, Rex"

Hearing this, an amused smile appeared on Rex's face.

'Well I only want to kill the Grisly Mist Bear to clear the quest, the brown ones I can just leave them to these two', Rex thought with a smile.

But when Adhara and Edward were about to engage in a fight again.

ROAR!!

A powerful roar resounded from the back of the mutated brown bear, the shadow of the creature can already be seen through the mist.

Looking at this, Rex's fighting spirit lifts up.

Thud!

After a loud thud, the creature emerges from the mist.

The creature is also a mutated bear but different from the brown one,

It has thick white fur that coated its body from the rain and also makes it harder to see the creature with the thick mist surroundings.

But there is one noticeable feature this creature has that makes it stands out.

The creature is muscular and standing on two just like a human,

"That one...is Mine!", Rex shouted as he instantly dashes towards the creature with burning vigor and fighting spirit.

Chapter 256 Ancient One's Message

<Grisly Mist Bear>

Race: Mutated Mammals

Power: Fifth Rank (Mid)

Mental: 103

Strength: 211

Agility: 94

Endurance: 270

Intelligence: 73

"That's probably for the best", Edward replied with a wry smile.

The mutated white bear that stands on two like a human emits a different air from the mutated brown bears, it's clear that the mutated white bear is way stronger than the brown ones.

Adhara is also seeing this, but then she said, "I can take care of it"

"Nope, the white ones are mine to fight", Rex replied, he cracked his hands and neck as he strides forwards completely ignoring the mutated brown bears.

One of the mutated brown bears growls and attacked Rex from the side.

But in the blink of an eye, the mutated brown bear's body stopped as Rex kept walking forward.

All the others mutated brown bears stepped back subconsciously, the one that attacked Rex suddenly got split in half like a sandwich.

<Killed a mid-fourth rank mutated animal, Obtained 80,000 Exp>

<Kill Grisly Brown Bear 1/10>

Even Adhara and Edward got surprised by it,

Rex's movement is very fast almost like a blur, both of them can't even see how Rex cut the mutated brown bear in half.

Looking at this, the white mutated bear roar menacingly.

CRACK!!

The mutated white bear slam the ground with its paw as the ground cracked,

Rex jumps out of the way before a smile appeared on his face, "It has elemental powers huh", Rex mumbles as he saw the mutated white bears emit a red hue.

But then in front of Rex's eyes, something materializes in the bears' paw.

Fire mana gathers in the mutated white bears' body as a big club made of fire mana materializes in its paw, the ground cracked under the weight of the fire club.

"IT CAN USE FIRE MANA?!", Edward shouted in shock.

Adhara is also shocked to see such a creature here, it's rare to see a mutated animal that can use mana easily just like the mutated white bear did.

It's almost as good as an Awakened!

But seeing this, Rex is not surprised as he stands still in front of the menacing white bear.

GROWL!

With a growl from the mutated white bear, the bear then swung the fire club down putting all of its power into it without holding back.

By the display Rex did earlier, the mutated white bear can feel Rex is dangerous.

Then suddenly,

BAM!

Rex caught the fire club with his bare hand stopping it on its track,

A red tattoo appeared as the fire mana from the fire club got suppressed heavily, fire is the most ineffective element to fight Rex right now.

With the resistance, he got from the ritual, and also the Sakhmet Tattoo.

Fire is just not as effective as other elements to him, and the mutated white bear notices it too.

"You can be the apex predator here but too bad, you met me", Rex said lightly.

The mutated white bear felt its fur stands up after seeing Rex catch its attack easily, and before the mutated white bear know it,

BAM!

Rex punched the mutated white bear's chest creating a gaping hole in it.

Blood gushed out of the mutated white bears' mouth as it fall to the ground slowly before creating a heavy thudding sound.

<Killed a mid-fifth rank mutated animal, Obtained 500,000 Exp>

<Kill Grisly Mist Bear 1/20>

All of the mutated brown bears also step back in fear after seeing Rex kill the mutated white bear easily as if he's killing a chicken.

"Alright, let's hunt them all down", Rex said with an evil smile.

The three of them butchered the mutated bears as their clothes becomes red by their blood.

After killing the mutated bears around the area,

Rex smiles lightly after looking at the system's notification,

<Kill Grisly Mist Bear 16/20>

Because of their loud fights, the other mutated bears that are around the area join in before realizing that fighting Rex and the others is a mistake.

They got butchered easily by Rex and the others,

Aside from killing the mutated bears, Rex also can already see the Vermillion Flowers.

The flowers aren't exactly hard to find because of their natural red color in this bleak grey dominant place, and the flowers are many.

Based on the number of the Grisly Bears, Rex reckons that these flowers are their food.

The system said that the flower can give a slight boost in mana for Fire Elementalist, and these mutated bears that eat the flower every day might just unlock a mutation.

But aside from the first Grisly Mist Bear Rex killed, the others can't use mana that efficiently.

"Pick the flower and put it inside here, we'll give this back to the villagers and go straight to Lountain City. Kyran must be waiting for us", Rex commanded after pulling out a sack.

He bought the sack from the system which only costs him 5 gold, it's just a normal sack with immense elasticity to contain more than what it should.

After hearing Rex's command, they then started to pick the surrounding Vermillion Flowers.

Rex and Adhara started picking the flowers on the ground, but soon find out that the flowers on the ground is not many.

So Edward is tasked to get the flowers on the rock spikes,

While Rex is picking the flowers around him, he suddenly heard a shriek.

Rex glance up and saw Edward slipped again,

The Vermillion Flowers on the ground are few because the mutated bears ate it all, but the tip of the huge rock spikes has many of the Vermillion Flowers on it.

Because the tip is inaccessible for the mutated bears, the flowers grow there.

The huge rock spikes around the place are huge, and they are at least 100 feet high some even reach 200 feet high.

Edward is currently hanging on with only his hands,

"Are you okay?", Rex shouted from below, he's holding back his laughter seeing Edward struggle.

Hearing this, the veins on Edward's forehead bulge feeling annoyed before he shouted back, "DOES IT LOOK LIKE I'M OKAY?!!!"

Rex laughs burst upon hearing Edward's shout,

It's not an everyday thing Rex can see Edward in this state, and the scene even manages to make Rex laugh which surprised Adhara.

Feeling annoyed by Rex's laughter, Edward tries to pull himself back up.

But this makes the situation even worse as his left hand slipped, the mosses, the Vermillion Flowers, and the rain makes it easy for Edward's hand to slip.

Adhara starting to feel bad,

Her hands then burst with purple fire as it slowly helps her to fly, she approached Edward slowly before helping him get down.

Edward gets down with the help of Adhara,

"That's not funny dude, what kind of friend are you", Edward grumbles in annoyance.

Hearing this, Rex chuckles before he said, "Friend laughs first before helping, that's just how it is right?", Rex teased.

After getting the Vermillion Flowers on the surrounding, Rex frown.

<Collected Vermillion Flower 471/500>

To get the last reward from the system's quest, Rex needs to get 500 Vermillion Flowers but he's still short 29 more even after swooping the place.

"This much should be enough right?", Adhara asks after looking at the sack.

Edward glance inside the sack before he nodded his head, "Yep, I doubt the villagers have more than 200 people"

But Rex is not having this, "let's get some more just in case"

The three of them searches the entirety of Deep Bleak Valley to no avail, they only found other wandering mutated brown and white bears that flee upon seeing them.

After searching for a while, Rex and Adhara gathers together again,

"I can't find anything, I don't think there's any Vermillion Flowers left", Adhara said.

Hearing this, Rex frown in thought, 'The system will not give an impossible quest? '

<All quests can be completed by the user, no given quest is an impossible task for the user's current strength>

Reading this, Rex confirms his suspicion.

He then looks to his surrounding to try to find the remaining Vermillion Flowers.

But then, Edward comes back to them with a slight sigh, "I found the flowers, but you both aren't gonna like where it's located"

Rex and Adhara look at each other before they follow Edward.

Not far from their place, Edward brought them to the back of the huge rocky spike that he almost fell from before.

There's a huge murky pond in front of them with a huge ancient Banyan Tree in the middle.

Rex squinted his eyes and saw red flowers around the Banyan Tree, but the flowers are located in the middle where the huge tree lies.

It's far away from them, it's about 100 to 150 yards away from them.

"Well let's go there and take the flowers", Adhara suggested but Edward stopped her.

Edward then points at the side where a tree trunk floats above the water idly, "Look at that floating tree trunks", he said.

It's a bit unclear with the mist but it's close enough for them to see.

Adhara looks at the tree trunks in confusion, but Rex already knows what it is.

After Adhara looks at the tree trunks, Edward takes a rock from the ground and throws the rock at the tree trunks.

Right, when the rock hits the tree trunks,

SPLASH!!

The murky water splashes as a mutated animal open its jaws and bite the rocks before the murky water becomes calm again.

Looking at this, Adhara's skin crawls.

"What the heck is that?!", she shouted in surprise.

Edward looks in the tree trunks direction while touching his chest, "Thankfully, I accidentally kick a rock when I was about to enter the water and that happened"

Rex glance at the tree trunks before he too shakes his head.

'I can probably jump that far, but it's not a guarantee that those mutated animals inside the water can't sense me jumping over them', Rex thought with a frown.

But then suddenly, Rex got an idea.

Rex bought a learning pill from the shop and instantly swallowed it.

"You guys step back, I'm gonna try something", Rex said as his body cracked with black lightning.

Looking at this, Adhara and Edward step back.

After making sure that Adhara and Edward will not get hit by what he's about to do, Rex then nodded his head as he gathers immense mana as the clouds create a swirl.

He's gathering mana to use his Sky Rupture spell,

'If what I think is true, then that creature is trying to demonstrate a spell', Rex thought as the ground around him cracked under his lightning pressure.

Rumble!!

The sky started rumbling with a flash of lightning in between.

Adhara and Edward look at the sky and remember that this is one of Rex's spells, and both of them are confused about what Rex is trying to do.

FLASH!

BOOM!!

A thick lightning bolt strikes down from the sky hitting Rex, "Arrgh!!"

Rex got down to his knees as his body emit smoke, he got zapped by his own spell and the power surprised him greatly.

'That really hurts', Rex thought while gasping for air.

[What are you trying to do?], Devo suddenly asks seeing Rex's attempt.

Hearing this, Rex then replied, 'You said you can control the weather right? Then help me out, I'm going to try something'

"Rex!", Adhara shouted before running towards him.

But Rex signal for her to stop before he stands back up slowly, his body is tense as his muscle got electrocuted by his own Great Spell.

"One more time!", Rex said as he summons another lightning bolt.

BOOM!!

"Huaakh!", Rex falls to his knees again before throwing up a mouthful of blood.

This may seem like Rex trying to kill himself from Adhara and Edward's perspective, but Rex got some insight from getting hit by his own Great Spell.

'Did you get it?', Rex asks Devo with heavy breaths.

But Devo's reply makes Rex smile, [I got it, we can try your plan now]

After Devo confirms it, Rex gathers his lighting mana for another round of Sky Rupture.

"Let's go!!", Rex shouted as the sky cracked open and spat a powerful lightning bolt heading towards him.

KABOOM!!

"Rrrrghh!", Rex grunted as his body got zapped by the lightning.

Seeing this for the third time, Adhara falls to the ground as she also feels the pain that Rex is feeling through their links.

But in front of their eyes, Rex's body slowly turns into a streak of lightning.

When the lightning bolt finished, Rex is also disappeared from his spot as if his body got pulled away by the lightning.

"Rex?! What happened?!", Edward this time panic,

No matter how he looks at it, Rex looks disintegrated by the lightning bolt.

But Adhara on the side can still feel Rex is alive, he's just can't be seen by the naked eyes, "Don't worry he's alive", she said assuringly.

Hearing this, Edward frowns, "What is he trying to do really?"

Then suddenly,

KABOOM!!

Another lightning spat from the sky hitting the ground near the big tree in the middle of the huge murky pond, it makes the tree leaves rumble for a bit before everything turns back to normal.

But what appears after the lightning makes Adhara and Edward's eyes pop out in shock.

Their throat went dry for a second as they saw Rex appear on the other side where the lightning strikes, "WHAT?!", both of them shouted in a union.

Rex lies on the ground feeling fatigue, but there's a smile on his face.

[Hah!! So that's what the Ancient One is trying to say, turns out it's a spell!]

'Ether Blink', Rex mumbles lightly remembering the remnants of the Ancient one.

Chapter 257 Pneuma Spell

<Congratulation to the user for comprehending the Ether Race remnants>

<The user has just learned a Pneuma Spell, Ether Blink>

After getting the prompt from the system, Rex opened the new spell description.

<Ether Blink>

The sky will strike the user with a lightning bolt, and during this process, the user's body will turn into particles of lightning before merging with the lightning bolt and going up to the sky. In a 5 miles area, the user can determine the place where the user wanted to blink to by striking it with a lightning bolt again. The stronger the user gets, the user can travel to a further area.

Looking at this, Rex smiles as he just manages to create a spell.

Using the Ether Blink spell drained a huge chunk of his mana that even surprised Rex.

He's currently a sixth rank Awakened and Devo the Gatekeeper boosted his mana by a mile, but even then this spell still takes a huge chunk of mana from him.

But when Rex is reading the notifications, his eyes landed on the second notification.

'System, What do you mean by Pneuma Spell?', Rex asks.

Rex is not familiar with the terms because he never heard of it, but surely this term means something when the system classified his new spell as Pneuma Spell.

<Information costs 1,000 gold, Does the user want to continue?>

Before the system even asked for gold, Rex already expected this to happen.

He then said yes with a bit of reluctance before the system continues,

<Pneuma Spell refers to a spell that uses spirit energy aside from the usual mana. This Penuma Spell can only be used by a Sixth Rank Awakened or above that has already assimilated with a spirit since it requires spirit energy->

Rex reads the information he bought from the system carefully,

Based on the explanation from the system, Pneuma Spell basically is a spell that is created by the compatibility between the Awakened and the Spirit which results in a new spell.

Pneuma Spell is divided into three circles with one being the weakest and three the strongest.

The first circle has a 1 to three ratio of mana and spirit energy used, and this only allows the spell to be amplified by the spirit element nature.

The second circle allows the Awakened to harness two to three ratios of mana to spirit energy, and this allows the Awakened to harness the spirit's element directly. Awakened in this circle usually can already summon their spirit with a physical presence that is attached to the Awakened.

Because of having a physical presence, the spirit can join the fight and this basically means fighting two people at once.

An Awakened that is able to use second circle Pneuma Spell is called Spiritual Awakened.

The third circle is where the spirit energy exceeds mana usage, Awakened in that can use third circle Pneuma Spell usually already achieve unification with their spirit.

An Awakened that reaches the third circle can use a Pneuma Spell that exceeds the capacity of the spirit, their mana consumption is reduced by a whopping 50%, and they are called Perfect Awakened as they almost never exhausted of their mana or spirit energy.

Perfect Awakened can fight longer and use all of the ability of their spirit freely.

<Ether Blink falls into the second circle, the user can harness the natural element of the spirit proficiently by turning the user's body into lightning particles>

The system said making Rex nod his head, 'The ninth rank Awakened in Beah City, he can summon his spirit with a physical presence. Is that how to reach the next rank?', Rex thought.

He still remembers vividly the scene where the Awakened killed the Demon Dummy.

'Nevertheless, that man should be able to use third circle Pneuma Spell', Rex thought.

But then suddenly, he remembers that he's invited by the ninth rank woman to the sky temple, 'Maybe I should ask her about this in detail', Rex thought while slowly catching his breath.

While Rex is fighting with Washag before,

Rex notices that he can summon multiple Sky Rupture spells which is a Great Spell at once, and this shows how much mana he currently has.

Before reaching the sixth rank, Rex can only summon one at a time.

And every time Rex cast the Sky Rupture Spell, his mana got drained and he can probably use the spell two or three times max before getting his mana exhausted.

But now is different, he can almost use this spell endlessly.

The vision that he had of the Ether Race Ancient One shows that the Ancient One merges with the lightning and disappears and reappears like a ghost.

Although Rex already suspected that the Ancient One is showing a spell.

Rex didn't dare to think that he can cast that many Sky Rupture Spells just like what the Ancient One did, but the fight with Vashag proves him wrong.

After realizing that, Rex then got an idea that he told Devo before.

Rex stands back up by pushing on his knees with his hands, his body is tired and he feels sick because of turning into lightning particles.

It's his first time using the spell, and he completely understands that there will be side effects.

He then waves his hand to Edward and Adhara signaling that he's okay.

Rex then turns to his back and saw the majestic huge Banyan Tree up close and it's beautiful, the roots that sprouted from the Banyan Tree's branches are hanging downwards almost touching Rex's head, and the size of the tree is bigger now Rex is under it.

Upon closer look, Rex can see that the tree is standing on a small ground.

When Rex walks around the tree, Rex can see that half of the ground under the tree is already collapsing as half of the tree trunks are leaning into the murky water.

After inspecting the tree briefly, Rex started to take the Vermillion Flowers around it.

<Collected Vermillion Flowers 500/500>

Rex finished gathering the Vermillion Flowers around the tree, and he even got more than what he required to finish the quest.

'Time to go back to the villagers', Rex thought before his body cracked with lightning.

By now, Rex already recovered a bit from the exhaustion.

But when he's about to use his new Pneuma Spell again, Rex can suddenly feel the changes in the wind as he slowly looks to his back.

The tree leaves and dangling roots on the Banyan Trees dances alongside the wind.

Rex looks at his surroundings and suddenly saw the mist change direction and go towards him, this makes him alert fearing that Vashag might come to him again.

From afar, Adhara and Edward can also see the changes in the mist direction.

Their surrounding becomes clearer as the mist went in Rex's direction, "Something is strange, the mist is going to Rex", Edward said in concern.

Adhara glance towards Rex before she squinted her eyes,

"I think it's not Rex, it's the tree", Adhara replied while pointing at the tree.

Rex also notices that the mist turns out got sucked into the Banyan Tree behind him,

The Banyan Tree's roots that are hanging down from the branches started to move slightly, and it slowly glows white like a white snake.

After a moment, the roots moved and gathers the mist towards them.

This phenomenon makes Rex frown as the mist gathers creating a ball of mist, and when the surrounding mist is gone the phenomenon stop as a ball of mist floats in between the tree branches and emits a small amount of energy.

Looking at this, Rex wanted to take the ball of mist when suddenly,

SPLASH!!

The mutated animals inside the murky waters splash the water as they swam towards the tree direction, it seems the ball of mist is attracting them.

Rex jumped towards the tree branch as he look down at the splashing murky pond.

When the mutated animals come out of the water, Rex can finally see their figure clearly and turns out they're mutated crocodiles.

These creatures have black skins with humongous bodies at least two times Rex's Werewolf form.

By the looks of them, they are really similar to crocodiles but aside from their scaled back they also have fins around their limbs that make them swim very fast.

After Rex scans the mutated crocodiles, Rex shakes his head and turns to the ball of mist.

All of the mutated crocodiles are sixth rank mutated animals! And some of them even reach mid-rank which makes Rex's skin crawl.

Edward and Adhara can also feel the immense aura of the mutated animals.

"Oh my god! That mutated animals are not in the same league as the mutated bears!", Adhara shouted in shock.

Even from afar, they can feel the aura of the mutated crocodiles.

And both of them can feel that the mutated crocodiles are not in the same league as the mutated bears, they're powerful mutated animals that even Rex might not be able to fight them all on especially the big ones who emits a threatening aura.

The crocodiles started to climb the Banyan Tree with their sharp claws.

Rex touched the Banyan Tree for a moment,

ROAR!!

After touching the Banyan Tree's branch for a moment, Rex took the ball of mist and put it in his inventory before the sky zapped lightning hitting him, the tree and the climbing mutated crocodiles.

RUMBLE!

ZAP!!

Rex's body merge with the lightning and went to the sky before another lightning strike hits the ground beside Edward and Adhara.

Both of them were startled because of how loud and sudden Rex appeared beside them.

Huff..Huff...

Rex gasped for air as the Ether Blink Spell still exhaust his stamina, and it will probably take a while before he can adapt to the usage of Ether Blink.

"Alright, let's go back to the villagers", Rex said before Adhara and Edward nodded their heads.

BAM!!

ROAR!!

The sound of the mutated crocodiles fighting against each other can be heard from their backs, the fight is brutal as the water splashes everywhere and the ground slightly trembles.

Edward thanked god that he accidentally kicks a rock,

He can't imagine what will be of him if he steps inside that murky waters, he might not even have the time to scream before he gets eaten by the mutated crocodiles.

The three of them then headed towards the villagers,

After killing the rest of the needed Grisly Mist Bear, Rex fulfilled the quest's last reward requirement and he only needs to give the flowers back before he completed the quest.

While walking back to the village, Rex is looking at the ball of mist in his inventory.

Upon looking at the ball of the mist item name, Rex was put into thought.

<Little Ambrosia Cloud>

The items that Rex came here for are the heart of Grisly Mist Bear that he already harvested on the last Grisly Mist Bear heart that he killed, and Ambrosia Cloud that is a rare item that Evelyn asked for.

Based on the item description, Rex can see that this Little Ambrosia Cloud will be used to enhance Evelyn's weapon.

But now, he only found a Little Ambrosia Cloud.

After reading the description of the item, Rex then thought, 'So I need to find another Little Ambrosia Cloud, and I can merge it into Ambrosia Cloud'

Now that Rex saw the process of how this Little Ambrosia Cloud is created.

Before he used Ether Blink to teleport away, Rex had already scanned the Banyan Tree with the system and found that the tree is called Smog Banyan Tree and it has a possibility to create the Little Ambrosia Cloud.

Rex already checked the shop and find an item that can trigger the phenomenon.

If he doesn't buy the item to trigger the phenomenon, Rex might need to wait weeks or even months before another Little Ambrosia Cloud can be created.

The Banyan Tree from before already did it, and the item can't trigger the tree that has just produced a Little Ambrosia Cloud.

While he's thinking about the Little Ambrosia Cloud, Edward suddenly tap Rex's back making him stop on his track.

Rex looks back and saw Edward looking at something on his front,

"Who's that?", Edward asks while pointing at his front.

Hearing this, Rex turns his body again before he saw a figure approaching from the mist and Rex can clearly see that it's a man.

After a moment, the man can finally see Rex and the others before his eyes widened.

Chapter 258 Getting Personal, Lountain City's Shame

The man that emerged from the mist widened his eyes when he saw Rex and the others.

He looks surprised upon seeing Rex and the others, but his eyes then fall to the huge sack that is glowing with red light.

Rex looks at the man and realized that it's an old man,

The wrinkle on the old man's face can be seen clearly, his posture is not that great anymore, and upon closer look, the old man is wearing thin clothes.

'A civilian?', Rex thought with a frown.

"Ah! You must be the ones that volunteer to get the Vermillion Flowers", the old man said with a smile, his grateful feeling can be seen through his genuine smile.

Hearing this, Adhara steps forward and replied, "Yes, we're on our way to deliver this"

As she said that, Edward opened the glowing sack making the old man's eyes sparkle in shock, "So many... With this much, the village will not be short on the flowers for a while"

But then, Edward asks curiously, "What are you doing here alone? It's dangerous"

"I thought that I would help you guys out since my wife said that you're a foreigner, but turns out you don't need my help", the old man replied before laughing warmly.

Hearing this, Rex and Adhara realized who the old man is.

Turns out the old man is the husband of the old woman both of them met before.

While they're talking, Rex and the others sensed a mutated bear running towards them and is filled with killing intent.

Adhara glances to the side and finds that it's just a brown one.

Not long after they all realized the mutated bear, the old man realized it too because of the trembling ground as the mutated brown bear approached.

"Quick! Let's run, I know a hiding spot", the old man shouted hurriedly.

But with a flick of Adhara's hand,

SWOOSH!!

The mutated brown bear got engulfed by purple flames as its body slowly turns black, this catches the old man in surprise.

Adhara glance at the shocked old man before she said, "It's okay, you're safe with us"

Hearing what Adhara said, the old man glance at her in surprise.

The old man then glances at Adhara's hand that is burning with purple fire before he looks back at Adhara who is smiling at him, then the old man's expression slowly changes.

Looking at the old man's expression, Adhara was confused.

She saw how the old man's friendly look turns slowly into anger as he glance at Adhara and the others with hateful eyes.

"All of you are an Awakened?", the old man asks lightly.

Rex and the others nodded their heads as the old man's expression turns hideous.

With his trembling frail fingers, the old man points at the three of them hatefully before saying, "You prideful filthy Awakened, We don't need your help!!"

"Sir, What's wrong?", Edward asks in confusion.

The old man looks gentle and kind at first, but he suddenly turns like this in a blink of an eye.

"What's wrong? WHAT'S WRONG YOU SAY?!", the old man shouted furiously, it's like Edward's question poked at the wrong side of the old man.

He then continues with his shaky voice, "Don't act like an angel when you're not!"

"Why are you acting like this? We're just trying to help", Adhara asks in confusion.

The old man steps back as Adhara tries to get closer, he then said, "I can't believe my wife asks a favor from Lountain City's Awakened, the villagers don't need your help!"

Hearing this, Rex and the others frown.

"We're not Awakened from Lountain City, We're from Ratmawati City", Rex replied with a frown.

In all of his time being an Awakened, Rex never knew that the origin of an Awakened matter until he meet with this old man.

From the old man's expression, he seems to hate Awakened from Lountain City.

The old man then frowns in confusion, "Ratmawati City? How on earth the sacred Awakened come here, you're lying!"

Seeing that the old man is still suspicious of them, Edward takes out his identification.

"Y-You're not lying...", the old man mumbles while looking at the identification.

After believing that Rex and the others are from Ratmawati City, the old man then bowed slightly before apologizing for his rude behavior before.

"It's okay, you don't need to apologize", Adhara said while preventing the old man to bow.

While the old man and Adhara is exchanging small talks, Rex and Edward is frowning on the side in thought, "Old man, Why do you hate the Awakened from Lountain City"

Edward also nodded his head, he too find it a bit odd.

Hearing this, the old man sigh before he then tells Rex and the others about the Awakened from Lountain City.

A moment later,

Rex and the others arrived at the village they saw before.

In front of the entrance of the village, Edward falls to his knees when he saw his car's headlights are already smashed to pieces.

"I'll pay for it, don't fret about it", Rex said making Edward's eyes lit up.

Entering the village, Rex and the others also saw the same red light that decorates the place and now they know why the villagers use red light instead of the regular light.

The village is not so good judging by the place and condition.

Made of wood and stones, the village can't possibly fend off an attack from the mutated bears or even any other mutated animals living in this place.

"Is there a leader here? Or Village Head?", Rex asks.

The old man then points at a humble house made of wood in the center and said, "That's the village head's house, she's probably there"

Rex then told Adhara and Edward to help arrange the flowers in the village storage.

After that, Rex strides towards the village head's house under the villagers' curious gazes.

From Rex's inspection of the villagers, all of them are either old or still kids.

Rex didn't see even one capable adult man or woman in this village, 'These Awakened in Lountain City, let's see what they look like', Rex thought with a hint of bloodlust.

The old man told him that the Awakened from Lountain City lives like kings.

All the elderly or orphan that doesn't have any value to them will be tossed aside, that is why the elderly and the orphan create this small humble village to accommodate the abandoned people.

While Rex is thinking, light footsteps can be heard walking towards him.

Then, a little girl came up to Rex before she asks with her sweet little voice, "Mister, I never see you before. Who are you?"

Rex look down and saw a little girl holding a teddy bear is looking at him curiously.

Looking at the innocent eyes of the little girl in front of him, Rex felt a slight pang in his heart, 'If mom didn't take me, then I will be in the same boat as this girl', Rex thought.

He then kneels on one knee to match the girl's eye level.

"I'm an Awakened from Ratmawati City", Rex said with a slight smile.

Hearing this, the little girl widened her eyes cutely before her eyes sparkle, "My mom once said Awakened from Ratmawati City is a superhero, Mister, Are you also a superhero?"

Rex chuckles lightly hearing the little girl's cute voice.

"What is your name?", Rex asks.

The little girl then answered with a slight hesitation, "Nadia"

"Well, Nadia, I have a gift for you", Rex said before a little pouch appeared from thin air, he then handed the pouch to the little girl.

The little girl takes the pouch but before she opens it, Rex's hand prevented her from doing so.

He then said whisperingly, "It's a secret between the two of us, so you have to promise me to not tell anyone and open it when nobody is around okay?"

Hearing this, Nadia looks up to Rex's eyes with a smile.

"Okay! I promise!", Nadie replied with a smile making her look adorable.

Rex messed her hair lightly with a slight chuckle before he went to the village head's house.

<Purchased Mid Lightning Affinity>

A notification appeared in front of Rex before it slowly disappears,

Rex looks back at Nadia who is holding the pouch tightly with a smile, 'I give you a chance, I hope you can make use of it little girl'

After looking back, Rex knocked on the village head's door before he went inside.

Upon entering the room, Rex saw the village head sitting on a wooden chair.

The village head turns out to be the woman that tries to destroy Edward's car's headlight before, it's the first woman they met before getting attacked by Vashag.

"I already brings the flowers as agreed, now tell me how to go to Lountain City", Rex demanded.

Hearing this, the woman was slightly surprised by how fast Rex was able to bring back the flower, "Fine, take that scroll over there. It's a map of this place", she said lightly.

Rex strides to the table where the scroll is before he reads it.

After confirming that it's like what the woman said, Rex then nodded his head wanting to leave.

But when he's in front of the door, the woman then suddenly asked stopping him on his track, "If I may, What is your purpose in going to Lountain City?"

"Getting an item, but that's not it anymore", Rex said lightly.

The woman frowns hearing this, "What do you mean by that?", she asked.

Without answering the woman's question, Rex turns to face the woman before he asked back, "I heard the story of Lountain City and this village. You're young, Why are you here?"

The woman in front of Rex is still can be considered young.

Her womanly aura is still at her prime, and she should not exceed thirty years old.

"My grandmother got kicked out by those bastards, and I decided to leave the city with my grandmother and help her build this place", the woman replied.

Hearing this, Rex nodded his head.

He then asks with an evil smirk, "Do you want revenge?"

When she heard what Rex said, the woman was taken aback for a second.

But soon her expression turns neutral again, "I want revenge, but I'm afraid that you and your friends might not be able to win against them"

"Why do you say that?", Rex asks curiously.

With the power he currently has, even Awakened in Ratmawati City can hardly fight him.

The woman then replied, "They also have an Awakened from Ratmawati City, he graduated from a university in Ratmawati City and he's very strong physically. Some say that he has fifth rank power, he's practically a god!"

While the woman is saying this, she thought that Rex will back down.

Reaching the fifth rank is a feat that she thought was astonishing, even being an Awakened is already too high for her and this brings her pessimism.

But Rex's expression is not like what she expected,

The woman expected Rex to shrug the revenge part and just leave them be.

But Rex's smirk grows even wider when he heard this,

Ridiculously oppressing black lightning sparks around Rex's body like a coiling snake, his aura himself makes the wooden furniture around the woman make a cracking sound.

Looking at this, the woman widened her eyes in shock.

The aura that she sees coming out of Rex's body is so thick that even she who can't feel mana can feel it, it's simply out of her mind.

The confident bearing, and the immensely powerful aura.

Rex started to convince the woman that he might actually do it, Rex might just defeat the man that she and the other villagers called a god!

"Wait for me here, and I'll show you that even the man that you called god will crawl on his knees begging for forgiveness after I'm done with him", Rex said with immense bloodlust.

As Rex retracts his aura back, the woman finally breathes again.

She then said, "What items are you searching for? The Villagers will gladly help"

Hearing this, Rex looks at the woman and finds that the woman's expression is filled with determination, "Banyan Tree, I'm searching for Banyan Trees"

"If that's the case, We can try and find it for you", the woman proposes.

Feeling that he might as well let the villagers repay him even though he didn't want to, Rex then finally said with a smile, "Then I'm counting on your for that"

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"You won't be welcomed there", the woman warned.

Rex glance at the woman before she continues, "Lountain City got their resources through trade with other cities using formations, and the city entrance rarely opened except for their guards"

"Don't worry, just leave it to me", Rex said confidently.

<Villagers Crisis Sudden Quest Completed!>

<Obtained 30,000,000 Exp, 10,000 Gold, 20 Grisly Mist Claw, and Blood Moon Essence>

<Level Up!>

<Obtained 3 Attributable Stats>

Rex walks out of the village head's house with the woman beside him, he already come to an agreement that the villagers will help Rex find Banyan Tree while he and the others will go visit Lountain City.

The woman asked Rex to get rid of the Awakened except for one,

Lountain City has four Awakened which one of them is an Awakened from Ratmawati City, he goes by the name Dito and he's the leader of the Awakened.

But one of the Awakened is not a bad one,

The woman told Rex to not hurt Yosef, an Awakened that has distinctive grey eyes, he tries to help the abandoned villagers but is stopped by Dito.

With Dito being the strongest there, Yosef has no choice but to obey him.

But unknown to the woman, Rex has other plans that she will not expect after he's done.

After walking out of the house, Rex saw the villagers are gathered in front of him.

Adhara and Edward were also among them standing at the very back, they seems to finish helping the villagers arrange the flowers.

Many of the villagers are whispering amongst themselves while looking at Rex.

Rex then glance at the woman beside him before he nodded his head,

He then jumps skipping the gathered villagers before landing beside Adhara and Edward, this feat makes the villagers gasp in amazement.

It seems that they know that Rex and the others are from Ratmawati City.

"Let's go, we'll go to Lountain City and confront the Awakened there", Rex said coldly.

Hearing this, Adhara and Edward also turn serious.

Edward then asks, "Operation KOS?"

"They tossed out the elderly and orphans out of the city knowing the mutated animals around the place, they enslave the capable man and woman, None of them should be left alive", Rex replied coldly.

Adhara who is beside them gulped as she feel the killing intent coming out of Rex and even Edward that makes her spine cold.

But then, "Adhara, You will be fighting them first"

Upon hearing this, Adhara tilts her head in confusion, "Why me?"

"Let's test your dagger-wielding skill, you also need to learn to fight experienced Awakened", Rex said before the three of them dashes away under the villagers' gaze.

A moment later,

Rex and the others went straight to the Deep Bleak Valley and continue to go north.

The tallest mountain is where Lountain City is located, and they need to climb for a bit before reaching the city's outpost.

Crash!

Rocks fall down as Rex and the others climb the mountain.

Adhara can just fly over but it will be too eye-catching, Rex wanted to see what these Awakened of Lountain City looks like before doing the deed.

With their current power, Rex and the others climb the mountain easily.

If not for the heavy rain that makes the rocks they're holding slippery, the three of them should've climbed the mountain faster.

The three of them arrive at a rocky road that circles the mountain.

Rex can already see an outpost of Lountain City at the end of his vision, there are two watchtowers made of wood with a couple of guards on top of it.

"What should we do? Should we attack it?", Edward asks while looking at the watchtowers.

But Rex shakes his head in disagreement, "They're just normal people, our enemy is the Awakened, and alerting them would just let them escape"

After saying that, Rex takes out three rings.

The rings are rings that he bought from the shop, "Use this", Rex instructed.

Both Adhara and Edward takes the ring in confusion,

But when they put the ring on their fingers, the elemental aura around them suddenly got sucked into it leaving nothing behind.

Even Rex who is the sixth rank Awakened got his aura sucked.

"Let's take their armors, we'll disguise as one of their guards", Rex explained.

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On top of the left watchtower, a guard is standing while looking at the rain that falls heavily from the sky before stretching out his hand.

"When is the last time you see the sun?", the standing guard asked.

The other guard that is sitting while closing his eyes then replied, "That would be years ago, we can't exactly leave this place either"

"At least we manage to become a guard, the others are suffering in there"

With a sigh of relief, the sitting guard replied while opening his eyes, "Just enjoy what you've been given, it's better thi-"

But before he can finish his sentences, he suddenly saw another man in front of him.

The man appears between them like a ghost, and with a blur from the man's hand, both guards' vision turns blurry before they fall to the ground unconscious.

Rex looks to the side and finds Edward also just taken down the guards.

Although Adhara is stronger than Edward in terms of rankings, she's not used to this kind of thing, unlike Rex and Edward.

After knocking the guards out, Adhara jumped to Rex's watchtower.

"Let's use their armor, we'll try to infiltrate the city", Rex said before all of them takes the guards' armors and wears them.

The armor is not fancy like what Rex usually see,

Lountain City's guards only use leather vests, greaves with a sword on their belts, and a dark green cape, it looks very traditional for someone who is from Ratmawati City.

Rex knows that this armor can't even block an attack from any blade.

The leather vests and greaves are very thin and they will only be sliced through like butter, the armors are useless for blades, much less an attack from mutated animals.

After wearing the armor, "Horses!", Edward shouted while pointing down.

Rex looks down and found mutated horses on a hut beside the watchtower, they are second rank mutated animals that look like more muscular horses than normal.

But before they leave the watchtower, Rex saw a glistering object on the ground.

He takes the round object before he scans it with the system,

After reading the description of the round object, Rex puts it in his pocket before he jumped down followed by Adhara and Edward.

The three of them take the horses and ride back following the road path.

Not long after riding with the horses, Rex and the others can already see the entrance of Lountain City at the end of their vision.

"I can sense Kyran is here", Adhara whispers to Rex.

Rex nodded his head because he too already sense Kyran has already arrived here.

Kicking the horse body, Rex and the others stride slowly towards the entrance.

There are guards on top of the wall that is now looking at them,

Lountain City's entrance wall is made of stones just like in medieval times, it stood under the rain sturdily as Rex approached the entrance.

The horses' hooves make clipping sounds as they approached.

Upon getting closer, Rex can see a cliff between him and the gate that is connected by one bridge made of stone that made the three of them stops.

"Why are you back now?! It's not the time to switch yet!"

One of the guards on top of the wall shouted towards Rex and the others.

Hearing this, Rex scans the guard before he shouted back while taking the round object from his pocket, "Open the gate Dillion, we have been called back"

Rex shows the round object to the guard called Dillion.

Seeing this, Dillion hesitated for a moment but he then eventually opened the gate for Rex.

After the gate is opened, Rex and the others went inside calmly.

Upon entering the city, Rex and the others gasp as they look around stunned by what they're seeing in front of their eyes.

Rex can see a huge cave on his left with many working people around it.

Many of the people are chained together, a couple of guards can be seen watching over them while whipping those who started slacking off.

Some people walk out of the cave while carrying a big rock on their backs, while the other is taking a stone from the said big rock that is glowing with blue light.

Just from a glance, Rex knows that these glowing stones are elemental stones.

Lightning Stones to be exact,

'So that's what they're doing', Rex thought.

Crack!

The sound of a whip hitting flesh can be heard occasionally,

"What are you slacking off for?! Keep working!", a guard shouted fiercely.

The woman who just got whipped by the guards stumble as the rock she's carrying falls to the ground, wounds covered all over her body and she's very thin.

It's clear that the people here are working endlessly, and many of them are on the brink of death.

One of the men beside the woman comes towards the woman trying to shield her.

Crack!

The man got whipped instead as he grunt in pain,

"She barely got any water or food, give her some and she'll be okay! Please!", the man pleaded but instead got whipped relentlessly by the guards.

Seeing this scene makes Adhara's body tremble as she bit her lips in anger.

Rex looks towards the scene and finds that the guard looks unwilling, but he still kept whipping the man in front of him like a maniac.

Looking at this, Rex glance to the right and found a man watching this scene unfold.

From the clothes of the man watching the scene, Rex can instantly tell that he's not one of the slaves and not one of the guards.

He's one of the Awakened of Lountain City,

Rex scans the man and finds that he's a mid-fourth rank Awakened,

'So even the guards are being forced to be ruthless to their own people', Rex thought in disgust as his expression darkened.

"Look there, that should be where the other Awakened lives", Edward points at a building.

The building he points at is a huge building that is more of a castle than a building, the castle sticks out like a sore thumb around the small stone houses around it.

Rex looks at the building in thought,

But then suddenly, "You said that I'm the first one to attack right?"

"Huh?", Rex glance at Adhara and saw her body is emitting a purple flame.

The ring Rex gave on her finger started melting,

Looking at this, Rex wanted to stop Adhara but he's too late because Adhara is already rushing to the guard that is whipping the man.

"Shit! What should we do?!", Edward asks.

Rex looks in Adhara's direction before he replied, "We need to locate the others"

<Sudden Quest!>

<Lountain City>

Free the city from the enslaver of the wicked Awakened ruling of it, all of them are deserving the punishment of death!

Lountain City Awakened Killed: 0/3

Quest Reward: 10 Skill Upgrade, and 10,000,000 Exp

The system gave another Sudden Quest as Adhara dashes away.

"Let's just let the situation unfold", Rex said before he and Edward watches Adhara from the side while waiting for the others to come out.

In the other's perspective, they're just but a normal guard.

The ring that he bought from the system hides their actual aura, so they look completely normal.

SWOOSH!

A purple flame went past the Awakened like an arrow.

The Awakened that is on their left caught the sudden changes in the surrounding mana, and when he tilts his head to the right he saw Adhara slam her body to the guard.

BAM!

Upon getting hit by Adhara, the guard got propelled away before crashing to the cave's mouth.

BOOM!

All of the people around were shocked by the sudden event.

This includes the Awakened that saw Adhara suddenly come out of nowhere, he didn't even feel any Awakened in the area until Adhara appear.

The man that is being whipped was surprised by Adhara's appearance.

He saw how Adhara's figure beautifully engulfs in violet flame with her back towards him, she's facing the Awakened who is now aware of her presence.

"A-An Awakened!", the man shouted in surprise.

Hearing this, Adhara turns her head to the side exposing her slight smile.

The man was at a loss for words but he can feel that Adhara is not like the other Awakened, "A-Am I dreaming?", the man mumbles in shock.

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"W-Who are you?", the man asks while looking at Adhara's figure.

The violet flame is steaming around her body gorgeously like a blooming flower, the heat of the flames threatened to burn the surroundings but somehow the man is not exposed to this.

Adhara glance back before looking back at the Awakened in front of him warily, "I'm An Awakened from Ratmawati City"

"Ratmawati City...", the man mumbles.

But when he realized what Adhara just said, the man stands up in shock.

"T-The angels! The Angels have come to save us!", the man shouted as the other slaves looks at Adhara with sparkling eyes.

All of the slaves' eyes lit up, Adhara is like a candle in the dark.

Based on how rough and haggard the slaves currently look, it's hard to say for how long do they already put up with the hellish times behind these walls.

Nobody tries to help them, nobody even knows.

Adhara looks at their sparkling eyes feeling complicated,

"Who are you?! Where did you come from?!", the Awakened asks as he draws his sword.

But before Adhara can answer, Rex and Edward approach her while riding on their horses without a hint of caution in their expression.

Edward and Rex jumped down from their horses and landed beside Adhara.

Looking at another unfamiliar face that appears in front of him, the Awakened held his sword hilt tightly as lightning started to envelop his sword.

Upon closer look, Rex can see that the Awakened is not Yosef.

This Awakened has brown eyes, and he's certainly not the good one.

"Our leader is also an Awakened from Ratmawati City. If you know what's good for you, leave the city immediately", the man threatened.

Hearing this, not a single change in expression happened to Rex and the others.

The words that came out of the man's mouth is just air for them, they didn't feel threatened at all, even for a little bit.

Looking at this, the man frowns as his threat doesn't work.

"Try to kill him using only your daggers, minimize your elemental usage", Rex instructed.

Adhara nodded her head before she takes out her two daggers.

She then stepped forward with light steps making the man get into his battle stance, he already know that Adhara's rank is higher than him.

"I'll be your opponent", Adhara announced.

Her disgusted expression can be seen clearly on her expression, and this pissed the man off.

BOOM!

Adhara dashes forward as her body glows with a purple hue,

Her dash is so fast that it catches the man off guard, he can only hold his sword in front of him to block Adhara's attack.

CLANG!

Both of Adhara's daggers clashes against the man's sword.

The man got pushed back by the impact proving that Adhara is stronger than him.

But Adhara didn't stop, she duck down deeper into the man's defense before she slash her daggers horizontally in the opposite direction.

Slash!

The man manage to dodge it but received a shallow cut on his stomach.

"You could've added a leg sweep there, don't just think of one attack but rather think of the move you'll be going for next", Edward lectured her from the side.

Hearing this, the man gritted his teeth in anger, "Don't underestimate me!!!"

Blitz!

The man's sword started cracking with lightning, he slash his sword at Adhara but got blocked by Adhara with her blazing daggers.

Adhara then spins her body making the man's sword parried to the side.

With a flick of her hands, she slashes the man's thigh and calf with her daggers, "Argh!", the man grunted as his legs feel weak.

But even with Adhara's successful attack, Edward is frowning from the back.

"Why are you attacking his thigh? Are you even trying to kill him? Go for his groin to finish the fight quicker", Edward lectured again.

Hearing Edward lecturing Adhara from the back, the Awakened knows that he's just a test.

He realized that the people behind Adhara are not normal people, but they have no aura which makes the Awakened frown.

While this is all happening, the slaves were at a loss for words.

The Awakened of Lountain City is like a god to them,

But now, one of the people that they called god is being toyed with as if he's an insect.

"We're going to be saved..."

"Thank god..."

The slaves started to sob with tears as they watch the nightmare that haunts them for years starting to fade, the angels of Ratmawati City are here to save them from this false god.

Slash!!

"Arrghh!", the man wail in pain as Adhara manage to land a nasty slash on his chest.

Purple fire scorch his chest as he ripped his clothes off to get rid of the purple fire.

Gritting his teeth, the man channels lightning mana to his fingertips before he points them at Adhara, "Lightning Spell, Piercing Lightning!"

Blitz!!

A lightning strike that takes the form of a snake bursts from his fingertips.

But Adhara already expected this as she dodge the lightning strike, she somersaulted to dodge the lightning strike before landing in front of the man.

"What?!", the man steps back in shock.

Adhara lifts up her face before her eyes blaze with purple fire.

Upon seeing Adhara's eyes, the man felt a burning sensation inside his body as if his body is on fire before suddenly,

Shring!!

Adhara's daggers stopped right on the man's neck,

Looking at this, Rex frowns seeing that Adhara hesitated for a moment.

The man breath heavily as he looks down at the blazing daggers right on his neck, he felt a sizzling pain as the fire touches his skin.

But feeling Rex's gaze from the back, Adhara gripped her daggers,

SLASH!

With her blazing daggers, Adhara slashes the man's neck.

The man held his neck trying to stop the blood from flowing out, but his attempt is futile as he falls down to the ground weakly before breathing his last breath.

<Adhara Killed a Mid Fourth Rank Awakened, Obtained 60,000 Exp>

<Lountain City Awakened Killed 1/3>

After killing the man, Adhara sheathed her daggers before going back to Rex and Edward.

"I saw you using your new spell", Rex said nonchalantly.

Hearing this, Adhara looks at Rex nervously but find that Rex is not going to comment about her hesitation, "Yes, it's quite handy to use in a hand-to-hand fight"

"But you still need to learn more, aim for their vital parts. Always", Edward said from the side.

But before Adhara can answer, "It seems your fight attracts the others, more of them are coming this way. Your turn is not done yet Adhara", Rex said before three people landed in front of them.

They all rush here from the castle's direction.

Rex looks at the three people before his eyes landed on the man on the left.

'So that's Yosef huh', Rex thought as he see the man on the left who has really bright grey eyes just like the woman said.

After confirming which one is Yosef, Rex's eyes then move to the man in the middle.

The man in the middle is a dark-skinned man with a very muscular body, his white faux mohawk hair matches his brown clean-cut beard. His body is full of scars and his runes span from both of his arms to his chest.

His shoulders and crotch are covered with armor, his upper body is exposed, and there's a blue cape attached to his shoulders armor.

'That's Dito', Rex thought as a smirk appeared on his face.

Ditto and the other Awakened that have the same style as him is a peak fifth rank Awakened, while Yosef on the other hand is only an early fourth rank Awakened.

Upon their arrival, the slaves have goosebumps traumatized by what these men can do.

But not long after, two other people arrived.

Rex saw the last two people and instantly recognized them, they are Ari and Kyran who seem to just finished eating based on their oily lips.

Arriving at the scene, Kyran wanted to go to them but was stopped by Rex.

Rex shakes his head signaling for Kyran to just wait there,

"Are you the one that killed him?", Dito points at Adhara and asks.

With a smug expression, Adhara then replied coldly, "So what if I am? You're going to do anything about it?"

Hearing the arrogant words from Adhara, the man beside Dito said, "Let me have her"

"Fine, make sure to give her hell. Fergus...", Ditto replied.

Fergus then smiles evilly before he looks at Adhara fiercely as if he wanted to eat her.

The man that is also a peak fifth rank steps forward while dragging a long sword in his hand, he then points with his other hand at Adhara and said, "Little girl, I'm going to have fun with you"

Adhara steps forward again fearlessly,

"Don't forget to not rely on your elements and spells for now", Rex said.

BOOM!

Both Adhara and Fergus jumped towards each other,

CLANG!

Their weapons clashes against each other making a huge clanging sound before a shockwave follows, it's clear that this is a more powerful fight than before.

"Let's see what you got little girl!", Fergus said as he sticks out his tongue like a madman.

Hearing Fergus call her a little girl annoys Adhara greatly,

But Adhara can feel that Fergus's strength can rival her as they are both stuck in their position, but then suddenly Fergus' long sword glows with lightning as the runes on the sword glow.

BAM!

Adhara fall to one of her knees as Fergus pushed down with his long sword.

He started laughing maniacally as Adhara struggles to hold on,

Feeling that she can't hold it longer anymore, Adhara tilts her dagger to the side making the long sword slash the ground heavily.

"Now's my chance!", Adhara mumbles,

She wanted to stab Fergus knowing that he's defenseless with his sword planted on the ground.

But to her surprise, Fergus abandoned his sword and dodge Adhara's attack.

Before Adhara can retract her daggers, Fergus already smiles maniacally with his tongue out in the open as he swings his leg right onto Adhara's stomach.

"Huaakh!", Adhara spat a mouthful of blood as she sent screeching away.

Adhara stabs the ground with her daggers to stop her from getting pushed further, Fergus laughs resounded on her ear as she glare at him.

"You didn't fall unconscious yet? I'm impressed little girl", Fergus taunted.

Upon hearing him calling her little girl again, Adhara dashes angrily with all her might.

Anger filled her entire being,

Looking at this, Rex and Edward shake their heads knowing that Adhara just took the obvious bait from Fergus.

The purple fire envelopes Adhara's body and daggers, she swings her daggers creating a fiery arc but Fergus already anticipated this.

His body also cracked with lightning,

Fergus takes his long sword from the ground and readies it, "Lightning Spell, Explosive Arc!"

CLANG!!

By holding the lightning imbued long sword with both of his hands, Fergus swings powerfully.

Adhara's dash clashes directly with Fergus' long sword, but she can't win with strength against Fergus before and she certainly won't win right now too.

BOOM!

Lightning explosion exploded zapping Adhara's body and sending her flying away.

The momentum didn't stop as she kept rolling on the ground before Edward appeared behind her and stop her, it's quite powerful that even Edward got pushed back a little too.

Looking at this, Fergus smiles mockingly, "And down she goes! Hah!"

Adhara stands up from the ground slowly, her hands are bruised with little cuts all over her arms because of the attack before.

It's clear that Fergus' attack hurt her, only her adrenaline kept her from feeling it.

But when she was about to jump back in, Rex stopped her.

"That's enough, it's clear that you can't fight him without relying on your superior element", Rex said while holding Adhara's shoulder.

Hearing this, Adhara gritted her teeth, "But let me fi-"

Before she can finish her sentence, Rex shook his head signaling Adhara to stop.

Adhara sighs trying to calm her anger down, "In a fight, don't let anger consume you or you will end up like this", Edward added from the side.

Edward then glance at Rex before Rex nodded his head.

After getting the signal from Rex, Edward stands up before he walks towards Fergus.

"What is he doing? He won't win against that guy", Adhara said in concern.

Edward is just a peak fourth rank that is a league below Adhara and Fergus, so by that stand, Edward should stand no chance against Fergus.

"Are you going to fight me next? a regular person?", Fergus asks mockingly.

With the ring still on, Edward's aura is still hidden and can't be seen easily by Fergus or even the other people watching this.

It makes him look like an ordinary person,

Edward smiles lightly before he said, "Go easy on me big guy!"

Hearing this, Fergus laughs like a maniac as he readies his long sword, "Don't worry, you'll be meeting with god in just a bit"

Right after he said that,

SWOOSH!!

Fergus dashes as his body blitz with lightning, he arrived beside Edward in a flash with his long sword crackling with blue lightning.

Looking at this, the slaves closed their eyes in fright.

No matter how they look at it, Edward who is a normal person will not survive one attack from Fergus who is a peak fifth rank.

Adhara is also concerned wanting to help, but Rex stopped her, "Do you really think that?"

"Do you really think Edward is that weak?", Rex asks again.

Hearing this, Adhara frowns in confusion as she didn't follow what Rex means.

"Close quarter combat ability is something that you must be good at. If you manage to excel at close quarter, then you can do the impossible", Rex added.

BOOM!

Shockwaves exploded from Fergus' attack clashing with Edward.

But then, Fergus felt something is wrong.

When he looks down to his front, he widened his eyes when he saw Edward block his attack as if his attack was nothing.

"What?!", Adhara shouted in shock.